

## AFTERNOON BREAKOUTS: 3:30 p.m. Friday June 5

Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly 2009

### *God's Work – Our Hands: Every Person a Missionary*

Afternoon Breakouts begin at 3:30 p.m. and run 50 minutes. Jefferson & Harrison Rooms are on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Grand Wayne Center, Calhoun Rooms are on the second floor on the side facing the Hilton.

#### **Records Management for Congregations**

*Jefferson C*

“Records Management for Congregations” is a brief overview of general records management in a congregational setting. We will discuss the lifecycle of legal, financial, and administrative records. Special attention will be given to records in electronic formats and the maintenance of the parish register. Handouts, resources, and opportunity for questions will be provided. Presenter: Jennifer I. Long, ELCA Region 6 Archives

#### **ELCA Youth Ministry Network: Resource for Youth and Family Ministries**

*Jefferson B*

The breakout will introduce the three main areas of the Network’s focus: **Renew, Educate, Connect** . It will also provide opportunities for those involved in youth and family ministry to network with others in ways that will enhance their ministry. The breakout session will also provide information on resources for effective youth and family ministry, have a question and answer opportunity for attendees and some lecture time on new paradigms in effective youth ministry. Presenters: Bob White, Region 6 Facilitator for the YMNetwork

#### **Every Person a Missionary (EPAM) II: Materials & Processes for Your Congregation** *Jefferson A*

Personal prayer, study and journaling; small group conversation, prayer and study; retreat models; on-line networking; downloadable resources...This session will focus on a retreat model and the social networking (“ning”) site developed by A Renewal Enterprise in consultation with members of the I-K Synod for use in congregations, conferences, clusters of congregations, and neighborhoods to explore the key EPAM question: What is God up to in the world and how can I help. Presenters: Catherine Pate, ARE Staff Member, and Heather McCulloch, I-K Synod Director of Evangelical Mission

#### **2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly**

*Calhoun Ballroom A*

What’s on the agenda for this year’s 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly? What is the role of voting members in discussions and decisions? How can interested people participate at a distance through various media? Who are the voting members of the Churchwide Assembly from the Indiana-Kentucky Synod? Presenter: Marcia Johnson, ELCA Associate Director for Synodical Relations

#### **The Current Economy: Updates and Perspectives**

*Calhoun Ballroom C/D*

This will be an informational breakout will discuss the economy and the current state of financial markets. During the workshop, the presenter will provide updates on important economic and investment news, strategies for coping with market and economic conditions, and perspectives on the markets and suggested actions. Presenter: Gary Philpy, Financial Associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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**Doing Justice: A Conversation about Possibilities for Congregation Based Community-Organizing in Indiana-Kentucky** *Harrison A*

In 2008, the Church in Society Committee received a grant from churchwide to host a workshop entitled “Vital Congregations-Just Communities.” The presentations focused on the principles of congregation-based community organizing. Since our October event, the Committee has been learning more about community organizations already at work in Evansville, Lexington, Louisville, and South Bend. In addition, are actively exploring ways to initiate community-organizing efforts in rural communities. Join us for information sharing, brainstorming, and conversation. Presenters: Members of the I-K Synod Church in Society Committee

**Diakonia - Looking for a Spiritual Journey?** *Harrison B*

The diakonia program offers time to listen for God's call in your life. Interested lay people gather together to look at the Bible, to discern gifts, and to understand the theology of the ELCA. Diakonia is a two year spiritual formation program that has 12 different, introductory classes. Diakonia assists students not only with theological education and spiritual formation, but also gives an opportunity to assess their God-given gifts and how best to apply them. The program is offered in the Northwest conference in the synod at Augustana in Hobart. We hope to offer the program elsewhere in the synod in future years. We look forward to talking to you. More information can also be found at [www.thediakoniaprogram.org](http://www.thediakoniaprogram.org). Presenter: Rebecca Dahlstrom, Director

**That It May Be Well With You** *Calhoun Ballroom B*

“I have come that you may have life abundantly.” (John 10:10b) God calls us to live life abundantly. All too often we find ourselves out of breath and out of balance as we try to keep up with our ministries and service in this fast paced world. What does it mean to live well in Christ? As leaders in the church we are called to pass on our faith. We know that healthy leaders enhance lives. How can we live well, balanced and as whole people of God? Come and discover what it means to live well in Christ. Catch your breath and take a look at your own well-being. Healthy leaders enhance lives — let's get moving! Presenter: Teresa Gonyer, Health Care Team Lead, ELCA Board of Pensions

**Worship Technology Update** *(Note that this breakout is offered off-site)*

**Location: come2go ministries, 323 West Baker Street (4 blocks from Grand Wayne Center)  
Meet in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel immediately following the afternoon plenary session.**

This session will investigate some of today's options to enhance congregational participation in worship, including sound systems, projection, lighting, and software. The presentations and discussions are designed to highlight the variety of choices available, discerning what best applies to individual sanctuaries, and the costs for implementing these changes. Presenters: Pastor Mark Minnick and Dave Frincke, come2go ministries