

Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly 2010

Breakouts: Saturday, June 5

Saturday Morning Session: 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.

At the Convention Center, Assembly Hall Level

2011-2012 Synod Budget

Meeting Room 2

Kate Knoerzer, I-K Synod Treasurer, and Kevin Bardonner, Finance Committee Chair

The synod's budget suggests the ways in which we will fund the mission and ministry we are called to do together. The synod's treasurer and finance committee chairperson will lead an in-depth discussion of next year's proposed budget and address related questions and concerns. The 2011-2012 budget will be discussed in plenary and a decision regarding adoption will be made on Sunday morning of the assembly.

Pending Resolutions

Meeting Room 3

Pastor Tim Knauuff, Chair I-K Synod Reference and Counsel Committee

Resolutions presented to the assembly are not just opportunities to vote; they are invitations to conversation and action in the name of Christ under the umbrella of our common mission to make Christ known. Participants in this breakout will have opportunity for discussion of those resolutions before they are presented at this year's assembly, their background, implications of their adoption, and the nuances of the issues behind them.

From Rubble to Resurrection: Earthquake Recovery in Chile

Meeting Room 4

Pastor Bill Gafkjen, Assistant to the Bishop, and Janet Gafkjen

In late May, Bill and Janet Gafkjen spent four days visiting the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile (IELCH) on behalf of the synod as an expression of our accompaniment with the church. They visited congregations and communities affected by the February 2010 earthquake, explored ways in which our synod may accompany the IELCH as it continues recovery and reconstruction in coming months, and brought greetings to the IELCH's national convention. Janet and Bill will share photos and stories from their trip.

Congregational Record-Keeping

Meeting Room 5

Jennifer I. Long, Archivist, ELCA Region 6 Archives

Congregational records are important! But what do we do with them? Find out about the life cycles of and care for different types of congregational records. Discover which records to keep, how long to keep them, how to store them, and where to store them. We will learn about the importance of effective records management and its role in a congregation's ministry.

Walking the Labyrinth

Meeting Rooms 9-10

Pastor Mark Sloss, (Christ, Kokomo) and Pastor Doug Givan (Christ, Crawfordsville)

We are all on a journey. If you hunger for the Spirit, if you are looking for a moment's peace in a fractious world, if you're straining to listen for the quiet, still voice of God, then walking the labyrinth may be a path to pursue. The labyrinth is located in meeting rooms 9 and 10. It is available throughout the assembly for any who wish to engage in this form of walking prayer. Orientation brochures will be available in the room as a guide to any who are new to the labyrinth, and the breakout session will provide a brief verbal orientation prior to walking as well. We deeply appreciate Trinity Episcopal congregation in Indianapolis for allowing us to use their labyrinth during our Synod Assembly.

At the Marriott RiverCenter, Lobby Level

Freed to Lead: It's About Improving Everyone's Financial Abilities

Covington I (Grand Ballroom)

Pastor Thomas Weitzel, Director, Freed to Lead Fund, and Gary Philpy, Board Member

A significant goal of the Freed to Lead Initiative is to find ways through education to improve the financial management and planning skills of everyone in the church, from the person in the pew to the pastor of a church, and thereby improve the stewardship of all our churches. This breakout will explore ways in which that can happen.

Living Into the Future Together

Covington II (Grand Ballroom)

ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson

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Ministry on Campus: A Mission We All Share

Covington III (Grand Ballroom)

Pastor Mitch Phillips, Chair, I-K Campus Ministry Committee, and Campus Ministry Staff

Do you have a college or university in your back yard which you would like to include in your congregation's mission? Do you send students from your congregation to one of the campuses where our synod has a ministry and do you wonder how your congregation could share in that mission? Would you like to learn more about how your synod carries out its mission in places of higher education? Then please join us for this breakout with our I-K Synod campus ministry staff. We will have resources available for congregations to reach out to their academic neighbors, and information on how congregations may partner in this mission that we all share.

Diakonia

Riverview Ballroom

Rebecca Dahlstrom, Chair, Indiana-Kentucky diakonia

Sometimes in our life, we look for God and don't feel like we are finding him. If that is how you feel, consider diakonia. diakonia™ is a lay education program which provides a spiritual journey to those who want to better understand their faith or wish to become more involved in their church. Individuals are joined by students and pastors from around the synod to talk about the Bible, Christian Doctrine, Christian Ethics, Church and Society, and other topics. Students are also given the opportunity to discern what spiritual gifts they might have. The program will be offered beginning in September 2010 in Bristol, Hobart, and Indianapolis.

Saturday Afternoon Session: 2:15 to 3:00 p.m.

At the Convention Center, Assembly Hall Level

Renewing Mission in Your Congregation

Meeting Room 2

Pastor Tim Linstrom (Grace & Peace, Evansville), Chair, and Members of the I-K Synod Renewing Mission Team

The primary purpose of this breakout session is to introduce the new synod "Mission Coach" initiative to congregations. Mission Coaches are trained to walk with and facilitate change in congregations that seek to grow in their outreach. The session will also serve to recruit potential coaches to serve the synod on our team, solicit congregations interested in having a "Mission Coach" work with them, and answer questions and discuss the work of outreach and evangelism in our synod and in a congregational contexts.

Though I Walk Through the Valley of the Shadow: Faith and End of Life Care

Meeting Room 3

Pastor Tracy Paschke-Johannes (Holy Trinity, Muncie) and Pastor Jane Aicher (Bethlehem, Chesterton)

Ministering to families as they face end of life issues is a common practice for rostered leaders. Lay leaders also act as supportive companions, shepherding fellow church members, friends, and family as they make difficult decisions related to hospice, living wills and organ donation. Though such issues frequently touch congregations, misconceptions and a lack of knowledge often inhibit us in our ministry. This breakout session hopes to empower lay and rostered leaders with knowledge about end of life care and the ways in which our faith can guide us during these difficult times. Pastor Tracy, who has worked as a chaplain at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis, will discuss organ donation and the need for living wills. Pastor Jane Aicher, who has worked as a hospice chaplain at Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Porter County Hospice will discuss hospice programs, explore misconceptions, and share how faith is central to the hospice model of care. Using case studies and small group conversation, this presentation will encourage leaders to continue end of life conversations in their churches. Living will forms, handouts on hospice and guidelines for organ donation will be provided to participants, as well as suggestions for leading adult education classes on the topic.

Youth and Family Ministry: Resources to Help You Be More Effective

Meeting Room 4

Julie Peralta, Associate in Ministry (Resurrection, Indianapolis) and Bob White Director of Church Relations (Wittenberg University)

With more than 50 years' combined experience in youth and family ministry the presenters will lead the conversation to: 1) Educate about the ELCA Youth Ministry Network as a significant resource for youth and family ministry that is applicable for professional and volunteer youth and family ministry workers; 2) Discuss additional resources available and trends in this important ministry and 3) Answer questions from attendees (the "how do I...?" time).

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

Meeting Room 5

Members of the I-K Synod Christian Ed Team

This breakout session is designed to put attendees into a real life Book of Faith experience. Presenters will lead small groups using the "No Prep Bible Study" model from The Book of Faith resources to give participants experience "opening scripture and joining the conversation" in a small group setting. The Scripture reading will be the lectionary for the day - Galatians 1:11-24, "Divine turning point." We hope that attendees will feel confident after this experience and be motivated to participate in or lead a Book of Faith series in their congregations

At the Marriott RiverCenter, Lobby Level

That You May Be Well

Covington I (Grand Ballroom)

Pastor Sandy Rothschiller, ELCA Board of Pensions Region 3 Representative

Discover what it means to live well in Christ. 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. We are confronted with living up to expectations we place on ourselves and those set by our congregations. 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? Catch your breath and take a look at your own well-being. Healthy leaders enhance lives — let's get moving!

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Seeing Is Believing: Introducing Multi-Sensory Worship

Covington III (Grand Ballroom)

Pastor Paul Hegele (Ascension, Louisville), creator of THE BROAD CAST television program and consultant on media in worship and Ben Lane, recently retired as General Electric's Manager of Electronic Integration and Learning.

We will focus on practical steps and powerful reasons for: installing a sanctuary screen to make liturgical worship more engaging and exciting; finding and placing music, art and liturgy on the screen; organizing media teams; and preparing your congregation to join the 2/3 of American Protestant churches that regularly use a sanctuary screen.

Embodying Grace (for ordinary people)

Riverview Ballroom

Pastor Carolyn Lesmeister (First, Attica) and Pastor Elaina Salmon (Church of the Cross, Muncie)

Too often, our bodies are neglected and ignored, becoming things we only pay attention to when we are sick or in pain. Unfortunately, this is often also true in our worship and prayer time. We have forgotten what powerful vessels our bodies can be for both experiencing and communicating God's grace in ways that go beyond words. This interactive session will help people reconnect the physical and spiritual – and start to make peace with their bodies – through the use of simple gestures and movement meditations, some of which stand alone and some of which may accompany spoken or sung prayers. Participants will learn basic techniques and tools for helping individuals (including those with limited mobility), congregations, and communities be more mindful of their bodies and engage their entire beings more fully in worship and prayer. After all, the powerful story of Jesus Christ begins with embodiment: "the Word made flesh." (*Participants are encouraged to wear clothing that allows for as much freedom of movement as possible.*)

Gathering of Those Serving on or Candidates for ELCA rosters of Word and Service

Madison Room

(Associates in Ministry, Diaconal Ministers, ELCA Deaconesses)

Marilyn Smith, Associate in Ministry, Coordinator for Ministry Leadership, ELCA Region 6

This time of fellowship and conversation will include follow-up information to the regional Word and Service Gatherings held in 2009: What did we learn? What's next?

OUR MISSION

Empowering, Equipping and Encouraging the People of God to make Christ known.

OUR VISION

Every person a Missionary

Every pastor a Mission Director

Every Congregation, Conference and Ministry a Mission Center

OUR CORE VALUES

Christ Centered

Collaboration/Trust/Risk taking

Communication/Interconnected

Compassion

Commitment and Faithfulness

**2010 IN-KY Synod Assembly
Breakouts: LOCATION GUIDE**

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(11:00-11:45)

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Lunch Conversation
noon to 1:00
Sponsored by Thrivent
**Introduction to
Thrivent Choice
Program**
Convention Center
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Madison Room, near Guest Services/Check-in desk