

**Diakonia Annual Report
Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly
June 2010**

Purpose and Description of Diakonia

Diakonia is a two year process of spiritual formation and theological education for baptized members of the Lutheran church. This process occurs in three basic ways:

- by thorough grounding in the classic seminary disciplines of practical, systematic, historical, and Biblical theology;
- by identifying particular skills and aptitudes in ministry, and encouraging their use in the local parish;
- by providing spiritual growth through worship, retreats, and a supportive community of fellow students, mentors, and instructors.

Highlights of 2009

Diakonia began its 2nd year of classes in Indiana-Kentucky Synod in September of 2009. Classes were offered in Hobart at Augustana Lutheran Church.

We formed a steering committee to oversee the program in the synod.

Goals for the Future

In September, we plan our 3rd year of classes at Augustana Lutheran Church. We will also launch new sites in Indianapolis and in Bristol (North Central conference).

This year we plan for the graduation in May 22, 2010 at 2 p.m. The graduation service will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Schaumburg. The Rev. Stephen P. Bouman, founder of diakonia, will preach. This year's graduation will be a joint graduation with the Metropolitan Chicago Northern Illinois synods. It will be the Indiana-Kentucky synod's 1st graduation.

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Respectfully Submitted and with Thanks to God,

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