

I-K Lutheran

Where mission meets the road



From Bishop Jim Stuck

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have celebrated the birth of the Christ Child and now we are in the season of Epiphany when we celebrate Christ being made known to us and to the world. The light of Christ shines in the midst of darkness, bringing us peace and comfort, hope and joy.

I am grateful to you who shared the "light of Christ"

with me these past few months. Your prayers and cards have lifted me and given me peace and comfort, hope and joy. I am back in the office and on the trail again because of the love and grace of God shown to me. I have experienced the Epiphany of God.

As we continue this journey together of making Christ known to the world, may the



Bishop Jim Stuck wore his Colts blue and Pr. Charles Strietelmeier brought Longfellow to the January deans meeting at the Lutheran Center.

light of Christ lead us so that all may know of God's love for them in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead.

ELCA News

CHICAGO (ELCA) Individuals and ELCA congregations have contributed more than \$1.2 million to fund relief efforts of partner organizations working in Haiti, said the Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, ELCA Global Mission.

Malpica Padilla said the figure includes gifts sent to the ELCA through the Web and by callers using credit cards. Checks that have been sent to the ELCA

are not yet included in the total. These funds are being channeled through three partner organizations for earthquake relief. Recipients include:

- + The Lutheran World Federation, Geneva, working through Action by Churches Together to provide shelter for people left homeless by the earthquake
- + Lutheran World Relief, Baltimore, providing material aid such

as hygiene kits and materials to be used to care for babies + Church World Service, NY, for construction of temporary water systems and distribution of water purification materials

Financial contributions to support relief efforts in Haiti can be made at <http://www.ELCA.org/haitiearthquake> or by calling 800-638-3522.

Around the I-K Synod

Lutheran World Relief has issued an urgent appeal for donations of hygiene kits to survivors of the Haiti earthquake. Information about this project can be found at www.churchworldservice.org.

Several I-K Synod congregations are serving as drop-off sites for these kits. New Joy Lutheran Church, 15651 Spring Mill Rd., Westfield, IN 46074, and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 6118 Crawfordsville Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46224 are participating in this project. **Contact them before bringing kits.**

If your congregation chooses to participate in this ministry, email dburrus@iksynod.org and I will include it in the weekly email.



"The Book of Faith 40-Day Lenten Journey" is a devotional resource connecting 40 personal daily readings and weekly worship with the study of Scripture. Devotional readings are structured around seven petitions of The Lord's Prayer. Publisher: Augsburg Fortress
Item No: 9780806680699
\$9.99
www.augsburgfortress.org

About Your Synod: *What is a synod?*

The word synod is a combination of two Greek words: “syn” which means “together,” and “hodos,” which means “path.”



As Lutherans, we walk together to carry out the mission of the ELCA. We join together as baptized children of God to develop an understanding of the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given us so that together, we can build up the whole body of Christ.

In the I-K Synod, we gather together as God’s children in ten conferences, five campus ministries, and three camps. We

worship in 220 congregations with 403 pastors and rostered lay leaders.

- We are Christ centered.
- We are mission focused.
- We are ministry focused.
- We are committed to collaboration.
- We are open to taking risks.
- We are committed to excellence.
- We are people focused.
- We are open to resources.
- We share decisions.
- We share accountability.

Upcoming Event: **Worship for Mission**

- Have you thought about different styles of music in worship?
- Have you wondered “Can we be both contemporary *and* liturgical?”

Address these questions and explore the use of technology in worship at the I-K Synod “Worship for Mission” event. This event is for any member of

the I-K Synod interested in learning more about Evangelical Lutheran Worship and participating in conversations about worship renewal.

March 13, 2010
Faith Lutheran Church
Jeffersonville, IN

or
April 24, 2010
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Lafayette, IN

Learn more at <http://www.iksynod.org/events/WorshipWkshops2010/wkshp10main.asp>.

Registration Fee: Pre-registration \$15; \$20 registration at the door; covers lunch, material.

Questions?
Contact Pr. Rudy Mueller at (317) 253-3522 or rmueller@iksynod.org.

2010 I-K Synod Assembly News

2010 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly
June 4-6, 2010
Northern Ky. Convention Center
Marriott Hotel/Embassy Suites Hotel
Covington, Ky.

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A Few Dates to Keep in Mind

Feb. 10 - Assembly registration opens online
March 5 - Assembly reports, voting member names due
April 15 - Earlybird registration ends
May 13 - Last day of guaranteed rooms at Embassy Suites and Marriot Hotel
May 21 - Pre-assembly registration closes

2010 I-K Synod Assembly Video Contest

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- Create a 90-second video to visually demonstrate how God is at work through you or through your congregation.
- Each winner will receive a Flip Video Ultra HD Camcorder!

Learn more at www.iksynod.org/events/Assembly10/videocontest2010main.asp



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