

GO! Tell & Serve! **Connecting Neighbors**

**Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod Assembly
April 27-29, 2012
Wenatchee, Washington**

Dear Neighbors in Christ,

You are invited to the 2012 Synod Assembly in Wenatchee, Washington, April 27-29, held concurrently with the Wenatchee Valley's annual "Apple Blossom Festival." On behalf of the Synod Assembly Planning Committee, I encourage you to start planning now for this exciting weekend along the Columbia River and at the base of the Cascade Mountains. We look forward to welcoming you to the "Apple Capital of the World"

Luke 9:2 records Jesus sending out his disciples to proclaim the kingdom of God, to heal and do justice. This passage informs the theme for the assembly and affirms one of the EWA-ID Synod's guiding principles: "**Go! Tell & Serve!**" The sub-theme, "**Connecting Neighbors**" expands the notion that in our going, telling, and serving, we are always connecting - while pondering the lawyer's question, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)

Keynote speakers will be:

Rev. Stephen Bouman - Executive Director of Congregational and Synodical Mission and former Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod.

Jim and Rosemary Tiffany - local authors and advocates for cultural competence and inclusion.

The speakers, workshops, field trips, and worship will provide participants extensive opportunities to gain insight and empowerment towards God's call to be disciples. New this year will be Saturday's "field trips" - opportunities to explore, learn, and serve at various ministry sites in the area.

In addition, a Youth Gathering, run concurrently with the Assembly, will provide an opportunity for our Synod's youth to gather for an exciting weekend of spiritual growth, service, and fun!

The Assembly Planning Committee hopes that every congregation in the Synod will be represented at this event. The synod policy is that no one be excluded for financial reasons. If scholarship assistance is needed, congregations may contact the Synod Office. Please register early! We need to know what to expect as we plan for housing, meals, and transportation to the fieldtrip sites. We ask pastors and council presidents to speak with your voting members about timely registration. There is a late fee of \$50 per person after April 16th.

May God's peace be with you as you prepare to connect with your neighbors from across the Synod and become empowered to "**Go, Tell, & Serve!**"

Blessings,
Pastor David Haven, Chairperson
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