



# REGISTRATION PACKET

**2012 Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod Assembly**

**Wenatchee Convention Center**

**April 27—29, 2012**

**➔ Churchwide Representative: Stephen Bouman**  
Executive Director of Congregational and Synodical Mission

**➔ Guest Speakers: Jim Tiffany**  
Author of *Uncomfortable Neighbors-Vecinos Incómodos: Cultural Collisions Between Mexicans and Americans*  
(see enclosed sheet for ordering information)

**➔ Workshops and Field Trips on Saturday**  
Two opportunities for workshops and great field trips (see enclosed sheet)

**➔ YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

## **This packet includes:**

- Registration Form
- Letters from the Bishop and the Assembly Committee Chair
- Saturday Connecting Neighbors Program Information
- Nomination and Election Information
- Resolution Submittal Form
- Write Your Resolution Right Sheet

**Every person attending must register!**

Please copy all information in this packet for each person registering.

**Deadline for Registration is March 16!**

A late fee of \$50 per person will be charged after this date.

## **BUSINESS SESSIONS**

- Elections for Synod Secretary and Synod Council positions (*Nomination and Election Information* and *Nomination Form* enclosed)
  - Resolutions (*Resolution Submittal Form*, *Resolution Format Guide* and *Write Your Resolution Right* enclosed)
  - **Voting members** to the Assembly business session are:  
(Synod Constitution †S7.21-†S7.31)
    1. All ordained ministers, associates in ministry, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers ***under call*** on the roster of this synod.
    2. Congregation lay voting member representation (should be as nearly as possible 50% male and 50% female) at Synod Assemblies shall be as follows:
      - Baptized members 1-500 ~ two lay voting members
      - Baptized members 501-1000 ~ three lay voting members
      - Baptized members above 1000 ~ four lay voting members
    3. Members of the synod council.
    4. Retired rostered persons on the roster of this Synod in attendance at the Synod Assembly may have voice and vote.
- Non-voting members** to the Assembly business session are:
1. All ordained ministers, associates in ministry, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers without call. (They have voice but **no** vote.)
  2. Interns serving in the Synod. (They have voice but **no** vote.)
  3. Observers (They have **no** voice and **no** vote.)

## **YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT VOTING MEMBERS**

Youth and Young Adults are encouraged to participate as voting members at the 2012 Synod Assembly. At the 2009 Churchwide Assembly, amendments to the constitutions, bylaws and continuing resolutions of the ELCA were adopted to allow for expanded roles for youth and young adults in the governance in all expressions of our church including our synod assembly. The goal is that at least ten percent of the synod assembly voting members would be persons who are youth (not yet 18 when elected/appointed) and young adults (between the ages of 18 and 30 when elected/appointed.) At the 2011 Assembly, 1 voting member was a youth (less than 1/2 of 1%) and 7 were young adults (less than 3%). Please consider electing/appointing a young person as one of your voting members if you do not already do so.

## **HOUSING**

If you register for housing, the Synod Assembly Registrar will book your room at either The Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel or the Red Lion Hotel Wenatchee. **Do not contact the hotels directly regarding your registration!** When completing your registration, please indicate the name of a roommate if you are sharing a room. If you choose double occupancy and do not list a roommate, the Assembly Registrar will assign a roommate to you. Rooms will only be available after 3:00 p.m. on Friday and check out is by Noon on Sunday.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Limited scholarships for voting members are available, please contact the Synod Office (509-838-9871) by March 16.

## **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Rostered persons who are unable to attend the Assembly and congregations unable to send any voting members are to contact the Bishop asking to be excused. (Synod Constitution P14.02.01.A and †S13.02)

## **PRE-ASSEMBLY REPORT**

The Pre-Assembly Report will be available on the Synod website at least one month prior to the assembly. These reports and the Assembly notebook you will receive at registration will provide you with the information needed to make your Assembly experience a good one. Items from this registration packet will also be available at: [www.ewaidssynod.org](http://www.ewaidssynod.org)

## **CHILDCARE**

Babysitting/childcare is not offered. **All** arrangements are to be made by the parents/guardians.



## **CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE—Stephen Bouman**

Stephen Bouman is the Executive Director of Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit of the ELCA in Chicago. He previously served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod. He served congregations in New York and New Jersey from 1973-1992 and as Assistant to the Bishop. He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary/Seminex in 1973. He received his Master of Sacred Theology from New York Theological Seminary in 1978 and his Doctor of Ministry degree in 1980. He is founder of the *Diakonia* ministry education program, which trains lay people for ministry in local congregations. His parish ministry also included building strong multicultural outreach, the launching of two parochial schools, leadership in several church based community organizations, and a variety of ministries of assistance and advocacy among the poor.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS—Jim and Rosemary Tiffany**

Jim and Rosemary Tiffany have been working for the past 20 years in the area of cultural relations, focusing primarily on helping to improve the relations between the American “Anglo” and Latino communities. They have written Uncomfortable Neighbors: Cultural Collisions between Mexicans and Americans, a book in Spanish and English, and developed a seminar on the subject. Working with local churches, businesses and school districts, as well as with various state agencies, Jim and Rosemary have encouraged many organizations to continue their journeys toward cultural competence and inclusion.



## **YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

Join with other youth in our synod for a weekend of learning, serving, worshiping, playing, dancing and celebrating! Blending the best of a synod assembly (speakers, worship, workshops, field trips, etc.) with the enthusiastic leadership of Lutherhaven Ministries staff, this will be a great connecting of neighbors as we **GO—TELL & SERVE**. Watch for details on the synod website and in future assembly mailings.

## **OFFERING**

- **The Opening Eucharist Offering on Friday will go to support the ministry of Tree of Life Congregation.** Tree of Life, in Yakima, is our Synod's *New Ministry Start* to the Latino people in the Yakima Valley. Abiut Fajardo is our Mission Developer from Mexico. The people of Tree of Life offer various opportunities for the community to come and benefit from their hospitality: weekly computer skills training, a bazaar that attracted 250 people, English as a second language, free haircuts for students, a weekly Spanish radio message, and bible studies at the church and several in different homes. The Synod relies on your offerings to fund the Mission Developer and these programs.
- **The Closing Eucharist Offering on Sunday will go toward the ELCA Malaria Campaign.** A child dies from malaria every 45 seconds. Today we are in a special moment where we could turn this around. Working through Lutheran churches in Africa, the ELCA Malaria Campaign is uniquely positioned to provide mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, health care, education and more to help eliminate deaths from this disease—for good.

## **BOOKSTORE**

The Book Parlor from Spokane will be with us again for the 2012 Assembly and will be offering your favorite books, as well as their great selection of Fair Trade gift items. Remember that purchases from The Book Parlor support the urban neighborhood outreach ministry in West Central Spokane. Your partnership is appreciated!

## **REFUNDS**

If you must cancel your attendance you will **not** receive a full refund. You can transfer your registration without penalty, if done before **March 16**. If you transfer your registration, please contact the Assembly Registrar so that she can make the necessary changes. If you transfer your registration, **please make sure that the new person has all of the assembly materials that you have received to date.**

## **PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

### **Friday, April 27**

12:00 PM Registration begins  
1:00 PM Hearings  
2:15 PM Gathering Eucharist  
4:00 PM Plenary Session 1  
7:30 PM Plenary Session 2

### **Saturday, April 28**

8:30 AM Plenary Session 3  
10:45 AM Workshops—Session 1  
12:30 PM Workshops—Session 2  
1:45 PM Field Trips  
7:30 PM Plenary Session 4

### **Sunday, April 29**

8:30 AM Plenary Session 5  
10:30 AM Closing Eucharist

## **COSTS PER PERSON:**

### **SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$485**

Includes: Registration, Single occupancy housing nights of 4/27 and 4/28, Meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast)

### **RETIRED ROSTERED SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$410**

Includes: Registration, Single occupancy housing nights of 4/27 and 4/28, Meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast)

### **DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$360**

Includes: Registration, Double occupancy housing nights of 4/27 and 4/28, Meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast)

### **RETIRED ROSTERED DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$285**

Includes: Registration, Double occupancy housing nights of 4/27 and 4/28, Meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast)

### **COMMUTER \$310**

Includes: Registration, no housing, Meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast)

### **RETIRED ROSTERED COMMUTER \$235**

Includes: Registration, no housing, Meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast)

### **EXTRA NIGHTS HOUSING**

Extra nights housing for before or after the assembly can be arranged by contacting Diana Abken, Registrar. The cost is \$130 per night or \$65 if double occupancy.

**A late fee of \$50 per person will be charged for registrations made after March 16.**

## **QUESTIONS**

If you have questions concerning Assembly registration or housing, please contact:

**Diana Abken**, Assembly Registrar  
dabken@juno.com — 208-755-3343

If you have questions concerning other aspects of the assembly, please contact:

**Karla Olson**, Assembly Manager  
assembly@nctv.com — 208-610-8703