

## Western Iowa Synod ELCA 2012 Festival Assembly

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The Western Iowa Synod ELCA will meet in Festival Assembly April 27-28, 2012, at the Clay County Regional Events Center, Spencer, Iowa. The Rev. Ruben Duran, Director for New Evangelizing Congregations, ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission, will serve as representative from the churchwide organization and keynote speaker. David Ludwig, Worship and Arts Director, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Winter Park, Florida, will lead worship and music.

The essence of the 2012 Festival Assembly is ministry and mission in congregations in the Western Iowa Synod ELCA. Congregations have been challenged by invitation to show off their ministries, to strut their stuff about mission, to shout out their stories. Your story might be:

- ❖ a passionate, supporting relationship with a partner ministry of this church, i.e. Lutheran Services in Iowa, The Mission of the Messiah, or Wartburg Seminary, with an offer to share display space with that ministry;
- ❖ strength in worship, or education youth and family ministry, or Bible study, and you might present a forum or workshop to share best practices;
- ❖ a strong presence in your community in outreach, or in funding local mission opportunities, with an invitation to bring a visual display to share that story;
- ❖ standing by friends in Tanzania as you support Companion Synod projects, or engage in a Companion Congregation relationship, and you might prepare a video presentation for assembly viewing.

The Committee of Assembly Business and Counsel invites you to consider ways that your congregation can tell its story. Please complete the attached Assembly Participation Form to reserve your space and time for your display, activity, workshop, or presentation for 2012 Festival Assembly. Volunteers from your congregation are welcome to help with the Saturday Festival for the cost of lunch ~ \$15 (payable at the door). We will need to know how many to properly order lunch. Please complete your Assembly Participation Request and return it to Cindy Johnson by **Tuesday March 13, 2012.**

**Western Iowa Synod ELCA  
2012 Festival Assembly  
Participation Form**

(copy as needed)

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Congregation Name and Town: \_\_\_\_\_

We want to tell this story about ministry and mission: \_\_\_\_\_

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To tell this story we will present a:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Display (booth or table set for observation and conversation)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Workshop (an interactive presentation to a small group)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Activity (one-on-one hands-on learning experience)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Forum (a presentation to a group in an enclosed setting)

Description of display, workshop, activity, or forum: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ We will need electricity for our presentation equipment.

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers will come to help with our Festival presentation (\$15 for lunch ~ payable at the door)  
(number)

**Return to Cindy Johnson by March 13, 2012.**