



Ministry Fair - How are you living out our theme?

To implement this year's assembly theme "We Are Church for the Sake of the World", the assembly planning committee is inviting and encouraging the congregations of the Western Iowa Synod to highlight a ministry or ministries which they implement or are part of for the sake of the world, a ministry fair per se. Each congregation will be allotted an eight-foot table for a display in the assembly hall or somewhere near. We encourage displays that are creative, engaging, and tells the story of the congregation's ministry.

There will be a designated time during the assembly schedule (one-hour time slot) in which the attendees will be encouraged to visit the displays to learn about the various ministries happening around the synod and around the world. During this time, we encourage the congregation to appoint someone, possibly one of their voting members, to be available at their display to answer questions and tell the story of their ministry/ministries.

For example, one congregation has a food pantry, makes flood buckets for flood victims, and mixes and distributes laundry detergent for those in need. Their display may contain some approved food items for a food pantry, tell about the hours their pantry is open, and who can access it. They can display a completed flood bucket along with a list of the supplies, so that others can borrow the idea and know how to distribute. Laundry soap is one of those products we don't often think about yet is essential for clean clothes. The congregation may choose to have a completed container of detergent on display along with the recipe and how this is distributed. Maybe a game is used to learn more about their ministry. Use your imaginations! There just may be a prize for the most unique display!!

We would like all participating congregations to reserve a table, they may do so at wisynod.org/assembly-2018. How does your congregation live out Acts 1:8....."you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth"? This is the congregation's opportunity to uplift, share with others, and celebrate the ministry they do for the sake of the world!! We are all in this together..."We are Church for the Sake of the World"!

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