



### Vision/Mission/Priorities

#### **Vision**

God is calling this synod to be a whosoever church that by grace can grow everywhere.

#### **Mission**

The mission of the synod is to be a people in love with Jesus *because* he first loved us.

#### **Priorities**

1. We as a synod will see mission as our first priority.
2. We as a synod will work to find and equip the clergy and lay leadership needed to support the mission.
3. We as a synod will become a One Synod especially as we combat poverty and the systems that keep people permanently in poverty.
4. We will be a generous people and believe in God's abundance.

## Living out the Priorities in 2008 and 2009

### 1. Global and Local Mission

#### a. Global

1. Completion of Building Here Building There
2. Bishop's Delegation to Mbulu Assembly in 2009
3. Gaylord Thomas to Meet with Mbulu Task Force in 2008 to better equip task force and relationship
4. Bishop Younan to visit in June of 2009 with preaching at the Islamic Center in Dearborn
5. Bishops' Academy journey to ELCJHL in January, 2009
6. Continued expansion of participation in Ecumenical Accompaniment Program
7. Op Ed Work in paper on global issues

#### b. Domestic

1. Continued Development of new mission strategy for next five years; center around mission possibilities for 2009 Assembly.
2. Second Campus of All Saints', Hartland up and going
3. Second Campus of Calvary, Clarkston up and going
4. Continued bible study for Congregational Councils on Acts
5. Emerging Church Start -Wayne State
6. Clusters given definitive assignments for mission planning in preparation for 2009 Assembly
7. Money for Mission Group
8. First Unit Construction in Lapeer
9. Small/rural congregation project in full gear
10. Mother of the Savior moving towards organization and assumption of property
11. Come to decisions on held properties

### 2. Leadership

- a. Regular staff visitation program begins in 2009
- b. 20 hour per week development person on by end of 2009
- c. Youth Staff person on by fall of 2008
- d. More comprehensive training for rostered leaders who are new to the synod
- e. Continue the shared leadership conference with Episcopalians in February, 2009
- f. Synod DVD

- g. E-newsletter bugs eliminated
- h. New misconduct policy approved and background checks for officers; training for team provided
- j. Moving LYO from committee to the vehicle for all youth ministry
- k. Work with Gathering in transition to Living Water Ministries
- l. Continued attention to the Licensed Ministry process including coordination by someone for small stipend, internships for candidates and advisory team
- m. Social Statement Hearing – September 27, 2008
- n. Introduction of *Bible: Book of Faith*
- o. Development of marks of discipleship within leadership
- p. Peter Steinke event for Church Days in October
- q. Shared Region 6 First Call Theological Education Programming Developed/Peter Steinke?

### **3. Justice/Advocacy Issues of Poverty**

- a. Lutheran Volunteer Corp progress towards 2010.
- b. Support of Habitat builds
- c. Attendance at Bishop's Washington Days, Advocacy Days and CMEP conference
- d. Investment Task Force
- e. Greening of the synod
- f. BRRICK covenant to all congregations for reflection and discussion
- g. BRRICK camp as annual event
- h. One congregation/One child campaign with LSSM
- i. Planning for joint assembly on poverty with NWL Michigan Synod

