

**Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA
25th Anniversary History Project**

Please use a separate sheet of paper to collect the following information from the congregations that you contact. Use the back of the sheet, if necessary.

1. Full name of congregation and current rostered leader
2. Address (street address, not P.O box)
3. City, State, Zip Code, Web site, Email address, Phone, Fax
4. Congregational identification number and conference affiliation
5. Previous locations, if any
6. Does the church have a parsonage? Address
7. Is there a church cemetery on the property?
8. List previous affiliations, such as ALC, LCA, Missouri Synod, or any other before becoming a member of the ELCA
9. Worship services offered in languages other than English (German, Scandinavian language, Spanish)
10. Baptized membership as of December 2011:
11. Confirmed membership as of December 2011:
12. Please list the full names of all called pastors to your congregation and include the dates that they served.
13. List building additions and dates:
14. List significant congregational mission outreach programs throughout the years:
15. List significant anniversaries or notable events
16. List any members from the congregation who entered the ministry
17. Significant anecdotes or interesting stories
18. If your congregation owns items such as antique or contemporary stained glass windows, a beautiful pipe organ, custom made paraments or pottery, or baptismal font, or anything like this that we might include in a section relating to sacred or liturgical artifacts, please include additional photos and information about these items.

Questions? Contact Joe Skvarenina at joes@iksynod.org or (317) 253-3522

Here are questions to consider when writing congregational histories taken from the Unitarian history Web site:

- 1) Who? Which persons in a congregation explain most about the congregation's identity? Who are the vocal leaders, the "quiet pew-sitters," the old-timers, the newcomers; the neighbors, the folks driving special interests?
- 2) What? What are distinctive events, traditions, celebrations and sadnesses, that identify this congregation? What are the challenges, achievements, disasters, esteemed heritages?
- 3) When? What is the overall timeline? When did significant changes or new directions or changes in leadership occur?
- 4) Where? Where does membership come from? Where do members go when they leave this congregation? Where are buildings located?
- 5) Why? Why did this group of people and buildings come into being as they did? Why have conflicts occurred as they did? Why do finances work the way they do? Why do people continue together in faith?
- 6) How? How has the core of free faith been expressed through congregational practices and activities? How has power been distributed? How has money been spent? How has change been dealt with? How has this congregation expressed itself artistically, musically, theologically, socially, and more?

Helpful Web sites

<http://www25.uua.org/uuhs/UUresources/creatingCongregationalHistories.html>

http://www.discipleshistory.org/tools/writing_2.htm

<http://www.pcahistory.org/local/writinghistory.html>