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To all Congregations of the Atlantic District,  
Metro New York Synod, and the New Jersey Synod:

Koinonia is proud to announce an eighth summer of fun, laughter, discovery, and growth in faith-filled community through *New Ground Day Camps 2009*.



This exciting ministry provides a unique partnership between your congregation and Koinonia to provide a safe place for ALL children to explore, question, develop, learn, and have FUN! *New Ground Day Camps* are intentionally designed to assist you in reaching out to children within your congregation and beyond to new community families. Through Bible discovery time, songs, games, crafts, prayer, and worship, campers experience the gracious love of God.

*New Ground Day Camp* started in response to September 11<sup>th</sup>, but now entering its eighth summer, we celebrate the continued growth of this life-giving ministry born out of tragedy. Lutheran Disaster Response of New York (LDRNY) provided grant funds to develop this healing ministry. Now, eight years later, Koinonia continues to build on the program initially supported through LDRNY and work with congregations to provide a meaningful Christian outreach program to assist campers to learn life skills, and develop their faith by building on trusted relationships.

If your congregation would like to be a New Ground Day Camp site, **NOW** is the time to follow these three easy steps:

1. Read the enclosed materials – *Program Description* brochure, *Common Questions about New Ground Day Camp*, and *Changes and Highlights to New Ground for Summer 2009*.
2. Speak with others in leadership to determine if this ministry is right for your congregation.
3. Complete enclosed application and mail with your \$606.00 deposit.

Koinonia will evaluate all applications and prioritize using the following criteria: postmark of application, staffing availability for specific dates and perceived ability of the site to meet facility needs and mission goals. You do NOT have to have been a previous New Ground Site to apply. Koinonia welcomes new and returning sites. This summer we are continuing to offer a Jr. Counselor program for your older youth. There will be a limited number of New Ground Day Camp sites offered each week, **so apply today!** If you have any questions, feel free to call me at the Koinonia office 800-980-2267.

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