



## *Celebrate Social Ministry Event*

The fifth annual *Celebrate Social Ministry* event will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2008, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at Muhlenberg College.

This event is sponsored by the synod's Witness and Service Ministry Team, social ministry organizations, and Muhlenberg College.

As part of the event, **awards** will be given to recognize outstanding social ministry efforts. You are invited to nominate persons, groups, or congregations for one of those awards. "Love in Action" awards will be given for specific social ministry activities and programs. The "Bishop Touhsaent Award" will be given to an individual to recognize life-long social ministry service.

Nominations for both awards should be received by **June 30**.

### **Love in Action Award**

Nominees for the "Love in Action" Award can be individuals, groups, or congregations who have been involved in a significant social ministry activity. Up to four "Love in Action" awards will be given. Categories that will be considered include—

- **Scope of Service:** World, nation, community, ecumenical partners, congregation
- **Types of Service:** Existing programs, program expansion, innovative programs.
- **Service Provider:** Lay youth or adult, pastor, congregation, partnership, youth group, women's group, men's ministry.
- **Service Characteristics:** Personal initiative, dedication, relationship between faith and service.

To nominate a person, group, or congregation, complete the "Love in Action Award" form. Please use only the space provided. You may include supporting documents such as news clippings or brochures.

Send forms to the Witness and Service Team, 4865 Hamilton Blvd., Wescosville, PA 18106-9705.

### **The Bishop Touhsaent Award for Significant Social Ministry**

This award, in honor of the Rev. Dr. Wilson Touhsaent, recognizes outstanding contributions to social ministry. Bishop Touhsaent, first bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, made social ministry a strong priority in the life of our synod. Nominees for the "Bishop Touhsaent Award" should be individuals who reflect a significant depth of experience in social ministry and compassion for the needs of others. Nomination forms should be forwarded to the Synod Council NEPS, 4865 Hamilton Blvd., Wescosville, PA 18106.