

## **Crowd Enthusiastically Responds to Inlaws & Outlaws**

INDIANAPOLIS, August 6, 2007 – *Inlaws & Outlaws* was shown to an enthusiastic crowd of about 250 people on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at Jesus Metropolitan Community Church in Indianapolis. The event raised over \$2,500 in critical funding for the Interfaith Coalition on Nondiscrimination (ICON), including 32 new ICON memberships!

ICON Executive Director, Dan Funk, addressed the crowd following the film by first asking if they thought every voting Hoosier should see the film. The room erupted with applause and shouts of support.

He went on to explain how ICON is doing vital grassroots organizing of fair-minded people of faith in Indiana for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) Civil Rights and family recognition.

ICON's work was a key part of the equation in the passage of human rights protections in Marion County and the defeat of the discriminatory marriage amendment in the last General Assembly.

"There is much yet to achieve and protect!" Funk stated.

Spinning by the defeat of their discriminatory constitutional amendment to define marriage in the last General Assembly, extremist political and religious leaders are circling their wagons in a renewed quest to produce their narrow definition of righteousness in society.

"They will go after what few rights and benefits GLBT citizens now have such as healthcare benefits and the ability to adopt," said Funk. "They will continue their work to prohibit GLBT people from getting similar legal recognition and protection that they now enjoy such as civil rights protection, hospital visitation and inheritance rights."

ICON is a growing network of Indiana religious organizations and laity that are in the forefront of GLBT justice issues. Each of the 21 member organizations are being asked to co-sponsor a screening of *Inlaws & Outlaws* either at their facility or another venue within their community. It is expected that some member organizations will partner together to host one of these events.

As momentum grows in the months ahead, Hoosiers all over the state will be celebrating and heralding the important message of the film *Inlaws & Outlaws*.

Concurrently, an increasing number of supporters will learn of the importance of ICON in changing the hearts and minds of people of faith in Indiana regarding the full inclusion of GLBT people both socially and within religious community.

Thanks to everyone who attended the July 17<sup>th</sup> event and to those who worked to make this event a success.