**Central/Southern Illinois Synod**

**2018 Synod Assembly**

**Synod Assembly Minutes**

Thursday, June 7, 2018

**OPENING DEVOTIONS** at 2:00 p.m., led by Pastor Amy Thoren

Called to order at 2:12 p.m. by Assembly Chair, Bishop S. John Roth.

Announcements

**REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Report given by Pastor Nikoli Falenschek.

**VOTED:** Motion carried.

SA18.06.01 **To approve** the roll of persons hereby submitted to be the official roll of voting members for the Assembly:

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| Lay Voting Members | 148 |  | Official Observers |  |
| Ministers of Word and Service | 2 |  | Visitors | 33 |
| Ministers of Word and Sacrament | 72 |  |  |  |
| Total Voting Members | 222 |  | Total Attendance | 255 |

**ADOPTION OF THE 2018 SYNOD ASSEMBLY RULES AND PROCEDURES**

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SA18.06.02 **To approve** 2018 Synod Assembly Rules and Procedures including the following:

“In the election of ELCA Churchwide Assembly voting members in which votes are cast in one section of the ballot for multiple voting members, every ballot with a vote for one or more nominees is counted as one vote cast, and a nominee must receive a majority of the total such votes to be elected.  If more than the prescribed number receive a majority vote, the places are filled by the proper number receiving the largest number of votes.  If fewer than the proper number receive a majority vote, those who do have a majority are elected; some of those who do not have a majority vote remain as nominees for the necessary repeated balloting, according to the following formula:

* On a second ballot with two places to be filled, up to four of the nominees with the largest number of votes not elected in the first ballot remain as nominees.
* On a second ballot with one place to be filled, up to three of the nominees with the largest number of votes not elected in the first ballot remain as nominees.
* On a third ballot with one place to be filled, two of the nominees with the largest number of votes not elected on the second ballot remain as nominees.”

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**VOTED:** Motion carried.

SA18.06.03 **To approve** the agenda with permission of the Chair to adjust as necessary.

**APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN**

**VOTED:** Motion carried.

SA18.06.04 **To approve** the seating of Mr. Daniel Simmons as 2018 Assembly Parliamentarian.

**ReCOGNITION and thank you to assembly committees / reference and counsel**

Reference and Counsel - Pastor Ben Fiore, chair, Ms. Ja’Net Miller (East Central Conference,) Mr. Terry Goff (Northern Conference,) Ms. Lynne Culkin (Northeast Conference,) Pastor Tony Metz (Northwest Conference,) Ms. Carolyn Bert (Southern Conference)

Registration – Pastor Nikoli Falenschek

Local Arrangements – Pastor Maggie Falenschek, Pastor Tom Hillertz, Deacon Jason Fisher

Elections – Pastor Bob Rasmus

Devotions & Worship – Pastor Amy Thoren, Pastor Chris Repp

Photographer – Pastor Chris Repp

Sound System / Tech – Mr. Larry Gibson, Mr. Norm Knicl, Pastor Ken Sandlin

Nominating Committee – Pastor Bob Rasmus, Pastor Glen VanderKloot, Ms. Marcia McGaughey

Page Coordinator – Ms. Kaitlyn Reimer

Pages – Mary Corkery, Kellyn Rohlfing, Ashley Massey, Amy Grandidier

**ReCOGNITION OF ECUMENICAL GUESTS**

* The Reverend Bill McLean, Presbyter for Congregational Care in the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
* The Reverend Char Burch, Acting Conference Minister, Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ (greetings by letter)

**INTRODUCTIONS OF ASSEMBLY GUESTS**

Bishop Jeffrey Clements, Northern Illinois Bishop (greetings by letter)

**RECOGNITION OF ELCA CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Introduction of C/SIS member, Mr. Vernon Veal, as ELCA Church Council representative.

**STATISTICS OF CONGREGATIONS/ROSTER**

Synod Statistics as of December 31, 2017

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| Congregations | 126 |
| Baptized Membership | 39,165 |
| Confirmed Membership | 30,850 |
| Average Sunday Worship Attendance | 9,838 |
| Ministers of Word and Sacrament on the roster (as of May 9, 2018) |  |
| Active, Called to Congregations | 68 |
| Active, Called to Specialized Ministry | 12 |
| On Leave from Call | 7 |
| Retired | 74 |
| Medical Disability | 1 |
| Ministers of Word and Service on the roster (as of May 9, 2018) |  |
| Active, Called to Congregations | 2 |
| Active, Called to Specialized Ministry | 0 |
| On Leave from Call | 0 |
| Retired | 6 |
| Non-Stipendiary Call | 1 |

**EXCUSED ABSENCES TO THE 2018 SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

Pastor Candice Wassell

**INTRODUCTION OF PASTORS NEW TO THE SYNOD**

* Pastor Amy Luckey from the North West/Lower Michigan Synod; serving as Chaplain at the Taylorville Correctional Center, Taylorville, IL
* Pastor Lanny Westphal from the Southeastern Minnesota Synod; serving as Interim Senior Pastor at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Bloomington, IL
* Pastor Kara Wiechmann from the Eastern North Dakota Synod; serving Bethel Lutheran Church, Bartonville
* Pastor Mary Zupansic from the East Central Synod of Wisconsin; serving Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield, IL
* Pastor Adam Connolly, ordained July 9, 2017; serving as Pastor of Outreach and Discipleship at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Springfield, IL

**INTRODUCTION OF ASSIGNED SEMINARIANS**

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| Candidate Thomas Kratzer |  |  |
| Candidate Christine Salser |  |  |

**INTRODUCTION OF SEMINARIANS IN CANDIDACY**

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| Brian Coffey | Brach Jennings | Brian Moeller |
| Lynne Culkin | Janette Lawson | Kristen Schurter |
| Brett Gosteli | Thomas Lucey | Ella Vandervlugt |

CHAIR TURNED OVER TO VICE-PRESIDENT CAREY MAYER at 2:43 p.m.

**REPORT OF THE BISHOP** *(written report submitted)*

**APPROVAL OF 2017 ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

**VOTED:** Motion carried.

SA18.06.05 **To approve** the 2017 Synod Assembly minutes as presented.

CHAIR TURNED OVER TO BISHOP ROTH at 3:18 p.m.

**REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

Vice President Carey Mayer introduced members of Synod Council. Thanks offered to all who serve/have served on program or covenant committees this year.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** (*written report submitted*)

Financial reports for fiscal year 2017 were made available online. The yearly audit has been completed and is also available online for review.

Session declared in recess for a break at 3:28 p.m.

Called back into session at 3:40 p.m. by Assembly Chair, Bishop S. John Roth.

**ASSEMBLY BUSINESS**

**REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Report given by Pastor Nikoli Falenschek.

**VOTED:** Motion carried.

SA18.06.06 **To approve** the roll of persons hereby submitted to be the official roll of voting members for the Assembly:

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| Lay Voting Members | 158 |  | Official Observers |  |
| Ministers of Word and Service | 3 |  | Visitors | 38 |
| Ministers of Word and Sacrament | 92 |  |  |  |
| Total Voting Members | 253 |  | Total Attendance | 291 |

**REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Pastor Bob Rasmus, Chair of Nominating Committee

**Synod Council – Lay female**

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| *One (1) to be elected / Three (3) year term*  Ms. Doreen Klages – 134  Ms. Tracy Scaduto – 97  Bishop Roth declares Ms. Doreen Klages elected. |

**Synod Council – Lay Male**

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| *Two (2) to be elected / Three (3) year term*  Mr. William “Bill” Hartley –  Mr. Dean Heffta –  Mr. Larry Saler –  Dr. Robert Taylor –  (results will be given tomorrow) |

**Consultation Committee**

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| *Four (4) to be elected / Six (6) Year Term to expire in 2024*  Ms. Kim Streib – lay female –  Mr. John Moulton – lay male –  Pastor Barbara Stroud-Borth – clergy female –  Pastor Paul Park – clergy male –  In favor of the slate –  Opposed to the slate –  Bishop Roth declares Ms. Kim Streib, Mr. John Moulton, Pastor Barbara Stroud-Borth, and Pastor Paul Park elected. |

**BIBLE STUDY #1**

*“With You in Faith: Romans 1:16-17 and Lutheran Faith Mysticism”* The Rev. Dr. Martin Lohrmann

**PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET**

**First Reading**, Mr. Ken Finkle

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| *Income from Congregations* | 1,390,000 |
| Ministry through ELCA (56%) | 695,000 |
| Ministry through C/SIS (44%) | 695,000 |
| Interest & Misc. Income | 8,500 |
| Total Available to C/SIS | 703,500 |
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| *Outflow C/SIS* |  |
| Agencies and Institutions |  |
| Lutheran Social Services of Illinois | 51,421 |
| Colleges | 2,000 |
| Seminaries | 40,000 |
| Campus Ministries | 49,500 |
| Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center | 6,750 |
| Region 5 Support | 3,008 |
| Illinois Conference of Churches | 3,600 |
| Total Agencies and Institutions | 156,279 |
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| C/SIS Program Committees |  |
| Global Mission | 3,500 |
| Social Ministry, Justice, and Advocacy | 7,000 |
| Professional and Lay Ministry |  |
| Candidacy Subcommittee | 14,000 |
| S.A.M. Subcommittee | 2,500 |
| Leadership Support | 3,500 |
| Mission Support and Stewardship | 1,000 |
| *Church in Society/Outreach* |  |
| New and Renewing Congregations | 7,050 |
| Constitution/Miscellaneous | 0 |
| Total C/SIS Program Committees | 38,550 |
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| C/SIS Congregation/Clergy Services |  |
| Salaries/Housing | 320,000 |
| Benefits | 75,500 |
| Continuing Education | 4,500 |
| Bishop’s Fund | 1,000 |
| Total C/SIS Cong/Clergy Services | 401,000 |
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| C/SIS Office Administration |  |
| Staff Travel | 19,000 |
| Operations | 48,945 |
| Equipment | 4,500 |
| Furniture/Capital Improvement | 2,200 |
| Automobile | 3,000 |
| Communication | 0 |
| Total C/SIS Office Administration | 79,645 |
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| C/SIS Synod Administration |  |
| Synod Assembly | 25,000 |
| Nominating Committee | 0 |
| Synod Council | 5,000 |
| Total C/SIS Synod Administration | 30,000 |
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| Total Synod Outflow | 703,474 |
| Total Outflow | 1,398,474 |
| Total inflow over total outflow | 26 |
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| Reserves available end of year | 188,862 |
| Reserve % of annual budget | 13.5% |

Announcements

Session declared in recess at 4:54 pm.

F R I D A Y M O R N I N G

**Friday, June 8, 2018 – Morning**

**MORNING DEVOTIONS** – led by Pastor Bob Rasmus

Assembly called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Assembly Chair, Bishop S. John Roth.

Announcements.

The offering from Thursday’s worship service was $5,670.62.

Pedal for a Purpose has gathered $3,979.00 so far.

**INTRODUCTION OF MR. DAVID NOVAK, VICE-PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS**

**REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Report given by Pastor Nikoli Falenschek

**VOTED:** Motion carried.

SA18.06.07 **To approve** the roll of persons hereby submitted to be the official roll of voting members for the Assembly:

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| Lay Voting Members | 165 |  | Official Observers |  |
| Ministers of Word and Service | 3 |  | Visitors | 39 |
| Ministers of Word and Sacrament | 97 |  |  |  |
| Total Voting Members | 265 |  | Total Attendance | 304 |

**ASSEMBLY BUSINESS**

**Synod Council – Lay Male**

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| *Two (2) to be elected / Three (3) year term*  Mr. William “Bill” Hartley – 133  Mr. Dean Heffta – 80  Mr. Larry Saler – 151  Dr. Robert Taylor – 115  Bishop declares Mr. William “Bill” Hartley and Mr. Larry Saler elected. |

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Lay female**

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| *Three (3) to be elected*  Ms. Kim Alberts  Ms. Patricia Caley  Ms. Rose Moser – nominated from the floor  Ms. Ruth Nihiser  Ms. Lynn Shepherd |

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Lay Male**

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| *Two (2) to be elected*  Mr. Chris Edmonds – nominated from the floor  Mr. Ken Johnson – nominated from the floor  Mr. Mathew Spencer – nominated from the floor |

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Youth/Young Adult**

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| *One (1) to be elected, female or male*  Mr. Seth Fischer |

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Person of Color or Primary Language other than English**

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| *One (1) to be elected, female or male*  Pastor Mauricio Vieira – nominated from the floor |

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Clergy Female**

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| *One (1) to be elected*  Pastor Priscilla Geerdes – nominated from the floor  Pastor Patricia Reep – nominated from the floor  Pastor Karen Norman Rees – nominated from the floor  Pastor Linda Strader – nominated from the floor |

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Clergy Male**

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| *One (1) to be elected*  Pastor Ryan Anderson – nominated from the floor  Pastor Adam Connolly – nominated from the floor  Pastor James Davis – nominated from the floor  Pastor Stephen Goodwin – nominated from the floor  Pastor Richard Hertenstein – nominated from the floor  Pastor Paul Park – nominated from the floor  Pastor Chris Repp – nominated from the floor  Pastor Glen VanderKloot – nominated from the floor |

**REPORT OF REFERENCE AND COUNSEL**

Report given by Pastor Ben Fiore:

**VOTED: Motion carried.** (Yes – 229, No – 7)

SA18.06.08 To approve Resolution 2018.01

Title Changes to the Synod by-laws

Moved Synod Council

Second None required

* The highlighted gray strike-throughs represent deletions.
* The red are the new additions.

WHEREAS the restructuring of synod committees adopted by the 2011 Synod Assembly improved the alignment of our committee structure with our current committee work at the time and improved our manner of selecting people to the committees, shifting most of the selecting from Synod Assemblies to Conference Assemblies; and

WHEREAS modifications to the committee structure have been made by subsequent Synod Assemblies as we have lived into and lived with that 2011 restructuring, and further modifications were to be expected, therefore; be it

RESOLVED to approve the following proposed changes to bylaws in Chapter 11 of the C/SIS Synod Constitution and Bylaws:

S11.01.04. In addition to the committees of S11.01 the synod may establish committees which are units to which are assigned particular programmatic functions and responsibilities for carrying forward the work and activities of this synod according to the sense and scope of Chapter 6 of the Constitution: The synod program and covenant committees are:

a. Covenant Committee: Mission Support and Stewardship Education

b. Covenant Committee: New/Renewing Congregations

c. Covenant Committee: Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy

d. Global Mission

e. ~~Professional and Lay Leadership~~ Candidacy Committee

f. Leadership Support

g. Adult Faith Formation

S11.07.04. Global Mission Committee. The Global Mission Committee shall consist of ~~twelve~~ seven members, ~~two~~ one selected by each conference and in compliance with +S6.04. and one appointed by the Synod Council. The function of this committee shall include: communication of hunger, justice issues, global ministry interpretation and the companion synod ~~relationship~~ relationships.

S11.07.05 ~~The Professional and Lay Leadership~~ The Candidacy Committee shall consist of ~~twenty-eight~~ fourteen members, ~~four~~ two selected by each conference in consultation with the professional staff of the synod, and ~~fou~~r two selected at large by the Synod Council, and in compliance with +S6.04. ~~There may be three subcommittees. The purpose of the subcommittees would be oversight of Candidacy for rostered leaders, Leadership Support, and Synodically Authorized Ministry.~~

~~The Candidacy Subcommittee shall consist of twelve fmembers; one clergy and one lay member from each conference.~~ The function of the Candidacy Committee is to work with applicants from application through Entrance, Endorsement, Approval and Ordination. They will seek to support each candidate through prayer, guidance and counsel as well represent the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in helping candidates discern both their inner call (personal) call and their outer call (affirmation by both the seminary faculty and candidacy committee).

An exception to the two term limit (S11.01.05) is that a member of the ~~Professional and Lay Leadership~~ Candidacy Committee who has served two consecutive terms on the Candidacy ~~Sub~~Committee is eligible to, in consultation with the professional staff of the synod, serve a third consecutive term on the Candidacy ~~Sub~~Committee.

S11.07.06 The Leadership Support ~~Sub~~Committee shall ~~each~~ consist of ~~eight~~ seven members; ~~two or three~~ at least two clergy and at least four ~~five or six~~ lay members so as to be in compliance with +S6.04. ~~with each conference having at least one representative.~~ Each conference shall elect one member ~~of both~~ ~~on~~ to the Leadership Support Committee. The Synod Council shall appoint one member to the Leadership Support Committee.

The function of the Leadership Support Committee shall be to annually review and recommend compensation guidelines for both Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ministers of Word and Service, and to set pulpit supply rates. The Leadership Support Committee may also assist synod staff with the planning, promotion and implementation of the annual Lay and Profession Leaders Retreat.

S11.07.07 The Adult Faith Formation Committee shall ~~each~~ consist of ~~eight~~ seven members; ~~two or three~~ at least two clergy and at least four ~~five or six~~ lay members so as to be in compliance with +S6.04. ~~with each conference having at least one representative~~ Each conference shall elect one member of ~~on~~ the Adult Faith Formation ~~Sub~~Committee. The Synod Council shall appoint one member to the Adult Faith Formation Committee.

The function of the Adult Faith Formation Committee centers around two important, yet distinct, areas: shepherding those preparing for and those functioning in Synodically Authorized Ministry and promoting and planning adult faith formation events and opportunities particularly for lay members throughout the synod.

**ASSEMBLY BUSINESS**

Proposed Budget Reading #2 / Action

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SA18.06.09 To approve the 2019 budget as presented

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**GREETINGS FROM PORTICO**

Greetings sent by video from C/SIS regional representative, Jennifer Prinz, and Portico President, the Rev. Jeff Thiemann

**REPORT OF MISSION SUPPORT AND STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION**

Pastor Nikoli Falenschek

**REPORT OF SYNODICALLY AUTHORIZED MINISTRY** Ms. Deb Rathert

Session declared in recess at 9:42 a.m. for break followed by forums.

Called back into session at 11:15 a.m. by Assembly Chair, Bishop S. John Roth.

**INTRODUCTION OF MR. MARK STUTRUD, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS**

**REPORT OF ELCA CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE**

Ms. Sue Rothmeyer, Executive for Office of the Secretary Administration

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton – video address

**REPORT OF CANDIDACY COMMITTEE** Pastor Elise Rothfusz

Session declared in recess at 11:53 a.m. for lunch.

F R I D A Y A F T E R N O O N

**Friday, June 8, 2018 – afternoon**

Afternoon session starts with forums at 1:15 p.m.

Assembly called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Assembly Chair, Bishop S. John Roth.

**REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Report given by Pastor Nikoli Falenschek

**VOTED:** Motion carried.

SA18.06.10 **To approve** the roll of persons hereby submitted to be the official roll of voting members for the Assembly:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Lay Voting Members | 166 |  | Official Observers |  |
| Ministers of Word and Service | 3 |  | Visitors | 41 |
| Ministers of Word and Sacrament | 99 |  |  |  |
| Total Voting Members | 268 |  | Total Attendance | 309 |

**ASSEMBLY BUSINESS**

VOTING BY PAPER BALLOT FOR CHURCHWIDE VOTING MEMBERS

**GREETINGS FROM MR. RUSS SENTI, DIRECTOR OF LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRY CENTER**

Pedal for a Purpose has gathered $3,979.00 so far to support LOMC.

**GREETINGS FROM CAMPUS MINISTRY** – Pastors Amy Thoren and Matthew Geerdes

**BIBLE STUDY #2**

“With You in Words: Isaiah 50:4 and Sharing the Gospel” The Rev. Dr. Martin Lohrmann

Session declared in recess at 3:55 p.m. for a break.

Assembly called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Assembly Chair, Bishop S. John Roth.

**BISHOP’S COLLOQUY**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session declared in recess at 4:32 p.m. for the evening meal and  
Hymn Sing / Sundaes / Fellowship.

S A T U R D A Y M O R N I N G

**Saturday, June 9, 2018 – morning**

Assembly called to order at 8:36 a.m. by Assembly Chair, Bishop S. John Roth.

Announcements

**REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Report given by Pastor Nikoli Falenschek

**VOTED:** Motion carried.

SA18.06.11 **To approve** the roll of persons hereby submitted to be the official roll of voting members for the Assembly:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Lay Voting Members | 167 |  | Official Observers |  |
| Ministers of Word and Service | 3 |  | Visitors | 41 |
| Ministers of Word and Sacrament | 99 |  |  |  |
| Total Voting Members | 269 |  | Total Attendance | 310 |

**BIBLE STUDY #3**

“With You in Life: Luke 17:10 and the Freedom to Care” The Rev. Dr. Martin Lohrmann

**INTRODUCTION OF MR. MICHAEL FRERICHS, ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER**

Session declared in recess at 9:39 a.m. for a break.

Assembly called to order at 9:59 a.m. by Assembly Chair, Bishop S. John Roth.

**ASSEMBLY BUSINESS**

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Lay female**

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| *Three (3) to be elected*  Ms. Kim Alberts - 183  Ms. Patricia Caley – 239  Ms. Rose Moser – nominated from the floor - 180  Ms. Ruth Nihiser - 90  Ms. Lynn Shepherd - 134  Bishop declares Ms. Kim Alberts, Ms. Patricia Caley, and Ms. Rose Moser elected. |

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Lay Male**

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| *Two (2) to be elected*  Mr. Chris Edmonds – nominated from the floor - 179  Mr. Ken Johnson – nominated from the floor - 135  Mr. Mathew Spencer – nominated from the floor - 161  Bishop declares Mr. Chris Edmonds and Mr. Mathew Spencer elected. |

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Youth/Young Adult**

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| *One (1) to be elected, female or male*  Mr. Seth Fischer – 244  Bishop declares Mr. Seth Fischer elected. |

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Person of Color or Primary Language other than English**

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| *One (1) to be elected, female or male*  Pastor Mauricio Vieira – nominated from the floor – 245  Bishop declares Pastor Mauricio Vieira elected. |

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Clergy Female**

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| *One (1) to be elected*  Pastor Priscilla Geerdes – nominated from the floor – 86  Pastor Patricia Reep – nominated from the floor - 34  Pastor Karen Norman Rees – nominated from the floor - 44  Pastor Linda Strader – nominated from the floor – 80  The second ballot will include Pastor Priscilla Geerdes, Pastor Linda Strader, and Pastor Karen Norman Rees. |

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Clergy Male**

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| *One (1) to be elected*  Pastor Ryan Anderson – nominated from the floor - 60  Pastor Adam Connolly – nominated from the floor - 26  Pastor James Davis – nominated from the floor - 54  Pastor Stephen Goodwin – nominated from the floor - 21  Pastor Richard Hertenstein – nominated from the floor - 19  Pastor Paul Park – nominated from the floor - 23  Pastor Chris Repp – nominated from the floor - 28  Pastor Glen VanderKloot – nominated from the floor - 18  The second ballot will include Pastor Ryan Anderson, Pastor Jim Davis, and Pastor Chris Repp. |

**SECOND BALLOT FOR CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – CLERGY FEMALE**

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Clergy Female**

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| *One (1) to be elected*  Pastor Priscilla Geerdes - 87  Pastor Karen Norman Rees - 28  Pastor Linda Strader - 62  No election |

**THIRD BALLOT FOR CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – CLERGY FEMALE**

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Clergy Female**

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| *One (1) to be elected*  Pastor Priscilla Geerdes - 103  Pastor Linda Strader - 78  Bishop declares Pastor Priscilla Geerdes elected. |

**SECOND BALLOT FOR CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – CLERGY MALE**

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Clergy Male**

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| *One (1) to be elected*  Pastor Ryan Anderson – nominated from the floor - 81  Pastor Jim Davis – nominated from the floor - 55  Pastor Chris Repp – nominated from the floor - 42  No election. |

**THIRD BALLOT FOR CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – CLERGY MALE**

**2019 Churchwide Assembly – Clergy Male**

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| *One (1) to be elected*  Pastor Ryan Anderson – nominated from the floor - 102  Pastor Jim Davis – nominated from the floor - 86  Bishop declares Pastor Ryan Anderson elected. |

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Synod-wide Ministry Reports

* Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy – Pastor Amy Ziettlow
* New and Renewing Congregations – Pastor Micah Garnett
* Global Mission – Ms. Rose Moser
* Professional and Lay Leadership – Leadership Support – Mr. Bob Mueller

Recognition of Committees and Task Forces

* Constitution – Pastor Richard Hertenstein
* Consultation – no report
* Discipline – no report

Reports of Conference Deans (on website)

* Pastor Bob Rasmus, East Central Conference, complete
* Pastor Amy Ziettlow, East Central Conference, elected
* Pastor Ryan Anderson, Northern Conference
* Pastor James Davis, Northeast Conference
* Pastor Scott Egbers, Northwest Conference
* Pastor Melissa Waterman, Southern Conference
* Pastor Glen VanderKloot, West Central Conference

Reports of C/SIS Auxiliaries

* Lutheran Youth Organization – Ms. Kaitlyn Reimer

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering Commissioning Litany

* WELCA – Ms. Pat Scherer

Board Member Recognition

* Lutheran Social Services of Illinois - Pastor Elyse Nelson Winger
* The Cornerstone Foundation – Ms. Marcia Anderson, Mr. Richard Braig, Ms. Connie Frankenfeld, Ms. Mary Loken, Ms. Jeanne Rapp, Ms. Lynn Smith
* Lutheran Campus Ministry – Ms. Carey Mayer, Ms. Laura Schoenecker, Pastor Paul Waterman
* Lutheran Outdoor Ministry – Pastor Dennis O’Brien, Mr. Rob Gieraltowski, Mr. John Gregg, Deacon Jason Fisher, Ms. Jill Goldhammer, Pastor Harlan Kaden
* Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago – Mr. Terry Goff (10.2021)
* Wartburg Seminary – Dr. Susan Rehwaldt, Carbondale

Recognition of Ministry Anniversaries

**ASSEMBLY BUSINESS**

**REPORT OF REFERERNCE AND COUNSEL**

Report given by Pastor Ben Fiore:

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SA18.06.12 To approve Resolution 2018.02

Title Courtesies

Mover Reference and Counsel

WHEREAS as the Father has sent Jesus, so Jesus sends us; therefore be it

RESOLVED that we give thanks to the voting members, rostered ministers, laity and youth, as they have taken time from busy schedules to come together to do the business of the church, worship, learn, and fellowship; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Assembly Committees be recognized for their tireless efforts in organizing, planning and presenting the Thirty-first Annual Assembly of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the assistants to the bishop Pastor Ken Sandlin, Pastor Maureen Stein, Pastor James Reents, Assembly Coordinator, Cindy Koonce, and support staff, Laura Lee, Glenna Senters, and Barbara Purple be recognized for all their efforts in supplying the Assembly and our synod with material and information; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Assembly pages and their coordinator be recognized for their ongoing support and steadfast faithfulness; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the East Central Conference be thanked for its gracious work of hosting and assistance with the planning of the Assembly; and, be it further

RESOLVED that we are thankful to Dr. Martin Lohrmann, for inspiring messages and his gracious proclamation of the Gospel, and, be it further

RESOLVED that we thank Ms. Sue Rothmeyer for her contribution to the spirit of the Assembly in informing us of the State of the Church and, be it further

RESOLVED that all forum leaders be thanked for their encouragement in presenting educational opportunities for ministry; and, be it further

RESOLVED that we give thanks to Pat Caley and volunteers for time in organizing and overseeing the FairTrade Fair; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Synod Council, Synod Committees, and all those who volunteered their time, energies, and talents toward the work of our synod receive the Assembly’s appreciation for their dedication to the ministry of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod; and, be it further

RESOLVED that we give thanks for the ELCA and its partnership ministry which allows us to carry out Christ’s command to *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations....”*; and, be it further

RESOLVED that thanks be given to those Synod Council and Synod Committee members whose terms end this year but who have accompanied the work of our synod living the mission: *God’s Work. Our Hands.* through their years of dedicated service; and, be it further

RESOLVED that Bishop S. John Roth receive our appreciation for leadership in our synod and that we would daily hold him in prayer for strength, health, wisdom and courage.

**Announcement**

Recognition and thanks to Cindy Koonce, Assembly Manager.

Next year’s Synod Assembly will be held June 6-8, 2019 at the Bank of Springfield Conference Center, Springfield, Illinois.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**VOTED:** Motion carried.

SA18.06.13 **To adjourn** contingent upon the closing worship service.

Assembly declared closed at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Pam Mitcham

Secretary, C/SIS