



Vice President's Annual Report (2018)

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The Synod Council met in September, January, and March, and will meet in June immediately before Synod Assembly. We celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, continued our work on our vision and the policies and programs associated with that vision, reviewed proposed Bylaw revisions, met with existing and new ministry partners, developed this year's budget, and worked through details of Bishop Roth's upcoming sabbatical and other synod office staff transitions. All the while celebrating the ordinations, retirements, and installations of pastors throughout the synod and work done by dedicated lay leaders.

I attended my first Vice President's Gathering at ELCA Churchwide and learned about the many and surprisingly diverse ways that other synods are organized throughout the ELCA. I also learned about the many, many special ministries throughout our nation and world. It's amazing what the "church together" can do!

I would like to thank the following individuals for their faithful service to the Central/Southern Illinois Synod:

- Bishop S. John Roth
- Pastor Pam Mitcham, Secretary
- Mr. Ken Finkle, Treasurer
- Ms. Hailey Storm, Youth Representative
- Mr. Mathew Spencer, Young Adult Representative
- Pastor Robert Rasmus, East Central Conference Dean (thru March 2018)
- Pastor Amy Zietlow, East Central Conference Dean
- Pastor Ryan Anderson, Northern Conference Dean
- Pastor James Davis, Northeast Conference Dean
- Pastor Scott Egbers, Northwest Conference Dean
- Pastor Glen VanderKloot, West Central Conference Dean
- Pastor Melissa Waterman, Southern Conference Dean
- Mr. Henry Harms, member at large
- Ms. Debbie Peterson, member at large
- Ms. Marcia McGaughey, member at large
- Mr. Larry Saler, member at large
- Mr. Tim Marty, East Central Conference Representative
- Ms. Kim Alberts, Northeast Conference Representative
- Mr. Terry Goff, Northern Conference Representative
- Mr. Denny Wallin, Northwest Conference Representative
- Mr. Donald Swan, Southern Conference Representative
- Ms. Deanne Holshouser, West Central Conference Representative