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Assistant to the Bishop / Staff Report

Report to Synod Assembly June 2021

In my quarter time position, I relate to the congregations of the Southern Conference (17) as well as the Metro-East St. Louis congregations of the West Central Conference (7): **St. Mark, Belleville, Calvary, Belleville, Christ Community, Columbia, Our Lord, Maryville, St. Martin of Tours, Mascoutah, Faith, O'Fallon and St. Paul, Hillsboro.**

A major part of my ministry as Assistant to the Bishop is the visitation of congregations in the Southern Conference and the southern part of the West/Central Conference. Obviously because of COVID I was unable to make those visitations this past year. I have missed those visits greatly and look forward to returning to visitation within the next year.

I relate to three Committees of the Synod and the Anti-Racism Working Group:

Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation Committee has met every other month throughout the past year. Because of COVID, our meetings have been on ZOOM. This online venue has worked well for our committee as it continues its work.

I offer a word of thanks to Pastor Rita Augsburg for her leadership of the committee and to Pr. Blake Duncan for his service to the committee as Dean of Education for the Synodically Authorized Ministry (SAM) Program.

The committee continues to proceed in the broader context of providing faith formation opportunities for all adults across our synod.

We currently have 16 individuals registered as SAM students. 14 of them will finish the 3-year program of courses by the end of this year.

Global Mission

A word of thanks to our chair, Pastor Mauricio Viera. Pastor Mauricio brings great enthusiasm to his work with the committee. Over this past year, the committee has taken the lead in staying connected with our sister synods in Madagascar. New this year, the committee produced a video Christmas card that was sent to the synods and congregations in Madagascar. It was very well received.

Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy

Last year the Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy Committee welcomed its new chair, Pastor Stefan Munker, pastor at St. Paul, Hillsboro. Thank you, Stefan, for your willingness to serve. The Committee continues to regroup and take hold of its mission within the synod.

Anti-Racism Working Group

Bishop Roth asked that I sit in on the Anti-Racism Working Group acting as his scribe keeping note of actions of the Working Group. I have very much enjoyed sitting in on the meetings of the working group and look forward to the committee making its first proposals to the Synod Council.

Once again, it has been a privilege to serve the synod as one of the Assistants to the Bishop this past year. Currently our churches continue to face many challenges in this time of COVID-19. However, we now begin to look forward to its aftermath and what that means for the churches after COVID. We do not know what the future holds, but as Christ's Church in every age we walk by faith and not by sight. Christ is with us and so we are always people of hope as we look forward with anticipation to see what God is doing among us.