



# Northern Conference

## Report to the Synod Assembly

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Congregations	24
Open Calls	7
Rostered Ministers under	
under Congregational Call	14
in Specialized Ministry	4
On Leave from Call	1
Synod Call (non-stipendiary)	1
Retired	21
Churches with a Pastoral Appointment or Contractual Agreement	
• St. John, Mt. Pulaski —	Pastor Glen VanderKloot
• First, Varna —	Richard Joyce (SAM)
• St. Paul, Benson —	Pastor Joy Miller
Churches with a Open Call	<u>Interim Minister/Status</u> (as of 2/28/2021)
• Bethany, Wenona	[supply]
• St. John's, Toluca	[supply]
• St. Mark's, Washington	Pastor Lanny Westphal, Interim Senior Pastor Steve Pichaske, Interim Associate
• St. Paul, Peoria	Pastor James Lillie
• St. Peter's, Glasford	[supply]
• Wiley, Ellisville	[supply]
Clergy Transitions in the Last Year	
• Farewell & Godspeed	
- Pastor Bill Dohle took a call in Pueblo, Colorado in August 2020	
- Pastor Nathan Johnson departed from St. John's, Toluca in February 2021	
• Death	
- Pastor Dennis Scoville died March 28th, 2021; Pastor Scoville lived in our conference but was serving elsewhere in the C/SIS as interim pastor	

- Welcome
  - Pastor Brian Wachendorf, ordained at Immanuel, Lincoln July 3, 2020
- Other (April 2020—April 2021)
  - Pastor John Bates retired on July 1st, 2020
  - Pastor Ella (Vandervlugt) Moehlman ordained February 14th at Trinity LC in Lisbon, North Dakota, where she is called as associate pastor.
  - Pastor Kristen Schmid was ordained on January 17th; she is called to St. Peter's LC in Camden, IN and Faith LC in Logansport, IN.

Other Noteworthy Occurrences April 2020—April 2021:

### **2021 Synod Assembly**

The Synod Assembly is virtual this year, instead of being held in East Peoria. Although assembly headquarters is St. John's LC, Springfield, the Northern Conference did provide some planning and assistance, particularly in regard to Synod Assembly worship. Thank you to pastors Micah Garnett (Trinity, Canton), John Rothfus (Faith, Washington) and Becky Swanson (Advent, Morton) for planning online worship.

### **Northern Conference Annual Meeting**

Due to COVID-19 the conference annual meeting was held by Zoom. We had the opportunity to use the Synod Assembly online voting platform for a dean's election by ecclesiastical ballot, as a trial run of that system.

### **NC Elections**

Dean	Pastor Linda Strader	(Three Saint's Parish)
Clergy VP	Pastor John Rothfus	(Faith, Washington)
Synod Council	David Miller	(Immanuel, Minonk)
Adult Faith Formation	Pastor Kara Wiechmann	(Bethel, Bartonville)
Candidacy	Pastor John Rothfus	(Faith, Washington)
Mission Support & Stewardship Education	Lee Maki	(First English, Peoria)
New & Renewing Congregations	Robert Mueller	(St. Timothy, Wyoming)

### **NC Finances**

Balance as of Oct 14, 2020	5,700.99
Income (Dues)	3,080.00

### **Expenses**

C/SIS	(1,000.00)
Seminary Intern Support	0.00
Conference Programs	0.00
NC Youth Board	(1,500.00)
Balance as of April 17, 2021	6,280.99

### **2021—2022 NC Budget (passed April 18th, 2021)**

Seminary Intern Support	\$2,000
Conference Youth Board	\$1,500
Hosting (Synod Council mtgs, other)	\$ 300
Conference Meeting Programs	\$ 300
N. Conference Mission Projects	\$ 500
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