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<td>Youth Gathering Informational Session - Molly Beck Dean, Director of the ELCA Youth Gathering - Gloria Dei Youth Room</td>
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<td>FIRST PLENARY SESSION &amp; OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY – Gloria Dei Sanctuary</td>
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- Welcome & Introductions - Bishop David Zellmer
- Voting Device Practice
- Adoption of Rules and Agenda
- State of the ELCA – The Rev. Wm. Chris Boerger, Secretary of the ELCA
- Greeting from Good Samaritan Society - Rev. Greg Wilcox
- Greeting from Gloria Dei – Rev. Dwight Stensgaard
- Announcements – Bishop David Zellmer
- Table Prayer – Rev. David Johnson, Assembly Chaplain

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- Leading Productive Council Meetings – Rev. Wm. Chris Boerger, Secretary of the ELCA
- State of the Synod - Bishop David Zellmer
- Elections – Vice President, Secretary
- Resolution #1 – Elect South Dakota Synod Council, Rev. Becky Senner
- Treasurer’s Report/Presentation of Mission Plan - Erik Gilbertson, Treasurer
- Reformation Moment #1 Luther House of Study
- Portico Representative – Stacy Kruse, CFO/COO Portico Benefit Services
Resolutions #8 #9 - Rev. Becky Senner, Resolutions Committee Vice Chair
Announcements

2:15-3:00 p.m.  BREAK – Sponsored by Bear Butte Conference

2:25 p.m.  Resolutions Committee Meeting – Gloria Dei Conference Room

3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  THIRD PLENARY SESSION – Gloria Dei Sanctuary
Announcements - Carla Borchardt, Vice President
Credentials Committee Report
Nominating Committee Report
Elections – Committees to be filled
Greeting from LSS – Betty Oldenkamp, President & CEO of LSS
Resolution #2 – Rev. Becky Senner, Resolutions Committee Vice Chair
Resolution #10 - Rev. Becky Senner, Resolutions Committee Vice Chair
Resolutions #3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Rev. Becky Senner, Resolutions Committee Vice Chair
Reformation Moment #2 – Luther House of Study
Table Prayer – Rev. David Johnson, Assembly Chaplain
Meal Instructions and Announcements

5:30-7:30 p.m.  EVENING MEAL AND CELEBRATION – Gloria Dei Lutheran
Meal
Celebration of Ordination, Anniversaries Retirement
Celebration of New Pastors to SD Synod
Celebration of Completion of Mission
Keynote Address – Molly Beck Dean, Director of ELCA Youth Gathering
Closing Prayer – Rev. David Johnson, Assembly Chaplain
Announcements - Rev. David Zellmer

Saturday, June 3
7:00-8:00 a.m.  Mission Prayer Breakfast – Gloria Dei Fellowship Hall
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  Displays and Book Store Open – Gloria Dei Gathering Area & Chapel
8:00 a.m.  Worship Instructional Meeting – Gloria Dei Sanctuary

8:15-9:30 a.m.  MORNING WORSHIP AND COMMUNION – Gloria Dei Sanctuary
  - Blessing of Ministers of Word and Service
  - Blessing of Synod Council
  - Installation of Synod Vice President and/or Synod Secretary
Announcements - Bishop David Zellmer

9:30-10:15 a.m.  LUTHERANS OUTDOORS ANNUAL MEETING – Gloria Dei Sanctuary
Lutherans Outdoors Annual Meeting - Rev. Layne Nelson, Executive Director

10:15-10:45 a.m.  BREAK – Sponsored by Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota

10:45-1:00 p.m.  FOURTH PLENARY SESSION
Opening Prayer - Rev. David Johnson, Assembly Chaplain
Lutheran Planned Giving - Farewell to Jim Schade and Kurt Osborne
Celebration of the Listen! God is Calling Campaign
Gift Presentation to Luther Seminary and the Campaign for the ELCA
Credentials Committee Report
Adoption of the Mission Plan
Compensation and Guidelines Conversation – Nick Oyen, Support to Ministries Committee
Resolution #11 – Nick Oyen, Resolutions Committee Chair

CLOSING OF THE ASSEMBLY

1:00 p.m. Lunch to go

SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING – Gloria Dei Office Meeting Area

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Oct. 31, 1517, 500 years ago, Martin Luther posted his “Ninety-five Theses” in Wittenberg. This resulted in a debate about Christian teaching and practice that led to significant reforms that shaped the course of Western Christianity. As we gather to meet in synod assemblies during the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, it is a good time to reflect on what it means to be Lutheran.

Neither culture nor behavior define what is distinctive about the Lutheran movement. It’s our understanding of the gospel. We proclaim Jesus Christ crucified and raised from the dead for the life of the world. It is this gospel word that creates faith and sets us free to serve the neighbor.

We are freed and renewed in Christ.

The church’s proper work is to proclaim the gospel word. “We are to fear and love God, so, that we do not despise preaching or God’s word, but instead keep that word holy and gladly hear it and learn it” (Small Catechism).

I have invited and encouraged all of you to engage in reading Luther’s Small Catechism together. This is to be done in a way that is most promising for your community of faith and most fitting for the relationships in your community. Resources are available at ELCA500.org/withnewvoices.

As a church deeply rooted in Scripture and in Christ, this church continues to be shaped by the changing face of our communities, by new migration patterns and national and global trends affecting religion and society. We are a community of faith that is always forming and being renewed, and as a church we engaged in a process, Called Forward Together in Christ, to help us tell the story of the church we are becoming. Through that process, we developed ELCA Strategic Directions 2025. This strategic framework identifies goals and priority areas for the ELCA as a whole church.

What is the church we are becoming?

- A thriving church spreading the gospel and deepening faith for all people.
- A church equipping people for their baptismal vocations in the world and this church.
- An inviting and welcoming church that reflects and embraces the diversity in our communities and the gifts and opportunities that diversity brings.
- A visible church deeply committed to working ecumenically and with other people of faith for justice, peace and reconciliation in our communities and around the world.
- A well-governed, connected and sustainable church.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith . . . .

– Romans 1:16
As we observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, I pray that ELCA Strategic Directions 2025 will guide and foster ELCA church unity in the years ahead. To learn more about these strategic directions, visit ELCA.org/future.

One of the ways we are achieving our goals together as a church is through *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*. Throughout 2017, the campaign will emphasize ministries supporting Global Church. The ELCA is known as a faithful partner in the work to build up Christ’s church throughout the world and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, risen for the life of the world.

If you don’t have the date on your calendar already, be sure to note that Sept. 10 is our suggested date for the 2017 dedicated day of service. If your congregation cannot participate on this date, please consider another day. “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

As we gather in our synod assemblies, let us remember that together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully. I pray that God blesses your time together.

I give thanks to God for each of you, for our more than 9,300 congregations, for our 65 synods and our churchwide ministries. As a church freed and renewed in Christ, may we bear witness to a world experiencing the difference God’s grace and love in Christ makes for all people and creation.

With gratitude,

Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
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2017 Report of the Bishop
to the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

John 20:21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

Let me begin with a few words of thanks. First, for the gift of the sabbatical I had this past year. It was a gift to me, to my family and to several of my mentors that I was able to reconnect with. I also give thanks for the skilled and dedicated staff that I’m gifted to work with every day. Finally, I give thanks for the privilege of serving in this Office of the Bishop.

This has been a year of being sent by our Lord for each one of us. Pastor Bill Tesch has been sent to serve our women and men in the Armed Forces as an Air Force Wing Chaplain. Deacon Susan Marone has been sent to many congregations across South Dakota to share with them visions of what might be as they seek to call a new pastor and to work with our candidates for Rostered Ministry as they prepare to serve. I have been sent to preach and teach, celebrate and mourn with communities of faith, families and individuals across South Dakota, the upper Midwest and with our sisters and brothers in Cameroon. Each of us as baptized members of the body of Christ are sent each day into the world to bear witness to Jesus Christ in word and deed.

The highlight for me was our trip to Cameroon in February of this year. I traveled with Bishop Elaine Sauer, Bishop of Manitoba, and her husband Rick and a lay couple from Manitoba. I also traveled with Pastor Charlie Bunk, our Companion Synod Coordinator, and a group of nurses from across South Dakota. The nurses were led by our Vice President, Carla Borchardt, and Donna Wright. Our Synod Secretary, Nurse Susan Leddy, her husband Mark, along with Nurse Dan Lindquist were also a part of the traveling team. The nurses had a wonderful visit with the folks at the Leper Colony, and extended visits with the nurses from the hospitals at Garoua-Boulaï and Ngoundere. Bishop Elaine and I were able to dedicate a church in Garoua-Boulaï that was the sixty-sixth church to receive a roof from South Dakota in the last ten years. This was a church that a group from Trinity in Mitchell and St John’s in rural Dimock had worked on. I had the honor to cut the ribbon and do the blessings. Bishop Elaine and I had the gift of baptizing seven babies that morning. Bishop Elaine had extensive conversations with the nine women pastors, four of which are finally serving in parishes. Between Bishop Elaine, Professor Elizabeth Johnson and six women pastors from South Dakota (all of whom have traveled to Cameroon) are coordinating an effort to support these nine pastors as they start a new chapter of ministry in Cameroon.

My principal work centered on the seminary in Meiganga (where Professor Johnson teaches) and their need for expanded classrooms, library and chapel space. Over the past several years, we have had multiple conversations as to the primary needs and how we should address them. I believe we have a good, workable plan for a new building that will serve the church and seminary community very well. I will communicate plans and the need for funding when it is
available. Please hear a heartfelt “Thank You” from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon for your shared ministry of sixty-six roofs in 10 years. I have witnessed the impact of what a new church does for the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and it continues to be profound.

A year ago we had started our Kairos Program with Sioux Falls Seminary, Luther House of Study, Augustana University and the South Dakota Synod with six candidates. Today we are at thirteen and I hope and pray that by early fall we are at twenty. These are individuals who are serving in our rural congregations, and studying for a Masters of Divinity. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as we strive to serve all the congregations of the South Dakota Synod.

After two years of work and thoughtful deliberation provided by three bankers – John Rasmussen of Sisseton, David Johnson of Watertown and Dana Dykhous of Sioux Falls—our Synod Attorney Brett Koenecke, LSS President Betty Oldenkamp, and especially Jim Schade, Executive Director of Lutheran Planned Giving, we are beginning the Seminary Debt Refinancing program of the South Dakota Synod with approval of the Synod Council. I would like to thank all of them for their dedication in getting this project off the ground.

A few more thoughts on being sent. We are sending out into new chapters of their lives three individuals who are churchmen, leaders, dedicated to their calling and dear friends of mine. Jim Schade, Executive Director of Lutheran Planned Giving, Kurt Osborne of Lutheran Planned Giving, and Rob Oliver, President of Augustana University. I have cherished their gifts for leadership and dedicated service to this church.

Let me close with a few more “Thank Yous”. First to The Rev. Bob Hansen who has done a marvelous job with directing our “Listen God is Calling” Campaign. We have invited Bob to change hats and he is now serving as our Interim DEM during Pastor Tesch’s deployment. Finally, to my wife LaDonna and our ever expanding family. My travel schedule is rigorous and without the love and support of LaDonna, our children and grandchildren, I would not make it. They are mindful of our time together and I appreciate deeply their love and support.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. David B. Zellmer
Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA
CONGREGATION ANNIVERSARIES and ROSTER CHANGES
(as of 05/15/17)

Anniversaries and Dedications

125th Anniversary
Colman Lutheran Church, Colman
Salem Lutheran Church, Parkston
Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion

100th Anniversary
St. James Lutheran Church, Belle Fourche

75th Anniversary
St. John American Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls

Consecration
02/26/2017 Deacon Laura Campbell, Our Savior's Lutheran, Spearfish

Installations
06/03/2016 Rev. Jessica Daum, Table of Grace, Harrisburg
07/30/2016 Rev. Shelly Gehring, St. John Lutheran, Madison
07/31/2016 Rev. Michael DeKraai, St. John's Lutheran, Webster
09/04/2016 Rev. Sarah Goldammer, Gloria Dei Lutheran, Sioux Falls
09/04/2016 Rev. Jeff Otterman, Trinity Lutheran, Yankton
09/04/2016 Rev. Christopher Zuraff, Gloria Dei Lutheran, Sioux Falls
09/18/2016 Rev. Lynnae Sorensen, Hope Lutheran, Sioux Falls
09/25/2016 Rev. Tom Opoien, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran, Tea
10/09/2016 Rev. Chris Matson, Peace Lutheran, Sioux Falls
10/09/2016 Rev. Dr. Jeff Sorenson, Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids, Dell Rapids
11/06/2016 Rev. Benjamin Eisele, Gayville/Bergen Lutheran, Gayville/Meckling
11/06/2016 Rev. Kristen Eisele, Gayville/Bergen Lutheran, Gayville/Meckling
02/19/2017 Rev. Jared Rakness, West Nidaros Lutheran, Crooks
03/11/2017 Rev. Jonathan Hallenbeck Ask, West Prairie Lutheran, Lennox
03/12/2017 Rev. Jonathan Steiner, Graceful Hills Parish, Piedmont/Rapid City
03/19/2017 Rev. Ramona Hayes, Langford Lutheran Parish
04/08/2017 Rev. Christine Hallenbeck Ask, Spirit of Joy Lutheran, Sioux Falls
05/07/2017 Rev. Eric Ohrtman, Messiah New Hope Lutheran, Sioux Falls

Necrology
06/24/2016 Rev. Glen Peterson
07/27/2016 Rev. Ed Nesselhuf
10/07/2016 Rev. Dennis Ellingsen
10/19/2016 Rev. Kenneth Dugan
10/25/2016 Rev. Bruce Williams
11/26/2016 Rev. Robert Dovenmuehler
03/27/2017  Rev. Dale Battleson

On Leave from Call
09/01/2016  Rev. Elizabeth Johnson
11/07/2016  Rev. Lori Marty
05/16/2017  Rev. Velma Larson

Ordinations
07/29/2016  Rev. Benjamin Eisele
07/29/2016  Rev. Kristen Eisele
07/30/2016  Rev. Shelly Gehring
03/11/2017  Rev. Jonathan Hallenbeck Ask
04/08/2017  Rev. Christine Hallenbeck Ask
05/30/2017  Rev. Sara Kayser
05/31/2017  Rev. Renae Boehmer

Retired
06/01/2016  Rev. Ray Heidenson
06/01/2016  Rev. Loren Odland
08/01/2016  Rev. George Gehant III
10/01/2016  Rev. Jan FitzGibbon
12/31/2016  Rev. Terry Knudson
02/01/2017  Rev. Dennis Fonkert
04/01/2017  Rev. Mary Anne Nelson-Loefke
04/01/2017  Rev. Peter Strommen
06/01/2017  Rev. Anna Peck

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08/15/2016  Rev. Lynnae Sorensen, 4E Southwestern Texas
08/22/2016  Rev. Christopher Zuraff, 3F Southwestern MN
10/14/2016  Rev. Cheryl Matthews, 3F Southwestern MN
03/19/2017  Rev. Eric Ohrtman, 1D Eastern Washington-Idaho

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06/24/2016  Rev. Karen Rupp, 4A Nebraska
09/16/2016  Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen, 3E Northeastern MN
10/01/2016  Rev. Natanael Lizarazo, 4E Southwestern Texas
10/01/2016  Rev. Barbara Wangsness, 4E Southwestern Texas
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10/27/2016  Rev. William Schruba, 5I Eastern Central Synod of WI
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12/01/2016  Rev. Betsy Hoium, 3H Saint Paul Area
01/01/2017  Rev. Brian Mortenson, 2E Rocky Mountain
01/15/2017  Rev. Sue Grinde, 3F Southwestern MN
01/22/2017  Deacon Susan Claire Meyer, 4A Nebraska
03/27/2017  Rev. Katie Johnson, 7G Slovak Zion
03/27/2017  Rev. Michael Johnson, 7G Slovak Zion
"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.”  Matthew 28:19-20

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the interim DEM while Bill Tesch is deployed. I began this role on March 19 so I have only been in this position 6 weeks as of the writing of this report. I ask that you remember Bill and his family during this time of deployment. Working together we continue the work of evangelical outreach and mission until he returns in December.

Matthew 28:19-20 reminds us that we are all called to be involved in outreach and mission through our baptism into Christ I hope all appreciate the mission we are able to do together in the South Dakota Synod and the ELCA.

New Congregational Development:

Pueblo de Dios – TEEM candidate Maria Caballo Salmon is the pastor of the congregation and reaches out to the Spanish speaking population in Sioux Falls with additional support through:
- **Agora** – a partnership that provides training to immigrant ministries.
- **Ayuda** - “Ayuda means “help” in Spanish and connects people in our ELCA congregations with new Latino neighbors.

Woyatan – Pastor Henrique Flemming is the mission developer to this vital congregation reaching out to the Native American community in Rapid City.

First Lutheran African Ministry – This ministry is led by Abraham Gayetaye a seminary student.

Table of Grace is our new church start in the Harrisburg School District a joint ministry with PCUSA. Pastor Jess Daum (ELCA) and Kristie Berglund (PCUSA) are the pastors.

Church on the Street: Rebel Hurd is leading this newest worshiping community of our synod sharing the word and celebrate the sacrament among people who struggle with homelessness.

Pine Ridge Ministry: Pastor Kay Ressel is leading this most important ministry in one of the poorest communities in South Dakota.

Wopila House:  Wopila House is a cooperative ministry with the Episcopal Church on the Rosebud reservation providing an opportunity for young adults to experience native culture.

Mission Strategy Tables

- Communities Facing Addiction – Connected to FaceIT Together
- Huron Connecting Cultures – Reaching out to the immigrant population in Huron
- Charis Ministries – Sioux Falls Area

Thank for your partnership in the Gospel!
2017 Assembly Report

I was pleased to report to the 2015 assembly that with gifts received at the assembly the appeal reached $600,000. The report at the 2016 assembly showed that gifts from all sources totaled $2,208,595.29. As of the writing of this report, gifts to date have reached $3,501,032.19 and more gifts are anticipated to be received before the assembly. My thanks for your generosity are expressed in the works of the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippians: “I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy for all of you.” Thanks to God for your generous response.

The challenge goal of the appeal was $4,000,000 and there is still time for individuals and congregations to participate in the appeal. We are so grateful for all the volunteers who have assisted with the appeal. Over 200 volunteers have worked in leadership roles in the appeal and I am so grateful for their work.

HAS YOUR CONGREGATION PARTICIPATED IN THE APPEAL?

- Every congregation in the South Dakota Synod is invited to:
  1. Participate in the appeal
  2. Appoint a congregation appeal leader(s)
  3. Set a congregation goal for the appeal

- When your congregation has appointed the appeal leader, contact the appeal office so that materials and training can be provided for your appeal leader.

My time as director of the appeal ended on March 19, 2017 when I became the Interim DEM & Associate to the Bishop while Bill Tesch is deployed. I am grateful and thankful for the opportunity to serve the South Dakota as director of the appeal and for the privilege of signing thank you letters for the hundreds of donors who have supported the appeal. Thanks again for your generous support.

If you would like more specific information about the appeal, contact the appeal office.

Rev. Robert Hansen, Appeal Director
Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

It continues to be a great honor and privilege to serve on the SD Synod Staff! I feel very blessed to be part of a talented, gifted and supportive team of colleagues and work with many fine rostered and lay leaders of our synod!

This year was filled with congregational visits, conducting Parish Studies for congregations with a Rostered Minister vacancy, and accompanying candidates in the candidacy process. One of the great joys of this work is walking alongside newly called Rostered Ministers as they begin their new journey in ministry.

Newly ordained pastors in SD Synod include:

Pastor Ben Eisele, Gayville/Bergen, Meckling and Luther Center of USD
Pastor Kristen Eisele, Gayville/Bergen, Meckling and Luther Center of USD
Pastor Christy Hallenbeck Ask, Spirit of Joy, Sioux Falls
Pastor Jonathon Hallenbeck Ask, West Prairie, Lennox
Pastor Shelly Gehring, St. John, Madison

Newly commissioned Deacons in SD Synod include:

Deacon Laura Campbell, Our Savior’s, Spearfish

Serving with the wonderful people on the Support to Ministries and the Candidacy Committee, continues to support great leadership in our congregations of the SD Synod. The annual Candidacy Retreat was held the last weekend of April and we have a talented group of folks looking to serve the church! We have 42 candidates currently in process and 13 of them are in our pilot program called Kairos, working with Luther Seminary, Sioux Falls Seminary and Luther House of Study. Candidates have the opportunity to serve in their congregations as Synodically Authorized Ministers and continue their seminary education at the same time.

I continue to be a trainer for the Emotional Intelligence and Human Relations Center. Our mission is to increase the effectiveness of leaders within faith-based communities through experiential development of EQ competencies and human relation skills. We will continue to host a 5-day workshop yearly for our leaders.

I want to take the opportunity to thank you for my upcoming sabbatical! I will be out of the office the months of June, July and August. I look forward to rest, renewal and rejuvenation and am so grateful for this time and I continue to thrive and grow in my role!

Peace,

Deacon Susan Marone, MA, LPC
Associate to Bishop Zellmer
Greetings from Pine Ridge,

We have had an exciting year of transition here at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center! We are grateful to our ministry partners who have journeyed with us through these changes and continue to offer financial, material, and prayerful support. **THANK YOU!!** Here are some highlights:

**Job Corps:** The Synod Council approved the Lutheran/Lakota Job Corps Pilot Program this past spring and we have five staff members currently working through this program. They are people who live in the community that we are serving. They are completing projects that have been requested by community members as well as projects here at the Retreat Center. This program compliments our Cultural Immersion ministry, when visiting teams come to the Center they work alongside the Job Corps crew bridging the gap between visitors and people living in the community. The Job Corps also provides essential housekeeping and maintenance at the Center. It is our hope that this program will provide a place of learning and work force development in the Pine Ridge community.

**Immersion & Hospitality Ministries:** Hosting visiting faith based and academic groups in cross cultural immersions includes programming and presentations that strive to provide space for mutual conversation and greater understanding of each other. Although there is a service project element included, the focus is on creating healthy, mutually respectful relationships. We strive to address and break down barriers that are supported by negative stereotypes to open the door to deeper appreciation for each other. The day is ended with a Talking Circle to provide a time of open, honest dialog.

**Building updates:** Last summer’s sewer back-up ended up being a blessing! We used the funds from the insurance and donations from many congregations and supporters to undertake some much-needed repairs and maintenance. The Job Corps staff worked alongside visitors to complete the work. Over the winter the basement received a complete facelift! The drywall has been replaced, repaired and re-painted, the bathrooms have been updated with tile. The water heaters have been updated to more energy efficient models, and LED lighting has been installed throughout the building. Furniture and window coverings were updated as well as the children’s play area. *(We are still looking for some help with the challenge created with parking lot drainage, if you are someone with knowledge in that area we would be thrilled to put your expertise to good use!)*

**Energy Assistance Matching Fund:** The heating season has come to a close and through the matching fund 101 households benefitted. Those households included 616 people (358 children, 258 adults). The people in the community provided nearly $12,000 on behalf of their families. The PRRC and our partner AMEND provided nearly $15,000. The change to a matching fund has been very successful and allowed us to assist more people. We have planned some fundraising events to prepare for the next heating season.

**Easter worship:** Thanks to help from students from Lutheran Campus Ministry we hosted about 50 people for Easter worship in the Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church. During holy week, the children who attended Kids’ Time dyed 40 dozen eggs and decorated bags for the egg hunt on Easter Sunday. We shared a turkey dinner together in the backyard. Thanks to our staff, Trish, Chris, Jeannene, Serena, and Brian; and Rachel and the LCM students, Victoria, Dan, Caleb, and Josh; for making this wonderful day a reality!

**Takoje Wachi Oyate (Grandchildren’s Dance Society):** The children who participated in traditional dancing here at the Retreat Center last year have asking when we will begin practicing for the upcoming pow wow season. Practices have been scheduled and we plan on taking them to three pow wows this year. We hope that we will have ten children again this year, and will try to expand that if there is more interest. If you are able to help with this please let Pastor Kay know!

**Kids’ Time:** The afterschool program continues to provide a safe place to play and worship. We host children Monday through Friday and feed them supper on Wednesdays. The new toys and play centers have been a big hit with the kids! This ministry continues to be one of the favorites of visiting teams and the children of Pine Ridge.

**Threshold Ministries:** We continue to provide morning coffee, lunchtime sandwiches, quilts & blankets, hygiene kits, and baby diapers & wipes to folks here on Pine Ridge. These continue to challenge ourselves to discover ways to shift the focus from providing the material items to ways of helping folks find the ability to provide for themselves and their families, in the meantime we will continue to provide this important ministry to families and individuals.

Special thanks to the Job Corps crew, Jeannene, Chris, Trish, Serena, and Brian; our colleagues in the Bear Butte Conference, the Steering Committee, our Ecumenical Partners, Bill Tesch, Bishop Zellmer, the Synod Staff & Council for your commitment to the people of Pine Ridge, and the words of encouragement, prayers, and support. **We are truly servants together!**

Mitakuye Oyasin!
Rev. Karen Ressel (Pastor Kay)
Director of Native American Ministry, South Dakota Synod of the ELCA
Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Synod Coordinator
Deacon Suzanne Hansen

This year, 2017, is a year of looking ahead to what can be helpful to congregations in the South Dakota Synod and continue to impress the importance of faith formation to all ages. The continuation of meeting once a month with the Children and Family Ministry Network and the Youth and Ministry Network is always important to everyone who attends. These groups provide support and continuing education to participants with sharing new and tried ideas for Faith Formation in congregations.

In the 2017 SD Synod Assembly the Director for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston is the guest speaker. This is a great opportunity for the Youth attending the Assembly and the adults attending to hear firsthand about the Youth Gathering that will be held in Houston July 2018. As the Synod Coordinator for this Youth Gathering, I am very thankful that the South Dakota Synod has been very active in their support in sending the High School Youth to previous Gatherings.

Lutheran Outdoors camps and mission trips are also a focal point for the youth in South Dakota. This year, I am leading 2 weeks of Peer Leadership Ministry at Outlaw Ranch. It is important that we all keep in prayer the great ministry that the young adults and the adult youth ministers do for this Synod in spreading the word of Jesus Christ with their words and service.
2017 REPORT TO SYNOD ASSEMBLIES
Paul Baglyos
ELCA Candidacy Leadership in Regions 3 and 4

Many readers of this report will know that the former positions of Regional Coordinators have been eliminated from the ELCA Churchwide staff. A new Churchwide staff team responsible for candidacy leadership throughout the ELCA has been convened, involving a combination of Chicago-based and deployed Churchwide personnel. The new candidacy leadership team serves under the direction of Greg Villalon, ELCA Director for Candidacy, and is part of the ELCA’s Domestic Mission unit, directed by Stephen Bouman. I am pleased to serve on the new candidacy leadership team, and my particular position relates to the fifteen synods of Regions 3 and 4. March 1 was the start date of my new position, which means that I am still early into my work as I write this report.

“Candidacy” is the term by which the ELCA refers to its work of accompaniment and formation with people who are preparing to serve as rostered ministry leaders – pastors and deacons – in the ELCA. Each synod has a candidacy committee that carries out that work on behalf of the ELCA in relation to the men and women who discern a vocation to prepare for public ministry leadership in this church. Candidacy committees work with synod staff and other synod leaders to carry out their work. My primary responsibility is to provide timely support and assistance to the candidacy leaders, candidacy committees and candidates in each of the fifteen synods to which I now relate.

Since March 1, I have arranged a schedule of monthly phone conferences with the primary candidacy leaders in each synod of Regions 3 and 4. I have also been arranging my travel schedule so as to be present in person as a Churchwide partner with synod candidacy committees as often as possible when they convene for meetings, retreats and other occasions of gathering. Throughout the remainder of 2017 I will be present with each of the fifteen synodical candidacy committees at least once. Additionally, I also arrange all special interview and review panels with candidates as needed.

I conclude with the following request to all who read this report: Consider the people you know in your congregation or other ministry setting who demonstrate interest and gifts relevant to public ministry leadership, and encourage them to consider a vocation to serve as deacons or pastors in the ELCA. Also, then, assist them in connecting with your synod’s candidacy committee so that they might begin their journey of formation and preparation.
Introduction
This year marks the 29th year of the ELCA Region 3 Archives. I continue in the archivist position half-time for the 9 synods of Region 3 and half-time for Luther Seminary. This shared position continues to work well, with Luther providing space and access to the student worker pool and Region 3 providing the school a large and useful research collection. We also benefit from the much-needed help of 8 regular volunteers, (part of the seminary “friends” group) and technical support from the school’s IT office.

Use of the Region 3 Archives
Our website (www.luthersem.edu/archives) has greatly increased use of both collections and services. Luther Seminary hosts the website and provides technical support for it. The site is regularly updated with new training material for congregational audiences as well as listings of the actual archival holdings. The website remains our “front door”, attracting a growing number of users from within, as well as beyond, the ELCA. In addition to the internet, researchers reach us via phone calls, mailed letters and personal visits.

+ The Archives assisted a total of 922 reference patrons in the past year with a range of research interests. The majority (66%) are congregational committees working on scanning projects, anniversary celebration planning, history writing and related questions. Other significant user groups include synod offices and church wide offices as well as individual researchers.
+ Daniels worked on-site with all 9 synod offices, gathering permanently valuable office records and assisting with retention plans for each office. He visited each office at least 6 times during the year. These visits were coordinated with 32 on-site congregational visits throughout the 3 states of Region 3.
+ Daniels spoke at 25 adult forums and study groups in congregations throughout the Region. The main focus of these presentations is the use of memory in the congregation and Region 3 Archives services.

Collection Growth
+ The Archives received 580 linear feet of synod office records from the 9 offices. These included legal, financial, personnel and program files.
+ Gathered an additional 296 congregational histories – collection now totals 6,488 histories.
+ Received 545 biographical pieces for files on clergy and lay leadership – collection now totals 6,825 files.
+ Additional 16 congregations filmed their valuable church records through the new scanning program.
+ Processed the Metro Lutheran newspaper for permanent retention of all 29 years of newspaper history. This valuable collection will be ready for research use soon.

Outreach and Education
+ Daniels led workshops on congregational archives at 5 Region 3 synod assemblies in 2016. He also presented Archives services information at 3 fall theological conferences.
+ Daniels recently completed meeting with all 9 synod councils in the Region during the past year to acquaint and update this key leadership group with the services and activities of the Region 3 Archives.
+ Distributed over 630 copies of “Memory Work: A Guide for Congregational Archives and History” to congregations and individuals. It is also accessed electronically via the Region 3 Archives website.
+ Continues off-site storage program for all Region 3 synods for professional and permanent care of sensitive files, including candidacy, camping staff, and financial records using Iron Mountain Co.
+ Promotes and manages a large records scanning service for congregations to replace the long-running microfilming program. This new service of digitizing vital church records began in April 2013.

Professional Development
+ Daniels is an active member of several professional archival organizations, including the Society of American Archivists, the Midwest Archives Conference and the Twin Cities Archives Roundtable.
+ Daniels maintains his professional certification in the Academy of Certified Archivists.
+ Daniels continues active participation in the Lutheran Historical Conference, a pan-Lutheran group of historians, archivists and librarians.
Respectfully submitted, Paul A. Daniels, ELCA Region 3 Archivist and Luther Seminary Archivist, 3.1.2017
The Mission Investment Fund (MIF), the lending ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, makes low-interest loans to ELCA congregations and ELCA-related ministries for building and renovation projects.

At year-end 2016, MIF had 860 loans outstanding, totaling $524 million.

To fund these loans, MIF offers a portfolio of investments for congregations, their members, synods and ELCA-related ministries to purchase. At year-end 2016, MIF investments by congregations, their members, synods and ELCA-related ministries totaled $474 million.

The Mission Investment Fund is a financially strong and stable organization, with a record of steady, controlled growth. With total assets of $678 million and net assets of $198 million at year-end 2016, MIF maintains a capital ratio of 29 percent—positioning MIF in the top tier of well-capitalized church extension funds.

MIF Loans and Investments in the South Dakota Synod (as of December 31, 2016)
- 9 Mission Investment Fund loans, with a balance of $3,793,625
- $8,471,004 in Mission Investment Fund investments by 215 individuals, 100 congregations, 21 ministries and the synod

MIF representative
The Rev. Daniel B. Carlson, Regional Manager, Tel: (773) 682-2943; email: dan.carlson@elca.org
South Dakota Synod
2017 Vice President’s and Synod Council Report

The Synod Council serves as the board of directors of the synod and the interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly. Members of the Synod Council are thoughtful and diligent in carrying out these duties and responsibilities on behalf of the members of ELCA congregations throughout South Dakota.

Highlights of Synod Council activities and actions include:

- Approved disbursement of Listen God is Calling! appeal funds received to date
- Authorized and approved a proposal for a seminary debt refinancing program
- Approved security updates at the Pine Ridge retreat center
- Approved development and implementation of a re-entry program through St. Dysmas
- Approved development of a Lakota job corps at Pine Ridge
- Visited congregations to express appreciation for ongoing mission support to the synod and engage in conversations about ministry
- Recommended adoption of amendments to the South Dakota Synod Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions which can be found elsewhere in the preliminary report. Thank you to Bishop Zellmer, Pastor Jonathan Vehar, Jon Schmitz, and Sara Dannen for serving on the synod constitution review committee.

Several opportunities have allowed me to better understand the depth and breadth of the mission and work of the South Dakota Synod and the ELCA. I attended the ELCA Churchwide Assembly as a voting member in August 2016. The week was filled with worship, greetings from global and national partners, learning about the ongoing mission of the ELCA, and hearing and acting on numerous memorials. A highlight of the week was electing a new ELCA vice president. I was privileged to travel to and meet with brothers and sisters in both of our companion synods. I was a member of the nurse contingent (along with Susan Leddy, Synod Secretary) of a delegation to Cameroon led by Bishop Zellmer. It was very interesting to interact with fellow health care workers in Africa. I was also a member of a medical mission group to Nicaragua. I was fortunate to represent the South Dakota Synod at the ribbon cutting and blessing of the remodeled facility at Cedro Galan (funded by the South Dakota Synod).

Words of appreciation are extended to outgoing Synod Council members: Susan Leddy, Secretary; Marilyn Green, Crossroads; Pastor Randy Koeller, Medary; Mary O’Donnell, Northern Plains; and Rose Lauck, Prairie Rivers. Your commitment to the fulfillment of the mission of the synod is appreciated.

Thank you also to Bishop David Zellmer, Pastor Bill Tesch, Deacon Susan Marone, Pastor Bob Hansen, Pastor Kay Ressel, Pastor Charlie Bunk, Deacon Suzanne Hansen, Crystal McCormick, Lois Borchardt, Sawyer Vanden Heuvel, and Marilyn Green for their dedication and passion for the work and ministry of the synod. Special words of appreciation go to Jim Schade and Kurt Osborne who have retired after many faithful years of service to Lutheran Planned Giving.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as the Vice President of the South Dakota Synod.

God’s blessings to you.
Ephesians 6:24- “Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.”

This is my first report to the Synod on behalf of the Companion Synod Committee. Though other Synods have committees entrusted with the entire Great Commission of Jesus to go into the whole world, we take seriously our commitment to befriend our Christian Brothers and Sisters in Nicaragua and Cameroon.

Here are our current priorities: A) **Deepen our friendship with visits to and from our companions.** We challenge you to think about visiting our companions in either 2017 or 2018. As coordinator I am planning trips in November to Nicaragua and in January 2018 to Cameroon. I invite you to consider accompanying me on these visits. I also challenge you to meet Drs. Solofo and Joely Rakatoarivelio, doctors in Garoua Boulai, Cameroon, and Sergio Rios Carrillo, our missionary in Managua, Nicaragua while they are with us this month. B) **Provide gifts and prayers to support projects in these countries.** We are currently accepting gifts to build roofs on church buildings in Cameroon. There are 23 projects with walls and doors in place awaiting a new roof. We continue to support elementary school students in the Train Up a Child program in Cameroon. We are accepting more donations for theological books for the Lutheran Institute for Theology in Meiganga, Cameroon. We have a vision to build one new Library-Classroom-Chapel building there and housing for four families in the student housing part of the Campus. We also encourage you to consider gifts to further the medical work of the three hospitals and associated clinics which offer Jesus’ healing presence in the areas in which our church serves. In Nicaragua we provide the salary of our missionary Sergio, we raise money for the annual Youth Retreat in January, we help with the Green Project in Agricultural Development, and we have recently finished new construction of the Cedro Galan center in Managua. We are excited about the possibility of rural health work through Global Health Ministries in the Somotillo area of Northwest Nicaragua. C) **Consider becoming a missionary yourself.** We are looking for one pastor (male or female) who would consider spending 3 months of a Sabbatical in 2018 living at a Bible School associated with the church and teaching a course using English. The EELC church would choose one of their pastors to come to the United States to shadow you in your context for 3 months so they might get acquainted with your work and your English. They in turn would host you and interpret for you when you travel to Cameroon three months after they return to their native land. We have a standing invitation from the Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope in Nicaragua to celebrate Reformation Sunday with them and teach 2 days of Bible Study to their leaders in late October. Pastor Ramona Hayes of Langford is going this year. Please consider this for future years. If you would like to spend a sabbatical leave in Nicaragua I’m sure the church would be delighted to host you as well. D) **Consider being a part of our Mission Team.** We have welcomed new members from to our committee this year from Northern Plains Conference, Medary Conference, and Crossroads Conference. We are hoping for a few members from Southeastern Conference and Bear Butte Conference as well. Thank you for all you do for Jesus in the places you serve.

Rev. Charlie Bunk, Coordinator of Companion Synod Relationships
South Dakota Synod Candidacy Report 2017

The South Dakota Synod is blessed with 41 individuals, or candidates, that seek to become rostered ministers in the ELCA. As these candidates make this journey to become leaders in our church, there are 15 individuals from throughout the SD Synod, both pastors and lay people that walk with the candidates on their journey. The individuals walking with the candidates are members of the SD Synod Candidacy Committee.

Candidates for rostered leadership in the ELCA pass three mileposts: applicant for entrance, endorsement, and finally approval for leadership in the ELCA. The Candidacy Committee meets to discuss with the candidates the process of candidacy and major steps in candidacy. A relator from the Candidacy Committee is assigned to each candidate to walk with them on their journey to become a rostered minister in the ELCA.

The SD Synod has been blessed with money that has been given by individuals, organizations, endowments and foundations for scholarships for those in candidacy. The Candidacy Scholarship Committee this year awarded over $90,000 in scholarships to 15 individuals on this journey to become rostered ministers in the ELCA.

The SD Synod and Luther House of Study at Sioux Falls Seminary are working together on the Kairos Project, an alternative educational track within the Masters of Divinity program that facilitates flexible learning through contextual integrated educational moments and adaptable assignments. It is designed for individuals who are actively engaged in ministry. Students accepted in Kairos move toward outcome based Christian maturity under the supervision of a mentor team, by direction of faculty and through participation in a cohort-based community learning. There are currently 12 Kairos students within the Masters of Divinity track in Candidacy to become rostered ELCA Ministers.

As members of the SD Synod, we play an important role in talking with and encouraging individuals that have the qualities to become rostered ministers in the ELCA. As Paul writes in Romans chapter 12 of the different gifts of Christian service, we are called to lift up those with gifts to become leaders in our church.

If you have any questions about candidacy, please contact Deacon Susan Marone, Associate to the Bishop, smarone@sdsynod.org, phone: 605/274-4022; or Crystal McCormick, Candidacy and Mobility Office Coordinator, cmccormick@sdsynod.org, phone: 605/274-4024. Or click on: http://www.sdsynod.org/candidacy
This year marks the end of my time as chairperson of the Support to Ministries Committee. I have served this committee for four years, and have learned a few things along the way – some of which I think is pertinent to our conversation.

The process of connecting pastors and congregations is sacred. It’s sacred because of the care, prayer, and diligence given by the people you’ve asked to serve in these roles – both lay and clergy. It’s holy because we believe God is active in this process, creating life, offering salvation, and changing lives both in separation, transition, and call. This isn’t easy to see; at times it is frustrating and confusing as congregations wait for names to interview, or pastors wait to hear back from calls, or the support to ministry committee waits for meetings and communications to take place. Each interested party is called through this process to pray, trust, and listen – pray to God for guidance and grace, trust God to be at work even (and especially) when we have a hard time understanding, and listen to each other so that our cares, concerns, and questions can be addressed.

I’ve learned that it’s easy to look at “the synod” and wonder why this institution isn’t getting more done. I’ve also learned about how much care and support and effort those who work at the synod level put into finding congregations good pastoral matches. At every meeting, we pray for congregations in the call process, asking for God’s guidance and strength for the pastor and congregation that God is calling together. At every church consultation, we work to be sure that the process is clear and communication is taking place. It’s really is easy to dismiss “those people” at the synod level as disconnected and semi-involved when “they” are a only a name – but they are people who care deeply that in your congregation the gospel is preached, the sacraments are being administered, and people are taken care of. I ask that, as they keep you in prayer, you would keep them in prayer.

This year a primary goal was to rework the congregational call process booklet into a more workable and helpful guide. We are pleased with the outcome - more clearly defining the objectives and concisely identifying tasks with direction.

I wrote this a couple of years ago, but find it true still: Throughout this year…I’ve been thankful for the members of the committee: their prayerful support of each other and the congregations of South Dakota in the midst of change; their familiarity with, and concern for, congregations throughout the synod as they ask difficult questions and deal with difficult situations; their joyful conversation and uplifting spirit in the midst of ministry. They are a blessing to me, and to this synod. Also, thank you to Susan Marone and Bishop Dave for direction, encouragement, and support. Thanks also to Crystal McCormick for her patience and professionalism.

May God bless you in your ministry. I’m thankful I’ve been blessed to walk with you these last few years in a unique way.
Evangelical Outreach Committee

The Evangelical Outreach Committee, in coordination with the Multi-cultural Committee, works with these multi-cultural ministries throughout South Dakota:

1. Pueblo de Dios, Sioux Falls
2. First Lutheran African Ministry, in their new location on Kiwanis
3. Woyatan, Rapid City
4. Pine Ridge Retreat Center
5. Wopila House, Rosebud Reservation

The committee works also to develop or redevelop outreach ministries through staffing, funding and other support. Current developing congregations are:

1. Westside Lutheran, Sioux Falls
2. Table of Grace, Harrisburg
3. Church on the Street, Sioux Falls
4. First Lutheran, Newell (redeveloping)

During the past year, this committee invited the churches of Huron and surrounding communities to form a Mission Strategy Table in regard to outreach and relationship to the Karen and Hispanic populations residing there. Those churches have come together to form “Connecting Cultures” and are building relationships and planning events that help the community to share both their culture and their faith.

A “Sustainability Task Force” is being formed to explore alternative ways to assist ministries that cannot support themselves and will always need partner assistance. The committee is also discussing ways to assist rural congregations in redevelopment and renewal.
Greetings from Augustana University:

Here on campus, we have been hard at work to achieve our mission of providing an education of enduring worth that challenges the intellect, fosters integrity and integrates faith with learning and service in a diverse world.

This fall, we welcomed more than 1,900 students from 34 states and 38 countries. Most are part of our residential community and call our 100-acre campus home. Our graduate and continuing education programs serve students online and during times that are convenient for adult learners.

The 2016-17 academic year has been an exciting one for Augustana. Recent highlights from AU include:

- Increased enrollment — Augustana’s fall enrollment grew 5 percent from last year, marking the University’s highest enrollment since 1990.

- New facilities — In September, we dedicated the Froiland Science Complex, our new $35 million, 125,000-square-foot science facility. The project featured a 41,000-square-foot new addition and a complete renovation of our existing science facility. Inside the Complex today, you can find our professors and students working together to research cancer pathways, ponder mathematical solutions, explore dark matter, develop advances in nursing, and more. Across campus, construction is currently underway on a new, 13,780-square-foot student housing complex, located on Summit Avenue. This facility will be open to students this fall.

- In March, Augustana and the Center for Western Studies welcomed acclaimed astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson for the 2017 Boe Forum on Public Affairs. More than 3,000 people attended the event, held on campus in the Elmen Center.

On a personal note, the last year has been especially bittersweet for me. After serving Augustana for the past 25 years — first as a member of the Board of Trustees, then as chair of the Business Department, and most recently, as president, I’ve announced my plans to retire, effective July 31. For Angie and me, serving Augustana has been an honor and a privilege. We will be forever grateful for the opportunity and for the many wonderful friendships we have formed with faculty and staff, students, alumni and supporters.

While Angie and I will miss our daily work at Augustana, the University will never be far from our hearts and minds. Our Viking pride runs deep, so you will still find us at games, concerts, gallery exhibits and discussions (when we’re not busy enjoying our 1-year-old grandson).

And, we look forward to the University’s next chapter — the inauguration of incoming President Stephanie Herseth Sandlin will take place during the week of September 10-16. We hope you’ll join us to be part of this special event and celebrate Augustana’s next leader — an individual who, I am certain, will help Augustana reach new heights in the years to come.

As always, we thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on Augustana University, and thank families from our South Dakota Synod congregations who have encouraged their daughters and sons to attend Augustana. We pray that more young people will see the benefits of the Christian community that an Augustana educational experience includes, and continue to offer our prayers for the ministries of South Dakota Synod.

For Augustana University,

Rob Oliver
President
The Chapel in the Hills is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation formed to maintain and operate the Chapel in the Hills. We are considered a Special Partnership Ministry of the South Dakota Synod. The Chapel and grounds are open to visitors from May 1st to September 30th and during special programs and services the remainder of the year.

Each year we welcome visitors from all 50 United States and several countries. The Chapel offers a quiet retreat from the hustle and bustle of vacation and offers a place for tourists and locals alike to slow down, relax, and enjoy Christ’s presence in a peaceful setting. The Chapel fills a unique niche in the Synod’s evangelism through its ministry to visitors, while sharing our Lutheran heritage and traditions.

Evening worship services are held throughout the summer, continuing the tradition that began when the Chapel was the home of the Lutheran Vespers radio program. The Chapel continues to host numerous weddings, vow renewals, and other special services throughout the year. In addition, we continue to seek ways to extend our mission to the local community and beyond. We are continuing our expanded outreach by again inviting clergy from all over the Synod and country to serve as guest pastors. Last year, we literally had ELCA pastors from coast-to-coast come and serve as host pastors. The response has been very positive for all involved, as these pastors shared their ministry with us and brought back awareness of the Chapel to their own congregations and friends.

During the past few years, we have played host to various youth and adult volunteer groups, helping with general maintenance of the Chapel property. As a non-profit corporation, we would not be able to function without our volunteers. We have a very dedicated staff of volunteers who work in our gift shop and serve as hosts for our visitors throughout the summer. If you should ever feel a call to serve as a volunteer in the gift shop, on a maintenance project, or as a visiting pastor, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Adequate funding is always a concern—and goal—of the Chapel in the Hills board of directors. We are beginning the process of some long-term strategic planning on how best we can provide a secure, permanent source of funding for the maintenance and operation of the Chapel. If anyone would like to be involved in this process, or has some ideas or suggestions as to how best to accomplish this goal, please get in touch with us. We appreciate all input from you, our Synod partners.

As we look to 2019 and the approach of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Chapel in the Hills, we ask for your continued prayers and support of this unique ministry in South Dakota. Come visit us when you are in the Black Hills. Discover the peace you will find on your visit, and then share the news of this special place with others!

In Christ’s Love,

Brian & Joyce Kringen, Managers
WHAT HAPPENS AT CAMP MAKES AN IMPACT!
Young people who attend a week of camp are 3 times more likely to be actively religious 5 years later than those who do not. Research from the National Study of Youth and Religion 2003-08 confirms what many of us have known for years...Faith is deepened, new skills are learned, and lives are positively changed through your support of your SD camps. THANK YOU for making an impact!

YOU ARE INVITED...
This summer we celebrate NeSoDak’s 75th Anniversary of Ministry! Join us at the lake July 21-23 as we celebrate what God has done in the lives who have been touch by the waters of Lake Enemy Swim.

SHORELINE UPDATE
Good news...We are over half way to our $800,000 goal to purchase 523 feet of shoreline adjacent to the NeSoDak swim beach. This purchase was set in motion by a unanimous vote at the 2016 LO Annual Meeting during the SD Synod Assembly. This additional shoreline will greatly increase the experience and safety of your campers. I invite you to “Get On Board” and help us complete this important addition.

Rev. Layne Nelson
Executive Director

In 2016, the camps and year-round retreat centers of LOSD served 18,031 people through summer programs and year-round retreats.

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2016 Congregational Numbers

- **Number of South Dakota Congregations:** 209
- Of those congregations **136** send campers during summer

2016 Retreat Numbers

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2016 Revenue

- **Total Revenue:** $3,136,878
  - Outlaw Ranch/AMR: $857,420
  - Joy Ranch: $711,483
  - NeSoDak: $590,049
  - Klein Ranch: $98,589
  - Administrative Office: $671,338

2016 Expense

- **Total Expenses:** $3,182,755
  - Outlaw Ranch/AMR: $870,339 – 27%
  - Joy Ranch: $956,617 – 30%
  - NeSoDak: $220,265 – 20%
  - Klein Ranch: $875,577 – 27%
  - Administrative Office: $647,879 – 20%

Endowment

- **Endowment As Of February 1, 2017:** $2,304,826
- **Contributions To Endowment In 2017:** $719,933

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 Welcomes all to explore & experience Christ’s love in community and creation.
Heartland Ephphatha Ministries Report to the 2017 Synod Assembly
submitted by Jason Andera

Heartland Ephphatha Ministries is a ministry of the South Dakota Synod housed at Peace Lutheran Church. Our mission is to bring the Gospel of Jesus to those who are Deaf. We worship at 9:00 am each week at Peace. This year we had a great year. Here are some of our highlights

· We had our annual Deaf Awareness Sunday at Peace where we invited a sign choir to help us celebrate.

· Jeff Panek went to Jamaica School for the Deaf on a mission trip.

· Mark Koterwski win the national ELDA Shining Light award.

· Two of our members were elected to the ELDA board.

· We hosted a deaf pastor from Nigeria, Ruth Ulea for a week.

· We traveled to Minneapolis for the ELDA national conference.

· We had Bible studies about world religions.

· We offer three levels of sign language classes at Peace Lutheran Church.
So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new. —2 Corinthians 5:17

Our Mission: Luther Seminary educates leaders for Christian communities, called and sent by the Holy Spirit, to witness to salvation in Jesus Christ, and to serve in God’s world.

Our Vision: to be a catalyst of God’s transforming work for church and world.

This past year marked the creation of our new three-year rolling strategic plan drawn from our deep commitment to our mission with a newly crafted vision. As we began our planning journey, we solicited significant input from many different people to ensure we considered the complex needs of the church and world. We prayerfully considered our vision for preparing a new generation of leaders. We identified three strategic priorities: transforming leaders, transforming learning community and transforming collaboration. We think these priorities will have the greatest impact on educating pastors and other church leaders for a changing church.

Transforming leaders

We’ve made great strides this year to provide dynamic programming to meet the needs of our nearly 600 degree students and nearly 4,000 pastors and other leaders who lead in a rapidly changing world. We’ve embraced adaptive ideas in order to successfully prepare our students to do God’s work for the sake of the world.

Transforming learning community

We are moving forward with developing a more vibrant, diverse and sustainable residential and online learning community, responsive to the changing ways in which students learn, live, interact and worship.

Transforming collaboration

We are poised to take new and innovative approaches in order to fulfill our mission and we’re exploring ways to partner and collaborate. Our collaborative efforts with Augsburg College including leasing space for one of their graduate programs, sharing our information technology platform and library resources all bode well as we imagine additional ways which can further strengthen our distinctive mission.

I am hopeful about the future, not only because of the efforts of our students, board, staff and faculty, to lean into the difficult work of transforming, but because our hope is rooted in Jesus Christ, the one who has been raised from the dead. I know that we are changing a lot of this institution’s traditional patterns and this is disruptive for many. We will continue to explore questions ahead concerning the flourishing of how we better serve the need for more theological education, in more formats, for more parts of the world—all for the sake of God’s mission. I trust that the Risen Christ holds us in the midst of this creative work.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support.

Robin Steinke
President

2016 Annual Report
Meet Kim and Sterling

Kim was one of 591 students enrolled at Luther Seminary during the 2015-16 academic year. Of those, 51 percent were women.

Master of Arts students like Kim made up 15 percent of enrolled students.

ELCA members accounted for 71 percent of the student body. Thirty-one denominations including Kim’s Christian Reformed Faith, made up the remaining 29 percent of students.

Kim is one of 10 M.A. CYF students and 120 M.Div. students enrolled in the distributed learning program.

The cost of Kim’s tuition last year was $16,000. When accounting for additional off-campus living expenses, a year of study cost approximately $35,578.

Kim van der Giessen, who is pursuing an M.A. in Children, Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary, hopes to spend her career working with inner city youth and she sees her seminary degree as an important move forward in pursuing that goal.

See Kim’s story at www.luthersem.edu/kim.
Sterling was one of 69 students hailing from Region 5 of the ELCA. Luther Seminary claims students from all nine regions.

Financial aid covered approximately 47.5 percent of the cost of tuition and fees for students like Sterling.

As a scholarship recipient, Sterling received part of the $2.1 million awarded during the 2015-16 academic year. On average, students receive $6,985 in scholarships and grants from Luther.

Sterling was among the 56 percent of Luther students who pursued an M.Div. degree in 2015-16.

Sterling received one of 469 scholarships awarded in 2015-16.

Sterling Lynk, who is pursuing his M.Div. degree in Congregational Mission and Leadership, has combined aspects of being a residential student at the seminary with the flexibility of online classes as a Distributed Learning (DL) student. One day each week, he makes the four-plus-hour one-way drive from Wisconsin to attend classes on campus.

See Sterling’s story at www.luthersem.edu/sterling.
Unrestricted Operating Expenses

- Student Instruction $5,399,858
- Institutional Support $5,663,957
- Scholarships $2,090,528
- Auxiliary Enterprises $938,925
- Physical Plant and Maintenance $2,778,634
- Student Services $1,496,194
- Academic Support $1,383,222

Total Expenses $19,751,318

* Includes $857,000 invested by the endowment into Luther Seminary

Unrestricted Operating Income

- Private Gifts, Grants and Releases $7,406,933
- Tuition and Fees $5,138,411
- Endowment Draw $3,726,996
- Auxiliary Enterprises $1,253,726
- Churchwide and Synod Support $1,641,047

Total Unrestricted Operating Income $19,167,113

Luther Seminary and Foundation consolidated balance sheets, June 30, 2016 and 2015

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| Liabilities and Net Assets | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Other Current Liabilities | $2,487,381 | $2,785,574 |
| Notes Payable & Line of Credit, Current Portion | 308,869 | 250,862 |
| Total Current Liabilities | $2,796,250 | $3,036,436 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | | |
| Other Long Term Liabilities | 7,891,010 | 7,102,234 |
| Notes Payable, Net of Current Portion | 5,154,408 | 5,263,277 |
| Total Long-Term Liabilities | $13,045,418 | $12,365,511 |
| Total Liabilities | $15,841,668 | $15,401,947 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Unrestricted | 1,460,867 | 2,967,633 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 14,163,218 | 18,872,783 |
| Permanently Restricted | 81,995,093 | 80,397,495 |
| Total Net Assets | $97,619,178 | $102,237,911 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | $113,460,846 | $117,639,858 |

Endowment

Total Market Value (as of 6/30/16)* $87.1 million

Investment Returns
- 1-year -0.87%
- 3-year 5.75%
- 5-year 4.89%

Luther Seminary’s Annual Report numbers are also available at www.luthersem.edu/annualreport.

Learn more about giving to support future church leaders at www.luthersem.edu/giving.
We Believe that God’s Love Compels Us to Serve and to Value All People

The Center for New Americans recently moved to its permanent home on the LSS Campus located at 300 East 6th Street in Sioux Falls. Entering the reception area, you will see the word TOGETHER boldly displayed on the north wall. Our core values—to be compassionate, appreciative, respectful, ethical and strategic—are embedded. Our values are grounded by our faith in God—they guide our hands and feet, our hearts and words as we serve our neighbors as God intended.

As the social service ministry organization of the SD Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, LSS serves on your behalf. Together, we celebrate a strong tradition of serving our neighbors for nearly a century. Over the last four months, it has been especially powerful. We’ve seen an outpouring of support for our Center for New Americans and those we serve through prayers, in-kind gifts, financial contributions, volunteer efforts and advocacy.

Thank you for your support and commitment as we face a future of uncertainty about refugee resettlement and how that affects the LSS Center for New Americans. Your continued support is needed. Together, let’s continue to bridge the religious and cultural divides that exist in America today.

Telehealth Technology Impacts LSS Services

LSS has been using telehealth technology to provide substance abuse services to rural communities for more than three years. LSS expanded telehealth services in response to the growing need for affordable and accessible services.

People in every community struggle with grief, a mental health issue, their finances, an abusive situation or an addiction. LSS can reach a young person in a small rural town with their second DUI and a court order for substance abuse services. With technology, this young person can sit at a home computer, join a live video session, and participate in a group with people across the state to learn how to cope.

With telehealth video conferencing, an LSS marriage counselor is accessible to a couple contemplating divorce. They can sit at their kitchen table in rural South Dakota and start communicating for the first time.

Student loan debt touches our young people in all areas of the state. A college graduate overwhelmed and unable to understand their debt can effectively communicate with a financial counselor specializing in student loan debt.

A neighbor, quietly struggling with an addiction, isolating themselves from their community and struggling to keep their job, can get needed help at home to maintain sobriety through treatment groups and secure video conferencing.

LSS has a strong tradition of creating and developing opportunities for those we serve to become self-sufficient, be better equipped to provide for themselves and their families, and to make a positive impact on their community. Telehealth services help make that happen.

Arise Youth Centers • Adoption Services • Better Together Center for Financial Resources • Center for New Americans Childcare & Education • Counseling Services Alternatives to Detention • Disaster Response Fatherhood & Re-Entry Services • Foster Care • Kinship Mentoring Services • Pregnancy Counseling New Alternatives Independent Living Services Residential Services for Children & Youth
Those unfamiliar with the criminal justice system often assume men being released from prison would be excited and happy while the reality is that they are most often anxious and worried. It is hard work finding housing and employment.

Following last year’s synod assembly the synod council approved our request to begin a Reentry and Reintegration program for returning citizens. Thanks to the generosity of congregations and individuals in the SD Synod our program is now fully funded and we will begin implementing the program. Our reentry program will invite congregations to stand with and support those leaving prison in this transition. If you would like to know more you can read about our Reentry program on our website: www.stdysmas.com or call our office, (605) 338-1735.

Our congregations at the SD State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls and Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield continue to flourish. For men reminded of their biggest regret or worst mistake by the clothes they wear and the steel bars they look through, worship is their only respite from being defined by their worst mistake. When they enter worship they are a child of God, period. While we work hard to proclaim a word of grace and hope it is the presence of fellow believers from outside the walls, visitors from congregations who proclaim grace and hope better than any sermon could.

Matthew writes that when we visit those in prison we will encounter Christ. Those who have visited have experienced the powerful truth of these words. Through the power of the gospel visitors and inmates alike encounter Christ in each other.

We cherish the breadth, depth and generosity of our ministry. We appreciate your partnership, Your prayers and financial support, the yarn, Christmas fudge & cards, Thrivent Action Grants all enable us to grow in size and effectiveness.

We want to thank you for the generous and crucial partnership you have shared with St. Dysmas this past year. Our congregations at the SD State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls and at Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield are healthy and vibrant thanks to you.

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

As the ELCA commemorates the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we are reminded that *the church should always be reforming* — adapting to a changing landscape even as it stands firm in its mission. In 2016, Portico’s ministry epitomized this combination of innovation rooted in mission, as we expanded our service and stewardship in new ways while continuing to provide cost-effective, high-quality health and retirement benefits for more than 46,000 active and retired ELCA rostered ministers, lay employees, and their families in partnership with the almost 6,600 ELCA churches and employers we serve.

**We championed a wellness reformation in the ELCA, inviting a recommittal to healthier lifestyles and a healthier church.** For the first time, we formally extended our annual wellness challenge to congregations. Also a first: We surveyed those already living a healthy lifestyle, and more than 1,800 members and spouses shared inspiring testimonies of the life-changing power of prioritizing one’s physical and emotional health.

**We offered a new approach to providing health care.** In response to the growing prevalence of chronic disease and rising claim costs, we introduced Portico Care Coordinators by Quantum Health to help members navigate today’s complex health care system and get the best possible care at the right price. The anticipated savings from this industry-leading approach was one of several cost-containment measures that helped us hold 2017 health contribution rates to the lowest increase in four years.

**We answered the church’s call for socially-informed investing.** We strive to live out the church’s mission and make an impact in God’s kingdom as we manage the assets in the ELCA Retirement Plan. Memorials at Churchwide Assembly in August affirmed the three powerful ways we impact corporate behavior through shareholder advocacy, screening, and positive investing. The Assembly also called for even broader work on the environment and human rights; in the coming months, we look forward to partnering with the ELCA to develop screens that will guide future investment opportunities.

**We developed new support for financial decision-making.** For two decades, Portico has been a leading voice in the ELCA connecting the importance of physical, emotional, and financial health to ministry. In response to members’ desire for an easier way to manage their retirement savings, we developed new benefits that will help our members better assess their readiness for retirement, and will provide personal assistance to help them reach their financial goals.

These efforts — and many more — come thanks to a dedicated, creative staff constantly seeking to improve our internal operating processes, maximize efficiency, and be good stewards of the resources entrusted to our care. Their efforts helped ensure that for the third straight year, Portico’s capital and operating expenses were under budget, and we maintained ELCA Health Plan and Retirement Plan expense ratios lower than our benchmarks. As the church adapts to today’s changing landscape, Portico is well positioned to continue to provide the best possible care for our members, so they can serve the world with confidence, resilience, and faithfulness.

In Christ,

The Rev. Jeffrey D. Thiemann
President and CEO
Greetings from St. Olaf College!

Since 1874, St. Olaf College has provided a distinctive education grounded in academic rigor, residential learning, global engagement, and our vibrant Lutheran faith tradition. Students work closely with dedicated faculty who challenge them to grow in mind, body, and spirit. In both the curriculum and the co-curriculum, they explore theological issues and are challenged to choose their vocations in light of this exploration. All St. Olaf students take two religion courses, one focusing on the Bible and the other on Christian theology, as well as a third course introducing Christian and other ethical systems. The Harry C. Piper Center for Vocation and Career assists students in discerning their vocations and preparing for their careers during their four years at St. Olaf.

Over the past year, the college has welcomed several new colleagues to key positions. Carl Lehmann ’91 began his appointment as Vice President and General Counsel in June 2016, following more than 20 years at the law firm Gray Plant Mooty, where he chaired the firm’s Employment and Higher Education practice group. The following month, Katie Warren ’95 was appointed the college’s first Chief Marketing Officer, bringing 16 years of experience in marketing services, innovation, and strategic planning. In September 2016, St. Olaf welcomed seven new faculty members to tenure-track appointments, and in February 2017, nine faculty members received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor.

A semester-long campus conversation about the college mission statement culminated with the May 2016 approval by the St. Olaf Board of Regents of the following new expression of the college’s core purposes: St. Olaf College challenges students to excel in the liberal arts, examine faith and values, and explore meaningful vocation in an inclusive, globally engaged community nourished by Lutheran tradition. In July, the college hosted nearly 200 pastors, church musicians, artists and lay leaders from across the U.S. at the St. Olaf Conference on Worship, Theology, and the Arts, focused on the theme of Resurrection, Reformation, and Renewal. The conference featured numerous St. Olaf faculty and staff; Mark Lawson, President of MorningStar Music Publishers; other professionals in worship and the arts; and the Rev. Thomas G. Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching Emeritus at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. The next CWTA conference has already been scheduled for July 16-20, 2018 (stolaf.edu/cwta/). This past fall, the college launched the public phase of For the Hill and Beyond, a $200 million campaign whose priorities are to advance high-impact learning experiences, strengthen community, enhance affordability, and sustain the college mission. Finally, in December 2016 the college successfully completed its mid-cycle accreditation review by the Higher Learning Commission.

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Olaf. Come to campus to join us at concerts, lectures, conferences, or summer camps. You can also visit the St. Olaf multimedia website (stolaf.edu/multimedia/) to join in a wide variety of live and archived streamed events, including daily Chapel and Sunday morning worship services during the academic year, the weekly Sing for Joy radio program, and vocal and instrumental concerts and recitals. We encourage you to send students to St. Olaf, we thank you for your prayers and support, and we offer you ours as well.

David R. Anderson ’74
President
2016 Annual Report to the Synods
Wartburg College is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning.

Enrollment
Fall 2016 enrollment was 1,482 students. This number included international students and U.S. students of color totaling 21 percent. We look forward to an expanding number of students as we reach forward into the 2020s.

A Successful Transforming Tomorrow Campaign
Wartburg’s $75 million comprehensive campaign ends in May 2017, raising more than $83.4 million to date. A highlight of the campaign is the $8 million McCoy Living and Learning Center dedicated in October 2016. It is named for Mike McCoy, chair of the Wartburg Board of Regents, and his wife, Marge who made a $2 million challenge grant for the project. The McCoys also serve as Campaign co-chairs. The center includes a renovated residence hall, and the addition of a multipurpose classroom, a faculty-in-residence apartment, a student lounge and study spaces.

Academic Programs
- The Wartburg Board of Regents approved a new major in Public Health to commence in Fall 2017.
- Wartburg now partners with Western Illinois University to offer an integrated “4+1” program for students seeking a bachelor’s degree in history at Wartburg and a master’s degree in museum studies from WIU.
- The engineering science program received a $123,300 grant from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust to create an Innovation Studio.
- Wartburg West, the College’s urban studies program in Denver, Colorado, celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2016. Danielle Harms was named director of outreach and project development.
- The college community prepared for the March 2017 reaccreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission. The College was last accredited in 2006.

Vocation and Faith
- Wartburg received a $17,665 NetVUE Vocation Exploration Renewal Grant. Its focus is expanding and deepening the theological exploration of vocation among the College’s American ethnic students in 2016-17. The grant is headed by Krystal Madlock, director of multicultural student services, T.J. Warren, Pathways associate for vocation and mentoring, and Pastor Ramona Bouzard, dean of the chapel.
- Campus Pastor Brian Beckstrom is leading a research project that explores faith identity and mission at select ELCA colleges. His doctor of ministry work will provide important context for a campus-wide faith identity discernment process in 2017. It also coincides with a program review for the College’s Spiritual Life and Campus Ministry division.
- The 2016 Graven Award, an annual award for vocation and daily life, was awarded to Bruce Weber, Kansas State University head men’s basketball coach, long-time supporter of Lutheran Social Services and Coaches Against Cancer.
- Dr. Stephen and Elaine Main and the Rev. Dr. Larry ’66 and Lois Reyelts ’66 Trachte received Wartburg Medals in recognition of their sustained service to the college.

Recognition
- Wartburg was recognized in the 2016 Sustainable Campus Index, in the areas of water use and rainwater management.
- Wartburg finished in the top 25 of the Learfield Sports Division III Directors’ Cup standings, the 2016 wrestling team won a national championship; women’s basketball advanced to the final four, and 38 student-athletes won NCAA postgraduate fellowship awards.
- The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, the Rev. Dr. Walter Bouzard Jr., and Dr. Karen Black, contributed to Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans. Dr. Kleinhans also served as editor to the volume.

We are blessed to work with gifted students who are committed to changing the world. Thank you for encouraging your students to join Wartburg’s historic tradition as they share their gifts to enrich our community of learning.

Dr. Darrel D. Colson, President
## Proposed Budget

*02/01/2018 - 01/31/2019*

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Introduction

0.01 The purpose of any system of parliamentary procedure is to provide a structure within which a deliberative body may conduct its business with the greatest degree of efficiency consistent with full and free debate. These rules of order have been prepared for use in the Synod Assembly of the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA. They reflect generally accepted principles of parliamentary law and procedure, simplified, and modified for their specific purpose.

0.02 The presiding officer of the Assembly should be identified as the President of the Assembly, and should be addressed as Mr. President or Madam President.

Motions and Resolutions

1.00 There are two kinds of motions that may come to the floor of the Assembly. Substantive motions propose actions that determine the policy and program of the Synod. These are usually presented in the form of resolutions. Only one substantive motion may be on the floor at a time. Procedural motions determine the procedures the Assembly follows in dealing with substantive motions and in conducting its business.

(To illustrate, motions to amend, to substitute, to table, to adjourn or recess and so on are procedural motions. A procedural motion may be made while there is a substantive motion on the floor. Although only one procedural motion may be on the floor at a time, one procedural motion may displace another. For example, a motion to refer a substantive motion may be displaced by a motion to adjourn, a point of order, or a call for the orders of the day. Some procedural motions may interrupt the actions of the Assembly in order to change its direction.)

1.01 a. Resolutions may be submitted to the Resolutions Committee by the Synod Council, Conference Councils or Assemblies, Synod Boards and Task Force Committees, the Regional Center for Mission Coordinating Council, Congregations of the Synod, Synod Auxiliaries, other ELCA Synod Assemblies, the Synod Bishop, Conference Caucuses, the Resolutions Committee, or corresponding Churchwide Expression of the ELCA. Resolutions from individuals must gain the approval of one of the above groups before their resolution will be considered. Every resolution shall have a specified source. The source of a resolution is the chair or designee of the entity submitting the resolution.

When sources of resolutions know that their resolutions may be controversial or pertaining to sensitive issues, the sources are encouraged to arrange for a meeting with the Resolutions Committee. These arrangements for a meeting should be made with the committee chairperson prior to the convening of the Assembly.

b. The Resolutions Committee, by direction of the Bishop shall meet early enough to complete preliminary work prior to the beginning of the meeting of the Assembly to allow time during the meeting of the Assembly:

1) for consultation with sources.
2) to deal with resolutions submitted during that meeting.
c. The order for presentation of resolutions shall be determined by the Chair of the Resolutions Committee, the Bishop, and Chair of the Synod Council. At the beginning of each plenary session the Assembly is to be informed of the intended schedule of all pending resolutions and may take action to change the order of presentation of resolutions.

d. All resolutions or amendments dealing with one issue shall be presented together to the Assembly prior to action moved on any single resolution.

e. As resolutions are received at the Synod Office, they should be edited for form and grammar by a committee appointed by the Bishop.

1.02 Resolutions shall include a title reflecting the content of the resolution, its origin, and a number assigned by the Committee.

1.03 The Committee, in consultation with the source of the resolution, may edit and revise each resolution for clarity and consistency.

1.04 The Committee must present each resolution substantially as it is received but may propose amendments. The sources of resolutions should be informed of Resolutions Committee recommendations prior to plenary presentation. Consultation with source of resolution is required in the case of substantive amendments prior to plenary presentation.

1.05 The Committee may also draft such resolutions it deems necessary or is directed by the Assembly.

1.06 The Committee shall forward each resolution to the Assembly with one of the following recommendations:

1.06.01 **Do Pass**
"Do Pass" indicates the Committee’s approval of the resolution and places it on the floor of the Assembly. No further motion or second is needed.

1.06.02 **Do Pass as Amended**
"Do Pass as Amended" indicates the Committee’s approval of the Resolution modified by the Committee’s amendment(s) and places the Resolution and the Committee’s amendment(s) on the floor without further motion or second. Both Resolution and amendment(s) are considered together.

1.06.03 **No Recommendation**
"No Recommendation" indicates the Committee’s inability or unwillingness to make a common recommendation. For the Resolution to be considered, it must be moved and seconded from the floor of the Assembly.

1.06.04 **Commit to Committee**
"Commit to Committee" places a motion on the floor of the Assembly to refer the Resolution to one of the Synod Boards or Committees.
**Rules of Parliamentary Procedure**  
**South Dakota Synod, ELCA (continued)**

1.06.05 **Do Not Pass**  
"Do Not Pass" indicates the Committee's recommendation not to pass the Resolution. For the Resolution to be considered, it must be moved and seconded from the floor of the Assembly.

1.07 A resolution is presented to the Assembly by a representative of the Committee with its recommendation.

**Amendments**

2.00 Amendments may alter or even reverse the purpose or effect of the original Resolution.

2.01 A Resolution may be amended by "striking" or "deleting" parts of it, "inserting" or "adding" material, or by both. Any voting member may make an amendment. A second is required. The President may require the voting member making the substantive amendment to provide a written copy of the amendment to the Secretary of the Assembly before a vote is taken on the amendment.

2.02 Amendments may be made to a resolution, to previous amendments, or in some cases to procedural motions. Each amendment is considered in order, and at each point, passing an amendment modifies the next stage of the matter.

2.03 When an amendment is moved, made and seconded, the amendment becomes the primary substantive motion on the floor and is the subject of discussion. When discussion on the amendment is complete, the Assembly votes whether to change the original resolution (Yes) or not (No). If the amendment passes, then the question is on the amended resolution.

2.04 Resolutions, amendments, and other actions require a simple majority to pass unless specifically noted.

**Procedural Motions**

3.00 Certain motions may be made and acted upon while there is a substantive motion on the floor. A procedural motion may be on the floor at the same time as a substantive motion and may be displaced by further procedural motions. Those motions permitted by these rules in order of precedence are as follows-

3.01 "I move we adjourn." This motion cannot interrupt a speaker. It requires a second. It is not debatable. Requires a majority vote to pass. When there is no further business, the President may declare the Assembly adjourned without a motion.

3.02 "I move we recess for ________ minutes, or until _________."  
This motion may not interrupt a speaker. It requires a second. It may be amended. It is not debatable. It requires a majority vote to pass. The President may declare a recess without a motion.

3.03 "I call for the orders of the day." This motion may interrupt a speaker. It does not require a second. It is not debatable, and it requires no vote. It enables the Assembly to return to its Agenda and time schedule. The President may invoke the Orders of the Day without a motion.
"I rise to make a point of order." May interrupt a speaker. Does not require a second. It is not debatable. It requires no vote because the President rules. The President may rule on points of order without a call for a ruling.

"I appeal the decision of the President." May interrupt a speaker and does not require recognition by the President. Requires a second. The President may indicate the reasons for the ruling and the appealer or may state his or her objection. No further debate is allowed. Requires a majority to pass. A tie will sustain the President.

"I call for a division of the Assembly." This provides for a vote by standing. It may interrupt a speaker. It may be requested by any voting member and is required if 50 voting members support it. It is not debatable. The President may request a division if uncertain of the result of a voice vote.

"I call for the division of the question." This requires the resolution to be divided into its separate parts. It may not interrupt a speaker. It requires a second. It is not debatable. It requires a majority.

"I move that nominations be closed." May not interrupt a speaker. Requires a second. It is not debatable. Because it restricts discussion, it requires a two-thirds majority to pass. If further nominations are not forthcoming, the President may declare nominations closed.

"I move that we suspend the rules and ...." It may not interrupt a speaker. Requires a second. Because it forces debate to an end and restricts full and free discussion, it requires a two-thirds majority to pass. If there are no more speakers and it is clear that discussion is finished, the President may proceed to call for the vote. One may not make this motion at the end of a speech on the motion on the floor.

"I move to lay ____________ on the table." Requires a second. It is not debatable. It requires a majority to pass. If the motion is passed, the matter that is tabled is no longer under consideration until the Assembly votes to take it from the table. (See 3.13).

"I move that we proceed to vote on the resolution before us," or "I move the previous question." It may not interrupt a speaker (calls of "Question" are out of order). Requires a second. Because it forces debate to an end and restricts full and free discussion, it requires a two-thirds majority to pass. If there are no more speakers and it is clear that discussion is finished, the President may proceed to call for the vote. One may not make this motion at the end of a speech on the motion on the floor.

" I move that we refer ... to...." It cannot interrupt a speaker. This motion requires a second. It is debatable. It requires a majority vote to pass.

The following motions have no order of precedence or rank among themselves.

"I move we take ____________ from the table." It requires a second. It is not debatable. It requires a majority vote to pass. This motion reverses the action of 3.10.

"I move we reconsider...." This motion asks that a previous action be reopened for further discussion and another vote. It may interrupt a speaker. It requires a second. The proposer of the motion must have voted on the winning side in the previous action. It is debatable. It requires a majority vote to pass.
Rules of Parliamentary Procedure  
South Dakota Synod, ELCA (continued)

Speaking by Voting Members

4.00 When a voting member wishes to speak on a matter before the Assembly, the following procedure should be followed.

a. Go to a microphone.
b. Wait to be recognized.
c. State your name and position (voting member, advisory).
d. Make your comments – 2 minute limit

e. If you have motions to make, make them. If you make a substantive amendment or one that is long or involved, you must provide a written copy of the motion to the Secretary of the Assembly before the vote is taken if requested by the President.

4.1 The proposer of a motion has first opportunity to speak on the motion, if it is debatable.

4.2 The President will seek to facilitate open and balanced discussion.

Amendment of Rules

5.00 These rules may be amended at a Synod Assembly by a Resolution approved by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Assembly.
# Parliamentary Procedures Summary

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S6.04.03. The Synod Council shall allocate numbers and categories of Churchwide Assembly members and alternates among the conferences of this synod. Each conference shall nominate members and alternates of the Churchwide Assembly according to the Synod Council allocation and according to that conference's nomination procedures. Members and alternates elected shall be ratified by the Bishop.

+S6.05. Each assembly, council, committee, board, commission, task force, or other body of this synod or any synodical units shall be conclusively presumed to have been properly constituted, and neither the method of selection nor the composition of any such assembly, council, committee, board, commission, task force, or other body may be challenged in a court of law by any person or be used as the basis of a challenge in a court of law to the validity or effect of any action taken or authorized by any such assembly, council, committee, board, commission, task force, or other body.

+S6.06. References herein to the nature of the relationship between the three expressions of this church – congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization – as being interdependent or as being in a partnership relationship describe the mutual responsibility of these expressions in God’s mission and the fulfillment of the purposes of this church as described in this chapter, and do not imply or describe the creation of partnerships, co-ventures, agencies, or other legal relationships recognized in civil law.

Chapter 7. SYNON ASSEMBLY

+S7.01. This synod shall have a Synod Assembly, which shall be its highest legislative authority. The powers of the Synod Assembly are limited only by the provisions in the Articles of Incorporation, this constitution and bylaws, the assembly’s own resolutions, and the constitutions and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

+S7.11. A regular meeting of the Synod Assembly shall be held at least triennially.

S7.11.01. The Synod Assembly of the South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall meet annually.

S7.12. Special meetings of the Synod Assembly may be called by the bishop with the consent of the Synod Council, and shall be called by the bishop at the request of one-fifth of the voting members of the Synod Assembly.

a. The notice of each special meeting shall define the purpose for which it is to be held. The scope of actions to be taken at such a special meeting shall be limited to the subject matter(s) described in the notice.

b. If the special meeting of the Synod Assembly is required for the purpose of electing a successor bishop because of death, resignation, or inability to serve, the special meeting shall be called by the Synod Council after consultation with the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

S7.13. Notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Synod Assembly shall be given by the secretary of this synod.

S7.13.01. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting of the Synod Assembly shall be published in official publications established by this Synod or mailed to the ordained ministers, Associates in Ministry, deaconesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and diaconal ministers, under call, on the official lay rosters of this synod and congregations, not less than 90 days before the meeting of the Assembly.
S7.14. One-half of members of the Synod Assembly shall constitute a quorum.

+S7.21. The membership of the Synod Assembly, of which at least 60 percent of the voting membership shall be composed of lay persons, shall be constituted as follows:

a. All ministers of Word and Sacrament under call on the roster of this synod in attendance at the Synod Assembly shall be voting members.

b. All ministers of Word and Service, under call, on the roster of this synod shall be voting members in the Synod Assembly, in addition to the voting membership of lay members of congregations provided in item +S7.21.c.

c. A minimum of one lay member elected by each congregation with fewer than 175 baptized members and a minimum of two lay members elected by each congregation with 175 or more baptized members related to this synod, normally one of whom shall be male and one of whom shall be female, shall be voting members. The Synod Council shall establish a formula to provide additional lay representation from congregations on the basis of the number of baptized members in the congregation. The Synod Council shall seek to ensure that, as nearly as possible, 50 percent of the lay members of the assembly shall be female and 50 percent shall be male. Additional members from each congregation normally shall be equally divided between male and female.

d. Voting membership shall include the officers of this synod.

+S7.21.A07 Any congregation of this synod which elects a 16-21 year old as a voting member shall be granted one additional voting member. Any congregation of this synod which elects a person of color and/or a person whose primary language is other than English as a voting member shall also be granted one additional voting member. The number of lay voting members per congregation is determined by the following scale:

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*Figures used are the published baptized membership totals from the most recent South Dakota Synod Handbook. **Goal of a balance of female/male voting members.

+S7.21.B02 Ordained Ministers from a church body with which a relationship of full communion has been declared and established by a Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall be granted the privilege of both voice and vote in the Synod Assembly during the period of called or contracted service in a congregation of this synod, in accord with ELCA churchwide bylaw 8.72.12.
ELCA pastors serving as interim pastors, under contract to a congregation of this synod, shall be granted the privilege of both voice and vote in the Synod Assembly during the period of contracted service in a congregation of this synod.

Licensed Lay Ministers certified by the South Dakota Synod, under contract to a congregation of this synod, shall be granted the privilege of both voice and vote in the Synod Assembly during the period of contracted service in a congregation of this synod.

Voting members shall begin serving with the opening of a regular Synod Assembly and shall continue serving until voting members are seated at the next regular Synod Assembly.

Retired ordained ministers, retired associates in ministry, retired deaconesses, and retired diaconal ministers on the roster of this Synod may serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly if they are elected by their congregations and if the 60 percent minimum representation of lay persons required by +S7.21. is satisfied.

All retired ordained ministers, all ordained ministers on leave from call, all associates in ministry on leave from call or retired, all deaconesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on leave from call or retired, and all diaconal ministers of this church on leave from call or retired, all of whose names appear on the rosters of this synod, shall have the privilege of voice but not vote at all meetings of the Synod Assembly.

The presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and such other official representatives of this church as may be designated from time to time by the Church Council shall also have voice but not vote in the meetings of the Synod Assembly. Like privileges shall be accorded to those additional persons whom the Synod Council shall from time to time designate.

Ordained ministers under call on the roster of this synod shall remain as members of the Synod Assembly so long as they remain under call and so long as their names appear on the roster of ordained ministers of this synod. Associates in ministry, deaconesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and diaconal ministers of this church serving under call on the roster of this synod shall remain as members of the Synod Assembly so long as they remain under call and so long as their names appear on the official lay roster of this synod. Lay members of the Synod Assembly representing congregations shall continue as such until replaced by the election of new members or until they have been disqualified by termination of membership. Normally, congregations will hold elections prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

Except as otherwise provided in this constitution or in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, each voting member of the Synod Assembly shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod.

This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council that permit representatives of authorized mission settings formed with the intent of becoming chartered congregations and authorized worshipping communities of this synod, which have been authorized under ELCA bylaw 10.02.03., to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with +S7.21. Authorized worshipping communities, acknowledged under criteria, polices, and procedures approved by the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall accept and adhere to the Confession of Faith and Statement of Purpose of this church, shall be served by leadership under the criteria of this church, and shall be subject to the discipline of this church.

This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council to grant an ordained minister from a church body with which a relationship of full communion has been declared and established by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America the privilege of both voice and
vote in the Synod Assembly during the period of that ordained minister’s service in a congregation of this church.

**S7.28.** Duly elected voting members of the Synod Council who are not otherwise voting members of the Synod Assembly under +S7.21. shall be granted the privilege of both voice and vote as members of the Synod Assembly.

**+S7.31.** Proxy and absentee voting shall not be permitted in the transaction of any business of this synod.

**S7.32.** The Synod Rules of Parliamentary Procedure shall govern the procedure of the Synod Assembly.

**S7.33.** "Ex-officio" as used herein means membership with full rights of voice and vote unless otherwise expressly limited.

**S7.40.** Committees of the Synod Assembly

**S7.40.10.** Credentials Committee

**S7.40.11.** Prior to the Synod Assembly, the Synod Bishop shall appoint three persons to act as a Credentials Committee. This committee shall report when requested on the number of voting members, visitors, advisors, and others in attendance.

**S7.40.20.** Election Committee

**S7.40.21.** Prior to the Synod Assembly, the Synod Bishop shall appoint three ordained ministers and three laypersons to an Election Committee to supervise elections and announce the results to the Synod Assembly.

**S7.40.30.** Resolutions Committee

**S7.40.31.** Each conference shall elect one representative to a Resolutions Committee. The Synod Bishop shall appoint two representatives at large, and shall designate the convener of the committee. In the case of a vacancy, the Synod Bishop will appoint a replacement.

**S7.40.32.** The committee shall elect its own leadership.

**S7.40.33.** The committee shall receive all resolutions, prepare them, and make recommendations on them in accordance with the Synod Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for transmission to the Synod Assembly.

**S7.40.34.** The committee shall draft such resolutions as it is instructed to draft by the Synod Assembly, and may draft others it deems necessary.

**S7.50.** Conference Caucus

**S7.50.10.** The members of the Synod Assembly from each conference shall constitute the conference caucus.

**S7.50.11.** The caucus may draft resolutions for submission to the Resolutions Committee.

**S7.50.12.** The caucus may discuss resolutions, and transact such other business as the voting members determine.

**S7.50.13.** The caucus shall meet at the call of the Bishop, the President of the Conference or the request of 15 percent of the voting members of the conference.

**S7.50.14.** The officers of the conference shall serve as the leadership of the caucus.
SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD CONGREGATIONS BY CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE I – PRAIRIE COTEAU

COMMUNITY

CONGREGATION NAME

Bradley John's Lutheran
Bristol Bergen Lutheran
Bristol Bethesda Lutheran
Britton First Lutheran
Butler Butler Lutheran
Clair City First Lutheran
Claremont Augustana Lutheran
Clark St Paul Lutheran
Croker Croker Lutheran
Florence Goodhue Lutheran
Florence New Helgen Lutheran
Kidder Pleasant Valley Lutheran
Lake City Lake City Lutheran
Langford Evangelical Lutheran
Langford Falnes Lutheran
Langford Highland Lutheran
Milbank American Evangelical Lutheran
New Effington Faith Lutheran
New Effington Walla Lutheran
Peever Peever Lutheran
Pierpont Bethlehem Lutheran
Pierpont Skudenes Lutheran
Reville Trinity Lutheran
Reville Zoar Lutheran
Rosholt Bethania-Trondhjem Lutheran
Rosholt St Joseph Lutheran
Rosllyn Frön Lutheran
Rosllyn Roslyn Lutheran
Sisseton Grace Lutheran
Strandburg Tabor Lutheran
Summit Hope Lutheran
Veblen Our Savior Lutheran
Watertown Grace Lutheran
Watertown Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
Waubay Our Savior's Lutheran
Webster American Lutheran
Webster John's Lutheran
White Rock Augustana Lutheran
Wilmoth Wilmoth Lutheran

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