

**SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD ASSEMBLY**  
**June 10-11, 2011**  
**PRELIMINARY REPORT**

**“Walking Wet Together”**



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*For freedom Christ has set us free ... only do not use this freedom as an occasion for self-indulgence, but serve one another in love. (Galatians 5:1, 13)*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord!

As we gather in Christ's name for the spring 2011 synod assemblies, we have much to celebrate. God continues to bring the new creation in Christ to our life together in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We can be confident that our hands are doing God's work in our communities locally and globally.

Working together, we are a church known for rolling up its sleeves and solving problems, for being a catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Recently, as I boarded a plane in Los Angeles, a woman pointed to my clerical collar and asked, "What church?" When I told her, she startled everyone by bursting out, "We LOVE Lutherans! I work for FEMA and we know that you're the ones who are there until the work is done."

Why do we do this work? What compels us as the ELCA to raise money for those affected by the Pacific earthquake and tsunami or to plant new congregations in Seattle and Philadelphia? It's not to call attention to ourselves, but to be about God's healing of a broken world. We act not out of obligation, fear or guilt but out of gratitude for all we have been given.

Even in the midst of change, the ELCA is the church it has always been, one that is being renewed daily in the freedom that comes from Jesus Christ alone. The liberating power of the gospel releases us from our human limitations so that we may reach out in love to our neighbor. Thanks be to God! We are *freed in Christ to serve*.

"Freed in Christ to Serve," the theme of my message to the 2011 synod assemblies, expresses the very heart of our faith. Freedom is God's gift that has been flowing to us and through us since the day of Christ's death and resurrection. Through word and sacrament, freedom flows to the center of our being, transforming our very life and making us into servant vessels of the Spirit's liberating work.

As the living water of the gospel flows into your synod and congregations, it flows out through your serving as everyday evangelists. When the Spirit's liberating power flows through our church body, we serve the gospel as we plant new congregations and accompany our partner Lutheran ministries throughout the world.

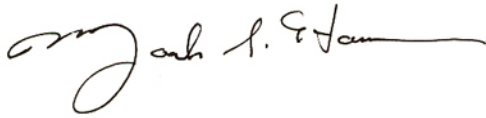
Our work is on a scale and scope that would be inconceivable as individual congregations or synods. The stories in the video shown at your assembly capture the spirit of a church that is *freed in Christ to serve*.

- When an Arizona congregation left the ELCA after the 2009 assembly decisions around sexuality, nearly 100 families kept their commitment to this church by starting a new congregation. Members at New Journey Lutheran Church are energized by their relationship to the ELCA, where they each find a home and a sense of vocation.

- Sunday services at Calvary Lutheran Church in North Dakota are standing room only. It's a nice challenge to face in this rural-based community. Congregational members know that their ability to share the gospel is rooted in a communal decision-making process.
- In the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake, the ELCA accompanies partners like the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti. They have clearly said, "We will not be defined by rubble, but by restoration." Together, we will continue to do this relief and redevelopment for as long as it takes.

As you gather for your assembly, I extend my gratitude for the creative and imaginative ministry of service flowing through this church—through each of you, our more than 10,000 congregations, our 65 synods and our churchwide ministries. Together we share our commitment to do God's work with our hands throughout the world.

In God's grace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark S. Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mark S. Hanson  
Presiding Bishop

**Twenty-Fourth Annual Assembly of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA**  
**Sioux Falls, South Dakota**  
**June 10-11, 2011**  
**Proposed Agenda**

**“Walking Wet Together”**

**Thursday, June 9**

- 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.    **Vibrant Faith Congregational Training Event** – St Mark’s Lutheran
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.    **Registration & Check-In** – Augustana Lutheran
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.    **Multicultural Event and Worship with Pueblo de Dios and First Lutheran African Ministry** – Augustana Lutheran

**Friday, June 10**

- 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.    **Registration & Check-In** – OSLC
- 9:00 a.m.            **Orientations – New Voting Members & Youth OSLC**
- 10:15-11:30 p.m.    **OPENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION** - OSLC Sanctuary  
Installation of Pat and Roe Eidsness, WestSide Lutheran  
Welcome  
Introductions  
Opening of the Assembly  
Greeting from Good Samaritan  
Our Vision: “That All May Be Fed”
- 11:30- 12:30        Box Lunches & Conference Caucuses
- 12:30- 2:15 p.m.    **FIRST PLENARY SESSION** - OSLC Celebrate Center  
**Four Key: Rituals and Traditions**  
Mission Interpreter Introduction/Bible Study with Vibrant Faith  
Adoption of Rules  
Adoption of Agenda  
State of the ELCA – Rev. Stephen Bouman  
Nominating Committee Report & Elections  
Resolutions
- 2:15 – 2:45 p.m.    **BREAK** (Provided by Prairie Coteau WELCA)
- 2:25 p.m.            **Resolutions Deadline** – Resolutions Committee Meeting
- 2:45 – 5:00 p.m.    **SECOND PLENARY SESSION** – OSLC Celebrate Center  
**Four Key: Caring Conversations**  
Mission Interpreter Introduction/Bible Study with Vibrant Faith  
State of the Synod – Bishop David B. Zellmer  
Keynote - Bishop Liz Eaton, Northeastern Ohio Synod  
Resolutions

5:30- 7:30 p.m. **WALKING TOGETHER/MILESTONE MOMENTS** – OSLC  
“Walking” Appetizers and “Milestone Moments” photos from Thrivent Financial  
Keynote Address – Rev. Stephen Bouman  
Celebration of Ordination, Anniversaries, seminary students, etc  
Bishop introduce staff /Family

**Saturday, June 11**

6:45 – 8:00 a.m. **MISSION PRAYER BREAKFAST** – OSLC Gathering Place

8:15 – 9:15 a.m. **MORNING WORSHIP** - OSLC Celebrate Center  
Bishop Liz Eaton preaching  
Installation of Synod Council

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. **THIRD PLENARY SESSION**- OSLC Celebrate Center  
Lutherans Outdoors Annual Meeting  
World Hunger Presentation  
Greeting from Augustana College

10:00-10:30 a.m. **BREAK** (Provided by Augustana College)

10:30 – 12:15 p.m. **FOURTH PLENARY SESSION**- OSLC Celebrate Center  
**Four Key: Service/Stewardship**  
Mission Interpreter Introduction/Bible Study with Vibrant Faith  
Treasurer’s Report / Presentation of 2011 Mission Plan  
Presentation of Faith Chests  
Resolutions

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:00 – 3:00 PM **FIFTH PLENARY SESSION**- OSLC Celebrate Center  
Adoption of the Mission Plan  
ELCA Church Council Report – Jeff Sorenson  
Evaluations  
Resolutions

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **THE BLESSING**- OSLC Celebrate Center  
**Four Key: Devotions**  
Mission Interpreter Introduction/Bible Study with Vibrant Faith  
Closing Blessing

**CLOSING OF THE ASSEMBLY**

**Printed copies of the agenda will be available when you register.**

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# South Dakota Synod

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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### **Bishop David B. Zellmer** **2011 Report to the South Dakota Synod, ELCA**

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ, Grace and Peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I write this report from the beautiful home of Phil & June Nelson, our ELCA Missionaries serving in Cameroon and Central African Republic. It is a beautiful day at the beginning of the rainy season here in N'Gaoundere. I have been traveling with Pastor Dan Overbo and Pastor David Piper. We attended the 27th General Assembly of our Companion Synod the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon. It was long, hot days starting with lovely worship each day, filled with a number of spirited musical offerings from many local choirs. Worship was followed by lectures on Repentance & Reconciliation. I had been asked to preach at the closing worship on Sunday morning and was delighted to work with Jim Noss as my translator and also our traveling companion.

We have spent 3 days at the Lutheran Seminary in Meiganga. I had the privilege of teaching for 8 hours on Lutheran Confessions with the 16 seniors at the seminary.

It has been a blessing for Pastors Overbo, Piper and myself to witness first hand, the diversity in this church, (they now have over 50 different tribes in their denomination), the strength of the congregations and their commitment to living out Christ's call to, "Go and Make Disciples" even while they continue to struggle with issues at the regional and national level of the church.

This past year for the South Dakota Synod has been a reflection of our Brothers and Sisters in Cameroon and Nicaragua. We continue to struggle with congregations that have ongoing turmoil over local issues and issues with Churchwide. A majority of my time and much of Susan Marone's time has been spent with congregations that have had two successful votes to leave and with congregations that have unsuccessful votes to leave.

To date we have had 25 congregations that have chosen to leave the ELCA since August of 2009, and three congregations that have had successful first votes and are awaiting their second. We are still in dispute with Holy Cross in Aberdeen. It is my contention, which is supported by the South Dakota Synod's Consultation Committee, that neither of Holy Cross's votes were constitutional and that members who were inappropriately dis-enfranchised should be restored to active membership and that the constitutional process for leaving must then be followed. I will be forwarding our findings to the South Dakota Synod Council, which will be meeting after the Synod Assembly, for final action.

To date the largest congregation that has left is Trinity Lutheran in Platte. The majority of the congregations that have left are quite small. Those congregations that have had unsuccessful votes to leave have all experienced a period of separating out its membership and, in many cases, its called and elected leadership. Each of those congregations would describe these transitions as traumatic but the Spirit has been at work and each is being revitalized by a commitment to mission, intentional focus on leadership development and through the life giving proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

During this past year the Synod Office has been diligent in remaining focused on supporting the mission and ministry of the congregations of the South Dakota Synod amidst transitions and changes.

- Because of decreased Mission Support, Jackie Hensley's position was eliminated mid February. A month later Sandy Cheney retired to be a full time grandmother.
- Crystal McCormick has been hired to be the new Candidacy Mobility Coordinator, and I have contracted (on an as needed basis) with Karen Rollag to coordinate the meetings and events that I am responsible for.
- Since April of 2010 we have been assigned 17 seminarians who have been great blessings to our ministry in South Dakota. Many have already been placed and serving in South Dakota congregations.
- Cathy Larson has coordinated a record number of groups to Nicaragua, including groups lead by Jim Schade and Herman Fink, who began planning a major renovation of Cedro Galan. This work is possible because of a wonderful lead gift from First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Cathy has also coordinated groups that have traveled to Cameroon, including this one.
- Suzanne Hansen has been a gift to those who work with our young people providing resources and support for our continued ministry with the youth of our church as they grow into leaders.
- Kevin Stillson has worked with Insight Marketing to completely overhaul our synod website and improve how we share the story of God at work in the South Dakota Synod.
- Lois Borchardt has been diligent in fulfilling the many directed gifts that have come to the synod office.
- Jim Schade and Kurt Osborne have done wonderful work with Lutheran Planned Giving. Gifts that dramatically impact our shared ministry have been developed during this past year. The South Dakota Synod has received a gift from the Orlin Berge estate that will provide full ride scholarships to Seminary for students from South Dakota.
- Pastor Bill Tesch, who is currently serving as an Air force Chaplain in Kyrgyzstan, has had a busy year working with our Ethnic Specific Ministries, local Mission Round Tables and our Mission Interpreters. We celebrate WestSide Lutheran, our new Mission start in NW Sioux Falls, led by Pat and Roe Eidsness, four supporting congregations, an ELCA mission grant, and a grant from the South Dakota Synod. Pastor Tesch, Kevin and Insight Marketing produced our Recipe Books and four TV spots that tell what it means to be Lutheran. Through generous gifts from individuals we were able to broadcast the spots across the synod.
- We developed and lead 9 "Chili with the Bishop" events across the South Dakota Synod. Over 750 people from across South Dakota shared in a meal, a Bible Study and worked on writing a new Vision statement to feed the hungry in our communities. Because of the warm response to the events we will plan for another round early in 2012.

It is my hope and prayer that each one of us will have renewed commitment to making sure that our neighbor is feed and that we purposefully share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all those who are need.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor David B Zellmer  
Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA



## CONGREGATION ANNIVERSARIES and ROSTER CHANGES

### Anniversaries and Dedications

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Our Savior Lutheran, Highmore

#### 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Split Rock Lutheran Church, Brandon  
First Lutheran Church, Britton  
Butler Lutheran Church, Bristol  
Fron Lutheran Church, Roslyn  
Zion-American Lutheran Church, Scotland  
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Highmore

### Congregations Left ELCA

5/16/10	American Lutheran, Castlewood
7/11/10	Hope Lutheran, Delmont
7/14/10	Ladner Lutheran, Buffalo
7/25/10	Little Missouri, Capital, MT
8/29/10	First Lutheran, Phillip
8/29/10	Trinity Lutheran, Midland
8/29/10	Our Savior Lutheran, Long Valley
9/5/10	Deep Creek Lutheran, Midland
9/26/10	Shepherd of the Hills, Lead
10/10/10	Immanuel Lutheran, Whitewood
10/10/10	St. Peter Lutheran, Armour
12/19/10	Christ the King, Newcastle, WY
1/16/11	Trinity Lutheran, Lake Norden
3/6/11	Hayti Lutheran, Hayti
3/6/11	New Hope Lutheran, Hayti
3/27/11	Grace Lutheran, Menno
3/27/11	Our Savior's Lutheran, Menno
5/8/11	Badger Lutheran, Badger

### Commissioning

4/10/11	Noel Kahl, AIM
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### Installations

5/16/10	Rev. Matthew Miller, New Home Lutheran, Mitchell
5/23/10	Rev. Hans Sacrison, St. Paul's Lutheran, Clear Lake
5/29/10	Rev. Holly Slater, First Lutheran, Mitchell
6/11/10	Rev. Layne Nelson, Lutherans Outdoors
6/11/10	Rev. Molly Sasser-Goehner, Outlaw Ranch, Custer
6/11/10	Rev. David Piper, Woyatan Lutheran, Rapid City

6/27/10	Rev. Craig Wexler, Community Lutheran, Hill City
7/10/10	Rev. Marjorie Hershey, American Lutheran, Bison
7/10/10	Rev. Velma Larson, Faith United Lutheran, Volin
7/18/10	Rev. Nicholas Slater, Salem Lutheran, Parkston
8/1/10	Rev. Trisha Boese, Trinity Lutheran, Vermillion
8/1/10	Rev. Jacalyn Griffin, ELCA Churchwide Ministry
8/22/10	Rev. Tamara Craker, Our Savior Lutheran, Faulkton
8/29/10	Rev. Ann Rosendale, Peace Lutheran, Sioux Falls
9/12/10	Rev. Nancy Quatier, Bethania-Trondhjem Lutheran, Rosholt
10/3/10	Rev. Erik Olson, Immanuel Lutheran, Elk Point
11/21/10	Rev. Mark Eliason, Scandia Lutheran, Centerville
2/6/11	Rev. Steven Moberg, Zion Lutheran, Garretson
3/27/11	Rev. Wayne Gallipo, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran, Tea
5/7/11	Rev. Amy Eisenman, Holy Cross Lutheran, Sioux Falls

### **Leave from Call**

12/31/10	Rev. Keith Garness
3/3/11	Rev. Kathleen Soldwisch

### **Necrology**

7/23/10	Rev. Allen Jacobson
8/1/10	Rev. Orville K Anderson
8/15/10	Rev. Erwin Brandt
12/28/10	Rev. Alvin Albert
1/28/11	Rev. Marlin Vetter
2/15/11	Rev. James Schwartz
2/18/11	Rev. Quentin Quanbeck
3/13/11	Rev. Harold Manson

### **Ordinations**

5/29/10	Rev. Holly Slater
5/29/10	Rev. Nicholas Slater
6/20/10	Rev. Craig Wexler
7/10/10	Rev. Marjorie Hershey
7/10/10	Rev. Velma Larson
7/16/10	Rev. Nancy Quatier
7/21/10	Rev. Tamara Craker
8/1/10	Rev. Jacalyn Griffin
8/8/10	Rev. Erik Olson
3/18/11	Rev. Ryan Gage

### **Other Roster Changes**

1/1/11	Rev. Paul Hanson, Institutional Ministry, Luther Seminary
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**Removed from Roster**

8/20/10 Rev. William Hamill  
10/1/10 Rev. Deborah Geelsdottier  
10/8/10 Rev. Douglas Westerlund

**Resigned from Roster**

9/3/10 Rev. Frezil Westerlund  
9/18/10 Rev. Sandra Soye  
11/12/10 Rev. Janine Rew-Werling  
11/12/10 Rev. Craig Werling  
12/16/10 Rev. Thomas Stenzel  
12/27/10 Rev. Dennis Bielfeldt  
12/31/10 Rev. Sara Sorensen  
2/25/10 Rev. Phillip Anderson

**Retired**

6/1/10 Rev. Michael Jacobson  
6/1/10 Rev. Kathryn Hibbert  
4/1/11 Rev. David Bacon  
8/1/10 Rev. Dennis Bossman

**Transferred Into South Dakota**

8/29/10 Rev. Philip Larsen, Northeastern Minnesota Synod (3E)  
8/16/10 Rev. Ann Rosendale, Southeastern Iowa Synod (5D)

**Transferred Out of South Dakota**

9/23/10 Rev. Mark Docken, Southeastern Minnesota Synod (3I)  
11/3/10 Rev. Diane Koschmeder, Western North Dakota Synod (3A)  
12/9/10 Rev. Linda Wahlstrom, Saint Paul Area Synod (3H)  
1/1/11 Rev. Amanda Esping, Nebraska Synod (4A)  
2/1/11 Rev. Edwin Anderson, Northwestern Minnesota Synod of Wisconsin (5H)

## **Susan Marone, AIM, Associate to the Bishop Report to the South Dakota Synod Assembly, 2011**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

It continues to be an honor and great privilege to be part of the SD Synod Staff! I feel very blessed to be part of a talented, gifted and supportive team of colleagues, not only on the Synod Staff but also the many fine leaders we have in the South Dakota Synod.

The last several months have been filled with congregational visits concerning the Churchwide vote and conducting Parish Studies for congregations with Rostered Leader vacancies. We led 9 “Chili with the Bishop” events throughout the state, enjoyed good food and conversation and developed our new vision statement for the synod.

First Call Theological Education was held the end of January at Broom Tree Retreat Center. 24 First Call rostered leaders attended the 2 day retreat. The cold, blizzard weather kept a few folks home but those that made it safely enjoyed our time together, especially the great preaching by Norm Eitheim, Bishop Emeritus of the SD Synod. A representative from the Board of Pensions was present and facilitated a workshop on Healthy Leaders and shared the various benefits provided by the ELCA.

The South Dakota Synod received six names in the February assignment of graduating seminarians. The First Call candidates are: Ramona Hayes, and Dana Lockhardt from Trinity Luthern Seminary, Don Reiffenberger and Cole McCormick from Luther Seminary; and Daniel Ofstehage and Chuck Meyer from Wartburg Seminary. We are excited about the possibilities for these folks and look forward to their ministry in South Dakota!

Mobility in the South Dakota Synod, as well as nationwide, continues to be slow. There are fewer vacancies nationwide due to the economic downturn and some are attributed to the Churchwide vote in August of 2009. I would like to thank Pastor Lance Lindgren for his leadership as Chair of the Support to Ministries Committee, as well as the members of the committee who continue to give of their time and talents to this synod.

I continue to work with the Candidacy Committee as we accompany over 50 candidates in responding to a call to ministry in the ELCA. We hosted the annual Candidacy Retreat in April at Shalom Hills Farm in MN. Many “thanks” to Pastor Elizabeth Johnson for her leadership of this committee and to all committee members who accompany our candidates on their journey to serve this church!

I continue to grow and thrive in my call to synodical ministry and am grateful for my colleagues and the ministry of our church!

Peace,  
Susan Marone

**Rev. Karen Rupp, Director of Native American Ministries, South Dakota Synod  
Report to the South Dakota Synod Assembly, 2011**

The Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry is continuing to experience growth in its multi-faceted unique ministry setting, the hosting groups to come to Pine Ridge to serve and learn, the "Sanctuary" young peoples' gatherings, and community service, including the noon-time lunch program.

Our calendar fills quickly with groups from churches and schools who come to learn and build bridges of relationship with the Lakota community. We're exploring possibilities of supporting the local Habitat for Humanity as a substantial portion of our service projects to improve the housing situation on the Reservation.

The January Interim program for Seminary student cross-cultural requirements received positive feedback. A Luther seminary student requested and received the Preuss-Servant Leadership scholarship and will be here this summer using her musical gifts with the young people in our Sanctuary program. Our relationship with Lutheran Outdoors continues with summer and alternative spring breaks. Educational Programs use our facility to offer cross cultural courses in their sociology, medical, nursing and legal curricula.

St. John's Episcopal Church in N. Oglala requested help with worship leadership so they can keep gathering at this historic church originally located in Pine Ridge at the time of Wounded Knee in 1890 when it served as temporary hospital for the wounded. Since October, I've been providing Word & Sacrament ministry there at least once a month. We also provide Word and Sacrament ministry at Cohen Home, a residential facility for the elderly in Pine Ridge continue in good relationship with Makasan Presbyterian Church in Oglala.

We are approved as a Horizon Internship site again, but the assigned student is unable to complete her internship this year. At this point, I don't know if we'll be assigned another student for this 2011-2012. We just received notice of approval from Calvin Institute of Christian Worship for a worship renewal grant proposal prepared by Intern James Muske in conjunction with his internship project. The proposal targets enhancing worship resources and experience for our ecumenical monthly prayer gatherings, worship with our ecumenical partners and at our young people's Sanctuary Program.

The Sanctuary young peoples' afternoon program continues to host youth for play and worship activities. Over 80 local youth visit on a regular basis, in two age groups, 7 and under and 8 and over. We've added a teen night two Fridays/month. Once again, thanks to generous donations from individuals and churches, we provided Christmas gifts to over 135 young people and gift certificates to about 25 families. The lunch program provides sandwiches or soup to local "street people." South Canyon Lutheran Church in Rapid City continues to assist with this program by donating sandwich and snack foods. We feed anywhere from as low as 6 to as high as 95.

We continue to pray and work at healing and growing our partnership relations. I will be attending the spring Dakota Presbytery meeting to share about our ministry at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center. I become more optimistic that resolution is near.

The Multi-cultural committee continues to meet regularly for the work of supporting multi-cultural ministries, nurturing their growth, fostering educational opportunities and building healthy relationships. We are excited about the Ka Yela Oyata program to build bridges of relations between the reservation communities and nonIndian communities nearby.

I am very grateful to Bishop Zellmer, Synod Council members, Synod Staff, and our ministry partners, for ongoing prayer and financial support. Please know we keep on keeping you all in our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Karen Rupp

**Suzanne Hansen, AIM, South Dakota Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator  
Report to the South Dakota Synod Assembly, 2011**

I am always excited to participate in what the South Dakota Synod is doing for the young adults and the youth workers who share their lives. This has been a time for the Synod and Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls to start work with Luther Seminary in implementing the "Exemplary Youth Ministry" with the people in various churches who are interested in the faith development of young adults. There have been face-to-face workshops, along with webinar conferencing that have been very successful and helpful. This is part of the lifelong learning experience that is part of helping others develop their faith.

The people who work with young adults in South Dakota Synod congregations still come together on a monthly meeting and talk, laugh, and share their "wisdoms" with each other. The Y-Net list has become stronger because of these committed people.

This is also a "Pre-National Youth Gathering" year and the momentum of the 2012 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans is mounting. Trainings have been provided across the Synod and more training events will be scheduled as the year moves on. The National Youth Gathering is returning to New Orleans in 2012, giving the people attending an opportunity to be a witness for Christ in New Orleans again. I can still hear the sounds of people from New Orleans hollering out to us "Thank you for coming – we love you Lutherans". With over 1500 Youth and Adults attending from this Synod in 2009, we had a part in telling and listening to the stories of New Orleans.

	Adopted 2011	Revised 2011	Proposed 2012
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>MISSION SUPPORT FROM CONGREGATIONS</b>	1,847,033	1,645,049	1,694,400
<b>Program Ministry Income</b>			
Pine Ridge Ministry Income	45,001	45,001	45,001
Other Program Income	100	100	100
Woyatan Income (EOCM Grant)	27,896	27,896	12,000
<b>Other Income Streams</b>			
SD Synod Mission Support	138,877	75,614	77,882
Development Income	-	-	-
DEM Support Staff	15,000	15,000	15,000
Interest Income	13,500	13,500	13,500
SDS Transportation LLC Income	5,000	5,000	5,000
SDS Transportation/Plane Income	25,000	25,000	25,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,117,407</b>	<b>1,852,160</b>	<b>1,887,883</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
	Adopted 2011	Revised 2011	Proposed 2012
<b>CHURCHWIDE MISSION</b>			
Mission Support to ELCA	812,695	723,822	762,480
% of Mission Support	44%	44%	45%
Region III	18,900	18,900	18,900
<b>SHARED MINISTRIES</b>			
<b>South Dakota Sustained Ministries</b>			
Campus Ministry	137,624	119,242	122,819
Campus Ministry Capital	1,030	1,030	1,030
Lutheran Planned Giving	48,410	48,410	48,410
Heartland Ephphatha	6,752	5,850	6,026
Lutheran Youth Organization	3,605	3,605	3,605
<b>South Dakota Supported Ministries</b>			
SD Ministries Support	54,017	19,748	21,525
Luther Seminary	78,046	67,622	69,651
Lutheran Social Services	78,046	67,622	69,651
Lutherans Outdoors	38,924	33,725	34,737
Church Colleges	6,752	5,850	6,026
Flandreau Indian School Chaplaincy	13,522	13,522	13,522
Association of Christian Churches	2,000	2,000	2,000
Chapel in the Hills	1	1	1
Good Samaritan Society	1	1	1
<b>Expense from Mission Support</b>	<b>468,730</b>	<b>388,228</b>	<b>399,004</b>

	Adopted 2011	Revise 2011	Proposed 2012
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD MINISTRIES</b>			
<b>Staff Leadership</b>			
Bishop	91,986	91,986	94,746
Associate Tesch	9,561	6,873	9,994
Associate Marone	70,897	70,444	72,558
Bishop/Associate Benefits	61,707	63,765	65,849
SDS Travel	39,500	39,500	39,500
Bishop/Assistants Travel & Cont Ed	18,500	12,800	12,800
DEM Travel	12,000	12,000	12,000
<b>Program Ministries</b>			
Development	40,148	-	-
Native American Ministry	70,781	70,533	72,443
Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator	13,332	12,886	13,248
Companion Synod Coordinator	9,773	9,899	10,158
<b>Support Staff and Office</b>			
Support Staff Salaries/Benefits	170,287	143,819	135,102
Resource Center Supplies	3,000	1,000	1,000
Synod Office Expenses	61,254	61,235	61,801
Augustana College	21,000	21,000	21,000
Mortgage Payment	13,848	3,462	-
<b>Synod Leadership</b>			
Synod Council	11,810	10,310	10,310
Support to Ministries Committee	12,900	12,900	12,900
Candidacy Committee	12,500	8,000	8,000
Communications Committee	6,500	3,500	3,500
Multicultural Ministry Committee	1,700	1,700	1,700
Committee	2,000	2,000	2,000
Evangelical Outreach Committee	2,000	1,500	1,500
Mission Strategy Committee	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>Ministry Projects</b>			
Stewardship Project	4,000	4,000	4,000
Congregational Initiative Grants	1,236	1,236	1,236
Continuing Education Projects	1,000	1,000	1,000
Rural Ministry Projects	500	500	500
Woyatan Program Expenses	27,896	27,896	12,000
<b>Outreach Ministries</b>			
Multicultural Center	15,000	15,000	15,000
Mission Congregation Start-up	4,000	4,000	4,000
Companion Synods	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>Contingency</b>			
	3,466	3,466	4,654
<b>Subtotal SD Synod Ministries</b>	<b>817,082</b>	<b>721,210</b>	<b>707,499</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,117,407</b>	<b>1,852,160</b>	<b>1,887,883</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



## 2011 REPORT TO SYNODS

**Rev. Dr. Paul A. Baglyos**  
**Coordinator for Ministry Leadership**  
**Region 3, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

As I prepare this report, I am at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota on the last Saturday of January attending the gathering called “Rebuilding the Remnant,” where congregational leaders from various synods of our region have come together to pray and learn and think and speak about how we are made stronger in Christ by our connections to one another in Christ’s church.

My work as coordinator for Region 3, like that of my counterparts in the other eight regions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is all about nurturing connections that enhance our vitality within the body of Christ. *Together* we work to identify people called by God to public ministry leadership in this church. *Together* we accompany those people in discernment of God’s call, in theological study and in preparation for ordination, consecration or commissioning for rostered leadership. *Together* we seek to provide and sustain leadership for campus ministry at state universities in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. *Together* we engage in learning and deliberation about the mission to which God is calling us in our region, in our church and in our world—in events such as “Rebuilding the Remnant” and similar events that focus on other arenas, including global mission, world hunger, rural ministry and our witness to the gospel in urban and metro communities.

We remain in a time of profound change in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A few months ago, the ELCA Church Council enacted a plan for the restructure of our churchwide organization. As of February 1 of this year, more than a dozen organizational units previously formed to serve the mission of this church in many arenas will be replaced by three new units, designed to be more adaptive to contemporary challenges. The work of regional coordinators and synodical Directors of Evangelical Mission now occurs in collaboration with other colleagues in the new unit for Congregational and Synodical Mission. Here we anticipate new opportunities for collaboration intended to nurture more broadly the connections by which we are stronger in Christ, stronger in mission and stronger in witness.

My work as Region 3 coordinator routinely takes me to various locations in each of the nine synods of our region to assist synodical candidacy committees, campus ministry committees, boards and councils, to collaborate in other work with our bishops and bishops’ assistants, and to help forge fruitful connections between the congregations and synods of our region with the ministries of our church in other regions and church-wide. My travel also takes me into the other regions of our church, to share and receive wisdom with our ELCA brothers and sisters living and serving in other places.

I remain deeply grateful to God and this church for the call to serve as Region 3 coordinator. I am especially grateful to the congregations and synods of Region 3 for providing the financial support necessary for this vital but largely unseen aspect of our life together as the ELCA.

## ELCA Region 3 Archives Report to 2011 Synod Assemblies

### **Introduction**

This year marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of operation of the Region 3 Archives. I continue in the archivist position half-time for the nine synods of Region 3 and half-time for Luther Seminary. This shared arrangement 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.

### **Use of the Region 3 Archives**

Our website ([www.luthersem.edu/archives](http://www.luthersem.edu/archives)) presence continues to increase the visibility and use levels of the collections. 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 main “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 1,012 reference patrons in the past year with a variety of research interests. The majority (72%) are congregational committees working on microfilming/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 5 times during the year. These visits were coordinated with 38 on-site congregational visits throughout the three states of Region 3.

+Daniels spoke at 21 adult forums and study groups in congregations throughout the Region. The main focus of these presentations is the use of memory in the congregation. These sessions also provide an efficient venue to publicize the many congregational services available through the Region 3 Archives.

### **Collection Growth**

+The Archives received 458 linear feet of synod office records from the 9 offices. These included legal, financial, personnel and program files.

+Gathered an additional 298 congregational histories – collection now totals 5,877.

+Received 510 biographical pieces for files on clergy and lay leadership – collection now totals 5,812 files.

+Additional 42 congregations filmed their valuable church records through the Region 3 Archives microfilming program.

+Collected 24 linear feet of mission photographs, films, papers and artifacts from retired China, Japan, South Africa and Alaska missionaries.

### **Outreach and Education**

+Daniels led workshops on congregational archives at 4 Region 3 synod assemblies in 2010.

+Distributed over 685 copies of “Memory Work: A Guide for Congregational Archives and History”.

+Daniels presented workshops at Concordia College’s annual “Conference for Church Secretaries” on records care issues, July, 2010.

+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.

### **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 by Paul A. Daniels, ELCA Region 3 Archivist and Luther Seminary Archivist, 2.9.11*

## 2010 Report from the Lutheran Association of Christian Educators for Region 3



The Lutheran Association of Christian Educators (LACE) is an independent organization recognized by the ELCA. It was established as a non-profit organization in 1995. It is an organization created for those who serve in the areas of adult education, confirmation, or children's ministry and are interested in life long faith development. Volunteers, pastors, staff and other persons interested in Christian education are invited to join. For more information see the web site at

[www.faithfulteaching.org](http://www.faithfulteaching.org)

In Region 3 there are currently two organized chapters – one in the Twin Cities and one in SE Minnesota. Connie Delzer from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis is the Twin Cities Coordinator and Marcia Pedersen from Our Savior Lutheran in Austin is the Chapter Coordinator for SE Minnesota. Chapter meetings share ideas for VBS, Sunday School, confirmation resources, adult education studies and faith formation for all ages. Most chapter meetings are free and open to the public. Members of LACE are very involved in the Book of Faith Initiative, encouraging all ages to read the Bible and learn more about it.

LACE members receive many benefits such as a quarterly publication, a monthly E-news delivered through e-mail, discounts on training events, and opportunities for sharing resources and ideas. LACE consists of individual members and congregational memberships and is organized into chapters in many areas. Members are part of a network of 220 educational leaders in ELCA congregations across the country. Each chapter is required to have at least two members from two different congregations and meet at least four times a year. Chapter meetings consist of idea and resource sharing, prayer, devotions and lots of laughter. Sometimes a book study or a speaker is part of a meeting. Chapters offer workshops to improve the skills and knowledge of their members and of other Christian educators in the area.

Each year LACE recognizes an outstanding Christian educator. The recipient of the 2010 LACE Educator of the Year Award is Kathy Paisley from Sheridan Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. Kathy was chosen for her active leadership in her congregation as over the past 35 years she has served first as a volunteer teacher and Sunday School coordinator, then as a professional staff person in the area of education. In addition, Kathy is involved in adult Christian Education, developing programs for her congregation as well as the Nebraska Synod. She currently serves as the Co-chair of the Nebraska Synod Assembly and is a Certified Spiritual Director. She is also Coordinator of her synod's *Safeguarding God's Children* initiative. The award will be presented to Kathy by LACE President Diane Shallue at an award dinner on April 29, 2011 in Minneapolis, MN.

*Report submitted by Diane E. Shallue, president*



**Mission Investment Fund**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## **Report to the South Dakota Synod Assembly from the Mission Investment Fund**

The Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA serves this synod by providing vital loans for capital projects to new-start congregations, established congregations and ELCA-related ministries. MIF is able to fund these loans through the sale of investments to ELCA ministries and congregation members.

Nearly **765 MIF loans** totaling **\$446 million** are at work today in ELCA ministries throughout the United States, Virgin Islands and the Caribbean.

**In the South Dakota Synod, 11 congregations and ministries currently have Mission Investment Fund loans totaling \$3,905,333. Also many individuals and 128 ministries, including the South Dakota Synod, have investments in MIF totaling \$9,340,390.\***

**Has your congregation invested? Have members of your congregation invested?** Join the thousands of individuals, ELCA congregations, ELCA-related ministries and synods – **including the South Dakota Synod** – that are earning interest on their investments as they help to build the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Your participation enables MIF to continue this vital ministry. A variety of fixed- and adjustable-rate investment opportunities are available and may be opened with initial investments of as little as \$5. Information on investments and ministry loans is available at [www.elca.org/mif](http://www.elca.org/mif) and through the MIF representative listed below.

**MIF serves ELCA ministries.** In addition to the ministry loans and investments that it offers, MIF provides consulting services to ELCA congregations through its church building consultants. The consultants evaluate the effectiveness of existing facilities or plans for new facilities and help congregations design building programs that support their mission. The consultants' services are provided at no charge. Regional managers are available to meet with congregations and ELCA-related ministries regarding MIF's loan and investment opportunities.

Thank you for your support of and participation in the Mission Investment Fund. It is a joy to work in partnership with you for the advancement of God's kingdom.

Cheers and blessings,

Paula Kitt  
Regional Manager  
773-682-2738  
[paula.kitt@elca.org](mailto:paula.kitt@elca.org)

\* As of April 1, 2011

**South Dakota Synod Council**  
**Submitted by Gary Steuck, Vice President**

Greetings from your SD Synod Council!

As most of you know, lots of tough decisions have had to be made during the past year by the SD Synod Council. Due to shrinking revenues, the council has had to reduce staff, involving folks with many years of experience. This is a heart-wrenching experience for them and for us, as no one likes to have to go through this. They were all very gracious, however, and trusted that God would go with them into a new part of their life and He has!

I am thankful for the care, compassion and the courage of each of our Synod Council members, through this tough, tough year. I would ask that you continue to pray for your SD Synod Council, and thank them when you see them, for their service and their dedication to our church and our Lord. I would especially like to commend our Bishop Dave Zellmer, for his great leadership through this past year. He has been just super during some very difficult times.

But, we need to move onward and upward, and do everything that we can to recapture the JOY that is truly ours, through good times and bad. Jesus never changes, and He has won the Victory for us.

Some 30 years ago, I was attracted to the ELCA, because of the joy that I saw in several of it's members lives. I have grown to love the ELCA, and learned that that JOY was real, like many of you have. Now I need to remind myself, to reclaim that JOY! Join with me as we move forward during this next year and reclaim what is rightfully ours, that JOY of knowing that He did it all for us. And we have a God-Paid-For right to love and be loved, to sing and to laugh, and to be with our loving friends in our loving church!

## **Support to Ministries Committee**

### **Submitted by Rev. Lance Lindgren, Chair**

*“The Committee for Support to Ministries shall be composed of the Bishop, the Assistants to the Bishop, and two persons, one lay person and one ordained minister, elected by each Conference; and shall assist congregations in the calling of pastors and the placement of associates in ministry...”*

(South Dakota Synod Constitution, S.11.01.58.a.)

My predecessor, Pastor Roger Noer, said in previous reports to the Synod that the Support to Ministries Committee is going through some changes. It has been no less the case this past year.

A significant change was the vote of the South Dakota Synod Assembly last year to bring oversight of Lutheran Campus Ministry in the state under the Support to Ministries Committee. We have been going through the process of establishing that oversight; but at the same time have encountered relational changes within the Churchwide organization as well as financial support issues, which have affected the focus of our oversight.

While the additional responsibility of Campus Ministry has been placed on the Support to Ministries Committee, we continue to remain just as focused on assisting congregations in their efforts of calling a pastor to serve their faith communities. Thankfully, with the establishment of a more streamlined set of procedures in calling a pastor, it has helped, not only the Committee, but the congregations as well in calling a pastor with gifts that more effectively match their needs for ministry and outreach in their community.

We continue, however, to face a variety of limitations with calling a pastor to a congregation. Again, they are, but not limited to:

- Fewer pastors willing to relocate,
- Restrictions on where available pastors are willing to serve, and
- Congregational issues with regard to what sort of pastor they want to call

We, of the Support to Ministries Committee, will continue carry out the responsibilities assigned to us in the best possible manner, and will continue to steadfastly ask God to help and guide us in our processes.

Thank you to the Conference Deans and lay representatives of each Conference for serving Christ’s church in this most important ministry of the Synod. Thank you too, to Bishop Zellmer and his associates, Susan Marone and Bill Tesch for their advice and counsel, and encouragement to the Committee. A special thank you as well, to Sandy Cheney for her dedicated work with the Committee, who meticulously supplied us with required information to carry out our assigned ministry. As Sandy has now retired, we welcome Crystal McCormack, who is carrying out the work that Sandy had done for us for so many years.

Please keep in your prayers, the congregations of our Synod in the call process and Lutheran Campus Ministry.

Rev. Lance Lindgren, Chair  
Dean, Southeastern Conference

# Lutheran Campus Ministries

## Submitted by Rev. Lance Lindgren, Support to Ministries Chair

*(This letter was previously sent to Conference leaders for distribution to congregations. It is included here to the voting members of the Synod Assembly)*

Dear Synod Assembly Voting Members and Congregation Leader(s),  
Thank-you ever so much for your support of Lutheran Campus Ministry across the state, one of the shared ministries of the South Dakota Synod!

As you know, at the 2010 Synod Assembly in Rapid City, the Assembly voted to assign the Support to Ministries (STM) Committee with oversight responsibility of Campus Ministry within the Synod. The STM Committee is still in the transition phase of bringing the Synod's Campus Ministry completely under our oversight.

Now, for the moment, imagine the following scenario:

*A young person just graduated from high school in the spring and starts college in the fall. The student was raised up (baptized and confirmed) in the church, was secure and comfortable at home and in the congregation. Once in the college environment, however, any number of variables could possibly occur, such as the sudden death of one of the student's parents or other family member; or maybe the student's faith is challenged in another way once on campus. Who can the student go to? With an active campus ministry, the student knows there's a pastor close by whom he or she can look to for faith nurturing, for counseling, or for assistance. But, without access to a campus pastor, what do you think might happen?*

Now then, if you had the occasion to send your child away from home to college, would you want that college to have a campus ministry available for him or her? I know I would!

I didn't go to college right out of high school. That came later as an adult while serving in the U.S. Navy. But, for my entire 20-year Naval career, I was thankful that there was a chaplain I could go to for the same reasons a college student seeks out a campus pastor. College or military, it's the same difference; there are challenges galore that test one's faith in both environments! That's what Campus Ministry is for, to help students with their faith journey as they go through their four-plus years of college.

Now, as you know, the ELCA Churchwide office has encountered a significant shortfall in benevolence support of the Churchwide budget. Our own Synod office has had to become more austere as well. Both the Churchwide and Synod budget shortfalls have impacted Campus Ministry funding within our Synod. It's not what the Synod nor the ELCA want to have happen; but the unfortunate reality of current and projected mission support necessitates a reduction in funding.

This is why you're receiving this letter, to invite your congregation's continued and increased support of ELCA Campus Ministry within our Synod. I invite your congregation to prayerfully consider action to continue and increase your support of the Synod's Campus Ministry. I pray that the Holy Spirit will give you wisdom as you consider how you will be able to commit your support to Campus Ministry in 2011 and beyond.

We currently have Campus Ministry sites at NSU in Aberdeen, SDSU in Brookings, SDSMT in Rapid City, BHSU in Spearfish, and USD in Vermillion.

The South Dakota Synod is fortunate to have your congregation as a partner in Christian ministry, and looks forward to your support of prayers, presence, gifts, and service to the ELCA's Campus Ministry in our state.

God's blessings to your congregation's ministry here in this corner of God's global mission field!

Shalom!

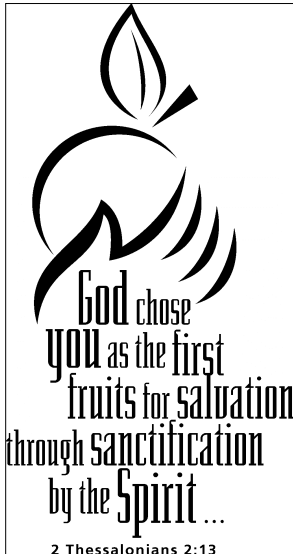
Rev. Lance Lindgren, Dean, Southeastern Conference

Chair, South Dakota Synod Support to Ministries Committee/Synod Lutheran Campus Ministry Oversight

## Candidacy Committee

Submitted by Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Chair

Greetings Brothers & Sisters in Christ!



**THANK YOU for partnering with your South Dakota Synod Candidacy Committee and with all 54 candidates that we currently shepherd together! At our recent spring retreat, with your help**

- We gifted each candidate in attendance, spouse and child with a prayer shawl, donated from South Dakota congregations.
- We finalized our Synod scholarship plans, gifting over \$90,000 in anticipated funds for those who applied for aid for the 2011-2012 academic year.
- At the close of our retreat and sending worship, we celebrated a Baptism! It was truly a blessed family of God event. The parents are both candidates for ministry, and great grandpa who presided just so happens to be a retired minister serving on our Committee...and who had his first face to face with new family member the day before. **The impromptu celebration, complete with a soft prayer shawl of welcome will remain a focus memory of joy and hope for all witnesses.**

Our Church continues in its high expectations of all who are preparing for public ministry. Our preparation and formation process involves the Child of God answering the Spirit's call, the home congregation, an educational institution/education piece, a field experience/formation experience/internship, your Synod, Church-wide expectations AND YOU.

Thanks to your encouragement, our Synod continues to walk with the highest number of candidates preparing for ministry of any ELCA synod. We also gift the largest sum of synodical financial aid to those who are preparing for rostered leadership. How wonderful to partner with you in such a legacy!

Brothers and Sisters, serving within Candidacy is an exciting opportunity to witness first hand not only the needs of God's Church, but also, how God *provides* for the needs of the Church. Thank you for your partnership, encouragement, gifts and prayers. I ask for your continued prayers: for all who question and faithfully ponder the Spirit's call, prayers for our Committee, our Synod, Synod leaders, staff, and our Church.

**Thankful to be in God's Service,**

*Pastor Elizabeth Johnson, Chair*

~ serving with the people of Emmanuel Lutheran, Groton, SD

"Candidacy" is the process of preparation and formation leading to the ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament, as well as to our Word and Service ministries of the consecrated diaconal minister, consecrated deaconess, and the commissioned associate in ministry.

**If you have any questions, please contact a committee member,  
your Synod office, or go to our ELCA or SD Synod websites.**

Or contact Crystal McCormick, Candidacy/Mobility Coord. at 274-4024 or [cmccormick@sdsynod.org](mailto:cmccormick@sdsynod.org)  
Also, Susan Marone, AIM, Associate to the Bishop at 274-4022 or [smarone@sdsynod.org](mailto:smarone@sdsynod.org)



## **Companion Synod Committee and Coordinator**

### **Submitted by Cathy Larson, Companion Synod Coordinator and Chuck Storm, Chairman**

Thank you for the opportunity to be engaged with the world through the Companion Synod Program. We celebrate our relationship with Cameroon and Nicaragua when we hold up the churches in prayer during our congregational worship times, when we collect money for any of the efforts our companion churches support, when we talk about travel and travelers going or coming, when our ears perk up hearing or seeing some news about our companion countries, when we pray for the missionaries, and at many other times.

This year nine people traveled to Cameroon during two visits. One was a church delegation (St. Mark's, Sioux Falls) to celebrate church roof construction. The other was to visit the General Synod Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon and to teach at the seminary by Bishop Dave and two SD pastors. Two people and six missionaries from Cameroon visited South Dakota. Daoudou, Andre, director of personnel for the EELC presented to our Committee; Prosper, a member of Youth Encounter visited the synod office briefly. Dr. Jim and Carolyn Brown, Anne and Willie Langdji, and June and Phil Nelson, missionaries in Cameroon, made presentations to sponsoring churches during their home assignments.

Fifty seven (yes, 57) people traveled to Nicaragua in seven different groups-- two synod trips and congregational trips by Grace/Messiah New Hope, Sioux Falls; Gloria Dei/Our Savior's, Sioux Falls; First, Volga; First, Sioux Falls; and Zion, Aberdeen. WOW!

Money to Cameroon totaling \$41,175 went for scholarships, roofs, electrical updates at Garoua Boulai, hospital, Train Up A Child funds to education of elementary students, Tchillorie Bible School, and travel. Funds to Nicaragua totaling \$42,060 included hurricane/flood disaster funds, the youth retreat, musical instruments, missionary travel and stipend.

Current projects, which are ongoing and in need of funding for Cameroon are church roofs (at least 15 churches in northern Cameroon), Train Up A Child (your Sunday School can sponsor 1 classroom or more), travel for Pastoral Exchange Program (beginning in 2012), Seminary scholarships, and medical facility updates. Current projects which are ongoing and in need of funding for Nicaragua are Youth retreat, resupply the disaster fund, Cedro Galan (housing and agricultural project), and missionary sponsorship funds. Thank you to all churches who supported any of the programs which are part of our companion synod effort. Watch for a designated Companion Synod Sunday date when you can ask a visitor to one of our companions to visit your church, get involved with a project if you have not been involved before or continue or launch a new effort on behalf of a companion church.

## **South Dakota Synodical Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Report to South Dakota Synod Assembly, 2011**

“Renew, Respond, Rejoice” is the theme for our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Synodical Convention that will be held June 16-18 at Joy Ranch and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Watertown. We are very excited since on Thursday, June 16 we will meet at Joy Ranch with tours of the camp, evening meal and Western-style entertainment and worship. Our ladies made a major commitment to raise \$200,000 for naming rights for the Joy Ranch Kitchen/Dining. We know that this goal will be met during 2011.

The convention will then continue June 17-18 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. This will include Bible study, awareness workshops, exhibits and displays from our mission partners, business meeting and closing communion worship service with Bishop Zellmer. A special event this year will be our Friday evening banquet with Jim and Karen Noss, as speakers. Jim and Karen Noss will tell about their past experiences as missionaries in Cameroon.

Our convention offerings will benefit Answer the Call, Lutheran Shared Ministries at Pine Ridge and Cameroon missions. We also will have Love Offering with donations of supplies for Joy Ranch. The Silent Auction benefactors this year will include Lutheran Outdoors, Campus Ministry, St. Dymas of South Dakota and Prison Congregations of America.

When we look at the work that our ladies do in their church units, then thru the conference and the state level, it is amazing the contribution we can make in doing God’s work. This includes not only the financial support but also the many quilts, health and layette kits, etc. that are sent to the needy.

Looking forward to July, will be the Triennial Gathering that will be held in Spokane, Washington. Ten delegates will be attending the Triennial Convention July 12-13 and then will be joined by about thirty additional South Dakota ladies during the July 14-17 Gathering. What an experience to be in attendance with about two thousand ladies at these national gatherings.

An exciting event with the Triennial Gathering will be the exhibit that will display information on our new Joy Ranch. Rev. Gary and Vivian Westgard have volunteered to work with Lutheran Outdoors in bringing this exhibit to the gathering and telling about this wonderful new camp here in South Dakota.

Be sure to stop by our exhibit table here at Synod Assembly. We will have information on the mission projects, our coming June convention and the Triennial Gathering.

If you are active with the Women of the ELCA, I want to say thank you. If you are not active, please consider joining us. This is a great way to do God’s work while meeting many new friends. We have excellent monthly Bible studies and opportunity for fellowship with other women of our churches.

Verdelle Anderson, President



# AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

## Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Report

From its modest beginning in 1860 to our sesquicentennial celebration in 2010-11, Augustana continues to maximize available resources in delivering an education of enduring worth.

I shake my head a little as I study those early Augustana years when the cost of education was less than a few tanks of gas at today's prices. Then, as now, however, I believe the chief motivation of those enrolling remains unchanged: to raise oneself economically, spiritually and culturally through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding.

Also unchanged is Augustana's commitment to meet current financial needs and future plans of the College and to provide an ever-increasing margin of excellence.

Our 150<sup>th</sup> year will be remembered, in part, for a strong recovery in the College endowment, to \$49.9 million. A double-digit (11%) return in 2009-10 is good news after a down year when markets were at their 10-year low. Fiscal year 2009-2010 also saw an increase in enrollment to 1,794 undergraduates and 1,820 including graduate students. Overall revenues grew by 3.7% to \$37.5 million. Unrestricted annual giving surpassed the \$1 million mark for the first time in Augustana history. First- to second-year retention rate of 86% also set a new high mark.

All of these accomplishments speak to the diligence of our amazing faculty and staff, the contribution of T<sup>3</sup> (time, talent and treasure) from our Board of Trustees, generous alumni and friends, and a tradition of excellence that has served this institution and our students most favorably for 150 years.

Our continuing success is in the weaving together of strategic planning, smart investing, diligent donor work, exceptional student recruitment, innovative retention efforts, effective marketing of our value proposition, and a whole lot of love for this special place called Augustana.

Rob Oliver  
President

*You may access the full Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Report at [www.augie.edu/giving/report](http://www.augie.edu/giving/report).*

## **Chapel in the Hills**

Rapid City, South Dakota

From the bylaws of the Chapel in the Hills:

“The purpose of this corporation shall be to assist the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to spread the Gospel by means of sermons, addresses and music, mainly by services held at the Chapel in the Hills, Rapid City, South Dakota”. The purpose and focus of the Chapel in the Hills continues to be the same today - an outreach ministry to the visitors and tourists that, in many cases stumble into this hidden treasure.

The parable of the seeds is the story of the Chapel. We have the opportunity each year to plant the seeds of the Gospel with 30,000 – 50,000 visitors. Many of them have troubled lives, have left churches for unknown reasons or are truly unchurched. The Chapel is neutral ground where they can spend quiet time wondering about a little wooden church built by the most feared pagan raiders of yesterday but yet those Gospel seeds lead them to fill the Chapel with Christian symbols. The Prayer Walk is a secluded, wood chip covered trail with seven statues, prayer reminders and benches that extend an invitation for prayer and meditation surrounded by God’s “outdoor cathedral.”

The lure of the Chapel can be witnessed every day in the eyes full of tears, words and actions of the people that come from all over the world. Many times each summer we hear, “you can feel the Holy Spirit in the Chapel and on the Prayer Walk”.

A non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, The Chapel in the Hills, Inc, was formed to protect the chapel and keep it as a church. It is a church, operated by a seven-member board of directors, selected from the local ELCA churches. The South Dakota Synod of the ELCA approves the board of directors and it is a Partnership Ministry of the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA.

The Chapel in the Hills has no congregation, receives no funds from any local, state or national church or other organization. The funds to operate the Chapel in the Hills come from donations, sales in the gift shop and weddings.

This May a stave church authority from Norway along with a carpenter that works on stave church restoration; will be doing an inspection of the Chapel. This arrangement was made by a Norwegian tour operator who has been bringing small groups of Norwegians to the Chapel in the Hills the past few years. A labyrinth memorial has been established for a future addition to the Chapel in the Hills.

In July, ELCA Pastor Michael Lawyer, from the Northern Illinois Synod was the serving pastor for two weeks at the Chapel. This was part of Pastor Lawyer’s two-month sabbatical. It was a very rewarding experience for everyone and we would welcome him back again.

After almost six years, Terry and Kookie Satrang are ending their service at the Chapel in the Hills. As it says in Ecclesiastes, “a time for every season” has arrived and it is time for a change. The goals we set, to bring the maintenance up to date, increase the funds available to the Chapel in the Hills, increase the church and community awareness of the value of the Chapel in the Hills, have been mostly met and it is time for a new chapter to begin.

The new manager is Craig Lewis. Craig was the manager at “Restore”, the retail arm of Habitat for Humanity and brings experience in management and working with volunteers.

# HEARTLAND EPHPHATHA 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Directors: Jason & Sarah Andera

Board Members: HEM President Angela Koterwksi, PLC rep James Johnson, Worship VP Stacie Miller, Business, VP Belinda Panek, Serving VP Lance Sigdestad, Outreach VP Topsy Johnson, Pastoral Advisor Paul Stjernholm, ELDA Representative Mark Koterwksi, Synod Representative Gwen Bobbie.

Vision Statement: Our vision is to make the Gospel known to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in their own language.

2010 Accomplishments: We did a lot in Angela Koterwksi's first year as HEM president. Nothing was more rewarding than receiving the ELDA City on a



Hill Award for excellence in Deaf Ministry. We sent five deaf members and eleven total representatives to the National ELDA conference in Malvern PA this year. Heartland Ephphatha is well represented at the national level of deaf ministry with President Mark Koterwksi, Secretary Jason Andera on the ELDA Board. HEM is also represented on the Peace Lutheran Church Council by James Johnson.



This year we celebrated Deaf Awareness Sunday by making a video in ASL for the song "Amazing Grace, (My chains are gone)". Thanks to all who participated.

Our group strives to do service projects every year. This year we helped serve through Necessities for Neighbors and Kids Against Hunger. We also wrapped Christmas gifts, put on a dodge ball tournament and served lenten supper.

Our goals for 2011 include planning for the 2012 ELDA conference and making a display in the church for deaf ministry. We also are planning on visiting other churches in Sloux Falls and South Dakota to spread the Good News of God's love through our ministry.

God's Peace, Jason & Sarah Andera





## Lutheran Planned Giving in South Dakota

**Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota (LPG of SD) was formed in May of 2003 with the following mission:**

*We will help people of God make lifetime financial gifts to the South Dakota ministries who are members of Lutheran Planned giving and create a rising tide of financial support for all ELCA ministries.*

Lutheran Planned Giving partner ministries are:

Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD	Heartland Ephphatha, Sioux Falls, SD
Bethany Lutheran Home, Sioux Falls, SD	Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN
Bethany Meadows Brandon, SD	Lutheran Campus Ministry
Bethel Lutheran Home, Madison, SD	Lutheran Social Services of SD
Bethesda Home, Beresford, SD	Lutherans Outdoors in SD
Bethesda Home of Aberdeen, SD	Prison Congregations of America
Chapel in the Hills, Rapid City, SD	Shetek Lutheran Ministries, Slayton, MN
ELCA Foundation, Chicago, IL	South Dakota Synod, Sioux Falls, SD
Good Samaritan Society, Sioux Falls, SD	

Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota is available to assist congregations in establishing and growing mission endowment funds with an emphasis on supporting and enhancing all the ministries of the church both locally and worldwide through bequests and other planned gifts. They can provide educational information to congregations, and their members through seminars on the importance of wills, estate and charitable gift planning.

Kurt Osborne and Jim Schade are available to your congregation as a gift in itself with free no-obligation information seminars regarding the gift planning strategies. Congregation members will be able to come and hear information, ask questions, and set up personal one-on-one visits with LPG staff concerning the stewardship of their assets. At those visits members will discuss their intent, the options and the most helpful strategies regarding gift planning. We also are able to offer suggestions for other advisors to contact in order to bring additional expertise to best accomplish those wishes.

Materials are available free of charge to congregations to personalize and use for establishing and promoting their endowment funds and planned giving programs. These materials are also available to be downloaded from the LPG web site, [www.lpgsd.org](http://www.lpgsd.org) which allows them to be personalized for your congregation. You can contact Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota by calling 1-800-653-9520 or Jim Schade at [schade@augie.edu](mailto:schade@augie.edu) or Kurt Osborne at [osborne@augie.edu](mailto:osborne@augie.edu).

# LSS of SD Update for 2011 Synod Assembly

## The Impact Of State Budget Cuts

The impact of the 2012 South Dakota State Legislature budget cuts has and will continue to affect everyone— personal budgets, family businesses, employers and congregations.

Unfortunately, this includes cuts to Medicaid providers like Lutheran Social Services. For LSS, this means residential services for children at risk will experience a 4.5% cut and our Medicaid rate for outpatient mental health counseling services a 5.1% cut.

While these funding cuts directly impact residential and counseling services, they significantly impact the overall financial stability of LSS. In addition, LSS has yet to learn how the federal budget changes will impact services. The LSS Board and leadership will continue to strategically plan and adjust accordingly.

## Touching People's Lives More Than 56,000 Times

*Year Ending June 30, 2010*

Counseling	6,873
Residential	660
Foster Care	230
Adoption	1,829
CCCS	20,934
Refugee & Immigration	21,483
Mentors & Mentees	3,456
Rural Life Ministries & Disaster Response	80
Affordable Housing	105
Child Care & Education	836
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,486</b>

## 2010 Highlights

LSS added the ability to view adoptive family profiles directly on the LSS website. This allows pregnant individuals the opportunity to explore adoption and potential adoptive parents in a non-threatening manner.

LSS established a Supported Housing Program to help individuals or pregnant/parenting women who are homeless in Aberdeen and Rapid City. Through this program, LSS helps young people obtain safe and reliable housing, education and counseling to transition into permanent housing and become self-sufficient.

LSS established a statewide Community Resource Program with staff in Aberdeen, Sioux Falls and Rapid City to help youth ages 15 to 18 in foster care and young adults who have aged out of foster care develop independent living skills and transition to self-sufficiency.

LSS expanded its Childcare and Education Programs to include infant-toddler care.

With support from the Tribal Leaders in Lower Brule, Consumer Credit Counseling Service opened an office in the Tribal Building to provide financial counseling and education on-site two to three times per month. CCCS will open an additional office on the Crow Creek Reservation.

## New Money & Faith in Motion Class

Consumer Credit Counseling Service is pleased to provide a new class, Money and Faith in Motion, which is designed to give practical advice to manage the resources given by God. This class distinctively addresses the major areas of financial living so that participants are better able to provide for their household and gain resources to help others. Money and Faith in Motion can be completed on an individual basis by appointment or in a group setting. For more information on this workshop, contact CCCS at 605-330-2700 or email [cccs@lsssd.org](mailto:cccs@lsssd.org).



**Lutheran Social Services**  
Strengthening Individuals, Families and Communities

# COME TO CAMP

where Faith becomes Life...

## HAPPENING AT YOUR CAMPS

### KLEIN RANCH WELCOME CENTER

Pastors, Youth Leaders, and Adults - we have new, air-conditioned lodging for your next Klein Ranch visit!



### OUTLAW RANCH WELCOME CENTER

The welcome center will be your first stop so we can welcome you as you enter Outlaw Ranch.



### ATLANTIC MOUNTAIN RANCH

Build your own adventure in the Black Hills. Individuals and groups welcome!



### NESODAK

Served a record-breaking 935 campers in 2010.





**JOY RANCH** Construction Progresses Well!  
2,777 campers served in day programs last year! Come and see!



**East Side Includes:**  
Health Care, Youth Bunkhouse  
& Thirsty Boot Activity Center



**West Side Includes:**  
Retreat Center, Dining Room &  
Kitchen



## CHECK OUT OUR NEW LO VIDEO!



Go to our website  
[WWW.LOSD.ORG](http://WWW.LOSD.ORG)  
click on the video link

“My hope for kids when they come to camp is that they will smile... and have an encounter with Christ that will then impact them for the rest of their lives. “

- Rev. Layne Nelson - Executive Director

## UPCOMING EVENTS & RETREATS

### NESODAK

(605) 947-4440 [nesodak@losd.org](mailto:nesodak@losd.org)

**Work Weekend** - May 7, 2011

**Elementary Adventure** - May 21, 2011

### KLEIN RANCH

(605) 273-4441 [nesodak@losd.org](mailto:nesodak@losd.org)

**Work Days** - May 15-19, 2011

### OUTLAW RANCH

(605) 673-3044 [outlaw@losd.org](mailto:outlaw@losd.org)

**Welcome Center Dedication & Community Worship**  
Music leader: James Hersch - July 10, 2011

**Buffalo Roundup and Lakota Culture**  
Sept 25-30, 2011

### JOY RANCH

(605) 886-4622 [joyranch@losd.org](mailto:joyranch@losd.org)

**Women of the ELCA** - June 16, 2011

**Quilt Auction** (note day change to “Saturday”)  
August 27, 2011



## ST. DYSMAS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Greetings from your two brother congregations of the South Dakota Synod, one located at SD State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, served by Pastor Marlin Wangsness, and the other located at Mike Durfee State Penitentiary in Springfield, SD., served by Pastor Kwen Sanderson.

St. Dysmas exists to provide Word and Sacrament Ministry to inmates located in Sioux Falls and Springfield. It is truly a Gospel centered ministry and exists solely by the generosity of congregations, organizations, and individuals of South Dakota. St. Dysmas is a church on the roster of the SD Synod, ELCA. But we are an unusual church in many ways. If one were to ask how many members we have, the answer would, officially, be zero. Our ministry is to anyone who attends a worship service, anyone who requests to speak to a pastor, anyone who needs to hear that Jesus welcomes sinners, nourishes them, and sets them free. A few statistics that I frequently use: 90% of men had an addiction when they entered prison; 55% didn't graduate from high school or have a GED; the next two are based on my interaction with inmates: 80% come from truly dysfunctional homes and 90% did not have a connection with the church or with Christ before entering the prison. This truly is a gospel ministry that is like a mission field, located in our own back yard.

A couple of comments on the state of the ministry.

- For the fiscal year 2010 expenses for St. Dysmas were \$188,317; income equaled \$189,818. This is the FIRST time in YEARS that, when fully staffed, yearly income matched yearly expenses! THANK YOU to all: churches, WELCAs, and individuals who made this happen. You don't know how exciting it was to "get over the hump"! Please continue to remember us! At this point we are several thousand dollars behind last year's giving.
- Average attendance by inmates was 56.5 in 2009; 62.7 in 2010; thus far in 2011 it is 81.3. This, too, is exciting!
- Yarn. Thank you to all who have so diligently raised and delivered yarn for the men make stocking caps with! Last year over 2000 hats were made and donated to the needy in our city and state. Currently, 13-14 men are kept employed in the prison because of your work. Please do not grow weary in well doing.....this is a forever project.
- Wood. Some of you have donated wood that keeps the toy makers employed. Thank you as well! Toys, like hats, are donated by the prison to the needy. Wood must be at least 2x4 and at least 6 inches long and in good shape. Any kind is OK.
- Thank you to all the churches that opened their doors and welcomed me. In 2010 I was in 26 parishes (33 churches), was at 53 worship services, and had nine other speaking engagements. In most of these parishes I was privileged to preach. Thank you! If you are planning a mission festival, please consider St. Dysmas.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve in this important and needed ministry!

In Christ,  
Pastor Marlin Wangsness

**State of the College Report**  
**The Rev. Glenn D. Miller, Vice President for Church Relations.**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and greetings from your brothers and sisters at Carthage College.

In the year past the college adopted a new mission statement. It is: Seeking Truth, Building Strength, Inspiring Service. TOGETHER. This statement captures both what we believe to be at the core of our mission as a college of the ELCA today, and at the same time, what we aspire to be in the future.

The seeking of truth, knowledge and wisdom is at the core of the college enterprise, and it goes on well at Carthage in the year past. Students are engaged in study across the disciplines, inspired by a seasoned and talented full time faculty who number 152, which represents significant growth in the past decade.

The seekers of that truth are a remarkable group of young men and women. Once again our applications surpassed all previous years, topping out at 6857. The entering class this past fall of 730 brought the full-time undergraduate student body to 2534, the largest in the college's 163 year history. In addition to size, students are growing in the qualities of academic and co-curricular background they arrive with from their high school experience. Our percentage of Lutheran students continues to be strong, (about 22% this year) in great part because of "torchbearers" - the decades long partnership program between Carthage and congregations of the synods which helps to connect young Lutherans with Carthage.

This group of faculty and students represents a level of strength at the college that is unprecedented. Our fiscal strength also continues to be strong. We are on target to end the current fiscal year with our 27th consecutive balanced budget. The college's endowment has recovered well from the recession of 2008/09, in great part because of a decision to forego withdrawals for the 18 months of depressed markets. The past year also saw a significant increase in philanthropic support, driven both by an improved economy and the public launch of a 165 million dollar comprehensive campaign, which will conclude at the close of 2012. The strength of the physical campus is being greatly enhanced this year by two projects – the construction of the 5<sup>th</sup> in a planned series of 6 new residence halls, and construction of a new Student Union, rising from the site of the old Seidemann Natatorium. The Student Union especially will be a transformative addition to the campus. Both buildings will be complete this summer.

Inspiring service is arguably the core of our understanding of higher education in the Lutheran tradition. We do not learn for learning's sake alone, but for the discernment of our true vocations, and how those vocations can serve the world. At Carthage, the place of service learning in the overall education of our students is growing as a priority. Opportunities for service abound, from the local communities of south eastern Wisconsin to international places like a school in Namibia and communities in the Dominican Republic. Carthage graduates also continue to inspire US by some of the work they do in the world, demonstrating how they themselves have so clearly been inspired to serve. An example of that kind of inspiration is Julie McCarthy, NPR foreign correspondent, who will return to campus March 3 at 7:00 for a lecture on her work in Pakistan.

And of course, we do all this TOGETHER – faculty and staff, undergrad and graduate students, AND THE CHURCH – where Carthage has both its roots and its future. This past fall, the decision was made to once again invest in having a full time pastor in the office of Church Relations. This decision is an intentional signal that Carthage continues to treasure its relationship to the church – ELCA, synods, congregations and members. We're especially pleased to have made this step at a time when financial resources have made it necessary for the ELCA churchwide offices to pull back in what they can do in maintaining these relationships. We also added a new bishop to the board last year – Wayne Miller of Metro Chicago – giving us representation from both Milwaukee and Chicago.

As always, we give thanks to God for the partnership we enjoy with your synod, the congregations with it, and the people of God within them. We have cherished this partnership for 163 years, and we look forward to maintaining and strengthening that partnership in the years to come.

# CONCORDIA COLLEGE

Moorhead, Minnesota

## 2011 Annual Report to ELCA Synods and Congregations

### Thank You

Concordia College is a vibrant community of higher learning that lives in missional partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! **Thank you** for upholding this partnership by commending the college to students, by offering faithful prayers and by extending abundant gifts which encourage our mutual work in the world with you!

### Presidential Transition

Concordia College suffered a tragic and unexpected loss on June 9, 2010 when beloved President Pamela Jolicoeur passed away due to a stroke. Students, faculty and staff have displayed mutual strength, vigor and an unwavering commitment to fulfilling responsibilities. Concordia's reputation as a campus, where intellect and faith are active partners in the pursuit of truth, is secure in large measure because of President Jolicoeur's visionary leadership and the vital support she received from regents, faculty, staff and students. Gratefulness is extended to Interim President Paul J. Dovre for favorably and faithfully to the College's call for wise and seasoned leadership at a time of greatest need. Dr. Dovre was the eighth president of Concordia and served in that position for twenty-four years, retiring in 1999.

### Enrollment

Students attending Concordia come from a variety of geographic, cultural backgrounds and differing faith expressions—all welcome realities.

Enrollment: 2,810 students

Gender: 61% female, 39% male

Representation: 37 states, 37 countries

Students with Lutheran Affiliation: 56%

### Offutt School of Business

In September 2010, Concordia officially announced that the Grant Center facility on campus will be repurposed as the home for the new Offutt School of Business, set to open in fall of 2012. Throughout its history, Concordia has produced business and community leaders of excellence. The Offutt School of Business seeks to become one of the outstanding undergraduate business programs in the country. Curriculum will center on leadership development, global understanding, entrepreneurial perspective and ethical standards.

### Ministry Matters

As a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, faculty, staff and students at Concordia attend to matters of ministry with great intentionality. The Office of Ministry continues to lead faithfully through services of worship, study, pastoral care, social justice, outreach, and service journeys. The Office of Vocation and Church Leadership has added staffing to increase intentional work with students, faculty and staff on vocational exploration and discernment. This same office is also increasing capacity to network with and be of service to ELCA partners in ministry. A search is now underway for a director for the *Forum on Faith and Life*. The purpose of the *Forum* is to be a resource of excellence in theological research, teaching, writing, public speaking and lifelong learning within varied contexts.

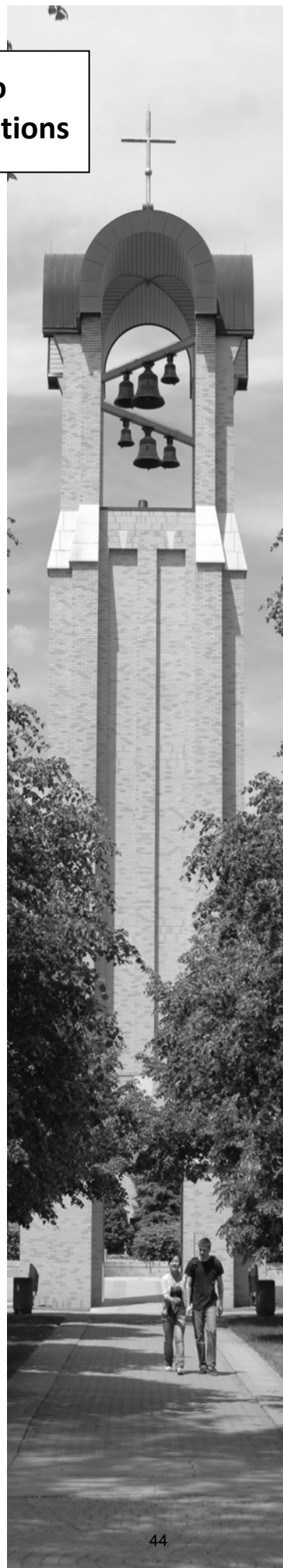
### Being Responsibly Engaged in the World

Concordia students, faculty and staff are daily inspired and encouraged to be responsibly engaged in the world that God so loves. There is keen intentionality, on campus, of tending to this ongoing endeavor. The grace of God frees them, as it frees you, to ignite imagination into action. Again, **thank you** for supporting this vibrant community of higher learning. On your behalf, Concordia seeks purposefully and boldly “... **to influence the affairs of the world by sending into society thoughtful and informed men and women dedicated to the Christian life.**”

### Vocation and Church Leadership

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**Dear Friends,**

Warm greetings on behalf of President Kent Henning, our faculty, staff, students and alumni! Here are some highlights of recent additions or enhancements to the campus:

**Record Enrollment at Grand View**

Grand View is pleased to announce a 4% increase in full-time enrollment this year – to 1,600 students, up from 1,536 last fall. The total number of students is now over 2,000, a 3% overall increase. This is another record year for the university in both full-time and total enrollment. Since the fall of 2003, Grand View's total enrollment has increased by 23%.

According to Deb Barger, Vice President for Enrollment Management, there are several reasons for the increase. “We attribute our growth to new academic programs, new athletic programs -- including football and wrestling -- as well as new facilities, and a general positive interest and increased awareness,” comments Barger. “There is a lot happening right now at Grand View.”

Also responsible for the record enrollment is Grand View's first graduate program, the Master of Science in Innovative Leadership. This interdisciplinary degree, which focuses on leading for change and innovative strategic thinking, is composed of a common core of courses and three “tracks” – business, education and nursing. The initial cohort of students enrolled this fall.

***ALT Magazine* Receives Prestigious Awards**

The 2009 issue of Grand View's *ALT Magazine* was awarded a prestigious Pacemaker Award for Magazine Excellence by the Associated College Press at the National Media Convention in Austin.

*ALT*, produced by seniors in the Honors Magazine course, was given the award for general excellence. Four other magazines also were recognized, including Drake Magazine and student magazines from Webster University in St. Louis, Syracuse University and the University of Oregon. Winners were announced at the 88th Associated College Press/College Media Advisers National Media Convention on October 31.

*ALT* also won two design awards – a second place in the Feature Spread category for a design on a story about Vintage Vitae (designer Sammy Leung) and fifth place for the cover design (staff).

**Grand View Establishes Companion Relationship with Para Diocese**

Under the banner, Panua Mtizamo Wako (Widen Your Worldview), Grand View has established a companion relationship with the Pare Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). Using accompaniment as our model, our companion relationship is marked by building relationships, learning from one another, and sharing resources. Possible participants from Grand View include many, if not most, of the departments, but especially nursing, education and religion. Members of the Grand View community interested in developing this relationship will be matched with appropriate institutions in Pare.

**Grand View Community Travels to Holy Land**

Several members of the Grand View Community traveled to Israel last June for 11 days. The group was comprised of Grand View administration, staff, faculty, family and friends. Dr. Mark Mattes, Professor of Religion and Philosophy, and Dr. Idit Hazan, Associate Professor of Biology and Israel native, were the forerunners for making this trip happen. According to Dr. Hazan, the most powerful part of the trip for her was “getting to be a tourist in my own country. Seeing things I haven't seen in years and sharing my experiences with the rest of the group.”

The 11 days was action-packed and a detailed itinerary was provided for everyone before leaving the U.S. The group also had a wonderful guide who traveled alongside them and gave them a good perspective of the Israeli world view. Highlights include traveling to Tel Aviv, Galilee, and Jerusalem. There were many places of interest within these cities. Ellen Strachota, Associate VP for Academic Affairs, comments, “The most powerful place was Galilee, being at the lake and thinking ‘that's where Jesus probably walked,’ it was an amazing feeling.”

**Grand View Students Have Opportunity to Study in Denmark**

Grand View University is excited to announce that they have signed an agreement with the Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS) so that students can study during the summer, a semester, or a year in Copenhagen, Denmark. Denmark was chosen as their first formal study-abroad program because of Grand View's Danish heritage. All classes are conducted in English.

**The Center for Renewal Partnership Continues**

The Center for Renewal is a cooperative ministry of the University and the Southeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA. Its mission is to renew the saints and the church so that the light of Christ can be more brightly reflected in the world. Continuing this journey toward renewal, the Center for Renewal promotes discussion, offers events and provides services designed to support renewal in the congregations of our synod - and beyond. For more information and a schedule of programs, go to [www.renewingchurch.org](http://www.renewingchurch.org).

If you have not visited Grand View University, or have not visited us for some time, we extend a special invitation for you to come for a visit sometime soon! Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for the Colleges of the ELCA.

God's Peace and Joy,



ELCA Synod Assemblies 2011

Greetings from St. Olaf College!

Since 1874, St. Olaf College has educated students in an academic community shaped by its commitment to the Lutheran tradition. At St. Olaf, students work closely with dedicated faculty who challenge them to grow in mind, body, and spirit. St. Olaf has always seen its vital connection to the Lutheran tradition as enhancing its standing as one of the leading liberal arts colleges in the United States.

Like its predecessors, this year's entering class brings outstanding academic talent to campus. The majority of first-year students ranked in the top 10% of their high school class. Their average academic grade point average in high school was 3.63. The class' median ACT composite score was 29 and the median combined SAT score was 1320. Fifteen percent of the students identify themselves as having a multi-cultural heritage, and 15% are in the first generation of their families to attend college. The class includes a record number of international students. 42% of this year's incoming students who indicated their religious affiliation identified themselves as Lutheran.

In both the curriculum and the co-curriculum, St. Olaf students 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. In addition, all students take an ethics course in which they analyze ethical issues from a variety of perspectives.

The Martin E. Marty Professor of Religion and the Academy for 2010-11 is Dr. Paul D. Hanson, the Lamont Research Professor of Divinity at Harvard Divinity School, where he taught from 1971 to 2009. A renowned expert on Biblical hermeneutics, Dr. Hanson is the author of numerous articles and books, including *The Dawn of Apocalyptic: Historical and Sociological Roots of Jewish Apocalyptic Eschatology* and *The People Called: The Growth of Community in the Bible*. His most recent book is *Political Engagement as Biblical Mandate* (2010). Dr. Hanson will teach courses in the Religion Department, sponsor colloquia, and lead a faculty seminar at St. Olaf this spring.

I invite you to visit St. Olaf in one of two ways. Come to campus to join us at concerts, lectures, conferences, or summer camps. Or, visit the St. Olaf website at [www.stolaf.edu](http://www.stolaf.edu) to join in streamed events on-line. During the academic year, daily Chapel and Sunday morning worship services are held at Boe Memorial Chapel and streamed on-line at <http://www.stolaf.edu/church/chapel>. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Olaf either in person or on-line.

We thank you for your prayers and support, we encourage you to send students to St. Olaf, and we wish you well.

David R. Anderson '74  
President



## 2010 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.*

Wartburg's mission statement guides and supports the campus community and creates a living legacy among the college's 19,000 alumni in 72 nations. Faith, learning, leadership, and service are not simply words in a statement but practices that support their personal lives, citizenship, faith commitments, and daily work.

Wartburg celebrated milestones and achieved recognition through a variety of initiatives during the 2010-11 academic year.

- To observe the 75th anniversary of its relocation to Waverly, Wartburg made "Celebrate Community" the year's theme. Beginning with a fireworks display at the first fall football game, a variety of events celebrated the supportive relationship between the campus and the community.
- Wartburg unveiled "Living Our Learning, Claiming our Calling, Transforming Tomorrow," a strategic plan that grew out of a three-year examination of its mission.
- The Campus Ministry Program began restructuring its work and adopted a new name: Spiritual Life and Campus Ministry. A once-small Campus Ministry Board has expanded into expressive leadership teams that involve a wide diversity of students. Christian formation opportunities beyond worship include The Jesus Experiment, leadership training, small-group discipling, student participation and leadership in worship bands, service partnerships, and fellowship and study groups.
- Recognizing that mentoring opportunities enhance and support students' lives, the college continued to expand its emphasis on creating a mentoring community and providing mentoring education for faculty, staff, and students. Student and faculty/staff mentoring programs now include faculty mentors for athletic teams, new staff and faculty mentoring programs and training, spiritual life and campus ministry peer helpers and the College Achievement Program Mentors (CAP).
- Wartburg ranked No. 1 in the nation among chapters of BreakAway alternative break organization, based on the 15.3 percent of students involved in the service trip programs.
- Wartburg was one of two U.S. colleges and among eight colleges worldwide to receive the 2010 MacJannet Prize for global citizenship
- Deep and integrative learning opportunities involved students in academic research, internships, field experiences, service-learning opportunities, and co-curricular convocations, cultural activities, and faith studies.
- Fred Hagemann stepped down as long-time Board of Regents chair and Ray McCaskey was elected as his successor.
- The women's track and field team, coached by Marcus Newsom, won the national NCAA Division III indoor track title, and Hannah Baker, Class of 2010, was an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient and a finalist for 2010 NCAA Woman of the Year.
- Drs. Fred Strickert and Lake Lambert of the Wartburg religion and philosophy department moved on to new challenges. Dr. Strickert now serves as pastor of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem, and Dr. Lambert is dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

Students, faculty, and staff continue to experience Wartburg as a community that challenges and nurtures them to grow into people to grow into people whose lives are marked by a keen sense of meaning and purpose, faithful service, and life-long learning.

# 2011 Resources At-A-Glance

A preview of our newest educational, worship, and academic resources.



## Spark Sunday School

A Sunday school curriculum designed to activate faith! Each lesson gets kids opening the Bible and exploring God's Word. With three curriculum model options, Spark Sunday School can be easily customized to fit any congregation's needs.

Learn more at [activatefaith.org](http://activatefaith.org)



## Spark Bible (NRSV) Gift Edition - NEW!

This new gift Bible features the same helpful chapter introductions, easy-to-read call-out, colorful maps, and stickers as the Spark Bible (NRSV). The embossed hardcover design is durable and age-appropriate. A perfect gift for third graders!

Learn more at [sparkbibles.com](http://sparkbibles.com)



## Spark Family - NEW!

A new quarterly magazine for families! Each issue is filled with colorful images from the award-winning Spark Story Bible and engaging activities for the whole family! With 48 pages in each issue, Spark Family makes it easy to fit family faith into everyday life.

Learn more at [augsburghfortress.org/sparkfamily](http://augsburghfortress.org/sparkfamily)



## re:form

An innovative youth ministry resource that empowers youth to discover their beliefs by tackling the powerful ideas of faith and theology. The core 40 sessions can be used in youth ministry programs, as a confirmation program, or even as a 5th/6th grade Sunday school curriculum.

Learn more at [wearesparkhouse.org/reform](http://wearesparkhouse.org/reform)



Methodist | Lutheran | Reformed

## re:form Traditions - NEW!

The expansion kit for the highly successful re:form curriculum. We assembled the dream team of Lutheran, Methodist, and Reformed theologians and practitioners to create Traditions. Together, they provided historical accuracy, a theological framework, and translated it all into fun activities and language that speak to today's youth.

Learn more at [wearesparkhouse.org/reform/traditions](http://wearesparkhouse.org/reform/traditions)





# HERE WE STAND

## Here We Stand Confirmation

The ground-breaking curriculum that revolutionized Lutheran confirmation is now even better. Refreshed content, a more streamlined web site, and integrated planning tools help leaders save time while better connecting with students.

Learn more at [herewestandconfirmation.org](http://herewestandconfirmation.org)

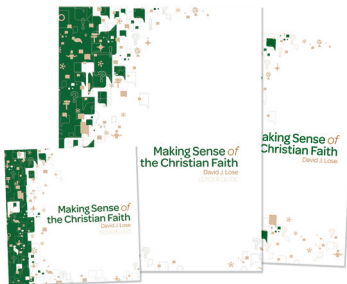


## The Greatest Story: Jesus - NEW!

*The Greatest Story* series continues with *The Greatest Story: Jesus*. Participants explore the Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John - in this exciting exploration of the life and ministry of Jesus.

Also available: *The Greatest Story: Bible Introduction*, a 16-session overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Learn more at [augsburghfortress.org](http://augsburghfortress.org)



## Making Sense of the Christian Faith - NEW!

Written by David J. Lose, the *Making Sense Series* invites participants to ask the tough questions around the Bible and faith, and then to dialogue, reflect and share in a group setting. Also available: *Making Sense of Scripture*.

Learn more at [augsburghfortress.org/makingsense](http://augsburghfortress.org/makingsense)

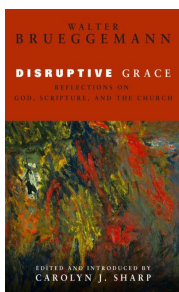
# sundays and seasons



## Sundays and Seasons

Sundays and Seasons is the indispensable companion for worship planning, as it follows the church year and three-year lectionary. Practical and easy to use, Sundays and Seasons continues to enrich every aspect of worship preparation.

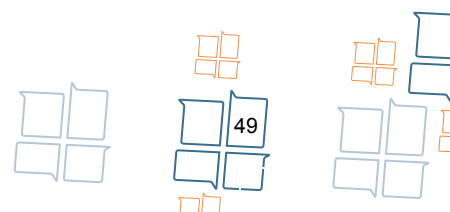
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## Synod Nomination Information

**Consultation Committee - 2 Clergy** – (Six year term, no 2<sup>nd</sup> term option)

**Vote for TWO**

**Rev. Nick Slater** – Salem Lutheran Church, Parkston

**Present Position:** Pastor at Salem Lutheran Church, Parkston

**Qualifications:** Served on parole Board and Probation Violation Hearings for the Department of Corrections with the state of Alaska, several years as a Supreme Court justice for the University of Iowa State, as well as serving on Iowa State's All University Judiciary Committee

**Rev. Bruce Thalacker** - South Canyon Lutheran Church, Rapid City

**Present Position:** Pastor at South Canyon Lutheran Church, Rapid City

**Past Positions:** Pastor, Hope Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls  
Pastor, St. Johns Lutheran Church, Hosmer

**Qualifications:** Has served Mission Partners Committee, Support To Ministries Committee (Chair), Lutheran Social Services Board (Chair), South Dakota Synod Council (Vice Chair)

**Chapel in the Hills Board of Directors** - (four year term with a consecutive second term)

**Vote for ONE**

**James Schuh** – Trinity Lutheran Church, Rapid City

**Present Position:** Retired Elementary Principal

**Other Information:** Married to Arletta for 46 years; three grown children; Master's Degree in Elementary School Administration; volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and Chapel in the Hills; President of Rapid City Cosmopolitan Club; served on the Board of the Black Hills Chapter of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society

# Rules of Parliamentary Procedure

## South Dakota Synod, ELCA

### 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.)

- I.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.

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### South Dakota Synod, ELCA (continued)

- 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 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.

## Rules of Parliamentary Procedure South Dakota Synod, ELCA (continued)

- 3.04 **"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.
- 3.05 **"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 appeal or may state his or her objection. No further debate is allowed. Requires a majority to pass. A tie will sustain the President.
- 3.06 **"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.
- 3.07 **"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.
- 3.08 **"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.
- 3.09 **"I move that we suspend the rules and...."** It may not interrupt a speaker. Requires a second. It is not debatable. Because it delays the discussion of the issue on the floor, it requires a two-thirds majority to pass. The only rules that may be suspended are the parliamentary rules.

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

- 3.10 **"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).
- 3.11 **"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.
- 3.12 **"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 are in order whenever there is no other business on the floor.

- 3.13 **"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.
- 3.14 **"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**

<b>TO ACCOMPLISH THIS:</b>	<b>YOU SAY THIS:</b>	<b>Interrupt Speaker</b>	<b>2nd Needed</b>	<b>Debatable</b>	<b>Can It Be Amended</b>	<b>Vote Required</b>	<b>Can It Be Reconsidered</b>
<b><u>I. RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED BY THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: RC = Resolutions Committee; VM = Voting Member of the Assembly</u></b>							
Recommended "Do Pass"	RC: "I move adoption."	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
"Do Pass as Amended"	RC: "I move adoption as amended."	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
"No Recommendation"	VM: "I move adoption of # ____."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
"Commit to Committee"	RC: "I move we refer # ____ to ____."	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
"Do Not Pass"	VM: "I move adoption of # ____."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
To Amend a Resolution/Motion:	VM: "I move to amend the motion by (deleting) (adding)."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
<b><u>II. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS INTRODUCED BY VOTING MEMBERS FROM THE FLOOR:</u></b>							
To Adjourn the Meeting:	"I move that we adjourn."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
To Recess the Meeting:	"I move that we recess (for)(until) ____."	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
To Return to the Agenda:	"I call for the orders of the day."	Yes	No	No	No	None	No
To Protest a Breach of Rules:	"I rise to make a point of order."	No	No	No	No	Chair rules	No
To Object to Ruling of the Chair:	"I appeal the decision of the Chair."	Yes	Yes	Chair only	No	Majority	Yes
To Verify a Voice Vote:	"I call for a division of the assembly."	Yes	50	No	No	None	No
To Vote on Separating the Parts of the Motion:	"I call for the division of the question."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	Yes
To Close Nominations:	"I move that nominations be closed."	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Majority	No
To Suspend Rules Temporarily:	"I move that we suspend the rules and ____ so that ____."	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Majority	No
To Suspend Consideration of a Motion Temporarily:	"I move to lay # ____ on the table."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
To End Debate and Amendments:	"I move the previous question."	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Majority	No
To Refer a Resolution:	"I move that we refer # ____ to ____."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
To Consider a Tabled Motion:	"I move we take # ____ from the table."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
To Reconsider a Previous Action:	"I move we reconsider (action)."	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	No
To Request Information:	"Point of information."	Yes	No	No	No	None	No



## Synod Constitution, Chapter 7 – Synod Assembly

### Chapter 7. SYNOD 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 biennially.
- S7.11.10. 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 presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in cooperation with the Synod Council.
- S7.13.** Notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Synod Assembly shall be given by the secretary of this synod.
- S7.13.10. 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, 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 ordained ministers under call on the roster of this synod in attendance at the Synod Assembly shall be voting members.
  - b. All associates in ministry, deaconesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and diaconal ministers, under call, on the official lay rosters of this synod shall have both voice and vote as lay voting members in the Synod Assembly, in addition to the voting membership of lay members of congregations provided in item +S7.21.c.

## Synod Constitution, Chapter 7 – Synod Assembly (continued)

- 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:

* Baptized Member Increments	** Lay Voting Members	+ 16-21 Year Old Member	+ Person of Color and/or Non-English Origin	Maximum Total Lay Voting Members
0– 500	2	1	1	4
501 – 1000	3	1	1	5
1001 – 1500	4	1	1	6
1501 – 2000	5	1	1	7
2001 – 2500	6	1	1	8
2501 – 3000	7	1	1	9
3001 – 3500	8	1	1	10
3501 – 4000	9	1	1	11
4001 – 4500	10	1	1	12
4501 – 5000	11	1	1	13

*\*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.*

S7.21.C02

*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.*

## Synod Constitution, Chapter 7 – Synod Assembly (continued)

- S7.21.D02** *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.*
- S7.22.** Retired ordained 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.
- S7.23.** 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.
- S7.24.** 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.
- +S7.25.** 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.
- S7.26.** 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 worshiping 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 worshiping 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.
- S7.27.** 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.

## Synod Constitution, Chapter 7 – Synod Assembly (continued)

**+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**

**Credentials Committee**

S7.40.10. Prior to the Synod Assembly, the Bishop shall select 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.

**Election Committee**

S7.40.20. 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.

**Resolutions Committee**

S7.40.30. 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.

S7.40.31. The committee shall elect its own leadership.

S7.40.32. 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.

S7.40.33. 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**

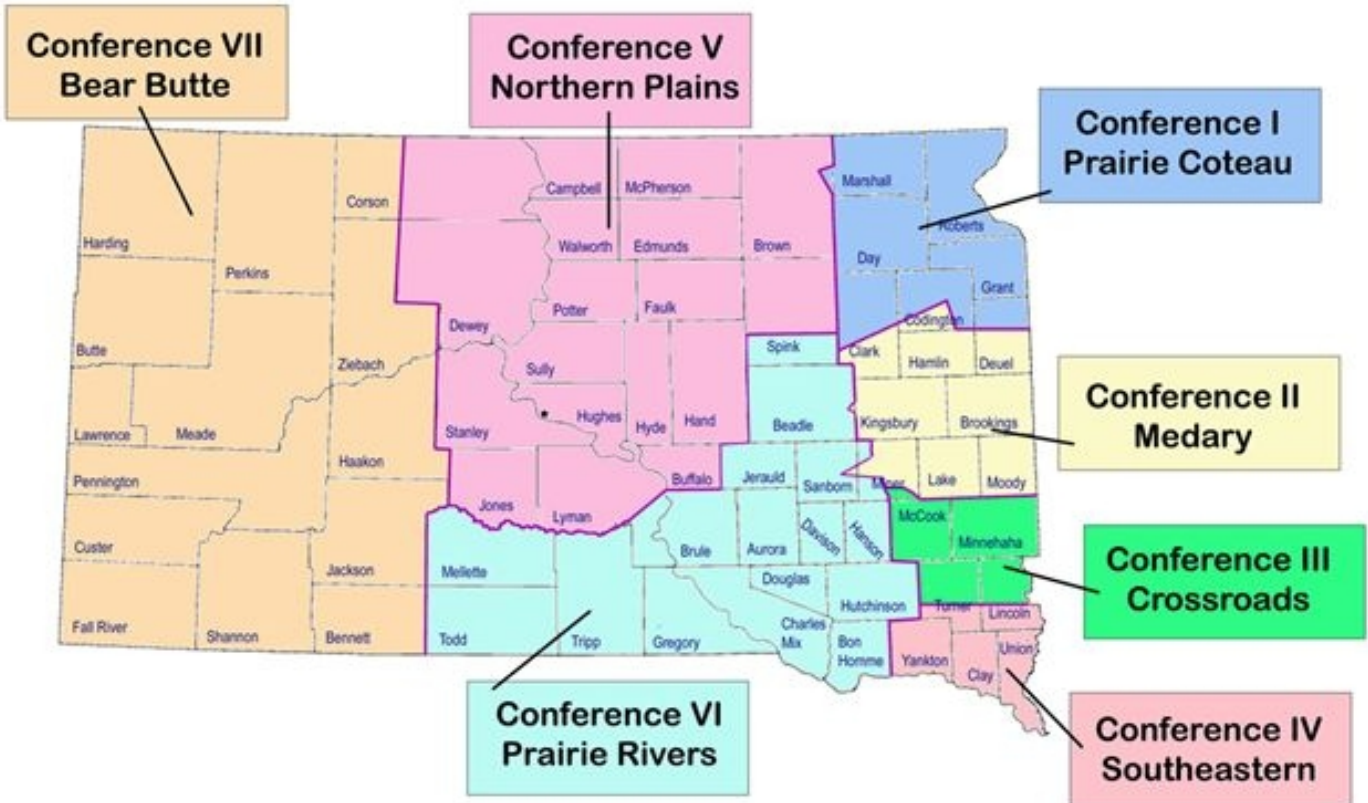
S7.50.10. The members of the Synod Assembly from each conference shall constitute the conference caucus.

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 delegates 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 Conference Map**