

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
South Dakota Synod Assembly
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Sioux Falls, SD
June 6-8, 2013**

The twenty-sixth annual Assembly of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA, convened at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 6-8, 2013, with the theme *Come to the Table*.

Registration began at 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 6th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls. Appetizers and fellowship were provided in the Gathering Place followed by Stories and Song with Dakota Road in the Celebrate Center.

June 7, 2013

Registration opened at 8:00 am at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Displays and the book store were open along with the Community Blood Blank Blood Mobile. New voting member orientation was conducted by Bishop Zellmer, Jim Schade, and Brett Koenecke.

Opening worship with Holy Communion and the Opening of the Assembly were held at Our Savior's Celebrate Center beginning at 10:15 am with Bishop David Zellmer presiding and Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla preaching. The offering was directed towards Pueblo de Dios, Sioux Falls, Cameroon roofs and Feeding South Dakota.

The following people were introduced: Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, Director ELCA Global Mission; Larry Olson, Hans Peterson and Karol Baer, Dakota Road musicians; Dr. Solofo and Dr. Joely Rakotoarivelo, ELCA missionaries to Cameroon assigned to the Protestant Hospital in Garoua Boulai; Synod Staff: Lois Borchardt, Suzanne Hansen, AIM, Kevin Stillson, Cathy Larson, Crystal McCormick, Susan Marone, AIM, Kurt Osborne, and Jim Schade.; Rev. Dr. Fred Gaiser, assembly chaplain; seminarians assigned to the South Dakota Synod: Adam Butler, Elizabeth Dieseth, Lisa Heffernan, and David Bentz; Assembly Planning Committee: Rev. Justin Neugebauer, Rev. Erik Olson, Elliott Stephenson, Kayla Koterwski, and Mallorie Hansmann; Bishop Elections Committee: Rev. Dwight Stensgaard, Rev. Heidi Binstock, and John Rasmusson.

Rev. Greg Wilcox, Good Samaritan Society, brought a greeting. Water bottles were provided to Assembly participants by the Good Samaritan Society.

Rev. Bruce Williams brought greetings from Our Savior's Lutheran Church and provided announcements. Rev. Dr. Fred Gaiser provided the table prayer. Lunch was served.

Plenary Session One

Plenary sessions were held in the Our Savior's Lutheran Church Celebrate Center. Bishop David Zellmer called the meeting to order.

Bishop Zellmer introduced Carla Borchardt, Secretary; Erik Gilbertson, Treasurer; Brett Koenecke, Parliamentarian. Bishop Zellmer explained that Vice President Gary Steuck resigned following the March 2013 Synod Council meeting.

A First Lutheran African Ministry video was viewed.

Bishop Zellmer explained the voting devices and process. Several test votes were taken.

Rev. Dan Ofstehage, Credentials Committee, reported: 494 voting members (139 – clergy, 206 – lay female, 149 – lay male), 17 youth, 5 people of color/non-English as primary language, 72 visitors and advisory had registered as of 12:35 pm for a total attendance of 566.

MSC to adopt the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, South Dakota Synod, ELCA.

(yes = 429, no = 5, abstain = 10)

SA.13.01

Bishop Zellmer explained the agenda was built assuming a total of five votes for bishop. If a bishop is elected in less than five votes, revisions to the agenda will be adopted.

MSC to adopt the agenda as presented.

(yes = 447, no = 0, abstain = 4)

SA.13.02

Bishop Zellmer introduced Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen, OMG Center for Theological Conversation, who presented the Bible study.

Erik Gilbertson introduced Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, Director ELCA Global Mission. Rev. Malpica Padilla assumed the role of the Chair. Rev. Malpica Padilla explained to the Assembly that only voting members should be seated in the hall and at a point in time the doors to the hall would be closed and no voting members would be able to enter the hall prior to the bishop election process. Rev. Malica Padilla further explained the bishop election process, as described in the South Dakota Synod Constitution, assumes up to five votes. At one point, the top five nominees would be asked six questions. A box was available at the Synod Office Information Center through Saturday morning where voting members could submit questions.

Rev. Malpica Padilla requested the doors to the hall be closed.

Rev. Malpica Padilla explained the bishop election process is a call process. A pastor is called to carry out ministry and service in the Office of the Bishop of the South Dakota Synod. The role of the bishop is to serve as pastor, to preach, teach and administer the sacraments; to be a servant leader; to be an evangelist; and to remind us of the unity within the ELCA as one holy catholic and apostolic church.

Rev. Malpica Padilla explained the voting process. Only voting members with proper credentials may vote. Rev. Malpica Padilla requested non-voting members leave the hall. As described in the South Dakota Synod Constitution, each conference could lift up names of individuals for bishop. However, this was not a nomination process. The first ballot of the Assembly serves as

a nominating ballot. Each voting member could write the name of the person, rostered in the ELCA, whom they would like to serve as Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, even if that name was not identified through the conference process. Rev. Malpica Padilla stated the constitution requires the name of the person as it appears on the roster of the ELCA. He requested voting members provide the full name and as much information as was known about the pastor (example Pastor Olson from First Lutheran, Pukwana). Any pastor rostered in the ELCA may be nominated whether on the active, retired, or on leave from call rosters. Rev. Malpica Padilla asked the Assembly whether there were any questions, and stated once the voting process begins it cannot be interrupted for questions.

Joy Nelson, Credentials Committee, reported: 516 voting members (153 – clergy, 211 – lay female, 152 – lay male) had registered as of 1:08 pm.

Rev. Malpica Padilla led the Assembly in scripture and prayer.

Rev. Malpica Padilla stated 75% of the legal votes cast were needed to elect the bishop on the first ballot.

Elections Committee members distributed the first ballot. Rev. Malpica Padilla instructed the Assembly voting members to vote. The ballots were collected by the Elections Committee. Rev. Malpica Padilla declared the first ballot for the Bishop of the South Dakota Synod closed. The ballots were counted by the Elections Committee.

Rev. Malpica Padilla returned the Chair to Bishop Zellmer.

Bishop Zellmer introduced Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, who presented the State of the ELCA address.

A break was held with refreshments provided by congregations of the South Dakota Synod. Gathering music was provided by Dakota Road.

Plenary Session Two

Bishop Zellmer called upon Rev. Malpica Padilla to present the results of the first ballot for Bishop of the South Dakota Synod. Rev. Malpica Padilla reported:

Number of votes cast = 504

Number of illegal votes cast = 21

Number of legal votes cast = 483

Number of votes needed for election (75%) = 363

Name	Votes Cast
Witlock, Jeff	1
Wilcox, Greg	1
Watrous, Harold	1
Taylor, Walter	1
Sylvester, Marcia	1
Stillson, Kent	1
Sorenson, Siri	1

Sorenson, Jeff	1
Soli, Karen	1
Sathre, Steve	1
Rosin, Fred	1
Rohde, Paul	1
Piper, David	1
Otterman, Jeff	1
Opoien, Tom	1
Madsen, Anna	1
Lindgren, Lance	1
Hope, Lori	1
Hahn, Patrick	1
Gallipo, Wayne	1
Foss, Rick	1
Bossman, Dennis	1
Binstock, Heidi	1
Unzicker, Steve	2
Ulring Larson, April	2
Rakness, Jared	2
Nelson, Carla	2
Lizarazo, Natanael	2
Hagmeier, Constanze	2
Thalacker, Bruce	3
Stjernholm, Paul	3
Mapa, Jon	3
Chell, Bob	3
Roynesdal, Olaf	4
Koeller, Randy	4
Tesch, Bill	6
Stensgaard, Dwight	6
Hanson, Paul (Brookings)	7
Degroot Nesdahl, Andrea	21
Eisele, Jeff	30
Zellmer, David	358

Rev. Malpica Padilla declared no election had occurred on the first ballot. He explained the process for a person to remove his/her name from the ballot.

Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen presented the Bible study.

The Credentials Committee reported: 519 voting members (154 – clergy, 213 – lay female, 152 – lay male) had registered as of 3:03 pm.

Bishop Zellmer introduced the nominees for Synod Vice President as presented by the Nominations Committee (Support to Ministries Committee): Darcy Bien, Brookings, and Carla Borchardt, Sioux Falls. Bishop Zellmer called for additional nominations from the floor, explaining if a person nominated from the floor was elected, that person would need to be vetted and undergo a background check.

**MSC to close nominations for the South Dakota Synod Vice President.
SA.13.03**

Ms. Bien and Ms. Borchardt addressed the Assembly.

Bishop Zellmer led the Assembly in prayer.

The Assembly voted and the results were displayed.

**MSC to elect Carla Borchardt, Sioux Falls, as South Dakota Synod Vice President.
(Carla Borchardt = 252 (54%), Darcy Bien = 215 (46%), abstain = 2)
SA.13.04**

Bishop Zellmer introduced the nominees for Synod Secretary as presented by the Nominations Committee: Susan Leddy, Milbank, Sara Greff Dannen, Sioux Falls. Bishop Zellmer called for additional nominations from the floor explaining if a person nominated from the floor was elected, that person would need to be vetted and undergo a background check.

**MSC to nominate Steve Koenig, Trinity, Yankton.
SA.13.05**

**MSC to close nominations for the South Dakota Synod Secretary.
SA.13.06**

Ms. Leddy, Ms. Greff Dannen, and Mr. Koenig addressed the Assembly.

Bishop Zellmer led the Assembly in prayer.

The Assembly voted and the results were displayed:

Susan Leddy – 165 (36%)
Sara Greff Dannen – 175 (38%)
Steve Koenig – 121 (26%)
Abstain – 2 (0%)

Bishop Zellmer conferred with the Parliamentarian.

Rev. Bill Tesch, Rev. Natanael Lizarazo, and Rev. Jonathan Vehar presented mission moments on behalf of the Evangelical Outreach and Multicultural Committees.

Bishop Zellmer reported the South Dakota Synod Constitution states in +S9.02. "In all elections by the Synod Assembly, other than for the bishop, a majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election." Bishop Zellmer declared no nominee for secretary received a majority of the legal votes cast. Bishop Zellmer stated Roberts Rules provide for dropping the candidate with the fewest number of votes, stating a second vote with the nominees of Ms. Leddy and Ms. Greff Dannen would be held. Bishop Zellmer led the Assembly in prayer.

MSC to elect Susan Leddy, Sisseton, South Dakota Synod Secretary.

(Susan Leddy = 257 (53%), Sara Greff Dannen = 217 (45%), abstain = 7)

SA.13.07

Rev. Bill Tesch presented an Evangelical Outreach and Multicultural Committees report. Information on becoming a mission booster and mission partner was presented.

Rev. Malpica Padilla stated all bishop nominees had been contacted and several chose to remove their names from the ballot. A total of seven nominees remained, thus the second ballot would be conducted electronically.

The Credentials Committee reported: 521 voting members (155 – clergy, 214 – lay female, 152 – lay male) had registered as of 4:00 pm.

Rev. Malpica Padilla led the Assembly in scripture and prayer.

The second ballot for bishop was conducted electronically.

Number of votes cast = 491

Number of illegal votes cast = 0

Number of legal votes cast = 491

Number of votes needed for election (75%) = 369

Name	Votes Cast
Sathre, Steve	2
Otterman, Jeff	7
Koeller, Randy	9
Foss, Rick	10
Eisele, Jeff	57
Degroot Nesdahl, Andrea	68
Zellmer, David	338

Rev. Malpica Padilla declared no election had occurred on the second ballot. He stated the third ballot would include the top seven names. Each nominee would have five minutes to address the Assembly prior to the third ballot.

Rev. Malpica Padilla returned the chair to Bishop Zellmer.

Bishop Zellmer called on Rev. Patrick Hahn to present the Nominating Committee report. Rev. Hahn directed voting members to the 2013 Ballot.

Bishop Zellmer called for additional nominations for the Consultation Committee.

MSC to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Patrick Mikkonen, Mount Vernon, to a six year term on the Consultation Committee.

SA.13.08

Bishop Zellmer called for additional nominations for the Discipline Committee.

MSC to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Rev. Bob Hansen, Christ Lutheran, Hartford; and Rev. Constanze Hagmaier, Trinity, Madison, to six year terms on the Discipline Committee.

SA.13.09

Bishop Zellmer called for additional nominations for Synod Council Youth Representative.

MSC to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Matthew Johnson, Gloria Dei, Sioux Falls, to a two year term as Synod Council Youth Representative.

SA.13.10

Bishop Zellmer called for additional nominations for Lutheran Social Services Board of Directors.

MSC to cast a unanimous ballot to elect James Tharp, Huron; Rev. Carl Larson, Milbank; Barb Fishback, Brookings; and Mary Minton, Rapid City, to three year terms on the Lutheran Social Services Board of Directors.

SA.13.11

Bishop Zellmer introduced Cathy Larson, Companion Synods Coordinator, who introduced the Cameroon church roof video.

Bishop Zellmer introduced Rev. David Lund, Resolutions Committee, and called for consideration of Resolution 1.

Rev. Lund read Resolution 1: Roofs for our Companion Synod in Cameroon with a recommendation of do pass.

Resolution: 1

Recommendation: Do Pass

Action Taken: Adopted

(voice vote)

Subject: Roofs for our Companion Synod in Cameroon

Source: Companion Synod Committee

WHEREAS, The evangelism work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon, Africa continues to bear fruit with over 30 new churches recently constructed by our companion synod partners; and

WHEREAS, The churches constructed by our companion synod partners in Cameroon stand in need of permanent church roofs; and

WHEREAS, it was previously agreed by predecessor bodies that roofs would be provided by US Lutherans once the walls were constructed; and

WHEREAS, 2014 is the 25th year of companion relationship of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA and the EELC in Cameroon; and

WHEREAS, providing a church roof for our brothers and sisters in Cameroon is a tangible way to bear witness to the bond we share in Christ Jesus; and

WHEREAS, the average cost of providing a church roof in Cameroon is \$8000.00; therefore; be it

RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Synod in celebration of our 25 years of companionship relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon, establish a goal of raising \$200,000 to build 25 roofs for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon, Africa; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Companion Synod Committee of the South Dakota Synod be empowered to coordinate the fund raising effort; and be it further

RESOLVED, that congregations and individuals of the South Dakota Synod be encouraged to participate in the effort; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we join in applauding the congregations and individuals who have provided places where Cameroonians Lutherans can worship by contributing to the Cameroon Roofs project in the past as well as those who are joining in the effort now and in the year to come.

Pastor Loren Odland, Gloria Dei, Sioux Falls, spoke in favor of the resolution expressing thanks for the roofs that have already been built in Cameroon.

Roger Bordewyk, Our Savior's, Corsica, spoke in favor of the resolution stating he has traveled to Cameroon and it was one of the most moving experiences of his life. There is a great need for roofs for the churches.

**MSC to adopt Resolution 1: Roofs for our Companion Synod in Cameroon.
SA.13.12**

Bishop Zellmer called for consideration of Resolution 2.

Rev. Lund read Resolution 2: Changes to Compensation and Guidelines with a recommendation of do pass.

Resolution 2

Recommendation: Do Pass

Action Taken; Adopted

(yes = 328, no = 75, abstain = 18)

Subject: Changes to Compensation and Guidelines

Source: Support to Ministries Committee

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act Passed by Congress in 2010 significantly impacts the Health Care Benefits provided to leaders in the South Dakota Synod; and

WHEREAS, housing guidelines for pastors receiving a housing allowance need clarification and updating; and

WHEREAS, classifying church leaders into four categories provides congregations the option of selecting the Compensation and Guidelines that most pertain to them; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Synod in Assembly adopt for 2014:

- **Compensation and Guidelines for Pastors Living in a Parsonage**
- **Compensation and Guidelines for Pastors Receiving a Housing Allowance**
- **Compensation and Guidelines for Rostered Lay Leaders**
- **Compensation and Guidelines for Lay Leaders**

Mary O'Donnell, Our Savior's, Redfield, spoke on behalf of the Support to Ministries Committee and provided background information regarding the four compensation and guidelines categories.

MS to amend the resolution by adding a second resolved:

Resolved the Support to Ministries Committee revisit the housing allowance guidelines in the coming year to provide a formula for fair market value for housing allowance by zip code.

Rev. Daniel Osterkamp, St. John's, Webster, spoke in favor of the amendment stating fair market value by zip code is more useful for pastors in light of IRS regulations.

Lori Schultz, Trinity, Madison, requested clarification regarding calculating housing allowance at 50% of base salary.

Rev. Randy Koeller, American Lutheran, DeSmet, stated this recommend was a carry-over from last year's guidelines due to IRS regulations.

Bishop Zellmer stated his understanding of IRS regulations allow reporting up to 30% of the total compensation package as housing.

Rev. Siri Sorenson, Grace, Sioux Falls, spoke against the resolution stating housing fair market values can vary greatly within the same zip code.

Rev. Chris Matson, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Watertown, spoke against the resolution.

Rahn Siemonsma, Renner Lutheran, spoke in favor of the resolution stating estimating fair market value by zip code is sound business practice.

MS to amend Resolution 2
(yes = 149, no = 251, abstain = 32)

There was no further debate on Resolution 2.

MSC to adopt Resolution 2: Changes to Compensation and Guidelines

(yes = 328, no = 75, abstain = 18)

SA.13.13

Bishop Zellmer called for consideration of Resolution 3.

Rev. Lund read Resolution 3: Elect South Dakota Synod Council Members with a recommendation of do pass.

Resolution: 3

Recommendation: Do Pass

Action Taken: Adopted

(yes = 409, no = 7, abstain = 6)

Subject: Elect South Dakota Synod Council Members

Source: Resolutions Committee

RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Synod, ELCA elect the following conference nominees to the South Dakota Synod Council for a term of four years:

Medary Conference (Clergy) Rev. Randy Koeller, De Smet

Crossroads Conference (Lay Female) Marilyn Green, Sioux Falls

Northern Plains Conference (Lay Male) Jesse Fonkert, Mobridge

Prairie Rivers Conference (Lay Female) Rose Lauck, Corsica

Bishop Zellmer explained nominations for these positions come from the conferences, therefore, there was no call for additional nominations from the floor.

MSC to adopt Resolution 3: Elect South Dakota Synod Council Members.

(yes = 409, no = 7, abstain = 6)

SA.13.14

Bishop Zellmer called on Erik Gilbertson, Treasurer, to present the Treasurer's Report and Mission Plan.

Treasurer Gilbertson presented the close out of the fiscal year ending January 2013. He explained the current budget was revised by the Synod Council based on 2013 statements of intent. The revised 2013 budget was presented.

A voting member asked about the financial status of the synod. Gilbertson stated the South Dakota Synod is doing fairly well, other synods are not doing as well financially. In South Dakota, most of the mission partners are paid monthly as a percent of the mission support received by the synod during that month.

Gilbertson presented the Proposed 2014 Mission Plan.

Rev. Ericka Lehmann presented information about the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Holy Cow awards were presented to American Lutheran, Presho, and Gloria Dei, Sioux Falls.

Dakota Road led the Assembly in song.

Rev. Dr. Fred Gaiser led the table prayer.

The evening meal and celebration were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Those celebrating rostered ministry anniversaries were recognized.

25th: Rev. Siri Sorenson, Rev. Barbara Wangsness, Rev. Jeffrey Buettner, Rev. Steven Moberg

50th: Rev. Leslie Hernes, Rev. N. Fred Hallstrom

55th: Rev. M. Franklin Pudas, Rev. Kermit Rye, Rev. Bruce Zellmer

60th: Rev. Ralph Johnshoy, Rev. Harlan Norem

Those who have retired were recognized: Rev. Dr. Karin Soli, Rev. Dennis Hansen, Rev. David Astrup, Rev. Gary Pabst, Rev. Arthur Weitschat, Rev. Stephen Lauricella, and Rev. Donald Clifford.

Rostered leaders new to the South Dakota Synod were welcomed: Rev. Michael Mortvedt, Rev. Kevin Bergeson, Rev. Andrew Nelson, Rev. James Steen, Rev. Scott Hackler, Rev. Stephan Sandness, and Rev. Marica Brennan.

Seminary graduates assigned to the South Dakota Synod were welcomed: Adam Butler, Elizabeth Dieseth, and Lisa Heffernan.

Rev. Nick Collins spoke about the 20th anniversary of the South Dakota Synod Endowment Fund.

Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla presented the keynote address.

Rev. Dr. Fred Gaiser led the closing prayer.

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The Mission Prayer Breakfast was held in the Gathering Place at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Morning worship with Holy Communion was held in the Our Savior's Celebrate Center with Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen preaching and Bishop David Zellmer presiding. Synod Council officers and members were installed. The offering was directed towards Pueblo de Dios, Sioux Falls, Cameroon roofs, and Feeding South Dakota.

Plenary Session Three

Rev. Dr. Fred Gaiser led the opening prayer.

The Assembly recessed.

The Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota Annual Meeting was held.

The Assembly recovered.

Rev. Paul Rhode, Campus Pastor, brought greetings from Augustana College.

Bishop nominee vitas were distributed.

A break sponsored by Augustana College was held.

Plenary Session Four

Bishop Zellmer called on Senator Stan Adelstein who brought greetings and a brief address.

Rev. Jonathan Vehar invited voting members to become mission boosters. An Evangelical Outreach Committee video was viewed.

Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla assumed the Chair. Rev. Malpica Padilla stated the top seven nominees continue to the third ballot for bishop. Rev. Rick Foss had indicated he does not wish to continue in the process. However, his response was received after the second vote so by rules, his name cannot be removed from the ballot. Rev. Steve Sathre is on sabbatical and is not available to be present at the Assembly.

The remaining five nominees drew lots to determine the order for addressing the Assembly on a subject of his/her own choosing. Each nominee was given five minutes to address the Assembly (Rev. Randy Koeller, Rev. Jeff Otterman, Rev. Andrea DeGroot Nesdahl, Bishop David Zellmer, Rev. Jeff Eisele).

Gary Johnson, Credentials Committee, reported: 531 voting members (155 – clergy, 216 – lay female, 160 – lay male) had registered as of 10:40 am.

Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla led the Assembly in scripture and prayer.

The third ballot for bishop was conducted electronically.

Dakota Road led the Assembly in song.

Rev. Malpica Padilla reported the results of the third ballot.

Number of votes cast = 476

Number of illegal votes cast = 0

Number of legal votes cast = 476

Number of votes needed for election (2/3) = 315

Name	Votes Cast	
Sathre, Steve	1	(0%)
Foss, Rick	1	(0%)
Koeller, Randy	5	(1%)

Otterman, Jeff	10	(2%)
Eisele, Jeff	74	(15.6%)
Degroot Nesdahl, Andrea	79	(16.6%)
Zellmer, David	306	(64.3%)

Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla declared no election had occurred on the third ballot. The names of the three nominees with the greatest number of votes would be placed on the fourth ballot. Rev. Malpica Padilla thanked the pastors for their participation in the nomination and election process. He led the Assembly in prayer. Rev. Malpica explained that prior to the fourth ballot, each nominee participated in a question and answer period, having two minutes to respond to six questions. The two nominees not speaking would be in another room with a chaplain.

Rev. Malpica Padilla returned to the Chair to Bishop Zellmer.

Bishop Zellmer called upon Brad Joern for a presentation from Portico.

Rev. Malpica Padilla moderated a question and answer session. He called upon the three bishop nominees to draw lots to determine speaking order. The order selected was Bishop David Zellmer, Rev. Jeff Eisele, and Rev. Andrea DeGroot Nesdahl. The nominees not speaking were in another room. Each nominee was asked the same questions in the same order and was given two minutes to respond to each question. The questions were selected from those submitted by Assembly voting members.

- What do you see as the principle challenge for the synod's bishop in the next six years?
- What is your vision for ministry, mission and growth of the synod in the next six years?
- What is your principle priority for the synod and what will you do to address it?
- What gifts will you bring to the office of the bishop of this synod?
- Tell a story about how the Word of God has shaped your life.
- If you could change one thing in the administration or organization of this synod, what would it be?

Joy Nelson, Credentials Committee, reported: 531 voting members (155 – clergy, 216 -- lay female, 160 – lay male) had registered as of 12:10 pm.

Rev. Malpica Padilla called for a moment of silence and transition. He led the Assembly in scripture and prayer.

The fourth ballot for bishop was conducted electronically.

Rev. Malpica Padilla reported the results of the fourth ballot.

Number of votes cast = 473

Number of illegal votes cast = 0

Number of legal votes cast = 473

Number of votes needed for election (60%) = 284

Name	Votes Cast
Eisele, Jeff	74 (15.6%)
Degroot Nesdahl, Andrea	77 (16.3%)
Zellmer, David	322 (68.1%)

**MSC to re-elect Rev. David Zellmer as Bishop of the South Dakota Synod.
SA.13.15**

Rev. Malpica Padilla declared Rev. David Zellmer was re-elected as Bishop of the South Dakota Synod. Rev. Malpica Padilla thanked Rev. DeGroot Nesdahl and Rev. Eisle for their willingness to participate in the call/election process. Rev. Malpica Padilla led the Assembly in scripture.

Gifts of a loaf of communion bread, an ELCA 25th anniversary logo piece, and a DVD about building roofs in Cameroon were available for each congregation during the lunch break. Representatives from Lutherans Outdoors were available for discussion during the lunch break.

The Assembly recessed for lunch.

Plenary Session Five

The Assembly reconvened.

Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla presided at a Reaffirmation of Call to the Office of the Bishop of the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA service.

Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen presented the Bible study.

Bishop David Zellmer presented the State of the Synod address.

Rev. David Piper and Jon Old Horse represented Woyatan Lutheran Church, Rapid City, as it was chartered as an organized and constituted congregation of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA. A video about Woyatan was viewed.

Roe and Pat Eidsness and congregational members represented WestSide Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, as it was chartered as an organized and constituted congregation of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA. A video about WestSide was viewed.

Betty Oldenkamp, President, brought greetings on behalf of Lutheran Social Services in South Dakota.

Bishop Zellmer called on Treasurer Erik Gilbertson to present the Proposed 2014 Mission Plan.

	Proposed
INCOME	2014
MISSION SUPPORT FROM CONGREGATIONS	\$1,699,420

Program Ministry Income	
Pine Ridge Ministry Income	45,001
Other Income Streams	
SD Synod Mission Support	60,000
DEM Support Staff	15,000
Interest Income	13,500
SDS Transportation LLC Income	5,000
SDS Transportation/Plane Income	25,000
Misc Income	8,750
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,871,671
EXPENSES	
	Proposed
CHURCHWIDE MISSION	2014
Mission Support to ELCA	773,236
% of Mission Support	45.5%
Region III	16,560
SHARED MINISTRIES	
South Dakota Sustained Ministries	
Campus Ministry	121,928
Campus Ministry Capital	1,030
Lutheran Planned Giving	54,410
Heartland Ephphatha	5,982
Lutheran Youth Organization	3,605
South Dakota Supported Ministries	
SD Ministries Support	13,778
Luther Seminary	69,145
Lutheran Social Services	69,145
Lutherans Outdoors	34,485
Church Colleges	5,982
Flandreau Indian School Chaplaincy	13,522
Association of Christian Churches	2,000
Chapel in the Hills	1
Good Samaritan Society	1
Total Shared Ministries	395,014
	Proposed
	2014
SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD MINISTRIES	
Staff Leadership	
Bishop	100,516
Associate Tesch	10,603
Associate Marone	76,977

Bishop/Associate Benefits	61,559
SDS Travel	38,698
Bishop/Assistants Travel & Cont Ed	20,800
Program Ministries	
Native American Ministry	78,084
Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator	14,007
Companion Synod Coordinator	10,700
Support Staff and Office	
Support Staff Salaries/Benefits	137,483
Resource Center Supplies	250
Synod Office Expenses	60,859
Augustana College	19,233
Synod Leadership	
Synod Council	6,000
Support to Ministries Committee	6,000
Candidacy Committee	6,000
Electronic Communications	2,500
Multicultural Ministry Committee	1,700
Companion Synods Ministry Committee	2,000
Evangelical Outreach Committee	1,500
Mission Strategy Committee	2,000
Ministry Projects	
Stewardship Project	4,000
Congregational Initiative Grants	1,236
Continuing Education Projects	1,000
Rural Ministry Projects	500
Woyatan Program Expenses	-
Outreach Ministries	
Multicultural Center	15,000
Mission Congregation Start-up	4,000
Companion Synods	1,000
Contingency	2,656
Subtotal SD Synod Ministries	686,861
Total Expense	\$1,871,671
Net Total	0

**MSC to adopt the Proposed 2014 Mission Plan.
SA.13.16**

Representatives from the Rosebud Intentional Community brought greetings. Videos about Rosebud and Luther House of Studies were viewed.

The Assembly thanked Our Savior's Lutheran Church and staff for their hospitality and the Bishop Elections Committee for their work.

Bishop David Zellmer led the Closing of the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carla Borchardt".

Carla Borchardt
Secretary, South Dakota Synod