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### ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

Synod Council  
Treasurer (4-year term, 296 votes cast)  
Mr. Loren Fry 211 votes

Lay at Large (2-year term, 290 votes cast)  
Mr. Pete Martinez, 166 votes

Lay at Large (3-year term, 293 votes cast)  
Mr. Milt Bledsoe, 194 votes

Youth Representative (2-year term, 295 votes cast)  
Ms. Meredith Henegen, 295 votes

### Conference Elections

Sonshine Conference #1 Clergy (3-year term, 30 votes cast)  
The Rev. Jan Brosen, 30 votes

West San Diego Conf. #2 Clergy (1-year term, 33 votes cast)  
The Rev. Karen Marohn, 33 votes

Big Bear Conference #5 Clergy (3-year term, 41 votes cast)  
The Rev. Mark Johnson, 41 votes

Rejoice Conference #9 Clergy (3-year term, 31 votes cast)  
The Rev. Tom Goellrich, 22 votes

Hukilau Conference #10 Lay (3-year term, 27 votes cast)  
Ms. Eileen Ward, 27 votes

### ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS

05-1 *A Renewed Vision for Missionary Sponsorship in the Pacifica Synod* passed.

05-2A, 05-2B, 05-2C *Response to Recommendations from the Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality* tabled indefinitely.

05-3 *The Gamaliel Option* tabled indefinitely.

05-4 *Renewed Study of 1991 Social Statement on Abortion and Related Issues* passed.

05-5 *Regarding Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Immigrants* was not acted upon because we ran out of time. It automatically goes to Synod Council.

The following resolutions were submitted by the Synod Council.

Resolution receiving with joy two congregations new to the Synod, Spirit of Peace L.C. in Big Bear City and Redeemer L.C. in Chino by unanimous acclamation.

*Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Leaders of the Pacifica Synod* passed.

*Increased Support for Augsburg Fortress* passed.

*Pacifica Synod 2007 Assembly in Hawaii* passed.

*Proposed Changes to the Pacifica Synod Constitution/Bylaws* presented for review and was approved.

*Memorial to 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Regarding the ELCA Church Council's Sexuality Recommendations for the Churchwide Assembly*

Resolution 1 passed.	290 Accept.	17 Reject.	8 Abstentions
Resolution 2 with changes passed	201 Accept.	78 Reject.	5 Abstentions
Resolution 3 passed.	186 Accept.	119 Reject.	12 Abstentions

## ... Outside the Main Hall ...

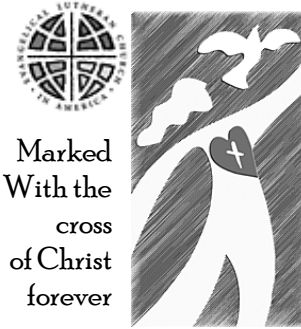
From a workshop to the Mexican Border or a mix of 15 other topics, just catching up with colleagues or just smelling the roses, Assembly offered a wide variety of activities outside the main assembly.



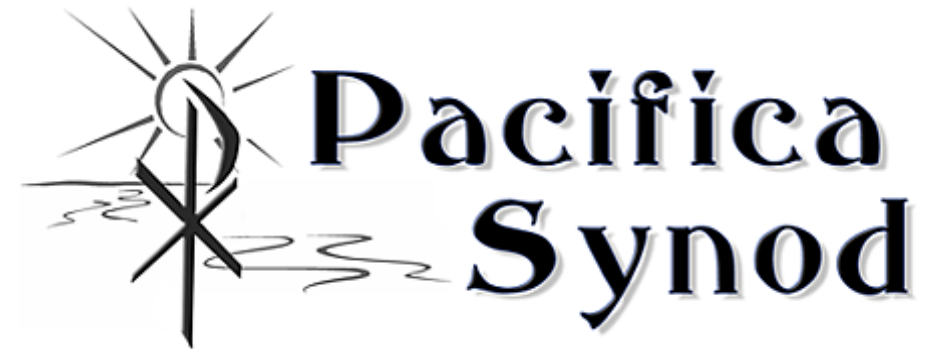
Over 100 volunteers assure a smooth assembly for all.



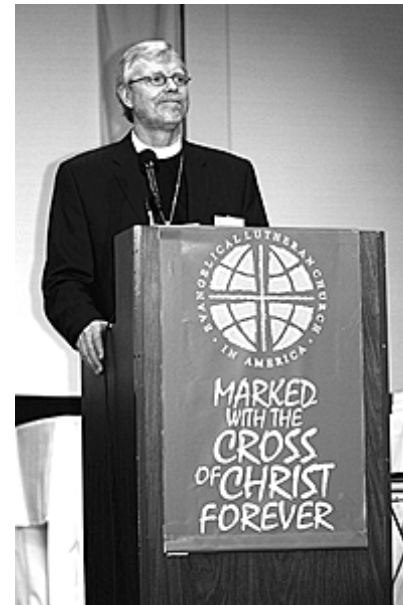
Hospitality volunteers ready for the steady stream of visitors.



18th Annual Synod Assembly ♦ May 5-7, 2005 ♦ Town and Country Resort, San Diego



## Diversity a strength for Pacifica Synod



Bishop Murray Finck declares the assembly to be in session.



The Rev. Jake Bell of Gloria Dei L.C. in Fontana and The Rev. Karen Parker, assistant to the bishop, serve communion.

After walking through a painless registration process, the members and visitors of the Eighteenth Annual Assembly of the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America were brought into session by Bishop Murray D. Finck.

Among the first items of business was the reception into the synod of two new congregations. Spirit of Peace L.C. in Big Bear City and Redeemer L.C. in Chino were welcomed with overwhelming applause.

Bishop Finck led the Bible stud-

ies, based on Philippians 2:1-15. He noted that as a multi-cultural synod, it is likely that there will be diversity of thinking among us. The real danger is inside the church; it is our disunity. He said that because people are passionate about God's truth, there are great chances for conflict. However, in Philippians, Paul calls us to be together, turning our hearts to Christ; we are to forgive and be forgiven, to embrace each other in God's love. Paul's words are marked with the cross of Christ and they are words for you and me, and words for the Pacifica Synod and the ELCA.

Bishop Finck closed by thank-

ing Jesus for emptying himself into each of us as individuals and as a synod.

Carlos Peña, ELCA vice-president, brought greetings from Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson and answered questions from the Assembly members.

During the assembly, a diverse group of programs were highlighted showing the strengths of the

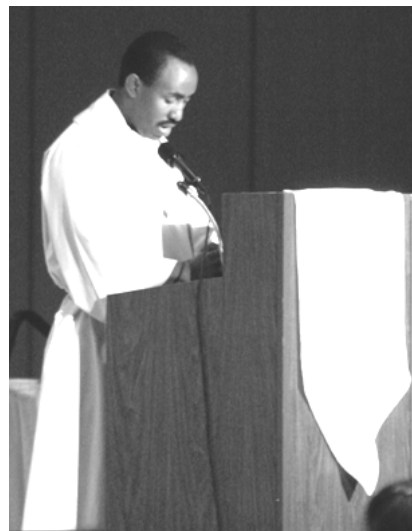
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Members of the newly received congregations - Spirit of Peace L.C. in Big Bear City and Redeemer L.C. in Chino - are welcomed to the synod.

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Pacifica Synod. The Rev. Howard and Mary Wennes lifted up ELCA Hunger Appeal, the Rev. Lyle Peterson said the Lutheran Credit Union Affinity Visa Card program will support the New Mission Development Endowment Fund, Marv Combs outlined Preparing Adult Lay Leaders for Mission and Ministry (PALLMM), Helen Riggs, president of WELCA for the synod, reported the past year's activities, including giving of \$18,000+ to churchwide mission and ministry, \$1,800 to the



The Rev. Solomon Hailu, Calvary L.C. in San Diego, reads the scripture in Amharic.

synod for "Stand With Africa," and \$1,000 presented to Bishop Finck on the stage Friday morning, a video highlighted "Invitation to Service," a youth oriented ministry event taking place Au-

gust 4-6, 2005, and the Rev. Bill Bruggeman presented Lutheran Border Ministries. These represent only a few of the missions and ministries supported by Pacifica Synod congregations.

Worship, playing an important role in the Synod Assembly, included music in Spanish and South African, scripture shared in Amharic (Ethiopian) and Taiwanese, and a prayer offered in Vietnamese, Spanish and Japanese. The Rev. Dr. Phyllis Anderson, President, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, preached the message on Thursday night. She centered her thoughts on Jesus' ascension as reported in Luke 24:44-53. She shared her understanding that among the ways to interpret these texts



Thursday's keynote speakers: The Rev. Dr. Howard and Mary Wennes

should be one that includes God's growing understanding of us.

Getting down to the business of the assembly, voting members approved several resolutions (see page four for the complete list). Among the action taken was the adoption of the resolution to hold the 2007 session of Synod Assembly in the state of Hawaii. Overriding the concerns for cost and extravagance were the issues of fully including our brothers and sisters of the Hukilau Conference in synod life and gaining a better understanding of the challenges



The Rev. Dr. Phyllis Anderson is greeted at the reception in her honor.

faced by our Hawaiian congregations. Resolutions 05-02A, B & C, the Gamaliel Option were tabled indefinitely, and Resolutions 1, 2 & 3, brought forth by the Synod Council (all concerning the Sexuality Study) were passed. (For complete results see page 4.)

On Friday evening there was a reception in honor of the Rev. Dr. Phyllis Anderson who is

the first woman to become president of a Lutheran theological seminary. Then all moved into the annual banquet. Conference Lay Recognition Awards were presented to one lay member from each of the ten conferences. Entertainment for the evening "Late Nite Catechism," followed to the delight of the large gathering.



Assembly will close with Bishop Medardo Gomez from the Lutheran Church of El Salvador preaching at the final worship.

Friday night celebrated the hard work of lay leaders from each conference pictured below. Lay honorees included:  
Kathi Anderson ~ Sonshine Conference  
Marion Aulger ~ Rejoice Conference  
William Fredericks ~ West San Diego Conference  
Peggy Kinsey ~ Mariposa Conference  
Dave and Carole Korshavn ~ Raincross Conference  
Graham Matthews ~ Big Bear Conference  
Anne McDaniel ~ Harvest Conference  
Carol Melland ~ Son & Surf Conference  
Fritz Meyers ~ Saddleback Conference  
Eileen Ward ~ Hukilau Conference



Our catechism teacher, the good sister, points out Martin Luther and the "When in doubt, it's a sin" button on the hat she awarded to the "Lutheran Idol" winner. Laughter filled the room as we discovered that our good Catholic friends are not so different from us!