

# EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY

**Pacifica Synod – ELCA**  
Town & Country Resort Hotel



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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2005

Hospitality Training Sessions  
1:30 p.m. Synod Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Staff Dinner

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## THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2005

10:00 a.m.	<b>Registration Opens</b>	Foyer
10:00 a.m.	Deans Meeting	Stratford
10:30 a.m.	Retired Pastors/AIMS/Spouses/Widows Reception	Pacific Salon 7
<b>BUSINESS MEETING 1</b>		
12:45 p.m.	Song, Scripture and Prayer	Golden Ballroom
1:00 p.m.	<b>Opening of the Assembly</b> (Page 1 - 3)	
	<b>Bible Study—Bishop Murray Finck</b>	
	Credentials Report	
	Nominating Committee Report	
	Treasurer's Report	
	Anniversary recognition	
	Introductions	
2:00 p.m.	<b>ELCA Report—Carlos Pena, ELCA Vice President</b>	
2:45 p.m.	PALLMM	
3:00 p.m.	<b>Report of the Bishop—the Rev. Murray D. Finck</b>	
	Synod Business	
4:00 p.m.	<b>Keynote Speakers—the Rev. Howard and Mary Wennes</b>	
	Resolutions Committee Report	
5:00 p.m.	Budget Forum	Pacific Salon 7
	Resolutions Forum	Pacific Salon 4
	Dinner on your own	
7:30 p.m.	<b>Eucharist Worship—the Rev. Dr. Phyllis Anderson, preaching</b>	

**FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2005**

6:30 a.m. Stretch & Pray—Bishop Murray Finck

8:20 a.m. Song, Scripture and Prayer

8:30 a.m. **Bible Study—Bishop Murray Finck**

Dover  
Golden Ballroom

**BUSINESS MEETING 2**

9:00 a.m. Credentials Report  
**Synod Council Elections**  
Partner Reports  
Synod Business

10:00 a.m. **ELCA Report Part 2**

10:15 a.m. Synod Business

10:45 a.m. **Keynote Speaker—the Rev. Dr. Phyllis Anderson**

11:45 a.m. Break

12:00 p.m. Lunch/**A Conversation Together**

1:00 p.m. Budget  
Synod Council Election Results

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. **Workshops**

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. **Workshops**

6:30 p.m. Reception for Dr. Phyllis Anderson

7:15 p.m. **Banquet—Late Nite Catechism**

Royal Palm Court  
Golden Ballroom

**SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005**

6:30 a.m. Stretch and Pray—Bishop Murray Finck

8:20 a.m. Song, Scripture and Prayer

8:30 a.m. **Bible Study—Bishop Murray Finck**

Dover  
Golden Ballroom

**BUSINESS MEETING 3**

9:00 a.m. Credentials Report  
Synod Business

9:45 a.m. **Keynote Speaker—Bishop Medardo Gomez**  
Synod Business

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. **Eucharist Worship—Bishop Medardo Gomez, preaching**

12:15 p.m. Close of Assembly

## OPENING DIALOGUE

- L: The words of Holy Scripture are a light to our feet and a lamp to the pathway we now take.  
*(We pause to reflect on the walk together that we now undertake)*
- Saint Paul wrote: "As there are many members in one body,
- C: So we, though many, are one body in Christ."** (Romans 12:4-5)
- L: Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name,
- C: There am I in the midst of them."** (Matthew 18:20)
- L: Again Saint Paul encouraged: "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, being humble and gentle, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:1-3)
- C: Let us pursue justice and peace, for mutual upbuilding.** (Romans 14:19)
- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.**
- L: Let us pray,  
Abundant and abiding God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light and power of your Holy Spirit. Send us your Holy Spirit that we may have a right judgment and a discerning heart in all things we now do, say and deliberate.  
Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.
- C: Amen! Thank you, God, for your love! Amen!**
- L: I declare this seventeenth assembly of the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to be in session in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**

## ASSEMBLY PARTICIPANTS

CHAIR.....	Bishop Murray D. Finck
PARLIAMENTARIAN .....	Ms. Barbara Price
SECRETARY .....	Ms. Rena Rustad

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY PLANNING

ASSEMBLY PLANNING TEAM.....	Mr. Rod Anderson Ms. Helga Bergthold The Rev. Elwood Hall Ms. Vicki Higgins The Rev. Laurie Line The Rev. Melissa Lundquist The Rev. Karen Parker Ms. Jennifer Zahnow
CREDENTIALS .....	Ms. Pam Reynolds
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR.....	The Rev. Elwood Hall
DISPLAY COORDINATOR.....	Ms. Sheila Wenzel
NOMINATING COMMITTEE.....	The Rev. Paul Black, Chair Mr. Rod Anderson The Rev. Lyle Peterson The Rev. Ray Wade
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.....	The Rev. Gloria Espeseth, Chair Mr. Larry Anderson Mr. Andre Hanson The Rev. Laurie Line Ms. Eileen Ward
WORSHIP COMMITTEE.....	Ms. Mary Shaima, Chair Mr. Stan Beard Mr. Chris Cook The Rev. Heidi Hester The Rev. Karen Parker Mr. Brett Strader Ms. Susan Wade Mr. Bill Wells Ms. Jennifer Zahnow
HOSPITALITY .....	California Lutheran Homes and Community Services

The Assembly planning team thanks Dorothy Aanestad, Pam Reynolds, Terri Robertson and Lori Seargeant of the synod staff for the assembly notebook and registration process.



## **ELCA REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Carlos Peña, ELCA Vice President**

Carlos Peña was elected to serve a six-year term as vice president of the ELCA at the 2003 Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee.

Born April 25, 1953, in Houston. Peña attended Ball High School, Galveston, Texas, and graduated in 1971. He attended the University of Houston, where he earned a bachelor's degree in music education in 1976.

Peña worked for the Galveston Independent School District from 1976 to 1979 as a music teacher. Since 1979 he has been president of Kleen Supply Co., Galveston, and C.M. Distributing Corp., Houston.

Peña's extensive experiences in the church include being president of First Lutheran Church, Galveston, from 1989 to 1995, and was vice president of the ELCA Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Houston, from 1991 to 1995. In 1993, he was elected to serve a six-year term on the ELCA Church Council and was on the council's executive committee.

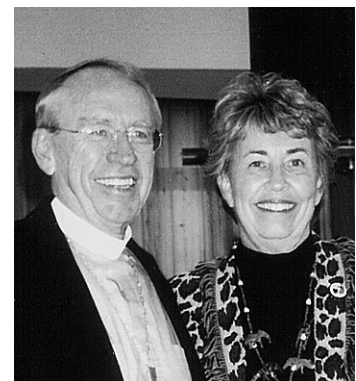
Peña serves on the regional governing board of Christus Health Care, Houston and is a director of Texas First Bank, Galveston. Previously, he was president of the Galveston Historical Foundation.

A recipient of the Liberty Bell Award from the Galveston County Bar Association, Peña is married to Diane, who is a teacher coordinator at a church-based school. The Peñas reside in Galveston and are members of First Lutheran Church.

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

### **The Rev. Howard and Mary Wennes ELCA Hunger Appeal**

Howard "Howie" Wennes, appointed Assistant to the President for University Ministries and Acting Director of Church Relations for California Lutheran University in 2004, is the former Bishop of Grand Canyon Synod. He is also a part-time staff member of ELCA Hunger Appeal. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from California Lutheran University in 1987 and has served on its Board of Regents. His ministerial career has taken him and his wife Mary to parishes throughout the western United States. Howie received his bachelor's degree in economics from St. Olaf College, his master of divinity from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., and his doctor of divinity from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif.



Mary Wennes is a graduate of the University of Minnesota in Elementary Education and

holds a Masters from California Lutheran in Special Education. She has taught kindergarten and special education for 25 years. Mary has participated in Lutheran World Relief study tours to Central America and Eastern Africa and she served as host for Lutheran World Relief study visits to Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda.

Howie and Mary have been partners in marriage and ministry for over 40 years. They have done presentations on Stand With Africa, a partnership emphasis with Lutheran World Relief and the ELCA Hunger Program, at seven of our seminaries, at Global Mission Events, Synod Hunger events and synod assemblies. Mary has also consulted with congregations on "Alternate Gift-Giving" programs.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### **The Rev. Dr. Phyllis Anderson**

Elected to serve as the seventh president of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Dr. Anderson began her service in February 2005. Dr. Anderson is the first woman elected to lead a Lutheran seminary anywhere in the United States.

Dr. Anderson came to PLTS from Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry, where she was Associate Dean and Director of the Institute for Ecumenical Theological Studies. In that capacity she had been a primary leader in the creation of an innovative and highly regarded ecumenical seminary within a Jesuit university, serving 11 denominations.

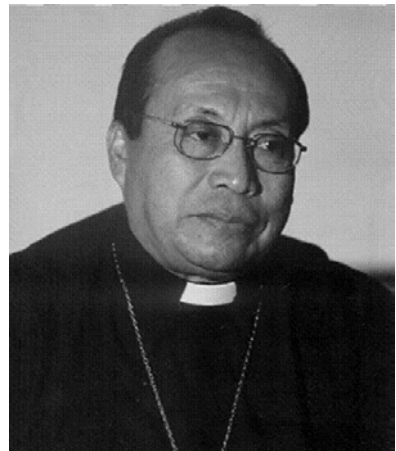
Dr. Anderson is known widely and respected in Lutheran circles for her ten years (1988-1998) as Director for Theological Education in the ELCA. During that time she led a churchwide study of theological education, which developed a comprehensive plan for a system of theological education in the newly formed ELCA. That planning process led to greater cooperation among the eight seminaries of the ELCA, initiatives to make theological education more accessible for both lay people and future pastors, the establishment of a required three-year program of continuing education for seminary graduates, substantial revision of the ELCA candidacy process for those seeking vocations in the church, and the launching of a major churchwide scholarship fund for ministry candidates called the Fund for Leaders in Mission.

Prior to her work at the ELCA churchwide offices in Chicago she was Director of Pastoral Studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Assistant to the Bishop of the Iowa District of the American Lutheran Church and pastor at three Lutheran churches in Epworth, Earlville and Dyersville, Iowa. Dr. Anderson holds a B.A. degree from California State University in Sacramento, a Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Iowa and a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### The Rev. Dr. Medardo Gomez Bishop, the Lutheran Church of El Salvador

Bishop Medardo Gomez, of the Lutheran Church of El Salvador, whose valiant defense of human rights in El Salvador has made him a repeated nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize, will deliver the keynote address on Saturday morning and preach at the Saturday worship service.



During the worst time of government and military repression in his country, Bishop Gomez received numerous death threats and was detained and tortured. The persecution of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church stirred him to greater faith in the power of the gospel of peace, and to a deeper public engagement of the church in favor of the poor. Today, in different conditions, Bishop Gomez continues to lead the church as it speaks for the voiceless people of society.

#### CURRICULUM VITAE REVERENDO Y DOCTOR MEDARDO E. GOMEZ SOTO

##### DATOS PERSONALES

Fecha y Lugar de nacimiento	San Miguel, El Salvador, 8 de junio de 1945
Nacionalidad	Salvadoreña
Estado Civil	Casado, 6 hijos

##### ESTUDIOS REALIZADOS

Primarios	Escuela Dr. Antonio Rosales, San Miguel, El Salvador
Secundarios	Colegio Oriental, San Miguel, El Salvador, Graduado de Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras
Superiores	Instituto de Estudios Superiores y Seminario Luterano Augsburgu México, D.F. Licenciatura en Teología; Universidad Francisco Gavidia, San Salvador, El Salvador, Maestría Profesor Universitario

##### DISTINCIONES RECIBIDAS

1984	- Doctor en Divinidad, Honoris Causa, Lutheran Trinity Seminary, Columbus, Ohio
1986	- Consagración como Obispo del Sínodo Luterano Salvadoreño
1987	- Reconocimiento "Confesor de Cristo," Escuela Luterana en Teología, Chicago
1987	- Reconocimiento "Confesor de Cristo," Semanario Cristo – Seminex y, Seminario Teológico Luterano del Pacífico, Berkeley, California
1990	- Premio Solidaridad de la Ciudad de Bremen, Senado de la Ciudad Libre Hanseática de Bremen, Alemania, compartido con el Comité Cristiano Pro-Desplazados de El Salvador
1991	(CRIPDES) - Premio Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Por dedicación a la verdad y la libertad, Capilla Rothko, Houston, Texas - Compartido con la Licda. María Julia Hernández,, Directora Tutela Legal del Arzobispado - Premio de Liderazgo David W. Preus, Seminario Teológico Luterano del Noreste, Saint Paul, Minnesota

- Premio Silvester C. Michelfelder, Por servicio cristiano, Trinity Lutherann Seminary Columbus, Ohio
- Compartido con el Pastor Luterano Felipe Anderson y Los 6 sacerdotes jesuitas martirizados en la UCA.
- 1992 Premio Mundial de Justicia y Paz
- Por su compromiso al pueblo salvadoreño y sus acciones en crear una sociedad justa; por su papel en el Debate Nacional por la Paz, por su fe y su mensaje que nos inspira trabajar juntos a promover la paz, la justicia y la hermandad en todo el mundo.
- Denver Justice & Peace Committee, Denver, Colorado
- Premio Nacional Wittenberg
- Por reconocimiento su servicio al Señor a través de su Iglesia así como su contribución a la sociedad.
- The Luther Institute, Washington, D.C. 20003
- 1992 Candidato a Premio Nobel por la Paz , Oslo, Noruega
- 1993 Doctor en Divinidades, Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania

### CARGOS DESEMPEÑADOS

1. Pastor de la Iglesia Luterana , Gualán, Zacapa, Guatemala.
2. Presidente Iglesias Luteranas en Centroamérica y Panamá
3. Fundador y Pastor actual Iglesia Luterana “La Resurrección” San Salvador, El Salvador.
4. Fundador y Director, Socorro Luterano Salvadoreño, San Salvador, El Salvador
5. Fundador Secretaría de Solidaridad los Derechos Humanos, Sínodo Luterano Salvadoreño San Salvador, El Salvador.
6. Presidente, Coordinación EcuMénica de Iglesias (DIACONIA) San Salvador, El Salvador.
7. Rector y Fundador , Universidad Luterana Salvadoreña, San Salvador, El Salvador.
8. Miembro Comité Ejecutivo, Federación Luterana Mundial, Ginebra, Suiza.
9. Presidente, Asociación Internacional contra la Tortura (AICT), New York, N.Y.
10. Presidente Ejecutivo, Conferencia de Iglesias Luteranas de Centroamérica (CILCA), Tegucigalpa, Honduras
11. Vice-Presidente, Consejo Nacional de Iglesias (CNI) San Salvador, El Salvador
12. Coordinador Consejo de Obispos y Presidentes, Afiliados a la Federación Luterana Mundial (COP)
13. Miembro del Comité Pro-Diálogo Nacional, San Salvador, El Salvador.

### PUBLICACIONES

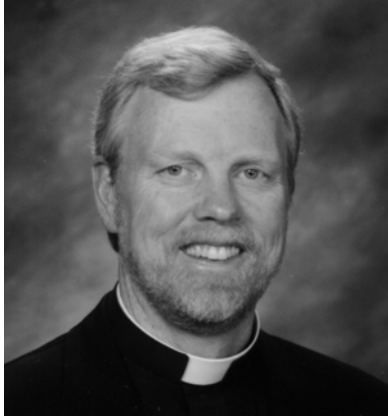
#### Libros:

- “Fuego contra fuego, una Pastoral Evangélica”  
1ª. Edición, San Salvador, agosto 1989  
2ª. Edición, San Salvador, abril 1990  
Traducido al inglés y publicado en USA, 1990
- “Y el Verbo se hizo Historia” (Homilías Volúmen I)  
1ª. Edición, San Salvador, junio 1990  
Traducido al inglés y publicado en USA 1990.
- Latinoamérica, Testimonio de Vida y Esperanza”  
1ª. Edición, San Salvador, 1993.

#### Artículos y Reflexiones

Publicados en revistas y periódicos en el país y en el extranjero.

## **BIBLE STUDY LEADER**



### **The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Bishop**

The Rev. Murray D. Finck was elected to the office of Pacifica Synod bishop at the synod's May 1998 assembly. As bishop, he is the leader of 125 congregations and some 60,000 baptized members in Southern California and Hawaii. Currently serving his second term, he is one of 65 synodical bishops in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

From 1993 to 1998, Finck served the Pacifica Synod as Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry and Pastoral Care

Before that he was senior pastor at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Garden Grove; associate pastor at Hope Lutheran Church in Fresno; and pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Los Baños, Calif. He also was a church developer in Tollhouse, Calif., and a church builder in Togo, West Africa.

Finck is a 1975 graduate of Concordia Seminary–Seminex in St. Louis, Mo. His bachelor of arts degree, conferred in 1971, is from Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Ind. Finck began special training in congregational leadership in 1979 and has been conducting parish-building workshops, seminars and retreats for more than two decades.

Finck has traveled extensively in Europe, Africa, Russia, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, studying and teaching abroad and also leading and participating in overseas pilgrimages. He and his wife Rhoda make their home in Anaheim, Calif.

**ASSEMBLY RULES AND PROCEDURES  
FOR THE PACIFICA SYNOD  
OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

#### LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

This Synod shall have a Synod Assembly, which shall be its highest legislative authority. (S7.01)

#### MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Synod Assembly shall be held annually, as scheduled by the Synod Council, generally in the months of April, May, or June. (S7.11.01)

#### QUORUM

One-half of members of the Synod Assembly shall constitute a quorum. (S7.14)

#### AGENDA

The Chair shall have the authority, within the adopted agenda, to call items before the Assembly in such an order as to insure the orderly flow of business.

Any resolutions received after the 90-day deadline are to be submitted to the Secretary who will immediately refer them to the Resolutions Committee. These resolutions can be introduced at the Assembly if permitted by a two-thirds vote of the members.

All resolutions not voted on at the Assembly will be placed on the next Synod Council meeting agenda for action.

All motions to come before the Assembly are to be in writing and submitted to the Secretary.

A two-thirds vote of the Assembly shall be required to add new business to the Agenda.

#### VOTING MEMBERS

The membership of the Synod Assembly, of which at least 60% of the voting membership shall be composed of laypersons, 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 roster 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.

- 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 number of baptized members in the congregation. Authorized worshipping communities of the Pacifica Synod shall be permitted to have one lay representative (S7.26). Licensed lay ministers in recognized ethnic ministries of the synod are granted voice and vote at the assembly, plus one additional layperson from the community may be elected as a voting member. The Synod Council will review a list of the eligible ministries/persons annually. (SC99.04.05) 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.
- d. Voting membership shall include the officers of this synod. (S7.21)
- e. Ten percent (10%) of all retired ordained ministers, retired associates in ministry, retired deaconesses, and retired diaconal ministers on the roster of this synod shall have the right to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly. The selection of these retired ordained ministers to serve as voting members shall be done in a process established by the Synod Council. (S7.22.b,c)
- f. Duly elected voting members of the Synod Council who are not otherwise voting members of the Synod Assembly under S7.21. shall be granted the privilege of both voice and vote as members of the Synod Assembly. (S7.27)

#### VOICE ONLY

The Pacifica Synod of the ELCA grants seat and voice to the President of the Pacifica Synodical Women's Organization at Synod assemblies. (S7.21.A94)

All retired ordained ministers, all ordained ministers on leave from call and all associates in ministry 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 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 Assembly or the Synod Council shall from time to time designate. (S7.23)

#### VOTING

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

## NOMINATIONS

Nominations for all positions, whether offered by the Nominating Committee, or from the floor, shall be valid only if prior to the nominations being closed, the Nominee has, either directly or indirectly, indicated his/her willingness to serve if elected.

All nominations from the floor must be accompanied by a written nomination containing the signatures of no less than 10 persons qualified to vote for the Nominee indicating their support for the nomination and needs to be in compliance with gender, clergy/lay representation requirements.

Nominations for all offices must be submitted to the Nominations Table located outside the Pacifica Synod Office no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 5. Those desiring to make nominations are asked to get a Nominations Form from the Nominations Table, and, after completing it, return it to the Nominations Table.

During the Assembly, if a resignation or withdrawal occurs, immediate reference shall be made to the Nominating Committee, which will convene and suggest one or more candidates for another election.

## VOICE

No member may speak from the floor more than two minutes or more than twice on one issue without consent of the Assembly.

## ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedure of the Synod Assembly. (S7.32)

## APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Any proposal to appropriate funds, whether by amendment to the budget or otherwise, which is presented to a meeting of the Synod Assembly without the prior approval of the Synod Council, shall be immediately referred to the Synod Council for an opinion and report prior to any debate or action by the Synod Assembly. (S10.04)

## DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

Authorization for setting up displays and exhibits and for placing posters, announcements, etc., at Assemblies of the Pacifica Synod shall be limited to those agencies or groups who are approved by the Executive Committee. The selling of goods or services is not allowed with the one exception that Augsburg Fortress Publishers will be permitted a commercial display area.

## DISPLAYS BY AFFILIATED AND NON-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

The Executive Committee of the Pacifica Synod has approved the following list of organizations as ones that may display at the 2005 Synod Assembly.

Permission to display by non-affiliated organizations is granted by the Executive Committee of the Synod Council and does not constitute any type of endorsement of these groups. Under no circumstances may non-affiliated organizations be involved in direct solicitation of funds at the assembly. Permission to display is granted on a year-by-year basis.

African Team Ministries	Lutheran Campus Ministry
Augsburg Fortress Publishers	Lutheran Credit Union of America
California Lutheran Homes	Lutheran Men in Mission
California Lutheran University	Lutheran Office of Public Policy
Companion Synod Ministry Team	Lutheran Retreats, Camps, Conferences
ELCA Board of Pensions	Lutheran Social Services
ELCA Foundation	Mission Investment Fund
ELCA Insurance Program	Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Enrichment Ministries	Pacifica Women of the ELCA
Global Mission Ministry Team	PALLMM <small>Preparing Adult Lay Leaders for Mission &amp; Ministry</small>
Hunger/Housing Ministry Team	Pauline Fellowship
Immigration/Border Concern Ministry Team	Southern Cross Property Consultants
JR Evans and Co.	Southern Pacifica Youth Ministry Network
Kairos	Stewardship Development Ministry Team
Lutheran Assoc. of Christian Educators	Third World Opportunities
Lutheran Braille Workers	Thrivent Financial

## DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

All materials for distribution to voting members at the Synod Assembly shall be in the synod office no later than five working days prior to the opening of the assembly. After the assembly is in session, permission to distribute materials must be secured from the on-site synod office.

**CHANGES TO SYNOD ROSTER SINCE LAST ASSEMBLY**

**PASTORS RECEIVED FROM OTHER SYNODS BY CALL TO:**

Agapito Aviles	1/05	First, Ontario
Harvey Anderson	6/04	Retired
Ken Anderson	12/04	Interim, Faith, Yucaipa
Michael Anderson	12/04	Good Shepherd, Irvine
Virgil Bjerke	3/04	Retired
Claire Cassell	3/05	UCC, Kapaa, Hawaii
Charles Daley	2/05	Penasquitos, San Diego
John Foss	8/04	LC of the Cross, Aliso Viejo
Steve Jensen	5/04	Interim, LC Holy Trinity, Kailua-Kona
Timothy Mason	11/04	Calvary by the Sea, Honolulu
Rafael Melendez	3/04	Iglesia Luterana Camino de Cristo, Indio
Truls Person	1/05	Our Savior, San Diego
Larry Quanbeck	3/05	Interim, Mt. Calvary, Cypress
Larry Spielman	4/05	Trinity, Victorville
Richard Zuber	2/05	Ascension, San Diego

**RECEIVED BY ORDINATION AND CALL: TO:**

Paul Finley	7/18/04	Mount of Olives, Mission Viejo
Karen Perkins	1/30/05	Maluhia, Waianae
Manuel Retamoza	5/25/03	St. Andrew, San Diego

**NEW CALLS WITHIN SYNOD: TO:**

Steve Bieghler	7/04	Interim, Christ, Chino
Dawn Anderson Booth	3/05	Hospice Chaplain, Vitas Healthcare
Joaquin Figueroa	9/04	Christ the King, Fallbrook
Joe Johnson	7/04	Grace, Huntington Beach
Laura Line	3/05	Interim, Good Shepherd, Alpine
Donald Marohn	2/05	First, San Diego
Bill Norman	3/05	Interim, Faith, Sun City
Minh-Hanh Nguyen	12/04	Interim, St. Olaf, Garden Grove
Kathleen Richter	9/04	St. Paul, Fullerton
David Schick	8/04	ELCA Global Missions
Richard Schowalter	12/04	Carlton Hills, Santee

**PASTORS WHO RETIRED**

David Babcock	3/04	Ivor Kraft	12/04
William Bengston	5/04	Jim Roessler	9/04
Kenneth Caudill	8/04	Jim Shimota	2/05
Mark Knutson	12/04	Delbert Weeks	10/04

**PASTORS CURRENTLY ON LEAVE FROM CALL**

William Bengston	Tinpo Lai	Frank Steinhauer
Abigail Byrd	Daniel Morris	Judith Stone
Jodi Golden-Lund	Margie Olson	Robert Warren
Deb Hippen	Roger Patterson	
David Kalke	William Radatz	CONTINUING DISABILITY:
Margrethe Kleiber	Marda Ruth Roberts	Tom Evens
Dennis Laherty	Kelli Skram	Lee Rozen

**CHANGES TO SYNOD ROSTER SINCE LAST ASSEMBLY**

**PASTORS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SYNOD**

Rachel Bass	10/04	SE Michigan Synod
Julie Britsch	12/04	Grand Canyon Synod
Deborah Butler	9/04	Sierra Pacific Synod
Russell Creydt	9/04	Sierra Pacific Synod
Jeffray Greene	10/04	Central/Southern Illinois Synod
David Johnsen	6/04	Southwest California Synod
David Nagler	6/04	Oregon Synod
Steve Perkins	12/04	Minneapolis Area Synod
James Proper	6/04	Southwest California Synod
Kenneth Severa	12/04	Southern Ohio Synod
Daniel Smith	7/04	Sierra Pacific Synod
Thomas Steenberg	4/04	Montana Synod

**RESIGNED OR REMOVED FROM THE ROSTER**

Laura Hall	8/04 (resigned)
David Larsen	9/04 (removed)
Alex Quispe	9/04 (removed)

**APPROVED FOR CALL - ASSIGNED TO PACIFICA SYNOD**

Monika Gaus Langer	James Pike
Joel Lee	Esaúl Salomón
Yong Park	Peggy Yingst

**DIACONAL MINISTERS ROSTER**

**CONSECRATED:**

Linda Fox

9/04

**CALLED TO:**

First, Vista

**ASSOCIATES IN MINISTRY ROSTER**

**COMMISSIONED:**

Al Nixon

5/04

**CALLED TO:**

Peace, Corona

**CURRENTLY ON LEAVE FROM CALL**

Gwen Byrd  
Georgia Decker  
Richard Lewis

**APPROVED FOR CALL**

Elba Figueroa

## ANNIVERSARIES OF ROSTERED LEADERS - 2005

### MORE THAN 50 YEARS

John P. Stump	1940
Adolph Kloth	1942
Myrus L. Knutson	1942
Ansle T. Severtson	1942
George Brosius	1943
Vernon F. Frazier	1943
A.R. Herbert Johnson	1943
Werner P. Welchert	1943
J. Emory Ackerman	1944
Albert A. Alsop	1944
Rudolf C. Andersen	1944
Virgil F. Bjerke	1944
Louis C. Smith	1945
Harry F. Stief	1945
P.E. Van Tassel	1945
Theodore Herrmann	1946
Luverne C. Tengbom	1946
Lowell O. Larson	1948
George L. Olson	1949
John W. Spann	1949
John Magalee	1950
Mel Kieschnick	1950
Arthur H. Nordstrand	1950
Richard Baglien	1951
Norman K. Bakken	1951
Dale S. Bringman	1951
Kenneth J. Dale	1951
Delwin B. Schneider	1951
Donald E. Butenshon	1952
Magnus S. Egge	1952
Charles A. Endter	1952
Paul C. Johnsen	1952
Donovan A. Myers	1952
Robert J. Wayne	1952
T. Robert Bergman	1953
Robert O. Collick	1953
James W.L. Keller	1953
Gilbert C. Moore	1953
Lawrence H. Roller	1953
George W. Carlson	1954
Edward C. Eskildsen	1954
Kenneth A. Krueger	1954
Henry W. Reenstjerna	1954
Schumacher, William H.	1954
Charles W. Strausser	1954

### 50 YEARS - 1955

Stanley Califf  
 Howell S. Foster  
 Raymond H. Hartzell  
 Leroy Miller  
 Victor Rodriguez  
 Frank L. Starkey

### 45 YEARS - 1960

Stephen L. Brandt  
 Robert R. Freistedt  
 Ronald J. Lavin  
 Warren Myers  
 Robert L. Miller  
 Donald I. Olson

### 40 YEARS - 1965

Eloise Dahlen  
 Theodore C. Johns  
 William A. Norman  
 Jeff Rohr  
 Charles W. Sundry

### 35 YEARS - 1970

Nicholas B. Christoff  
 George K.H. Falk  
 Benjamin Herbert  
 Thomas L. Lange  
 David H. Miller

### 30 YEARS - 1975

Paul H. Black  
 Mildred Christopherson  
 Murray D. Finck  
 Richard A. Hites  
 Dennis M. Laherty  
 Charles J. Lopez Jr.  
 Bradley R. Stienstra

### 25 YEARS - 1980

Ann Evans  
 Scott Hewes  
 Gordon D. Peterson  
 Larry Spielman

### 20 YEARS - 1985

Richard D. Ajer  
 Mark Cansino  
 Joaquin Figueroa  
 Richard W. Lewis

### 15 YEARS - 1990

Timothy A. Edmondson  
 Thomas E. Goellrich  
 David P. Housholder  
 John S. Lunn

### 10 YEARS - 1995

Margie A. Olson  
 Jon W. Pedersen

## ANNIVERSARIES OF CONGREGATIONS - 2005

### 124 YEARS - 1881

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### 117 YEARS - 1888

Eden Riverside  
First, San Diego

### 111 YEARS - 1894

Trinity, Riverside

### 105 YEARS - 1900

Luth. Church of Honolulu

### 104 YEARS - 1901

First, Redlands

### 90 YEARS - 1915

Our Savior, San Diego

### 60 YEARS - 1945

La Jolla, La Jolla  
St. Luke, La Mesa  
Newport Harbor, Newport Beach  
Our Savior, San Bernardino  
First, Vista

### 55 YEARS - 1950

Calvary, San Diego  
College, San Diego

### 50 YEARS - 1955

Calvary by the Sea, Honolulu  
Faith, Anaheim  
St. Luke, Fullerton  
St. Olaf, Garden Grove

### 45 YEARS - 1960

Lamb of God, Anaheim  
Emanuel, La Habra  
King of Kings, Oceanside  
Atonement, San Diego  
Gethsemane, San Diego  
St. Andrew, San Diego

### 40 YEARS - 1965

Gloria Dei, Dana Point  
Luth. Church of the Cross, Laguna Woods  
Christ, San Clemente  
San Marcos, San Marcos  
Calvary, Solana Beach  
Incarnation, Poway  
Trinity, Victorville

### 25 YEARS - 1980

Chinese Lutheran, Honolulu  
Christ, Mililani

### 20 YEARS - 1985

Lord of Life, Moreno Valley  
Cross and Crown, Rancho Cucamonga

## CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS OF ORDINATION - 2005

**THE REV. STAN CALIFF** was ordained on Pentecost Sunday, May 30, 1955. Carl Tambert, president of the California Synod of the ULCA, and the Rev. Paul Romeis shared the ordination service at Trinity, Pasadena.

After serving as a parish pastor, Califf for one year became a full-time graduate student in 1959. He then served as Assistant Professor of Psychology at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois until 1963. Returning to California, Califf served successively as Assistant,

Associate and Full Professor of Psychology at Chapman University in Orange and was awarded the title of Emeritus Professor of Psychology in May 2002.

Califf received his Ph.D. in Psychology from Claremont Graduate School in 1967. He served 20 years as chairman of the psychology program at Chapman University and in other capacities for the University throughout his tenure. A member of Our Saviour's, Orange, for 45 years, he has played an active role in the congregation by preaching, administration of the sacraments and committee service.

Serving as an academic mentor, teacher and career advisor for undergraduate and graduate students has been the emphases of Califf's pastoral career. He thinks of himself as one whose ministry has centered in higher education rather than the parish but who has maintained an active connection with the life of the parish as well as the church at large.

**THE REV. HOWELL S. FOSTER** was ordained June 6, 1955 in the Central Pennsylvania Synod at Gettysburg.

Foster was the pastor developer of Good Shepherd, Buena Park, from 1955 to 1961, a congregation that first worshiped at Knott's Berry Farm. He was the mission director for the Board of American Missions, United Lutheran Church in America, in 1966. He continues to serve the church as stewardship consultant for Enrichment Ministries, primarily in Hawaii and Las Vegas.

Chair of the synodical Mission Committee for many years, Foster also served on the merger team of the ALC/ELCA and supervised the development of 55 congregations in Alaska, Texas, Colorado and Hawaii. His major strengths have been assisting congregations with stewardship and evangelism.

He would like to be described as a faithful pastor, loving family man, sports enthusiast and voracious reader. To paraphrase St. Paul, "In life, in death he was the Lord's."

**THE REV. RAYMOND H. HARTZELL** was ordained November 27, 1955 at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, Maryland. Frank Fife, Maryland Synod president, and the Rev. Robert E. Lee officiated.

A graduate of George Washington University and Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Hartzell has served as a mission developer in Maryland, field director for the LCA, director of volunteer services for Lutheran Social Services, assistant to the president of the Maryland Synod, executive director of Lutheran Social Services in Washington D.C., and parish pastor in Laguna Hills.

He actively participates in his congregation, Bethlehem, Encinitas and continues to serve Region 2 on the Multisynodical Candidacy Committee.

**THE REV. VICTOR M. RODRIGUEZ** was ordained May 29, 1955 in the Caribbean Synod by President Eduardo Roig. Also ordained the same day at Zion Lutheran Church, Bayamón, Puerto Rico, was his brother José David Rodriguez. He received his Doctor of Divinity from Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, in 1972.

During his ministry in Puerto Rico, Rodriguez was elected bishop of the synod in 1964. After serving 12 years he returned to parish ministry, moving to Florida in 1990. In addition to bishop, he served for three years as president of an ecumenical organization named Love.

He considers the major accents of his ministry to be preaching, teaching, evangelism and administration. Rodriguez started a parochial school in 1962 at Holy Trinity in Puerto Rico. Today the school serves children from kindergarten through high school. Also at Holy Trinity, a credit union he organized is still serving the community.

**THE REV. FRANK L. STARKEY** was ordained May 18, 1955 in the Ohio Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America. Starkey has served parishes in Michigan, Iowa and Arizona. In California he has served parishes in Escondido, Glendale, Cerritos and Mission Viejo. While serving from 1990-1996 as associate for outreach at Red Hill, Tustin, 1,000 new members were received.

Although residing in King City, California, he maintains membership on the roster of Pacifica Synod and has been trained in this synod for Intentional Interim Ministry.

Starkey has written several books: *Our Faith, Becoming One Flesh, Questions and Answers about the Sacraments* and *A Spiritual Gifts Model of Volunteerism*. His personal strengths include preaching, teaching, stewardship, evangelism and administration.

#### **CELEBRATING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF ORDINATION - 2005**

**THE REV. D. SCOTT HEWES** was ordained March 2, 1980 at Christ Lutheran Church (LCMS), Costa Mesa, by the Rev. Lothar V. Tornow.

After serving the LCMS in a number of parishes, Hewes came to the ELCA as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Farmersville, Illinois. He has served in a variety of capacities including dean of the Central Valley Conference and parliamentarian of the synod assembly. He has been an intern supervisor and was an alternate delegate to the ELCA Constituting Convention.

An accomplished writer, Hewes has written a number of sermon series for Creative Communications, St. Louis, Missouri. He feels very blessed to be a pastor!

**THE REV. GORDON D. PETERSON** was ordained June 22, 1980 in West Concord, Minnesota. The Rev. Gene Sikkink presided over the ceremony at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Peterson has served as a parish pastor and a mission developer. In 1988 he began a 13-year call as Senior Assistant to the Bishop of the Missouri-Kansas Synod. In 2002 he accepted the position of Assistant to the Bishop with Pacifica Synod. Peterson said he's had many wonderful opportunities to serve in leadership and has been blessed by the community in many ways.

Presently serving on the ELCA's First Call Theological Education Advisory Committee, Lutheran Social Services of Southern California's board of directors and the Western Mission Cluster Network Coordinating Counsel, Peterson sees outreach, leadership development and life-long education to be the major emphases in his ministry.

He would like to be described as a "faithful steward of God's blessings in my life."

**THE REV. LARRY SPIELMAN** was ordained November 17, 1981 by Bishop Stan Olson (LCA) at Shepherd of Grace Lutheran Church, Sylmar, Calif., where he served his first call. After serving two Fresno congregations, Spielman was called to Grace Lutheran Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. In April 2005 Spielman returned to California as senior pastor of Trinity, Victorville.

The most satisfying honors Spielman has received are the countless thank-you expressions from people and organizations served. He has earned advanced degrees in ministry and administrative leadership and served on numerous boards within and outside the church.

Spielman has placed special emphasis in development of and monitoring ethical conduct (he developed a sexual misconduct prevention program, served in overseeing ethical research practices with animals, and facilitated domestic violence round tables). He's committed to solid and dynamic pastoral ministry.

In his words: "I am a pastor—I love the multifaceted aspects of pastoral ministry in all of its complexity. I love reaching out and learning from those who normally are not a part of the church. I am committed to multiculturalism as well as Reconciled In Christ and related issues."

### **CELEBRATING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF COMMISSIONING - 2005**

**ASSOCIATE IN MINISTRY ANN E. EVANS** was commissioned October 12, 1980. At the time, Evans was a certified lay professional at Ascension Lutheran, San Diego, a congregation of the Lutheran Church in America. She became an Associate in Ministry when the ELCA was formed and retired from her position in 1992.

Evans developed, in 1992 with the Rev. Laurel Gray, the Senior Gleaners of San Diego County and continues as its vice president. This ministry focuses on serving persons who deal with hunger and homelessness by collecting and distributing excess food that would otherwise be wasted.

Serving on the Pacifica Synod Council from 1987-1990, Evans also served on the ELCA Region 2 Coordinating Council during the same time period. She received the Red Cross Hall of Fame Award in 1994 and the San Diego Supervisors Aging and Independent Service Award in June 2004, among numerous other honors for her work with hunger issues.

Says Evans, "During my ministry a priority was caring for those I felt as family, encouraging, teaching and developing their faith, hope and dedication to the Lord's work in the world. It still is a great privilege."

## **NECROLOGY**

### **THE REV. GLENDA NAEGELE**

***January 16, 1937 – July 5, 2004***

Glenda Naegele was born January 16 1937 in Marysville, Kansas. She graduated with a B.S. in criminology from the University of LaVerne in 1990 and she spent 17 years as an elementary teacher. Fluent in Spanish, Glenda volunteered as a teacher of English as a second language. In 1983 she began Mariposa Prison Ministries, counseling inmates at the California Youth Authority Prison youth training school in Chino.

She began a second career as a pastor when she was ordained June 30, 1996, after completing the Alternate Preparation program. Her ministry at Prince of Peace in Ontario included outreach programs to the mixed Hispanic/Anglo neighborhood.

Glenda was preceded in death by her husband Roger. She is survived by four daughters and eight grandchildren.

### **THE REV. JOEL A. SWIGGUM**

***July 22, 1920 – July 31, 2004***

Joel Swiggum was the oldest of 11 children. Growing up on farms in Minnesota, Joel and his wife Adeline decided in 1946 to move to Minneapolis so Joel could go into the ministry.

After his ordination Joel served Bethlehem Lutheran in Longmont, Colo. He became involved in building new mission congregations in Thornton, Colo. and Lancaster, Calif. He then spent 20 years at Westminster Lutheran Church in Westminster.

Retiring to Temecula, Joel enjoyed golf with good friends and occasionally serving as an interim pastor. He moved to Town and Country Manor in Santa Ana in 2002.

Joel is survived by his second wife Jennie, son Ernie and daughters Beverly and Sharon.

### **THE REV. FOREST T. MONSON**

***May 1, 1915 – October 10, 2004***

After ordination in June 1940, Forrest Monson served congregations in Washington state and North Dakota. He then served the American Lutheran Church National Office in Minneapolis for 27 years. In his last position, director of resident stewardship services, he visited over 1,200 congregations.

After his retirement, Forest served as interim for First in Vista and Lutheran Church of the Incarnation in Poway. He also was the Sunday worship service pastor at Casa de las Companas in Rancho Bernardo, a large retirement residence, for five years.

His wife Thelma, three children and five grandchildren, survive Forrest.

## **THE REV. ELWOOD “WOODY” MORELAND**

***March 10, 1921 – December 20, 2004***

Woody Moreland was born in Pennsylvania on March 10, 1921. He met Mary Eleanor “Mellie” Depfer at Gettysburg College and they were married on August 18, 1945. That same year, Woody was ordained by the United Lutheran Church in America.

After serving congregations in Maryland and Pennsylvania, Woody came to California with calls to Our Saviour’s in Orange and Lutheran Church of the Cross in Laguna Niguel. Even after his retirement, he served Our Redeemer in Garden Grove and Lutheran Church of the Cross as visitation pastor, was a choir member and volunteered for ten years as a counselor for HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program).

Woody is survived by Mellie, three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

## **THE REV. RAY H. FARNES**

***May 15, 1920 – December 20, 2004***

Born on May 15, 1920, Ray Farnes was baptized, confirmed and ordained at Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin.

He was the founding pastor in 1977 of Mission Lutheran Church, Laguna Niguel. Prior to that Ray had served in Minneapolis, Chicago, Duluth and Palo Alto since graduating from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1945.

Ray spent 26 years with the Navy in both active and reserve duty and retired as a commander in 1980.

Respected as a wonderful preacher, Ray was known for his sense of humor. A steady and reliable spiritual, religious and parish leader, he was a shepherd who herded his flock with love and concern. He realized one of his dreams when he retired to a condo on the golf course in 1999.

His wife Kay, four children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, survive him.

## **THE REV. FRED SAPP**

***February 15, 1937 – February 17, 2005***

Born in Ambridge, Pa., Fred Sapp was ordained July 15, 1962, in his hometown church. He served as pastor at two Sacramento churches before moving to Hawaii as administrator and chaplain of the Laniolu Good Samaritan Center. He helped start the Meals on Wheels program in Honolulu.

He recently retired as pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Kailua-Kona after serving there 27 years. Fred assisted in the construction of the new church and grounds that was completed in 1990. He was also active in the Kona Ministerial Association, the Pregnancy Center and St. Michael's Food Pantry.

Fred is survived by his wife Carmen and three children.

**THE REV. MYRUS L. KNUTSON**

***July 18, 1914 – March 20, 2005***

Myrus Knutson was ordained June 7, 1942, in Ames, Iowa, the state in which he was born.

He served Ascension, Milwaukee from 1942 to 1950 and Our Savior's, Los Angeles from 1950 to 1962. Myrus was called as pastor of the American Lutheran Church in Oslo, Norway from 1962 to 1966, returning to Our Savior's from 1967 to 1971, and then moving to Christ, West Covina from 1971 to 1981. A highlight of his ministry was preaching at the Easter sunrise service at the Hollywood Bowl in 1966. After his retirement, he founded Faith Lutheran in Joshua Tree and Epiphany in Prescott Valley, Arizona.

In his ministry Myrus proclaimed conservative Biblical doctrines and created evangelical, witnessing congregations. He was always concerned with individual commitment to Jesus Christ and how to express that new life daily in a meaningful way.

Myrus is survived by his second wife Helen, to whom he was married 47 years, by his son Steve and 3 grandchildren.