

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Pacifica Synod – ELCA
Irvine Marriott Hotel



*Living in
God's
Amazing
Grace:*



Called to Lifelong Learning
and Discipleship

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2006

Hospitality Training Sessions
10:30 a.m. Executive Committee
1:30 p.m. Synod Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. Staff Dinner

Newport Beach
Los Angeles
Berkeley/Anaheim

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2006

10:00 a.m. **Registration Opens**
10:00 a.m. Deans Meeting
10:30 a.m. Retired Pastors/AIMS/Spouses/Widows Reception

Foyer
Berkeley/Anaheim
Catalina

BUSINESS MEETING 1

12:45 p.m. Song, Scripture and Prayer

Grand Ballroom

1:00 p.m. **Opening of the Assembly** (Page 1 - 3)

Bible Study—the Rev. Dr. Pamela Cooper-White

Credentials Report
Nominating Committee Report
Treasurer's Report
Anniversary recognition
Introductions

2:30 p.m. **Keynote Speaker—the Rev. Dr. Michael Cooper-White**

3:15 p.m. Break

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

Dinner on your own

7:30 p.m. Ecumenical Greetings

Eucharist Worship—the Rev. Robert L. Miller, preaching

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2006

- 6:30 a.m. Stretch & Pray—Bishop Murray Finck Catalina
8:20 a.m. Song, Scripture and Prayer Grand Ballroom
8:30 a.m. **Bible Study—the Rev. Dr. Pamela Cooper-White**
- BUSINESS MEETING 2**
- 9:00 a.m. Credentials Report
Synod Council/Churchwide Assembly Voting Member Elections
Partner Reports
Synod Business
- 10:00 a.m. **ELCA Report—the Rev. Lowell Almen, ELCA Secretary**
10:30 a.m. Synod Business
Resolutions
- 11:45 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch/**A Conversation Together**
- 1:00 p.m. **Report of the Bishop—the Rev. Murray D. Finck**
Budget
Election Results
- 2:30 p.m. **Keynote Speaker—the Rev. Dr. Michael Cooper-White**
3:15 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m. **Workshops**
- 6:00 p.m. Reception hosted by Pacifica Synod and Lutheran Social Services of Foyer
Southern California (LSS)
- 6:30 p.m. Recognition of LSS 60th Anniversary
- 7:00 p.m. **Banquet—A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Jericho** Grand Ballroom
Recognition of Outstanding Lay Ministry

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2006

- 6:30 a.m. Stretch and Pray—Bishop Murray Finck Catalina
8:20 a.m. Song, Scripture and Prayer Grand Ballroom
8:30 a.m. **Bible Study—the Rev. Dr. Pamela Cooper-White**
- BUSINESS MEETING 3**
- 9:00 a.m. Credentials Report
Synod Business
Roundtable Discussions
- 11:00 a.m. **Eucharist Worship—Bishop Murray D. Finck, 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 nineteenth 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.**

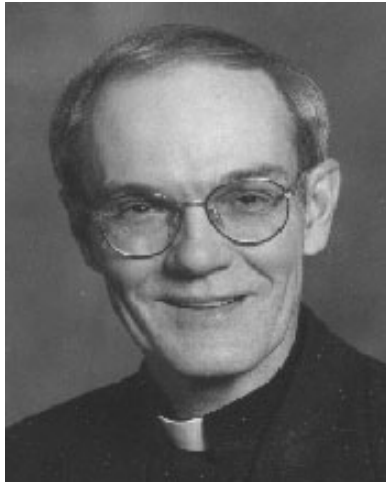
ASSEMBLY PARTICIPANTS

CHAIR.....	Bishop Murray D. Finck
PARLIAMENTARIAN	Ms. Barbara Price
SECRETARY	Ms. Meri Jo Petrivelli

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. Karen Parker Ms. Mary Shaima
CREDENTIALS	Ms. Pam Reynolds
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR.....	The Rev. Elwood Hall
DISPLAY COORDINATOR.....	Ms. Sheila Wenzel
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.....	The Rev. Anton Scheer, Chair Mr. Frank Gallagher Ms. Shirley Gallagher Ms. Marj Knudson Ms. Jean Oshiki Ms. Marjorie Parham Ms. Alice Roberts
NOMINATING COMMITTEE.....	The Rev. Paul Black, Chair Mr. Rod Anderson The Rev. Margaret Duttera Mr. Frank Gebhardt The Rev. Lyle Peterson Ms. Kimberly Ploeckelmann The Rev. Ray Wade
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.....	Mr. Pete Moenter, Chair Mr. Larry Anderson The Rev. Gloria Espeseth Mr. Andre Hanson The Rev. Laurie Line
WORSHIP COMMITTEE.....	Ms. Mary Shaima, Chair Mr. Stan Beard The Rev. Heidi Hester Mr. Jason Klein The Rev. Karen Parker Mr. Bill Wells
HOSPITALITY	California Lutheran Homes and Community Services

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



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Rev. Dr. Michael Cooper-White President, LTS at Gettysburg

Prior to his election in 2000 to serve as the 12th president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pastor Cooper-White was Executive Assistant to the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, simultaneously serving as Director of the ELCA Department for Synodical Relations. In the latter capacity, he was chief staff person for the Conference of Bishops and a consultant to leaders throughout the church. He served with the governing boards of the ELCA's Divisions for Outreach, Ministry, Church in Society and

Commission for Multicultural Ministries. He authored resources and designed leadership development workshops for bishops and synodical staff persons and officers, as well as for the ELCA's Church Council and Conference of Bishops.

Pastor Cooper-White's previous ministry experience also included urban parish ministry in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area, directing an urban coalition and ecumenical council, and serving as an assistant to two synodical bishops. Fluent in Spanish, he has been a consultant in the development of Hispanic and bilingual outreach ministries. As a visiting instructor at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, he taught in the areas of urban ministry, and ELCA polity and organization. He is the author of *On a Wing and a Prayer: Faithful Leadership for the 21st Century*, and of numerous articles, devotional materials, and chapters in other publications.

Describing present areas of special interest and research, President Cooper-White says: "I am especially intrigued to discover what makes good leaders tick, how their visions and decisions can be theologically grounded, and how they can help congregations and organizations move beyond static maintenance to dynamic mission. Together with students, faculty colleagues and others, I hope to explore how a seminary community can serve the whole Church as a mission-impulse center.

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Cooper-White

The Rev. Pamela Cooper-White is Professor of Pastoral Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and recipient of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors' 2005 national "Distinguished Achievement in Research and Writing" award.

She holds two Ph.D.s, from Harvard University and from the Institute for Clinical Social Work in Chicago, and is the author of four books, *Many Voices: Pastoral Psychotherapy and Theology in Relational Perspective* (forthcoming, Fortress, 2006), *Shared Wisdom: Use of the Self in Pastoral Care and Counseling* (Fortress, 2004), *The Cry of Tamar: Violence Against Women and the Church's Response* (Fortress, 1995) which won the 1995 Top Ten Books award from the



Academy of Parish Clergy, and *Schoenberg and the God Idea* (UMI Research Press, 1985). She also authored a small group resource book entitled *Women Healing and Empowering* commissioned by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 2000, as well as numerous chapters and articles on aspects of pastoral theology, women's development, and pastoral care of post-traumatic stress. Previously, she served as Director of the Center of Women and Religion at the Graduate Theological Union. An Episcopal priest and pastoral psychotherapist, Dr. Cooper-White is certified as a clinical Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, and serves as Co-Chair of the Person/Culture/Religion Group of the American Academy of Religion.

ELCA REPRESENTATIVE

The Rev. Lowell Almen, ELCA Secretary

The Rev. Lowell G. Almen is the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He was elected to a four-year term by the ELCA Constituting Convention in 1987 and has been re-elected and continues to hold that office today. Almen previously served as editor of *The Lutheran Standard*, the official publication of the American Lutheran Church. Almen is a 1967 graduate of Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, with a master of divinity degree.



He has previously served as an associate campus pastor and director of communications for Concordia College, Moorhead. He provided pastoral assistance at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead and served as pastor of St. Peter's (now Peace) Lutheran Church in Dresser, Wisconsin.

Almen was a delegate to the Eighth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Harare, Zimbabwe, in 1998; and in 1990 he was a delegate to the Eighth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation. He has visited Geneva, Rome, Canterbury, and Istanbul for ecumenical conversations. He is a member of the tenth round of the U.S. Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue and was the first chair of the Lutheran-Reformed Coordinating Committee for the implementation of the Formula of Agreement between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Reformed Church in America, and the United Church of Christ.

He is the author of *One Great Cloud of Witnesses*, 1997, and *Old songs for a New Journey*, 1990, both published by Augsburg Fortress Publishers.

**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 18. 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 2006 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 Credit Union
Augsburg Fortress	Lutheran Men in Mission
California Lutheran University	Lutheran Office of Public Policy
Christian Spiritual Formation	Lutheran Schools
Companion Synod Ministry Team	Lutheran Social Services
Federal Chaplaincy Ministries	Miracle Ranch Orphanage
Global Mission Ministry Team	Mission Investment Fund
Hawaii Assembly 2007	Nancy Bond Insurance Services
Hunger and Housing Ministry Team	PALLMM
Immigration/Border Concerns Min. Team	Pauline Fellowship
JR Evans and Co.	PLTS
Kairos & Associates	Southern Cross Property Consultants
Luth. Retreats, Camps & Conferences	Stewardship Development Ministry Team
Lutheran Assoc. of Christian Educators	WELCA President
Lutheran Braille Workers	Youth Ministry Network
Lutheran Campus Ministry	

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 AS OF 4/20/06

PASTORS RECEIVED FROM OTHER SYNODS BY CALL TO:

George Ekeren-Moening	10/05	St. John, El Cajon
Steve Goodwin	5/05	Redeemer, Chino
Wendi Gordon	5/06	On Leave From Call
Ken Johnson	3/06	Interim, Cross & Crown, Rancho Cucamonga
Erin Martinson	9/05	4S Ranch ELCA Ministry, Poway
Wilbert (Wilk) Miller	6/05	First, San Diego
Randall Mundt	6/05	Holy Trinity, Kailua-Kona
A. Everett Nielsen	9/05	Retired
Jeffrey (Jay) Plummer	8/05	Military Chaplain, Miramar NAS
James Reeb	12/05	Interim, Faith, Yucaipa
Kay Reeb	5/06	Military Chaplain, Camp Pendleton
Richard Rollefson	8/05	Christ, San Diego
Esaúl Salomón	9/05	Clairemont, San Diego
Cara Tanis	8/05	Odyssey Healthcare, Carlsbad

RECEIVED BY ORDINATION AND CALL: TO:

Karen Bolton	1/21/06	Central City Lutheran Mission, San Bernardino
James Pike	6/25/05	Grace, Upland

NEW CALLS WITHIN SYNOD: TO:

Ken Anderson	12/05	Interim, King of Kings, Oceanside
Steven Bieghler	1/06	Lamb of God, Anaheim
John Embree	1/06	Interim, Newport Harbor, Newport Beach
David Hodgson	12/05	Chaplain, St. Joseph Hospital, Orange
David Jorstad	12/05	San Marcos, San Marcos
David Kalke	8/05	Central City Lutheran Mission, San Bernardino
Yutaka Kishino	12/05	Interim, Good Shepherd, Claremont
Dennis Laherty	8/05	Emanuel, La Habra
Leland Lantz	8/05	Church of the Cross, Laguna Woods
Diane Martinson-Koyama	8/05	Assistant Chaplain, Iolani School, Honolulu
Minh-Hanh Nguyen	1/06	Pastor, St. Anselm Episcopal, Garden Grove
William Radatz	1/06	Director, Transformational World Opportunities
Marda Ruth Roberts	10/05	Iglesia Luterana Nueva Esperanza, Hemet
Judith Stone	12/05	Interim, Incarnation, Poway
Mark Will	1/06	Interim, Hope, San Diego

PASTORS WHO RETIRED

David Barber	4/30/05	Donald Marohn	3/1/06
William Harman	1/1/06	Margie Olson	9/1/05
David Kupka	11/1/05	Lee Rozen	4/1/06
Jack Lindquist	10/1/05		

PASTORS CURRENTLY ON LEAVE FROM CALL

Dawn Anderson Booth	Tinpo Godwin Lai	Robert Warren
William Bartlett	Thuong Ngoc Le	
J. Steven Beckham	Jim McCammon	
Karin Boye	Tomas Meeks	Continuing Disability:
Claire Cassell	Edward Pace	Charles Daley
Hildegardo Gonzalez	Roger Patterson	Dianne Eller
Debra Hippen	Kelli Skram	Tom Evens
Margrethe Kleiber	Frank Steinhauer	Kathleen Richter

PASTORS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SYNOD

Norman Bakken	2/06	Virginia
Jodi Golden-Lund	1/06	Sierra Pacific
Steven Herzberg	1/06	Southwestern Texas
Walter Hiskett	6/05	Grand Canyon
David Newman	7/05	Southwestern Texas
Victor Rodriguez	7/05	Florida Bahamas
Corinne Thul	8/05	Rocky Mountain
Del Weeks	7/05	Southeastern

DECEASED, RESIGNED OR REMOVED FROM THE ROSTER

Daniel Morris	3/18/06	Removed
Anslie Severtson	3/26/06	Deceased

APPROVED FOR CALL - ASSIGNED TO PACIFICA SYNOD

Patricia Hoenshell	Dan Roschke
Joel Lee	

DIACONAL MINISTERS ROSTER

NO CHANGES

ASSOCIATES IN MINISTRY ROSTER

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SYNODS BY CALL TO:

Betty Darrow	9/05	Gloria Dei, Dana Point
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CURRENTLY ON LEAVE FROM CALL

Georgia Decker	Richard Lewis
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DECEASED

Mabel Lutz 4/05

ANNIVERSARIES OF ROSTERED LEADERS – 2006

MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS

John P. Stump	1940
Adolph Kloth	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 Stief	1945
P.E. Van Tassel	1945
Ted Herrmann	1946
Luverne C. Tengbom	1946
Lowell O. Larson	1948
George L. Olson	1949
John W. Spann	1949
Melvin M. Kieschnick	1950
John Magalee	1950
Arthur H. Nordstrand	1950
Richard Baglien	1951
Dale S. Bringman	1951
Kenneth J. Dale	1951
Delwin B. Schneider	1951
Donald E. Butenshon	1952
Donovan A. Myers	1952
Magnus S. Egge	1952
Charles A. Endter	1952
Paul C. Johnsen	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 Carlson	1954
Edward Eskildsen	1954
Kenneth A. Krueger	1954
Henry W. Reenstjerna	1954
William Schumacher	1954
Charles W. Strausser	1954
Stanley N. Califf	1955
Howell S. Foster	1955
Raymond Hartzell	1955
Leroy Miller	1955
Frank L. Starkey	1955

50 YEARS-1956

Melius E. Bollesen
M. Laurel Gray
Eugene E. Hannemann
Paul C. Oas
Edward J. Volkmann
Everett P. Wuebbens

45 YEARS-1961

Harvey A. Andersen
Walton F. Berton
Bruce P. Craft
Donald J. Fisher
John F. Seibert

40 YEARS-1966

Betty L. Darrow
David R. Kupka
Cliff A. Listug
R. Joseph Ramnarine
Rena Rustad

35 YEARS-1971

David Barber
R. Dennis Dirks
Joseph J. Johnson
William A. Radatz
Lee B. Rozen

30 YEARS-1976

Ronald D. Baesler
William Bartlett
David J. Kalke
David J. Krueger
Frederick C. Lubs
Richard W. Martyn
Mark S. Will
Samuel J. Wolfe

25 YEARS-1981

Dan L. Hill
Simon W.S. Lee
Philip A. Tukua
Richard W. Vevia
Raymond W. Wade

ANNIVERSARIES OF ROSTERED LEADERS – 2006

20 YEARS-1986

Steven A. Awbrey
Karin Boye
David P. Jorstad
Georgia Decker
David A. Schick
Mary Stohlman
Andrew A. Taylor

10 YEARS-1996

Michael Anderson
Phillip Deming
John D. Foss
Mark R. Johnson
Rafael Melendez
Margy Schmitt Ajer
Michael D. Schneider

15 YEARS-1991

Dawn Anderson Booth
Cheryl Corneliussen
Sharon L. Gunderson
Karla M. Lundgren
Timothy J. Mason
Ruth Peterson
John E. Wright

ANNIVERSARIES OF CONGREGATIONS – 2006

125 YEARS

Lihue, Lihue

118 YEARS

Eden, Riverside
First, San Diego

112 YEARS

Trinity, Riverside

106 YEARS

Lutheran Church of Honolulu

105 YEARS

First, Redlands

100 YEARS

Emanuel Danish, Yorba Linda

90 YEARS

St. Peter, Santa Ana

60 YEARS

St. Peter's by the Sea, San Diego
Salem, Whittier

55 YEARS

Lutheran Church of the Master, La Habra
Highland Avenue, San Bernardino

50 YEARS

Good Shepherd, Buena Park
Lutheran Church of the Cross, Rialto
Shepherd of the Hills, Whittier

45 YEARS

Bethlehem, Los Alamitos
Shepherd of the Valley, La Mesa
Hope, Palm Desert
Joy of Christ, Pearl City
Calvary, Santa Ana
Reformation, Westminster
Grace, Upland

40 YEARS

Christ, Chino
St. Paul, Fullerton
Grace, Huntington Beach

35 YEARS

Penasquitos, San Diego

30 YEARS

Good Shepherd, Irvine

20 YEARS

Grace Taiwanese, Anaheim

THE REV. MELIUS BOLLESEN was ordained June 26, 1956 at the United Evangelical Lutheran Church's annual synod convention in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The Synodical President, the Rev. Hans Jersild, officiated.

Bollesen served the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, Norwalk, for the first three years of his ministry. He served thirteen years in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps attaining the rank of Captain. Four years at Grace Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach, were followed by eight years as pastor of Chapel of Peace, Inglewood. In 1987 Bollesen returned to Grace and served until his retirement in 2005.

Major accents in Bollesen's career include ministry to youth, seniors and training Stephen Ministers.

He feels incredibly blessed to have had the opportunity to touch the lives of people by proclaiming and living out the Gospel, literally, from "sea to shining sea."

THE REV. M. LAUREL GRAY was ordained May 28, 1956 at Canton Lutheran Church, South Dakota. He was ordained in the church of his youth by Dr. L.M. Stavig.

Gray served his first congregation, Faith Lutheran Church, Cameron, Wisconsin, from 1956 until 1960. After serving as a chaplain in Brooklyn he moved to California in 1961. From 1973 to 1981 Gray served as area director of Lutheran Social Services in San Diego. When he retired in 2002 he was the director of Third World Opportunities, San Diego.

Active in the area of hunger awareness, Gray has served on many agency boards including the San Diego County Hunger Coalition and the Senior Gleaners of San Diego County. He received the Christian Unity Award from the Ecumenical Council of San Diego in February 2003.

Gray expresses a concern for a second reformation of the church. He has great enthusiasm for sensitizing people to the realities of the third world by immersing them in hands-on cross-cultural experience, leading them into long range developmental and advocacy responses, rather than mere charity or welfare.

Laurel can be described as a person with a passion for prophetic ministry among those who are oppressed, poor, neglected or ignored.

THE REV. EUGENE E. HANNEMANN was ordained at Zion Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas, by his uncle, Edward Sagebiel, bishop of the American Lutheran Church's Texas District.

From 1956 until 1975 Hannemann served as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force. Before his retirement in 1988 he served two parishes in California. He is currently a volunteer hospital chaplain in Sun City.

THE REV. DR. PAUL OAS was ordained by Dr. George Aus and Dr. Reinertson in June 1956 in Minneapolis. On May 7, 2006, Oas will preach at a service and reunion at Woodlake Lutheran Church, the site of his ordination and first call 50 years ago.

Oas came to California in 1959 to serve at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, San Clemente. He spent over 20 years in private practice as a psychotherapist and instructor. He is currently the visitation pastor at Christ Lutheran Church, San Diego.

Included in his service to the community are chair of Children's Corrective Surgery Clinics and as a pilot flying surgical teams to Mexico; International Trauma Relief Committee, providing trauma training, therapy and deployments to disaster areas; and therapist on staff of Holistic Addiction and Trauma Treatment Facility. Oas was the recipient of a Commendation by the Commanding General from Camp Pendleton for Ministry to Servicemen. He presently serves on the Pacifica Synod Hunger and Housing and TWO (Third World Opportunities) ministry teams.

"Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and binding up the wounds of the broken hearted," has been the major emphases of Oas' ministry as a Disciple of Christ and a member of the Body of Christ in and to the world.

CELEBRATING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF ORDINATION – 2006

THE REV. DAN HILL was ordained May 17, 1981 in the Southwestern Washington Synod by Pastor Dan Dowling of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. He served his first call in this Longview, Wash., congregation. After spending time as Assistant to the Bishop in Liberia, Africa, and as seminary instructor in Sumatra, Indonesia, Hill was called in 1987 to St. Timothy Lutheran Church, San Diego.

Over the years Hill has been blessed while serving in leadership positions with several hospitals, the YMCA, Pine Valley Bible Camp and the Boys and Girls Club.

A priority in his ministry has been sharing the gospel both locally and overseas. A close-knit family has been his emphasis and joy. He enjoys the spontaneity, energy and eagerness of kids as he participates in youth ministry, speaking at Bible camps and coaching community basketball teams. Hill feels privileged to share in the lives of the people of St. Timothy.

Hill is a pastor who loves Christ, loves people, honors his wife and children and enjoys ministry.

THE REV. SIMON WING-SHING LEE was ordained March 8, 1981, by Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong Bishop John Tse.

In 1981 Lee became pastor/developer of Chinese Lutheran Church of Honolulu. He serves as chair of the ELCA's Center for Chinese Ministry Board of Directors.

Lee's major emphases are evangelism and outreach. He sees Christ as the center—Jesus Christ is the only savior to all nations.

A servant of God and a servant of the people, Lee is a leader in building up leaders, a blessed pastor with a loving congregation and a happy husband with a wonderful wife.

THE REV. PHILIP TUKUA was ordained June 21, 1981 in the American Lutheran Church (ALC) congregation of Our Saviour, Long Beach. The officiant was Roy Berntsen, lay assistant to Bishop Gerald Falde.

Tukua's first call was associate pastor at Shepherd of the Hills, Whittier, followed by Grace, Huntington Beach. In 1989 he began his call as senior pastor of Christ the King, Fallbrook. He has served on the board of directors of California Lutheran Bible School and the Fallbrook Ministers' Association.

Within his many emphases in evangelism, world mission, biblical teaching, youth ministry Christian 12-step programs and discipleship, Tukua has a deep love for Jesus and loves to see people come to a point of placing their trust in Him.

Says Tukua, "My wife, kids and God's people are priority for me. I'm outgoing, fun, competitive and love to have a good time!"

THE REV. RICHARD VEVIA was ordained June 26, 1981. Bishop Stanley Olson of the Pacifica Southwest Synod, LCA, officiated at the service. Remembering that day, Vevia recalls, "I am indebted to my pastor, the Rev. Howard Lenhardt, senior pastor of Good Shepherd, Buena Park, who retired the same month as I was ordained."

Vevia's first call was associate pastor of Good Shepherd, Concord, Calif. Two additional parishes served were Lutheran Church of the King, Tucson and Christ the Savior, Aurora, Colorado. In 1992 he returned to California as pastor of Calvary, San Diego, where he continues to serve.

He has served as a Stephen Ministry leader and an anti-racism trainer. He currently heads Pacifica's Companion Synod—Ethiopia Ministry Team.

It can be said of Vevia, "He lives by the grace of daily obligation."

THE REV. RAYMOND W. WADE was ordained July 12, 1981 in the ALC's South Pacific District. The ordination, at Clairemont Lutheran Church, San Diego, was officiated by the Rev. O. Victor Magnusse.

Christ Lutheran Church, Visalia, was the first congregation Wade served, followed by Grace, Anaheim. In 1992 he was called to Eden Lutheran Church, Riverside, where he serves today.

Wade has served as dean of Raincross Conference and as a member of the Riverside Martin Luther King, Jr. Visionaries Foundation. He currently serves on the synod's nominating committee.

As a servant of the Gospel, Wade believes in developing relationships within congregations, offering warm and welcoming hospitality, and using music for furthering ecumenical relations with other churches.

NECROLOGY

ANSLE SEVERTSON

August 8, 1916 – March 26, 2006

Pastor Ansle Severtson, son of a pastor, was born in Minneapolis and attended St. Olaf College and Luther Seminary. Ordained in 1942, he served his first parish in Santa Monica. He married Hazel Berg in 1943 and during their marriage served California congregations in Oakland, San Diego and Granada Hills. While Severtson was pastor of Our Savior's, San Diego, he was a member of the ELC Board of Home Missions (later the Board of American Missions, ALC), which was instrumental in establishing new congregations throughout the area, including Clairemont, St. Mark's, Atonement and St. Andrew's.

After his retirement in 1982 he continued to serve as an interim and visitation pastor and as archivist for the Pacific District. As a pastor, Severtson touched many lives with his unwavering witness to the Gospel and his gentle demeanor. His wife, five children, 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive him.