



Final Review

Pacifica Synod



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
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30th Annual Synod Assembly—May 11-13, 2017—Town & Country, San Diego

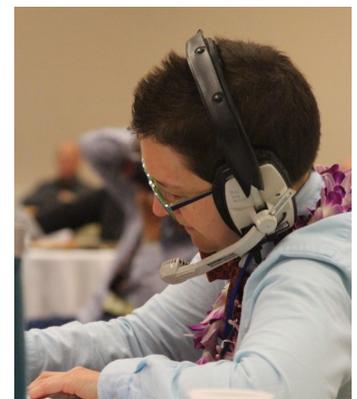
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The 30th Annual Pacifica Synod Assembly was held at the beautiful Town & Country Resort in San Diego. The ELCA's Churchwide Representative for this assembly was Mr. Keith Mundy, Program Director for Stewardship, ELCA. Southwest California Synod Bishop, the Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin and the Rev. Dr. Chris Alexander, Associate Minister, Countryside Community Church, Omaha, Nebraska were our keynote speakers.

Throughout the assembly, we were given the opportunity to hear the many stories of God's faithful people from across our synod. Greetings were shared from ecumenical partners and organizations. Business of the assembly was conducted through elections and resolutions. Reports were shared, grant recipients celebrated and candidates lifted up. We were blessed to experience two inspiring worship services. Friday afternoon provided opportunities to attend both onsite workshops or off-site experiential learning opportunities. We had the chance to relax, laugh, sing and enjoy a wonderful meal at our Friday evening banquet hosted by Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences.

We give thanks to all who attended this assembly. Your participation and dedication to the ministries of and through this synod are a gift to this synod and the wider church. We also are grateful for those who prayed for this assembly. We especially give thanks for the village it takes to hold a synod assembly - our Assembly Planning Team, Synod Council, staff members and the MANY on-site volunteers. We are church together for the sake of the world!

Giving thanks for those who keep the assembly flowing smoothly...



From left to right: Bishop Andy Taylor; Lori Herman, Synod Council Vice-President; Rachel Line, Executive Assistant to Bishop Taylor and Assembly Coordinator. We also thank Pastor Brenda Bos, Dale Feine and Tom Hoegel and Big Dog Sound for their work with our assembly audio/visual production.

SPEAKERS, ELCA CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE, AND SPECIAL GUESTS



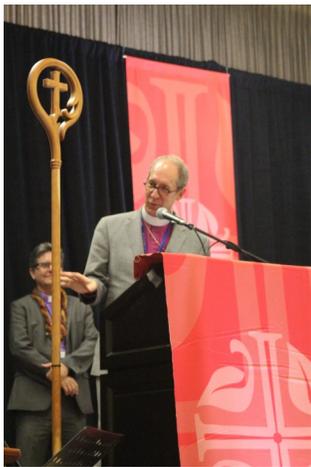
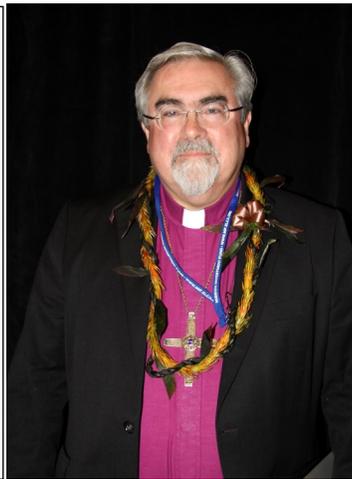
To Left: Keith Mundy, ELCA Program Director for Stewardship, celebrated the ministries of Pacifica Synod who have received support from Churchwide, as well as offering a vision for a vital Church Together in the future, locally, nationally and globally. He asked the question, "How do we move from 'we've got to do things' to 'we get to do things' – bringing enthusiasm in places where there was obligation in the past.



Above and below: The Rev. Dr. Chris Alexander lead us in the Examen, a time of reflecting on the highs and lows of our day, and God's presence throughout. The Chocolate Meditation was a challenge, as we held the chocolate, unwrapped the chocolate, smelled the chocolate, then finally ate the chocolate.



To left and right; Southwest California Synod Bishop Guy Erwin compared Luther's world and our own as we consider what is similar and what is different 500 years after the Reformation began. "I learn much more from people who are different from me. The more different they are, the more I learn."



Upper left: Bishop James Mathes, Episcopal Diocese of San Diego.

Upper right: Brian Stein-Webber and Desta Goehner, CLU/PLTS

Lower left: Monsignor Dennis Mikulanis, Vicar, Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego

Lower Right: Ron Drews, President/CEO, Lutheran Social Services of Southern California

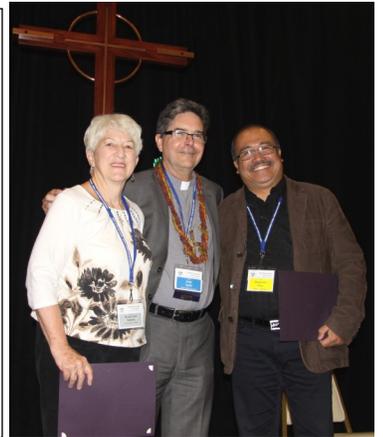


ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



To left:
 Celebrating 50 years of ministry—The Rev. William Harman and The Rev. Kenneth Licht. Pastor Harman reflected his call to “change the world” 50 years ago. “The eternal struggle for justice is not over,” he told the assembly.

To right:
 Celebrating 25 years of ordained ministry—The Rev. Marda-Ruth Roberts and The Rev. Deogracias “Jogy” Olivar.



SHARING OUR STORIES



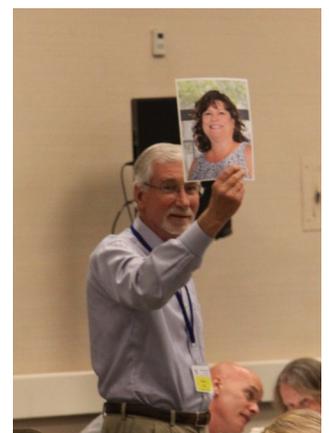
Just some of the individuals who shared powerful stories during the assembly. Our thanks to ALL who allowed us to witness God at work in your life. *Pictured above-Upper row:* Pastor Asher O'Callaghan, Pastor Brenda Bos, Hayley Nadolny. *Lower row:* Esmeralda Vences, Pastor Pongtep (Golf) Chutimapongrat, Jim Lovell, Cyndi Jones.

CONFERENCE MINISTRY RECOGNITIONS

- West & East San Diego Conferences**—Third Avenue Charitable Organization
- Harvest Conference**—San Marcos Lutheran's Village Square Ministry
- Raincross Conference**—Faith, Sun City's "Kids 4 Kids" Program
- Big Bear Conference**—Central City Lutheran Mission, San Bernardino
- Sadleback Conference**—Gloria Dei, Dana Point—Partnership with Families Forward & Bridge of Hope
- Son & Surf Conference**—King of Glory, Fountain Valley—Partnership with Family Promise
- Rejoice Conference**—Lamb of God, Anaheim's Feeding Program
- Hukilau Conference**—Wounded Warriors

LIFTING UP OUR CANDIDATES

On Thursday afternoon, Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Terry Tuvey Allen introduced seminarians and candidates. Congregations with candidates or seminarians out of town shared their photos. Congregations were encouraged to think of how their congregation can lift up new leaders.



ASSEMBLY WORSHIP

During this year's assembly, we were provided with two opportunities to worship. Our Thursday evening worship service was held nearby the hotel at the beautiful First United Methodist Church. What a gift it was to worship here! On Saturday morning, we ended the assembly with closing worship in the ballroom. In both worship services, we experienced beautiful music, gifted worship leaders, powerful messages (Bishop Andy Taylor on Thursday and Assistant to the Bishop, the Rev. Terry Tuvey Allen on Saturday), and the sharing of the meal together. Our thanks to all who planned, organized and led these inspiring worship services for our synod assembly participants and community.



LUTHER GLEN BANQUET

Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences hosted this year's assembly banquet—titled the "Luther Glen Banquet". The evening began with a patio reception with appetizers, drinks, Martin Luther, and the chance to donate dollars to choose who would get a pie in the face—Bishop Andy Taylor or his Executive Assistant, Rachel Line. After a delicious meal, camp staff led the post-dinner festivities, full of laughter, songs, stories and just plain fun. In the end, the donations for Bishop Andy were the highest (thanks to a last minute donation by Rachel's mom, Pastor Laurie Line), and he was given the pie to throw in Rachel's face. Although things didn't go exactly as planned, both ended up with pie on their face and a total of \$2,662.07 was raised for camperships!



RESULTS OF THURSDAY'S VOTES TAKEN AT ASSEMBLY

SA17.05.01 VOTED to approve the rules and agenda for the 2017 Pacifica Synod Assembly.

Synod Council Recommendations:

Constitution updates as mandated by Churchwide Assembly 2016.

SA.17.05.02 VOTED to accept the constitution updates as recommended.

Conference Realignment and Representation on Synod Council Resolution.

SA.17.05.03 VOTED to accept the realignment resolution as recommended.

Pacifica Synod Assembly Location Rotation to Hawai'i Resolution.

SA.17.05.04 VOTED to accept the resolution.

SYNOD COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Treasurer:

Gary Kakert—159*

Tom Pankow—65

Lay at Large:

Dámaris Allen—220*

Youth Representative:

Emily Erisman—143*

Travon Thomas—80

Saddleback Conference Lay:

Daneen Rysz—7*

Hukilau Conference Lay:

Rafael del Castillo—10

Mark Fornwall—15*

Big Bear Conference Clergy:

Rev. Kim Eifert Krogstad—28*

RESULTS OF FRIDAY'S VOTES TAKEN AT ASSEMBLY

Resolutions presented to the Assembly that were brought to Synod Council:

SA17.05.05 VOTED to receive the *Full Participation of all Rostered Leaders in Professional Ethics and Boundaries Training Events.*

After discussion of the above-referenced resolution:

SA17.05.06 VOTED to amend the resolution to read "Rostered Ministers" instead of "Rostered Leaders."

After discussion of the amended resolution, another amendment was made to change the date to 2018.

SA17.05.07 VOTED to amend the resolution.

After discussion of the amended resolution,

SA17.05.08 VOTED to pass the resolution.

Recommendation for Resolution for a 2% increase in clergy baseline salary.

SA17.05.09 VOTED to pass the resolution.

SA17.05.10 VOTED to approve the 2018-2019 budget.



Above: Pacifica Synod Council Members were installed on Friday afternoon. We give thanks for the dedication and service of those who serve on our Synod Council.

Please use this resource to help you report back to your congregation on the business of the Pacifica Synod.

With special thanks to Angela Jackson, Synod Council Secretary, Paul Colter and Emily Erisman for their help in reporting for the assembly.

For questions, feedback or more information, please contact Terri Robertson, Director for Communications at terrirobertson@pacificasynod.org.