

Thirty-Second Annual Synod Assembly

Pacifica Synod – ELCA
Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert, California



THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019

- 10:30 a.m. Executive Committee, **St. John's Lutheran**
- 1:00 p.m. Synod Council Meeting, **St. John's Lutheran**
- 5:00 p.m. Registration at Hope Lutheran Church (available until 8:00 p.m.)
- 5:30 p.m. Reception sponsored by *Southern Cross Property Consultants* (available until 7:30 p.m.)

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019

- 7:00 a.m. Registration Opens (available until 4:00 p.m.)

BUSINESS MEETING 1

- 9:00 a.m. Opening of the Assembly (Page 2 - 5)
 - Credentials Report
 - Nominating Committee Report, Open Floor Nominations
 - Report of the Treasurer
 - Report of the Vice President
 - Grant Recipients
 - Kathryn Johnson, ELCA Representative**

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Conference Break-Outs
1:15 p.m. Synod Business
Synod Council and Committee Elections
Keynote: Dr. Brian Collins
Anniversary Recognitions
Resolutions
4:15 p.m. **Worship-the Rev. Andrew A. Taylor**
Bishop of Pacifica Synod, preaching
5:15 p.m. Dinner on Your Own

Hope Lutheran Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019

BUSINESS MEETING 2

- 7:00 a.m. Registration Opens
8:00 a.m. Credentials Report
Report of the Bishop-the Rev. Andrew A. Taylor
Vote on the Budget
Resolutions
Election Results
Keynote: Rev. Dr. John Nunes
Installation of New Council Members
Resolutions
12:00 p.m. Formal Closing of Assembly (page 2-6)

BUDGET AND RESOLUTIONS HEARINGS

To better prepare yourself for discussion on the Synod Budget and Resolutions, there will be hearings offered prior to the assembly using video conference through GoToMeeting.

Resolutions Hearing

Saturday, April 27

10:00 a.m. (PDT)

Budget Hearing

Saturday, April 27

11:30 a.m. (PDT)

To register for a hearing, please contact Terri Robertson at TerriRobertson@PacificaSynod.org or 714-692-2791.

After you register, you will be sent a link with further instructions.

The **Budget** can be found in **Section 3** of the Pre-Assembly material.

The **Resolutions** can be found in **Section 6** of the Pre-Assembly material.

PRE-REGISTRATION RECEPTION

Sponsored by *Southern Cross Property Consultants*

You are invited to pre-register for the Pacifica Synod Assembly on
Thursday, May 9 from 5:00-8:00pm at Hope Lutheran Church
45900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92260

A wine and cheese reception will take place from 5:30-7:30pm. Display tables and representatives
from various organizations will be there for you to explore.

Thank you to **Southern Cross Property Consultants**

for sponsoring the pre-registration reception.

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Opening of a Synod or Churchwide Assembly

- L: As in one body we have many members,
C: **so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.**
- L: Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord,
C: **I am there among them.**
- L: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.
C: **Let us pursue what makes for justice and peace,
and for mutual upbuilding.**
- L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
- L: Let us pray.
O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people
y sending into us your Holy Spirit.
Direct us by the light of that Spirit,
that we may have a right judgment in all things
and rejoice at all times in your peace,
through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**
- L: I declare this thirty-second assembly to be in session
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Closing of a Synod or Churchwide Assembly

L: Jesus said, You will be my witnesses

C: to the ends of the earth.

L: I chose you and appointed you

C: to bear fruit that will last.

L: Remember, I will be with you always,

C: to the end of time.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor,
and extend to us your continual help;
that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

L: O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now as we set out to travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

L: I declare this assembly closed

in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

ASSEMBLY PARTICIPANTS

CHAIR	Andrew A. Taylor, Bishop
PARLIAMENTARIAN	The Rev. Bob Hutson
SECRETARY	Ms. Angela Jackson
ASSEMBLY PLANNING TEAM.....	
The Rev. Brenda Bos, Co-Chair	The Rev. Greg Ronning
The Rev. Kinndlee Lund, Co-Chair	The Rev. James Pike
Ms. Rachel Line, Assembly Manager	Staff Support: Ms. Terri Robertson
Deacon Roberta Wall	Ms. Carol Youngman
The Rev. Carl Witt	The Rev. Terry Tuvey Allen
The Rev. Ken Severa	
AUDIO/VISUAL.....	Big Dog Sound, Eric Renn, Rev. Daren Erisman
AUDIO/VISUAL ASSISTANT	Mr. Dale Feine
CREDENTIALS	Ms. Terri Robertson
HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS	Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert
LOGO/ART DIRECTION.....	Mr. Nate Maxwell-Doherty
NOMINATING COMMITTEE.....	The Rev. Karen Marohn, Chair
REGISTRATION COORDINATORS	Ms. Terri Robertson
	Ms. Sandy Poteet
	Mr. Glenn Travers
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE	The Rev. Laura Ziehl, Chair
	The Rev. Jay Egenes
	The Rev. Jennifer Schultz
	The Rev. Brian Taylor
	Ms. Sheila Wenzel
SYNOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS	The Rev. Marty Jacobson
WORSHIP	
The Rev. Kinndlee Lund	The Rev. Terry Tuvey Allen
The Rev. Greg Ronning	Ms. Sierra Ronning
Mr. Josh Baesler	Ms. Julie Gildersleeve
ASSEMBLY MUSICIANS	
The Rev. Nathan Allen	The Rev. Matt Anderson
Ms. Dámaris Allen	Mr. Nate Maxwell-Doherty
Mr. Anthony Eder	

The Assembly Planning Team thanks all of the many volunteers who make this event possible.

A special thank you to Pastor Derek Fossey, Pastor Carl Witt, and the people of Hope Lutheran Church for providing space for this Synod Assembly.

The Pacifica Synod is blessed by your partnership.

ELCA CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE

Kathryn Johnson comes to this Synod Assembly from the ELCA Churchwide Office, where since 2015 she has been director for ecumenical and inter-religious relations. She is a life-long Lutheran, and a lay person.

Before moving to Chicago, she served from 2007-2012 as Assistant General Secretary for Ecumenical Affairs for The Lutheran World Federation's office in Geneva, Switzerland and taught historical theology for decades at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. Her education is from St. Olaf College, Cambridge University, and Yale.

She loves to discover unexpected authors, meet friendly dogs, explore unknown places, and swap stories with friends new and old.



SPEAKERS



Dr. Brian J. Collins is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, CA and also the Founder & Director of the SoCal Philosophy Academy. Originally from the Midwest (WI), Dr. Collins received his B.A. from St. Olaf College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. His primary research interests are in Ethics and Political Philosophy with an emphasis on ‘political obligation’ and the intersection of ethical and political philosophical theories. He teaches courses in Political Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Contemporary Philosophy – Existentialism, Philosophy of Religion, Social Ethics, and the Humanities Tutorial in the University Honors Program. He founded

SoCal Philosophy Academy (<https://www.callutheran.edu/philosophy-academy>, Twitter: [@SoCalPhilosophy](https://twitter.com/SoCalPhilosophy), Instagram: [socalphilosophyacademy](https://www.instagram.com/socalphilosophyacademy)) out of a passion for precollege philosophy and public philosophy. When he is not teaching/writing/researching/etc. he tries to spend as much time as possible with his family, being outdoors (surfing, hiking, biking, camping, skiing, etc.), listening to music, and enjoying good food and drink.

Dr. John Arthur Nunes has served as Concordia College New York’s ninth president since 2016. In his tenure he has overseen the design and implementation of a new multi-year strategic plan, a restatement of the school’s mission and values, and in 2018, a reframing of the college’s expanding academic programs into four distinct schools: The School of Health Sciences and Nursing, School of Education, School of Business, and School of Humanities. Under his leadership the college has continued its notable growth (*The Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac 2018-19* named Concordia College New York a Fastest-Growing College) to record enrollment. Dr. Nunes came to Concordia College from Valparaiso University, where he held the Jochum Chair, a university professorship supporting the study of Christian values in public and professional life. Prior to that he was the President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief, a \$50 million organization with offices in 17 countries working to alleviate poverty and human suffering. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Mich.; a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada; and both Master of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. An author of numerous books and articles, Dr. Nunes and Alberto García recently wrote *Wittenberg Meets the World: Reimagining the Reformation from the Margins* (Eerdmans, 2017). He is married to Monique Nunes, who serves the college as Senior Director of Student Experience. They are the parents of six grown children and an expanding entourage of grandchildren.



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 ensure the orderly flow of business.

Any resolution presented after the 90-day deadline is to be submitted to the Secretary who will immediately refer it 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 ministers of Word and Sacrament under call on the roster of this synod in attendance at this Synod Assembly shall be voting members.
- b. All ministers of Word and Service, under call, on the roster of this synod shall be 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. (*S21.c.) In addition to the lay voting members elected by each congregation as stipulated in *S7.21.c, each congregation may provide additional lay representation to a synod assembly by adding one lay voting member who is a Youth or Young Adult ... less than 30 years of age (S7.21.B13). Synodically Authorized Worshipping Communities (SAWC) 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 ministers of Word and Sacrament and Word and Service on the roster of this synod shall have the right to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly. The selection of these retired rostered ministers to serve as voting members shall be done in a process established by the Synod Council. (S7.22.b,c)
- f. Retired ministers of Word and Sacrament on the roster of the Pacifica Synod serving congregations in an interim position under a contract with the congregation and with the approval of the synod, notwithstanding the provisions above (S7.22b), shall be voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with †S7.21.c. (S7.22.A12)
- g. In keeping with section S7.27 of the synod constitution that states: *“This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council to grant a minister of Word and Sacrament from a church body with which a relationship of full communion has been declared and established by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America the privilege of both voice and vote in the Synod Assembly during the period of that minister’s service in a congregation of this church,”* ministers of Word and Sacrament from full-communication partners who serve in a congregation of this synod shall be granted voice and vote at synod assembly.
- h. Retired pastors from a church body with which a relationship of full communion has been declared and established by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who are serving congregations in an interim position under a contract with the congregating and with the approval of the synod, notwithstanding the provisions in S7.22b, shall be voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with *S7.21.c. (S7.27.A12)
- i. 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. (S7.28)

- j. Rostered leaders with On Leave from Call or Continuing Disability status, in good standing with this synod, may serve as voting members of the assembly.

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)

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)

The youth that join the assembly from the Pacifica Synod Youth Team shall have seat and voice in the assembly.

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 1 p.m. on Friday, **May 10**. 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.

DISCUSSION

Each item of business is allowed a 30 minute discussion time, with two 10 minute extensions if approved by the assembly. (Approved May 18, 2018)

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 unless approved in advance by the Executive Committee.

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 **2019** 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 Immigration and Refugee Service
Agape House SDSU	Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences
California Lutheran University—Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary	Lutheran Social Services of So Cal
Care Connections Network	Mission Investment Fund ELCA
ELCA Federal Chaplaincy	Nancy Bond Insurance Services
ELCA Mission Interpretation	Pacifica Women of the ELCA
Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries	Third Avenue Charitable Organization
Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry	Reconciling Works

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 ROSTERS SINCE LAST ASSEMBLY

WORD AND SACRAMENT ROSTER

PASTORS RECEIVED FROM OTHER SYNODS BY CALL: TO:

Jae-Bum Kim	06.18.2018	Brookdale Hospice, Placentia
David Hendrickson	07.01.2018	Pohai Nani, Pacific Health Ministry, HI
Andreas Thode	08.23.2018	Hospice of the South Coast, San Diego
Misael Fajardo-Perez	01.20.2019	St. Peter, Santa Ana

PASTORS RECEIVED FROM OTHER LUTHERAN CHURCHES OR TRADITIONS

Anne-Grethe Nielsen	01.27.2019	Emanuel Danish, Yorba Linda * from ELCD (Denmark)
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RETIRED PASTORS RECEIVED FROM OTHER SYNODS: FROM:

Linda Vogelgesang	03.21.2018	Sierra Pacific Synod
Paul Hegele	03.22.2019	Indiana-Kentucky Synod (PENDING)

RECEIVED BY ORDINATION AND CALL: TO:

Moses Barrios	02.02.2019	Shep of the Hills/Crave Life, Whittier
John Barton	04.13.2019	Faith, Menifee

NEW CALLS OR CONTRACT WITHIN SYNOD: TO:

Daniel Cole	12.08.2017	Vitas Healthcare Hospice, San Diego
Dennis Laherty	02.12.2018	ATTB, Pacifica
Keith Wolter	03.01.2018	Christ, Mililani
James Pike	04.09.2018	Resurrection, Huntington Beach
Karin Boye	05.16.2018	St. Mark, Chula Vista
Carol Reed	05.16.2018	Gethsemane, San Diego
Kathryn Schlechter	05.20.2018	Atonement, San Diego (Synod Call)
Linda Vogelgesang	07.01.2018	Grace, Upland
Gloria Espeseth	07.01.2018	Carlton Hills, Santee
Karla Seyb-Stockton	07.01.2018	Shepherd of the Valley, La Mesa
Linda Salmonson-Olson	07.01.2018	Shepherd of Life, Lake Elsinore
Bradley Stienstra	08.01.2018	Our Saviour's, Orange
Deogracias Olivar	08.26.2018	Apreva Hospice, San Diego
Milo Ken Anderson	08.26.2018	Trinity, Hemet
Stephanie Lape	09.04.2018	Cross & Crown, Rancho Cucamonga
Timothy Mason	11.26.2018	LC of the Incarnation, Poway
David Barber	12.01.2018	Calvary by the Sea, Honolulu
Timothy Edmondson	12.01.2018	Hope, Palm Desert (Palm Springs Start)
Milo Ken Anderson	01.07.2019	Our Savior's, Banning
Paul Hegele	01.16.2019	Newport Harbor, Newport Beach
Karla Seyb-Stockton	03.04.2019	Gethsemane, San Diego
Richard Schowalter	03.15.2019	Shepherd of the Valley, La Mesa
Wesley Menke	03.19.2019	Grace, Upland
Darryl Kozak	04.01.2019	Peace, Corona
David Kieffer	04.01.2019	Manoa Valley UCC (PENDING)

PASTORS WHO RETIRED

Patrice Nordstrand	04.25.2018
Ron Hovick	06.01.2018
Cheryl Corneliussen	08.01.2018
Richard Rollefson	10.01.2018
Paul Scheitlin	10.31.2018
Carol Reed	01.01.2019
Betty Chen	01.27.2019

CURRENTLY ON LEAVE FROM CALL OR DISABILITY

Amber Remilard	01.01.2014
Steve Awbrey	04.30.2017
Carole Parmeter Dyer	08.01.2015
Samuel Kumissa	08.14.2017
Kathryn Schlechter	01.01.2019
Daniel Cole	02.01.2019

Continuing Disability:

Dianne Eller	03.08.2005
Roger Patterson	07.17.2012
Mark Cansino	11.02.2016

PASTORS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SYNOD: TO:

Elizabeth Brashear	05.05.2017	Oregon Synod (1E)
Hildegardo Gomez	04.01.2018	Oregon Synod (1E)
Ruth Peterson	09.16.2018	Sierra Pacific (2A)
David Beard	12.01.2018	Southwest California (2B)
Leslie Mahraun	2018	NW Washington (1B) PENDING
Daniel Roschke	2018	PENDING
Anton Scheer	01.01.2019	Grand Canyon (2D)
Erin (Armstrong) Jones	01.19.2019	Southwest Pennsylvania (8B)

DECEASED, RESIGNED OR REMOVED FROM THE ROSTER

Charles Malloch	07.04.2018	Deceased
William Schumacher	07.20.2018	Deceased
Ronald Lavin	08.07.2018	Deceased
Carl Erickson	08.19.2018	Deceased
Esaul Salomon	08.24.2018	Removed
Michael Hagenow	11.21.2018	Removed
Prosper Van Tassel	11.30.2018	Deceased
Frank Gearhart	03.16.2019	Deceased
Charles Endter	04.09.2019	Deceased

APPROVED FOR CALL – ASSIGNED TO PACIFICA SYNOD

Cynthia Jones
Thomas Voelp

WORD AND SERVICE ROSTER

NEW CALLS OR CONTRACT WITHIN SYNOD: TO:

Lynne Prechel	10.01.2018	St. Paul, Fullerton
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DEACONS WHO HAVE RETIRED

Roberta Wall	03.01.2019
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DEACONS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SYNOD: TO:

Linda Rube	03.07.2018	Sierra Pacific
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DECEASED, RESIGNED OR REMOVED FROM THE ROSTER

Ann Evans	08.20.2018	Deceased
Benjamin Herbert	12.04.2018	Deceased

FULL COMMUNION PARTNERS

CLERGY	ROSTER:	INVITATION TO SERVE:
Cindy Arndt	Presbyterian	Lihue, Lihue, HI
Mary Jerobam	Episcopal	Shepherd of the Desert, Barstow
Dave Madsen	Episcopalian	The Welcome Ministry, El Cajon
Jonathan Vincent	UCC	Bethany Lutheran, Norco

ANNIVERSARIES OF ROSTERED LEADERS-2019

WORD AND SACRAMENT

MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS

Lowell O. Larson 1948
John W. Spann 1949
Melvin M. Kieschnick 1950
Kenneth J. Dale 1951
Donovan A. Myers 1952
Robert J. Wayne 1952
Gilbert C. Moore 1953
Lawrence H. Roller 1953
David Lindberg 1955
M. Laurel Gray 1956
Paul C. Oas 1956
Edward J. Volkmann 1956
Raymond Mehl 1957
John Knudson 1958
Paul Larson 1958
Robert R. Freistedt 1960
Harvey A. Anderson 1961
Bruce P. Craft 1961
Duane A. Berg 1962
Richard L. Elliott 1962
Eugene R. Holtz 1962
George S. Johnson 1962
David D. Reynolds 1962
Kenneth Caudill 1963
Donald Johnson 1963
Ying-Chhi Kuo 1963
Jack Lindquist 1963
Albert Stott 1963
David Wenger 1963
David Chen 1964
Theodore C. Johns 1965
William A. Norman 1965
Charles W. Sundry 1965
David Kupka 1966
Cliff A. Listug 1966
R. Joseph Ramnarine 1966

50 YEARS-1969

Noel C Estergren
John A Lundblad

45 YEARS-1974

Charles B Riggs
James L Roessler
John R Embree
Joseph R Matoush

40 YEARS-1979

David P Beard
Paul F Scheitlin
Ronald L Rennegarbe
Ronald N Geikow
Sherry G Sweetman
Steven L Perry
Yukio Hamada
Yutaka Kishino

35 YEARS-1984

David W Kieffer
Dianne Bloemker Eller
Gloria A Espeseth
Keith R Wolter
Kim Eifert Krogstad
Thomas W Chen

25 YEARS-1994

Daniel M Raaen
Franklin X Jiang
Jonathan S Doolittle
Kathryn A Schlechter

20 YEARS-1999

Agapito "Augie" Avilés Jr
HG "Skip" McComas IV
Minh-Hanh Thi Nguyen
Victoria J Rufsvold

15 YEARS-2004

Manuel J Retamoza

10 YEARS-2009

Betty T Chen
Catherine E Luehr
Jay Carlton Egenes

5 YEARS-2014

Brenda K Bos
Samuel S Kumissa
Wesley R Menke

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WORD AND SERVICE

MORE THAN 50 YEARS

Betty Darrow 1966

45 YEARS-1974

Paula O Rennegarbe

15 YEARS-2004

Melissa M James

10 YEARS-2009

Kevin Sumner-Eisenbraun

ANNIVERSARIES OF CONGREGATIONS-2019

138 YEARS

Lihue, Lihue

131 YEARS

Eden, Riverside
First, San Diego

125 YEARS

Trinity, Riverside

119 YEARS

Lutheran Church of Honolulu, Honolulu

118 YEARS

First, Redlands

113 YEARS

Emanuel Danish, Yorba Linda

105 YEARS

Trinity, Hemet
St. Peter, Santa Ana

104 YEARS

Our Savior's, San Diego

101 YEARS

Grace, Anaheim

80 YEARS

First, Fullerton

70 YEARS

Lemon Grove, Lemon Grove
Faith, Yucaipa

65 YEARS

St. John, Kailua
Our Saviour's, Orange
St. Mark, Chula Vista
Clairemont, San Diego

60 YEARS

House of Prayer, Escondido
Prince of Peace, Honolulu
Carlton Hills, Santee

55 YEARS

Peace, Corona
Resurrection, Huntington Beach
All Saints, San Diego
Maluhia, Waianae

40 YEARS

Hope, Temecula
Community, Rancho Santa Margarita

25 YEARS

Spirit of Joy, Ramona

CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS OF ORDINATION-2019

THE REV. NOEL C. ESTERGREN was ordained on June 3, 1969 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran in Orinda, California by Rev. Dr. Carl Seggerhammer. He served at Shepherd of the Valley for 2 years as an Assistant Pastor. In 1971, he was called to Trinity Lutheran in Alameda, California where he served for 5 years. He then went to Mount of Olives Lutheran in Phoenix, Arizona from 1976-1988. His last call before retirement took him to downtown San Diego at First Lutheran Church from 1988-2004. Pastor Estergren excelled in basketball, golf, tennis, and skiing. He did post graduate work at San Francisco Theological Seminary in Clinical Psychology. He held several positions including serving on the California Lutheran Board of Regents and the Professional Preparations Committee of the Pacific Southwest Synod. He received the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary Alum Aware for Excellence in Parish Ministry. He received the TACO Founder's Award, in recognition of years of service at First Lutheran Church, establishing the Third Avenue Charitable Organization (TACO) as its own nonprofit organization in 1996. Pastor Estergren can be described as a "journeyer" and has always been interested in combining psychology and theology as signposts of God.

THE REV. JOHN LUNDBLAD was ordained on July 27, 1969 at Resurrection Lutheran in San Bruno, California by Synod President Carl W. Segerhammar, D.D. His first call was at St. Stephen's of the Valley in Palmdale, California. From 1973 to 1976, he served both Holy Cross in Brigham City, and Our Savior's in Roy, Utah. In 1976, Pastor Lundblad begin his study for overseas assignment and in 1977, he arrived in Jerusalem at the Church of the Redeemer. He returned to the United States in 1984 to serve at Trinity in Manhattan Beach, and in 1987, served at King of Kings in Oceanside. In 1997, he went On Leave from Call and retired in 1999. Post retirement, he spent 14 years working for the City of Oceanside as the Housing Office in the Neighborhood Services Department where he was the manager of federal Community Development Block Grant Program for the city and related state and federally funded community development and homeless-serving programs. Pastor Lundblad is known as a capable preacher and teacher, a lifelong student, committed to the work of the Church in all its expressions and institutions, and a son of Augustana.

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CELEBRATING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF ORDINATION-2019

THE REV. JONATHAN DOOLITTLE was ordained on July 16, 1994 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio by Bishop Ken Sauer. He served as associate pastor at First Lutheran in Redlands from his ordination in 1994 to August 1998. In September 1998, he was called to Clairemont Lutheran in San Diego as the Associate Pastor. After eight years, he was called by the same congregation to be their Senior Pastor where he continues to serve today. Pastor Doolittle received his Doctor on Ministry in 2009 and currently works on the Latino Ministry Committee and

the Mission Fund Committee. His major emphasis in his ministry is to help everyone live out their identity as a child of God and welcoming all into our household of faith. He is known as a humble, humorous servant of God, an articulate teacher and preacher, and always available to comfort others in times of crisis.

THE REV. FRANKLIN XIAO WEN JIANG was ordained on August 28, 1994 by the Rev. Myron Herzberg, the Assistant to the Bishop of the Southeast Iowa Synod at St. Peder's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His first call was to two congregations: Good Shepherd in Bloomfield Iowa, and St. John's in Queen City, Missouri. He was then called to serve as Chaplain through Lutheran Social Services of South Central Pennsylvania at the Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village from 1997-2004. He retired from this ministry in 2004.

THE REV. DAN RAAEN was ordained on June 26, 1994 in Byron, Minnesota at Christ Lutheran by Bishop Glenn Nycklemoe. His first call was to Wanamingo Lutheran in Wanamingo, Minnesota. In 1996, he took his second call to Grace Lutheran in Nerstrand, Minnesota. In 2002, he took a synod call to serve St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kasson, Minnesota. He continued work in the ELCA from 2007-2009 serving as an interim pastor at St. Mark's in Chula Vista and Christ Lutheran in San Clemente. Pastor Raaen retired in 2009.

THE REV. KATE SCHLECHTER was ordained on March 6, 1994 at Our Savior's Lutheran in Great Falls, Montana by the Rev. Dr. Jerry Ebbinga. Ebbinga was granted authorization to ordain Pastor Schechlter by Bishop Mark Ramseth because all the ELCA bishops were attending the annual Bishop's Conference. The Rev. Dr. Connie Kleingartner from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago preached. Pastor Schlechter began her pastoral ministry in Kailua, Hawaii as the co-lead Pastor at St. John. She then served in Casper, Wyoming, and four interim positions in Washington state. She was called to serve as Senior Pastor at Beautiful Savior Lutheran in Tucson, Arizona in 2007. In 2011, she continued interim work at Christ Lutheran in Santa Fe, New Mexico and again at Atonement Lutheran in Boulder, Colorado. In 2015, she was called to Atonement Lutheran in San Diego, where she most recently served. Pastor Schlechter is now On Leave from Call for study purposes while she pursues her PHd in Psychology and Mythology. In addition to her Masters of Divinity, she also holds a Masters of Science in Psychology and a Masters in Mythological with an Emphasis in Depth Psychology. Of her own faith, she writes: "The journey of faith is one of pilgrimage. For me, there is no is no better place to nurture this continual labyrinthine ascent and descent into and out of consciousness with God then to return time and time again to the waters of birth; in Christianity symbolized in the sacrament of holy baptism. As Christians our traveling mercies are drenched in the promises that God bestows: unconditional love and forgiveness. Metaphorically, as an avid sailor, it is the magnetic pull of the Pacific Ocean, God's humongous baptismal font, that offers the in, with, under, and through the currents of God's presence that the elemental forces of my faith circumambulate my engagement with the world."

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THE REV. CHARLES W. MALLOCH
November 28, 1928 - July 4, 2018

THE REV. WILLIAM H. SCHUMACHER
November 1, 1925 - July 20, 2018

THE REV. RONALD J. LAVIN
January 5, 1936 - August 7, 2018

THE REV. CARL W. ERICKSON
March 1, 1934 - August 19, 2018

DEACON ANN EVANS
October 25, 1933 - August 20, 2018

THE REV. PROSPER E. VAN TASSEL
March 18, 1914 - November 30, 2018

DEACON BENJAMIN HERBERT
May 8, 1923 - December 4, 2018

THE REV. FRANK S. GEARHART
March 20, 1936 - March 16, 2019

THE REV. CHARLES A. ENDTER
June 25, 1923 – April 9, 2019