Following the postponement of our 2020 Assembly and experiencing our 2021 Assembly virtually over Zoom, we gathered in-person once again for our 2022 Pacifica Synod Assembly that took place over the dates of May 19-21 at the Irvine Marriott. What a gift it was to be together!

Our theme, “Together in Christ” shaped our time with one another. The theme was grounded in the text from Ephesians 4:1-6 and reflected our Synod Mission Statement, “Together in Christ we equip, accompany, and serve boldly so all may experience God’s boundless grace.”

The election of the synod’s fourth bishop, the Rev. David Nagler, on the fifth ballot was a highlight of the Assembly. We were joined by ELCA Churchwide Representative Victoria Flood who provided oversight of the election and updates on the work of the ELCA. In addition to other synod business, we heard stories of the varied ministries taking place across our synod. Our ministry partners shared updates and our Synod Council officers provided reports. Resolutions were voted on and Synod Council and committee elections held. Leaders within our synod shared their knowledge and expertise with others through workshops. We worshipped together and celebrated the ministry of Bishop Andy Taylor.

We give thanks to ALL who were with us for this Assembly—voting members, visitors, special guests, volunteers, and ministry partners—and for those who shared in the Assembly over livestream. Your hard work, prayers, and dedication to the ministry we share in together is greatly appreciated.
SHARING STORIES

During this year's assembly, we were gifted with stories provided by both rostered and lay leaders from across our synod, some in-person and some on video, sharing ministry and life experiences in their contexts. Pictured below are just some of the eleven story-tellers. Our thanks to ALL who shared their story!

Whitney Heyd—St. John, Kailua
Analiese Christenson—First, San Diego
Pastor Jennifer Garcia—First, Fullerton
Pastor Raman Contreras
Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry
Pastor Sarah Sumner-Eisenbraun and Pastor Manuel Retamoza
St. Andrew's, San Diego
Pastor Robert Wawaruntu
Immanuel Indonesian/Ind Luth Ministry

Not pictured: Pastor Marcus Lohrmann—Shepherd of the Valley, La Mesa; Kay Fielder—Mt. Calvary, Cypress; Trinity Lutheran, Riverside; St. Mark's Lutheran, Chula Vista; King of Glory, Fountain Valley.

ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITIONS

During the assembly, we recognized and gave thanks to and for rostered ministers of Pacifica Synod who celebrated 25 and 50 years of ordained ministry in 2022.

Those celebrating 50 years of Word and Sacrament Ministry in 2022

Those celebrating 25 years of Word and Sacrament Ministry in 2022
The Rev. Charles Aden, the Rev. Solomon Hailu, the Rev. Darin Johnson (pictured to left), the Rev. Linda Olson, the Rev. Glenn Oris, and the Rev. Laura Ziehl (pictured to left).
ELCA REPRESENTATIVE, VICTORIA FLOOD

We were blessed to be joined by ELCA Churchwide Representative, Victoria Flood who serves as Senior Director for Mission Support in the churchwide expression of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Victoria guided us through the bishop election process with patience and expertise, helping us to understand the role of a synod’s bishop. She also shared a report on the many and varied ministries of the ELCA and the connections between congregations, synods and churchwide organization.

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In his report, Bishop Andy shared the history of his crozier, crafted by Doug Lester, a member of St. Andrew’s, San Diego. Bishop Andy will donate this crozier to the synod in memory of Doug’s parents, Jack and Barbara Lester. He also shared how the synod is living into our “Together in Christ” mission statement.

Synod Treasurer, Tom Pankow, shared a report on the financial status of the synod, as well as presenting the 2023-2024 budget for approval by the Assembly.

In addition to her report as Synod Vice-President, Nicolette Rohr also led the Assembly in a time of Spiritual Practice.

Assistants to the Bishop (from left to right) - Pastors J.P. Sabbithi, Tom Goellrich (who also serves as Pacifica’s Director for Evangelical Mission) and Terry Tuvey Allen each presented reports reflecting the passion and dedication to which they serve their calls to this synod and to the congregations and people in it.
Prior to Bishop Election Ballot Three, the seven remaining bishop nominees were provided the opportunity to respond to questions submitted by people throughout the synod both prior to and during the Assembly. The Bishop’s Nominating Task Force, co-chaired by Deacon Dr. Melissa James and Becky Anderson, reviewed the over 100 questions submitted to develop a list of 7 questions that were presented to the nominees on Friday morning.

Above (from left to right) - Pastors Bob Mooney, Derek Fossey, Cyndi Jones and Dave Nagler.
Below (from left to right) - Pastors Maria Santa Cruz, Tom Goellrich and Darryl Kozak.

On the Fifth Ballot, the Rev. David Nagler was elected the fourth bishop of the Pacifica Synod. His term will begin August 1. Our thanks to ALL nominees for their willingness to serve.

To Left: Deacon Melissa James & Becky Anderson, Co-Chairs of Bishop Nominating Task Force.
To Right: Lori Herman, Co-Chair with Becky Draper of Bishop Election Committee.
### Bishop Election Results

#### First Ballot
- **Number of Votes Cast**: 265
- **Number of Illegal Ballots**: 4
- **Number of Legal Ballots**: 261
- **Number of Votes Needed for Election**: 196

- The Rev. David Nagler – 83
- The Rev. Robert Mooney – 49
- The Rev. Thomas Goellrich – 45
- The Rev. Cynthia Jones – 34
- The Rev. Darryl Kozak – 14
- The Rev. Jennifer Zahnow – 13
- The Rev. Maria Santa Cruz – 9
- The Rev. Derek Fossey – 4
- The Rev. Laura Ziehl – 4
- The Rev. Terry Tuvey Allen – 2
- The Rev. Karin Boye – 1
- The Rev. Kathryn Grindberg – 1
- The Rev. Carl Witt – 1
- The Rev. Ramon Zarate – 1

#### Second Ballot
- **Number of Votes Cast**: 250
- **Number of Illegal Ballots**: 0
- **Number of Legal Ballots**: 250
- **Number of Votes Needed for Election**: 188

- The Rev. David Nagler – 79
- The Rev. Robert Mooney – 58
- The Rev. Thomas Goellrich – 36
- The Rev. Maria Santa Cruz – 32
- The Rev. Cynthia Jones – 25
- The Rev. Darryl Kozak – 11
- The Rev. Derek Fossey – 6
- The Rev. Jennifer Zahnow – 2
- The Rev. Carl Witt – 1

#### Third Ballot
- **Number of Votes Cast**: 263
- **Number of Illegal Ballots**: 0
- **Number of Legal Ballots**: 263
- **Number of Votes Needed for Election**: 176

- The Rev. David Nagler – 103
- The Rev. Robert Mooney – 43
- The Rev. Maria Santa Cruz – 30
- The Rev. Thomas Goellrich – 28
- The Rev. Derek Fossey – 26
- The Rev. Darryl Kozak – 20
- The Rev. Maria Santa Cruz – 13

#### Fourth Ballot
- **Number of Votes Cast**: 271
- **Number of Illegal Ballots**: 0
- **Number of Legal Ballots**: 271
- **Number of Votes Needed for Election**: 163

- The Rev. David Nagler – 124
- The Rev. Robert Mooney – 98
- The Rev. Maria Santa Cruz – 49

#### Fifth Ballot
- **Number of Votes Cast**: 266
- **Number of Illegal Ballots**: 0
- **Number of Legal Ballots**: 266
- **Number of Votes Needed for Election**: 134

- The Rev. David Nagler – 163 (elected)
- The Rev. Robert Mooney – 103

**The Rev. David Nagler is elected bishop of the Pacifica Synod!**
On Friday afternoon, Assembly participants had the opportunity to attend one of seven workshops, on a variety of helpful topics, each presented by gifted leaders in our synod. Our thanks to each of these leaders for sharing your expertise and talents with others.

To Left: Undoing Racism in the Church: A Way to Get Started (Pastors Lara Martin & Darin Johnson)

To Right: Nine Things You Should Know About Church Constitutions (Bob Michelet)

To Left: In These Challenging Times... Why (Not) Coaching (Synod Coaching Team)

To Right: Sharing Our Faith Stories: Not That Type of Evangelism (Pastor Jennifer Garcia)

To Left: Planned Giving Best Practices for Congregations and How to Link Them to Stewardship (Lisa Higginbotham)

To Left: Healthy Transitions: Becoming an Agile Congregation (Pastor Terry Tuvey Allen)

To Right: The Tax-Exempt Effect: Legal Conformity of the Church (Ryan Bushore)
$420 was raised for Lutheran Disaster Response/Ukraine Relief!
**SYNOD COUNCIL & COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

**SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBER ELECTION RESULTS**

**Synod Council Secretary**
Kathy Hartl: 221 (elected)

**At Lg (Person of Color/Primary Lang other than English)**
The Rev. Maria Santa Cruz: 226 (elected)

**Orange County Area Representative (Lay, Any Gender)**
Ms. Sarah Tees: 80 (elected)

**San Diego Area Representative (Lay, Male)**
Mr. Jeff Cours: 37 (run-off)
Mr. Frank DeLouise: 15 (run-off)
Mr. Curt Spiller: 24 (run-off)
Mr. Jeff Cours: 38 (run-off)
Mr. Curt Spiller: 38 (run-off)
Mr. Curt Spiller: 44 (elected)
Mr. Jeff Cours: 35

**San Diego Area Representative (Lay, Female)**
Ms. Stephanie Jordan: 25 (run-off)
Ms. Maria Guadalupe Adame Manriquez: 25 (run-off)
Ms. Marissa Valentan: 21

Ms. Maria Guadalupe Adame Manriquez: 45 (elected)
Ms. Stephanie Jordan: 32

**Hawaii Area Rep (Clergy, Male)**
The Rev. Jeffrey Lilley: 28 (elected)

**Inland Empire Area Rep (Lay, Male)**
Mr. Larry Dodson: 35 (elected)
Mr. Larry Anderson: 27

**Inland Empire Area Rep (Lay, Female)**
Ms. Brenda Lussier: 61 (elected)

**SYNOD COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS**

**Mission Funds Committee**
The Rev. John Bunge: 100 (elected)
Mr. Paul Coulter: 115 (elected)
The Rev. Jonathan Doolittle: 136 (elected)
Mr. James Grutkowski: 98
The Rev. John Lundblad: 78
Mr. Curt Spiller: 114 (elected)
The Rev. Kent Tuohino: 88
Ms. Sheila Wenzel: 148 (elected)

**SYNOD AND REGIONAL LEADERS**

Pictured Below: The five Region 2 Bishops all attended the Assembly to show their support of and appreciation for Bishop Andy. From left to right: Bishop Megan Rohrer, Sierra Pacific Synod; Bishop Deborah Hutterer, Grand Canyon Synod; Bishop Andy Taylor, Pacifica Synod; Bishop Jim Gonia, Rocky Mountain Synod; and Bishop Brenda Bos, Southwest California Synod.

Above: At Saturday’s worship service, the 2022-2023 Synod Council members were installed. We give thanks for the service of those whose terms ended with this Assembly: Mr. Jeff Cours, Ms. Becky Draper, Mr. Anthony Eder, Ms. Greta Hobson, and Ms. Freya Hendrickson.
SA.22.05.01 VOTED to approve the rules and agenda for the 2022 Pacifica Synod Assembly.
SA22.05.04 VOTED to approve the Pacifica Synod budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year as presented.

Synod Council Recommendations:
Baseline Salary Increase for Rostered Leaders
SA22.05.03 VOTED to accept the recommendation of the Pacifica Synod Council for a 5.6% increase in the Base-
line Salary for Rostered Ministers (Ministers of Word and Sacrament & Ministers of Word and Service) of the Pacifica
Synod for the year 2023.

Resolutions:
Resolution 22-01:
SA22.05.02 VOTED to approve Resolution 22-01, calling on the Pacifica Synod of the
ELCA extend an invitation to LIRS to engage in a feasibility conversation with this Syn-
od with the goal of opening an extension office within this synod’s territory, with the
Bishop initially delivering this invitation by August 31, 2022.

Resolution 22-02:
A substitute motion was moved and seconded regarding Resolution 22-02 as follows:
Substitute motion: Resolved, that the Pacifica Synod Assembly memorialize the 2022
Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to consider
with great faith, flexibility and theological reflection how to speak, write and teach
about Holy Communion during worship with participants who are online worshipping
remotely and refer such consideration to the appropriate unit or office of the Churchwide organization.

SA22.05.04 VOTED to amend the substitute motion as follows:
Resolved, that the Pacifica Synod Assembly memorialize the 2022 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Luther-
ian Church in America to consider with great faith, flexibility and theological reflection how to speak, write and teach
about Holy Communion during worship with participants who are online worshipping remotely and other
alternative communion practices and refer such consideration to the appropriate unit or office of the Churchwide organization.

SA22.05.05 VOTED to amend the substitute motion as follows:
Resolved, that the Pacifica Synod Assembly memorialize the 2022 Churchwide Assem-
by of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to consider with great faith, flexibility
and theological reflection how to speak, write and teach about Holy Communion during worship with concerning participants who are online worshipping remotely and oth-
er alternative communion practices and refer such consideration to the appropriate
unit or office of the Churchwide organization.

SA22.05.06 VOTED to cease debate.

SA22.05.07 VOTED to approve Resolution 22-02: Memorial Holy Communion Practices in
Unusual Circumstances asking that the Pacifica Synod Assembly memorialize the 2022
Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to consider with
great faith and flexibility and theological reflection how to speak, write and teach about Holy Communion con-
cerning participants who are online worshipping remotely and other alternative communion practices and refer
such consideration to the appropriate unit or office of the Churchwide organization.

Resolution 22-03:
SA22.05.08 VOTED to approve Resolution 22-03: Resolution of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Bishop Andrew A. Tay-
lor, offering thanks to God and to Bishop Taylor for his faithful ministry as bishop, and conferring upon the Reverend
Doctor Andrew A. Taylor, the honorary title of Bishop Emeritus as an expression of our deep gratitude and respect.
WITH OUR GRATITUDE AND THANKS!

It takes a village to plan, prepare for and host a Synod Assembly. In addition to our profound thanks to those serving on teams and committees listed on page 2-7 in our Assembly Notebook, we wish to offer our thanks to those who volunteered their time to serve on-site at the Assembly. We have done our best in acknowledging all of our on-site volunteers, but if we have missed anyone, please accept our sincere apologies.

Hospitality/COVID Clearance Check-In

Registration
Sandy Poteet, Charlyn Travers, Glenn Travers, Jacque Awbrey, Helga Bergthold, Samantha Henderson, Sue Kroeger, Karen Ronchetti.

Communications
Paul Coulter (photographer), Samantha Henderson (social media), and Andrew Nakatani (social media).

Ballot Counters
Frank DeLouise, Chuck Lieb, Becky Anderson, Dianne Anderson, Gerry Marecek, Meri Jo Petrivelli, Carol Schultz, Sarah Tees, Sheila Wenzel.

Synod Coaches Available to Bishop Nominees
Deenna Eley, Carol Schultz and Sarah Tees.

Worship
Thursday—Becky Anderson, Desta Goehner, Lori Herman, Keane Ishii, Fumi Liang, Pastor Kinndlee Lund, Daneen Pysz, and Tyler Robinson.


We also thank Tom Hoegel, Chris Larsen and Brian Schuette from Big Dog Sound and Pastors Manuel Retamoza and Sarah Sumner-Eisenbraun for all of their work and expertise to ensure our Assembly audio/visual/online productions ran smoothly. A shout-out to Kyle Tweet (St. Andrew’s, San Diego) who brewed “The Good and Faithful” IPA for Bishop Andy’s celebration and to Nate Maxwell-Doherty for designing the bottle labels.

THANK YOU

FOR SERVING!