



Annual Synod Assembly

Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert, California

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

10:00 a.m. (California)/7:00 a.m. (Hawaii): Budget Hearing **(via Zoom)**

11:15 p.m. (California)/8:15 a.m. (Hawaii): Resolutions Hearing **(via Zoom)**

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

5:00 p.m. Registration opens

5:30 p.m. Pre-Registration Reception and Vendor Displays

7:30 p.m. Pre-Registration Reception Ends

8:00 p.m. Registration closes

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

7:00 a.m. Registration opens

9:00 a.m. Opening of the Assembly

9:35 a.m. Business Session

10:25 a.m. Break

10:40 a.m. Prayer

10:42 a.m. Business Session

11:00 a.m. Resolutions

11:40 a.m. Anniversary Recognitions and Representatives

12:00 p.m.	Lunch and Workshops
1:00 p.m.	Prayer
1:10 p.m.	Reports and announcement of Voting Process
1:20 p.m.	Voting/Elections
1:30 p.m.	Business Session
2:00 p.m.	Resolutions
2:30 p.m.	Break
2:45 p.m.	Business Session
3:35 p.m.	Break
3:55 p.m.	Registration Closes
4:00 p.m.	Worship
5:15 p.m.	Dinner On your Own

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

7:00 a.m.	Registration Opens
8:30 a.m.	Business Session Bishop's Report
9:10 a.m.	Budget Vote
9:20 a.m.	Business Session
10:10 a.m.	Break
10:20 a.m.	Conference Breakouts
10:50 a.m.	Prayer
10:52 a.m.	Election Results
11:00 a.m.	Business Session
11:10 a.m.	Installation of Council Members
11:30 a.m.	Representative
11:45 a.m.	Assembly Closing

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RESOLUTIONS AND BUDGET HEARINGS

To better prepare yourself for discussion on Resolutions and the Synod Budget, there will be hearings offered prior to the assembly using Zoom. **Separate registration required.**

Online Budget Hearing

Saturday, April 29
10:00-11:00 AM PDT
7:00-8:00 AM HST

Online Resolutions Hearing

Saturday, April 29
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM PDT
8:15 -9:15 AM HST

To register for a Hearing, please contact Terri Robertson at 714-692-2791, Ext. 732 or by email at terrirobertson@pacificasynod.org. After you register, you will sent instructions and the Zoom link and further instructions.

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

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

Opening of a Synod or Churchwide Assembly

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

- 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
by 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 the 2023 Pacifica Synod Assembly to be in session
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Closing of a Synod or Churchwide Assembly

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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.

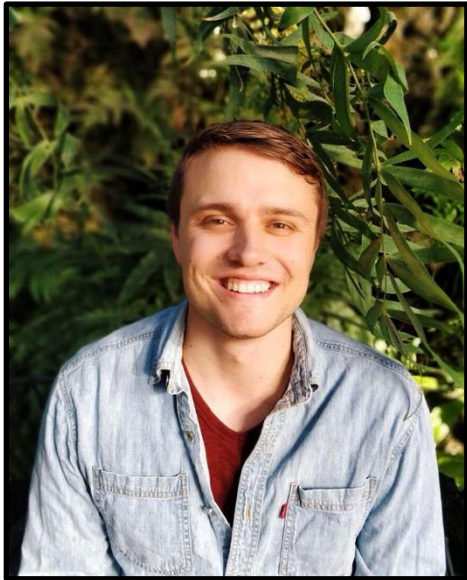
L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

ASSEMBLY PARTICIPANTS

CHAIR	David Nagler, Bishop
PARLIAMENTARIAN	Mr. Robert Hutson
SECRETARY	Ms. Kathy Hartl
ASSEMBLY PLANNING TEAM.....	
The Rev. Derek Fossey	
Mr. Gabe Den Hartog	Staff Support:
The Rev. Carl Witt	Ms. TaSh Elzie
The Rev. Gerald Sharon	Ms. Terri Robertson
The Rev. Jennifer Shaw	Ms. Carol Youngman
The Rev. Tim Edmondson	Ms. Rachel Line
AUDIO/VISUAL.....	Big Dog Sound
CREDENTIALS	Ms. Terri Robertson
LOGO	Ms. TaSh Elzie
SYNOD STATISTICIAN.....	Ms. Carol Youngman
NOMINATING COMMITTEE.....	
The Rev. Darryl Kozak	Mr. Michael Carson
Ms. Sarah Tees	The Rev. Ben Sheets
The Rev. Nate Allen	Dr. Nicolette Rohr, ex-officio
REGISTRATION COORDINATORS	Ms. Terri Robertson Ms. Sandy Poteet
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE	Mr. Jeff Cours, Chair The Rev. Jay Egenes The Rev. Jennifer Schultz Ms. Sheila Wenzel The Rev. Laura Ziehl
WORSHIP	
St. John's Worship Band	
Sarah Hagar, Director	Patrick Karst, Piano
Mark Farrin, Vocals	Mikael Jacobson, Bass
Jim Watson, Drums	

ELCA CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE



Iain Chester (he/him) lives in Chicago, Illinois, and serves as Executive Director for Innovation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) Churchwide Organization. In his role, Iain works with leaders and communities as they address the church's biggest challenges of today while generating a path forward for the future. He believes the church can be part of positive change and likes to hear the stories of the creative ways people make that happen.

Iain has served with the ELCA Churchwide Organization over the past seven years in a variety of roles, including as Manager for Network Engagement with ELCA World Hunger. During his time with ELCA World Hunger, he worked with a network of over 2,500 congregational leaders across the ELCA working toward a just world where all are fed. Iain is a graduate of North Park University, Chicago, Illinois and enjoys watching soccer, walking his dog and exploring local restaurants.

Assembly Rules and Procedures for the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Most rules are mandated by the constitutions of the ELCA and Pacifica Synod. Quotations from the Pacifica Synod Constitution are noted at the end with provision of constitution in parentheses following the quote.

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 may 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)

This means one-half of those checked in on-site constitute a quorum.

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 Synod Council.

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

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.
- 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, typically one of whom shall be a man and one of whom shall be a woman, shall be voting members. The Synod Council shall establish a formula to provide additional lay representation from congregations on the basis of the number of baptized members in the congregation. The Synod Council shall seek to ensure

that, at least 45 percent of the lay members of the assembly shall be women and at least 45 percent shall be men. (S7.21.a; S7.21.b; S7.21.c)

- d. 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. Synod 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)
- d. "Voting membership shall include the officers of this synod." (S7.21.d)
- 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. "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." (S7.27)
Ministers of Word and Sacrament from full-communion 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 congregation 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 those granted disability status, in good standing with this synod, may serve as voting members of the assembly. (S7.22)

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 presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and such other official representatives of the churchwide organization as may be designated by the presiding bishop, shall 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.

Floor nominations for all offices must be submitted to Secretary no later than **1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5**. Those desiring to make nominations are asked to get a Nominations Form from the Synod Secretary, Kathy Hartl, and, after completing it, return it to the Synod Secretary.



SUBMITTING AN AMENDMENT FROM THE FLOOR

The QR code to the left may be used to submit an amendment to a resolution or budget from the floor. The amendment may be typed in the form or attached as a separate document. A copy of your responses will be emailed to the email address you provide. [Submit an amendment.](#)

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 Pacifica Synod Council has approved the following list of organizations as ones that may display at the **2023** 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.

Pacifica Women of the ELCA	Stephen Ministry
Nancy Bond Insurance	Homecoming, Inc.
Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA	Pacifica Anti-Racism Team
Agape San Diego	Pacifica Synod Youth Ministries
Order of Lutheran Franciscans	African Team Ministries
Federal Chaplaincy Scholarship Fund	California Lutheran University
Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry	ELCA Foundation
Pacifica Coaches	Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Lutheran Retreats, Camps, & Conferences	Sew Faithful
LSS of Southern California	Pacifica Latino Ministries Team
Southern Cross Property Consultants	Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

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 2022 ASSEMBLY

WORD AND SACRAMENT ROSTER

RECEIVED BY ORDINATION AND CALL: TO:

Jasmine Waring	12.17.2022	Pastor, The Table
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PASTORS RECEIVED FROM OTHER SYNODS BY CALL: TO:

Mark Galbraith	06.01.2022	Trinity Episcopal, Escondido
Catherine Dunsworth	01.02.2023	Pastor, San Marcos Lutheran Church

NEW CALLS WITHIN SYNOD:

TO:

Dave Nagler	08.01.2022	Bishop, Pacifica Synod, ELCA
Daniel Cole	08.01.2022	Pastor, Hope, Temecula
Timothy Edmondson	09.11.2022	Pastor, River of Hope, Palm Springs
Matthew Anderson	01.02.2023	Pastor, Community, Rancho Santa Margarita
Greg Ronning	01.22.2023	Pastor, First, Fullerton
Catherine Luehr	02.01.2023	Coordinator, Faith Based Collaborative
Stephanie Lape	03.07.2023	Pastor, Eden, Riverside
W. Daniel Erlenbusch	04.02.2023	Interim, Newport Harbor, Newport Beach
Sandra Bentz	04.01.2023	Bridge, Cross & Crown, Rancho Cucamonga

CURRENTLY ON LEAVE FROM CALL OR DISABILITY

Samuel Kumissa	08.14.2017
Jennifer Zahnow	09.18.2022
Jonathan Doolittle	02.27.2023

Continuing Disability:

Roger Patterson	07.17.2012
David Jorstad	12.12.2021
Joel Martyn	10.24.2022

PASTORS WHO RETIRED:

Timothy Eichler	06.01.2022	Keith Miller	08.04.2022
Linda Brown	05.16.2022	Mark Cansino	10.01.2022
Kim Krogstad	06.13.2022	Terry Tuvey Allen	02.21.2023
Andrew Taylor	08.01.2022		

PASTORS RECEIVED FROM OTHER SYNODS (ON RETIREMENT ROSTER): FROM:

Mark Holmerud	08.25.2022	Sierra Pacific Synod
Laura Schwerin	01.26.2023	North Carolina Synod
Dell Olson	01.30.2023	Northern Illinois Synod
Frances Olson	01.30.2023	Northern Illinois Synod

PASTORS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SYNOD: TO:

Karla Wildberger	08.01.2022	NE Iowa Synod
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Yukio Hamada	08.01.2022	Oregon Synod
Paul Scheitlin	10.24.2022	Grand Canyon Synod
Brian Taylor (Retired)	11.01.2022	Metro DC Synod
Jae-Bum Kim	11.07.2022	Delaware-Maryland Synod
Misael Fajardo-Perez	03.07.2023	Southwest California Synod
Linda Brown (Retired)	03.14.2023	Grand Canyon Synod
Douglas Moffat	03.14.2023	Grand Canyon Synod

DECEASED, RESIGNED OR REMOVED FROM THE ROSTER

George Falk	08.12.2022	Deceased
Richard Elliott	10.13.2022	Deceased
Ying-Chhi Kuo	02.23.2023	Deceased

PACIFICA CANDIDATES APPROVED FOR CALL

ASSIGNED

Emily Erisman	12.15.2022	Pacifica Synod
Tim Perlick	12.15.2022	Grand Canyon Synod
Kendall Jeske	02.23.2023	Sierra Pacific Synod
James McCammon	03.30.2023	Reinstatement / Sierra Pacific Synod
Rachel Reeder	03.30.2023	Pacifica Synod
Alicia Saenz	03.30.2023	Pacifica Synod

WORD AND SERVICE ROSTER

CURRENTLY ON LEAVE FROM CALL OR DISABILITY:

Melissa James	01.01.2020
Mindy Bugaj	01.11.2023

DEACONS WHO RETIRED:

Leah Lind	09.01.2022
Margy Schmitt-Ajer	01.01.2023
Shirley Lee	09.13.2022

DEACONS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SYNOD: TO:

Shirley Lee (Retired)	03.14.2023	St. Paul Area Synod
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PACIFICA CANDIDATES APPROVED FOR CALL

ASSIGNED

Jennifer Barker	03.30.2023	Pacifica Synod
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FULL COMMUNION PARTNERS – no changes

PACIFICA SYNOD CANDIDATES

PACIFICA CANDIDATES ORDAINED SINCE SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2022

Jasmine Waring Pastor, The Table, Fullerton

APPROVED for CALL SEMINARY CALLED STATUS if known

Jennifer Barker WSVC/Wartburg
 Emily Erisman WSAC/Wartburg
 Kendall Jeske WSAC/Luther
 James McCammon WSAC/Reinstatement
 Tim Perlick WSAC/United
 Rachel Reeder WSAC/Luther
 Alicia Saenz WSAC/PLTS-TEEM

In Candidacy Process ROSTER/SEMINARY Home Congregation Internship Site

ENDORSED

Jerome Bell WSAC/Wartburg LC of Honolulu Bartels Lutheran
 Retirement Community, Waverly, IA

Keegan Cheleden WSAC/Duke/PLTS St. Paul, Fullerton
 Dennis Chernehoff WSAC/Fuller Gloria Dei, Dana Point
 Elena Enriquez WSAC/PLTS-TEEM Clairemont, San Diego Clairemont, San Diego
 Brian Keiser WSAC/PLTS LC of the Holy Trinity, Kailua-Kona
 Michelle Kuan-Yang WSAC/PLTS Grace Taiwanese Anaheim Lamb of God, Anaheim
 Daneen Pysz WSVC/PLTS Gloria Dei, Dana Point Our Savior/Christ, San
 Clemente

ENTRANCED

Josiah Canto WSAC/PLTS Community, R S Margarita
 Bea Chambers WSAC/PLTS-TEEM LC of the Desert, Joshua Tree LC of the Desert, Joshua
 Tree
 Perla Flores WSAC/PLTS Our Savior's, San Diego
 Brenda Lussier WSVC/PLTS Trinity, Riverside
 Nicholas Orth WSAC/Luther Hope, Palm Desert
 Josefina Ramirez WSVC/PLTS-TEEM Grace, Upland First, Ontario
 Jamie Beaudry WSVC/Fuller Mission, Laguna Niguel
 Jennifer Overy-Brown WSAC/PLTS Good Shepherd, Claremont
 Jeffrey Roberts WSAC/LSTC Bethlehem, Encinitas
 Jose Sanchez WSAC/ First, Ontario
 Ulalei Tausaga WSAC/PLTS Lemon Grove Lutheran

Rosters = Word and
 Sacrament (WSAC); Word and
 Service (WSVC)
 TEEM = Theological Education
 for Emerging Ministries

APPLIED/DISCERNING

Adham Alaraj WSVC/PLTS
 Wesenachin Asfaw WSVC/PLTS
 Joseph Bagdanov WSAC/WTS University Lutheran,
 Cambridge, MA
 Grace Lee WSAC/Fuller/PLTS Calvary by the Sea, Honolulu
 Andy Lin WSVC/PLTS Taiwanese Lutheran, San Diego
 Wen-Tzao Yang WSAC/PLTS Lamb of God, Anaheim

ANNIVERSARIES OF ROSTERED LEADERS-2023

WORD AND SACRAMENT

MORE THAN 50 YEARS

Kenneth Dale	1949
Donovan Myers	1952
Gilbert Moore	1953
M. Laurel Gray	1956
Edward Volkmann	1956
Raymond Mehl	1957
John Knudson	1958
Paul Larson	1958
Robert Freistedt	1960
Bruce Craft	1961
Eugene Holtz	1962
David Reynolds	1962
James Bullock	1963
Kenneth Caudill	1963
Donald Johnson	1963
David Wenger	1963
David Chen	1964
William Norman	1965
Charles Sundry	1965
David Kupka	1966
Cliff Listug	1966
Dell Olson	1966
William Bengtson	1967
William Harman	1967
Kenneth Licht	1967
Ronald Shonk	1967
Gary Miller	1968
A. Joris Watland	1968
John Lundblad	1969
David Miller	1973
David Barber	1971
William Radatz	1971
Lee Rozen	1971
Dale Burke	1971
Jerry Crawford	1972
H. Ivor Kraft	1972
John Moody	1972
Richard Rierson	1972

50 YEARS – 1973

James Hale
David Hodgson
Steven Jensen
Tomas Meeks
James Schoenrock

45 YEARS – 1978

John Bunge
Patrice Nordstrand
Karen Parker
Richard Schowalter
Mark Winick

40 YEARS – 1983

Scottie Lloyd
Robert Mooney
Roger Patterson
Laura Schwerin

35 YEARS – 1988

Anke Flohr
Frances Olson
Greg Ronning
Jayaprakash Sabbithi
Karla Seyb-Stockton
Kent Tuohino

30 YEARS – 1993

Terry Tuvey Allen
David Nagler

25 YEARS – 1998

Luther Symons

20 YEARS – 2003

Karen Marohn
Joel martyn
Bohdan Vadis

15 YEARS – 2008

Derek Fossey
Shane Freiberg
Kathryn Grindberg
Lara martin
Benjamin Sheets

10 YEARS – 2013

Matthew Anderson
Carole Parmeter Dyer
Juan Zarate

5 YEARS – 2018

Samuel Nelson

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WORD AND SERVICE

MORE THAN 50 YEARS

Melvin Kieschnick	1950
Betty Darrow	1966
Randall Sensmeier	1971

20 YEARS - 2003

Taflin Fisher

15 YEARS - 2008

Leah Lind

ANNIVERSARIES OF CONGREGATIONS-2022

142 YEARS – 1881

Lihue, Lihue

135 YEARS – 1888

Eden, Riverside
First, San Diego

129 YEARS - 1894

Trinity, Riverside

123 YEARS - 1900

Lutheran Church of Honolulu, Honolulu

122 YEARS - 1901

First, Redlands

117 YEARS - 1906

Emanuel Danish, Yorba Linda

109 YEARS - 1914

St. Peter, Santa Ana
Trinity, Hemet

108 YEARS - 1915

Our Savior's, San Diego

105 YEARS - 1918

Grace, Anaheim

80 YEARS - 1943

Gloria Dei, Fontana

75 YEARS - 1948

Our Savior's, Banning

70 YEARS - 1953

Bethany, Norco
Our Savior's, San Clemente

65 YEARS - 1958

Lutheran Church of the Master,
Corona del Mar
Mt. Calvary, Cypress

60 YEARS - 1963

Faith, Menifee
Messiah, Yorba Linda
Redeemer, Seal Beach
St. John's, Palm Desert

45 YEARS - 1978

Mission, Laguna Niguel

35 YEARS - 1988

Kihei, Maui

25 YEARS - 1998

Spirit of Joy, Hemet

CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT MINISTRY – 2023



The Rev. Dave Hodgson was ordained on June 3, 1973 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, (LC-MS) in Cleveland, Ohio. His first call was as Pastor for Zion Lutheran Church in Lahoma, Oklahoma. He continued in parish ministry with a call to Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia, Michigan where he served through 1976. In 1978 he switched focus to specialized ministry as a Chemical Dependency Therapist and a Pastoral Counselor serving a variety of organizations in Southern California, including Good Samaritan Hospital, Tustin Community Hospital, Lutheran Social Services of Southern California and in private practice as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Fullerton and Brea, California.

In 1984 he graduated from Cal State University, Fullerton with an M.S. in Counseling Psychology and became a California Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in 1985. In addition to his Clinical Pastoral Education with St. Louis State Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital of Orange, he is a Board-Certified Chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains.

He returned to parish ministry in 1995 as Interim Pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Fullerton, California. In 1996 he began serving as their Called Pastor until November of 2005, when he accepted a call as Staff Chaplain at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Orange, California.

He officially retired in 2016 but continues his ministry as a marriage therapist in Brea.

Specialized Ministry has been the primary area of interest, education, training and ministry during Rev. Hodgson's career. He officially retired in 2016 but continues his ministry as a marriage therapist in Brea.

The Rev Dave Hodgson is compassionate, empathetic and relationship-focused. He is interested in and an advocate for Social Justice.



The Rev. Steven Jensen was ordained on June 23, 1973 at First Lutheran Church in Albany, New York (Upstate NY Synod, LCA). He received his first call as Pastor at Kensington Evangelical Lutheran Church in Buffalo, New York where he served from 1973 to 1976.

Commander Jensen was commissioned Ensign Jensen in 1971 in Philadelphia and spent the next 27 years in a variety of chaplain assignments. He retired in 1998 and continued serving the community, as a teacher of Social Psychology at Hawaii Pacific University, a VA vocational counselor, and a clinical coordinator at a substance abuse counseling center.

In 2004, he was called as an Intentional Interim Pastor for Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Kailua-Kona. After his retirement from the active roster of the ELCA (in 2005), he served two additional congregations in the Hawaiian Islands as Intentional Interim Pastor; Lutheran Church of Honolulu (2006-2007) and St. John Lutheran Church, Kailua (2007-2008).

After his final attempt at retirement, he was invited to volunteer at the Wounded Warrior Battalion – West C Company at Kaneohe Bay in 2011 and has continued to this day.

His passion to support military members and their families has led to him accepting positions on the VA's Institutional Review Board and the Honolulu Council of the Navy League. He is a board member for the Wounded Warrior Ohana, and has joined the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Hawai'i. He is the Wounded Warrior/veteran representative for the Hukilau Conference. Rev. Jensen is the founder of Friends of Windward Wounded Warriors, a not-for profit organization to assist the wounded, ill and injured and their families at the Marine Base. He has consulted and joined in a presentation with the National Center for PTSD and the governor appointed Rev. Jensen to Hawaii's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration policy team.

Through Military Chaplaincy, Wounded Warriors, community outreach, development of congregational leadership and creative ministry, Rev. Steven Jensen is making the most of the time and talent that God has given to him.





The Rev. James Schoenrock was ordained on October 10, 1973 at Elm Lutheran Church in Port Orchard Washington (Pacific Northwest Synod, LCA).

Rev. Schoenrock has served many congregations in what is now Regions 1 and 2 of the ELCA. His first call was as Associate Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Vancouver Washington. In 1975 he served as Pastor at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Tacoma, Washington until 1979 when he was called as Pastor at Elm Lutheran in Port Orchard. In 1984 he was called to Central Lutheran Church in Yakima, Washington to serve as Senior Pastor. In 1995 he headed south to Southern California to serve a call as Senior Pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in North Hollywood.

He has used his gifts in many ways throughout his ministry by having chaired the Synod Assembly Planning Committees in Eastern Washing/Idaho Synod as well as in the Southwest California Synod. He served on Synod Council in SWCA Synod, including on the Executive Committee. Rev. Schoenrock assisted in educational and leadership ministry for many congregations as well as participating in the leadership formation of candidates for ordained ministry by serving on the Tri-synodical Candidacy Committee (made up of SWCA, Pacifica and Arizona synods) He was also the Intern Supervisor for 12 seminary students at three churches.

Additionally, Rev. Schoenrock was trained in Addiction chaplain ministry at Hazelden Foundation in Center City, Minnesota and served in that capacity in three locations in Washington state. He retired in August 2012.

In 2019 he transferred to Pacifica Synod, from the roster of the Grand Canyon Synod and settled in Indio, California. In retirement he has served as an Associate Pastor at St. John's in Palm Desert.

Rev. James Schoenrock is committed to Christ's ministry to all through Word and Sacrament.

CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT MINISTRY – 2023

The Rev. James Hale was ordained on June 3, 1973 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Newton, IA (ALC) by his mentor and friend Pastor Don Fisher. He received his first call as Assistant Pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Whittier. Next he served as Associate Pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Santa Ana from 1977 until 1981. In May 1981 he received a call as Senior Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Irvine, California where he served until his retirement in March, 2010.

The Rev. Tomas Meeks was ordained on July 8, 1973 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Lakewood, California. With Dr. Gerhard L. Belgum officiating. In Minnesota, he served at Christ Lutheran in St. Paul, Chatfield Lutheran in Chatfield, Lord of Life Lutheran in Ramsey and at Bethel Lutheran Church in Phoenix, Arizona. From December 1985 until April of 2012, he served as Pastor at La Costa Community Church Home Fellowship (aka Church of New Hope, ELCA) with a leave from call between August 2005 and May 2006. After 39 years of service to the church, he retired in April of 2012.

CELEBRATING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT MINISTRY – 2023

The Rev. Dr. Luther Symons was ordained on January 11, 1998. He was a Missionary and Professor in Cameroun and then Thailand until 2003. In July 2003 he accepted a call as Pastor at Northwood Washington Lutheran Parish in Northwood, North Dakota where he served until 2006. In July of 2007 he began as Senior Pastor at Lutheran Church of the Incarnation in Poway, California where he continues to serve.

NECROLOGY

**THE REV. GEORGE FALK
MARCH 5, 1932 – AUGUST 12, 2022**

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**THE REV. RICHARD ELLIOTT
AUGUST 29, 1933 – OCTOBER 13, 2022**

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**THE REV. YING-CHHI KUO
MAY 17, 1933 – FEBRUARY 23, 2023**