

Section 4 – Statistical Reports

Report of the Archivist

Archivist

Rev. Erich Schultz

In the previous biennium the agreement between the Archives of Wilfrid Laurier University and the Eastern Synod, ELCIC, was outlined. This arrangement is working well and the Bishop and Archivist receive updates on the processing/computerization of the Synod's collection. To date, an Outline and Finding Aid has been prepared for historical documents, publications, church records, pastors, Synodical Minutes, Lutheran Church in America Minutes, Canadian Lutheran Council, Lutheran Council in Canada, Joint Commission on Inter-Lutheran Relationships, Canadian Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Student Foundation/Lutheran Campus Foundation materials.

A notice was published in the Eastern Synod Lutheran reminding pastors and congregations of the importance of collecting and maintaining local archives and requesting them to submit copies of these items for inclusion in the Synodical Archives. The Bishop and his assistants have also been asked to deposit copies of dedications, groundbreaking, anniversaries and other services in which they participate so that these can be added to the congregational files in the Archives.

Many requests for genealogical information, data on early pastors, historical material for anniversaries, etc. have been answered. Again, I remind congregations to not only collect and properly house items which will be of historical interest in the local parish in years ahead but also to forward copies of these materials to the Synodical Archives, by mailing them to The Archives, Wilfrid Laurier University, 75 University Ave. W., Waterloo, Ont. N2L 3C5.

Future generations will thank you for the preservation of materials today.

Report of the Necrologist

Necrologist

Rev. Erich Schultz

My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings
and in quiet resting places. (Isaiah 32:18)

In this biennium Synod records the deaths of 11 pastors and 12 pastor's spouses.

Winifred Monk – November 11, 1907 – August 16, 2002

Winifred was the daughter of Albert and Alice (Whiting) Argue and a 1928 graduate of the Kitchener-Waterloo school of nursing. She married Rev. Victor Monk in 1936 in Halifax, N.S. and served with him in the Midville parish, N.S., Glenwood, Toledo, the Findlay-Blufton parish in Ohio and at Grace Lutheran Church, Erie, Pa.

She is survived by her daughter, Edith and her sister-in-law, Edna Monk. She was predeceased by a brother A.G.E. "Ted" Argue (Jeane) and sister Edith Melchior-Hawkins (Mario).

A memorial service was held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Tillsonburg with the Rev. Ron Mohr officiating. Interment followed in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

John Hugo Peters – October 14, 1904 – October 26, 2002

John was born in Barga, Germany, and graduated from the Breklum and Kropp Seminaries in Germany. He also graduated from Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and was ordained on June 10, 1928. He served Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church previously St. John's Lutheran Church, Ayton (1928-1939) and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Montreal (1939-1971) from which he retired.

He is survived by two daughters, Anna Connolly (Roy) and Elsie Matheis (John), his daughter-in-law Edith Peters, ten grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Margaret (nee Matzen) and son Ahrend.

A memorial service was held on November 5, 2002, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Montreal, QC with Bishop Michael Pryse, and Rev. Guenther Dahle and Rev. Eric Dyck officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Royal Cemetery, Montreal.

Paul Burgoyne – April 3, 1928 – November 27, 2002

Paul was born in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia and was the son of Evan and Marion (Langille) Burgoyne. He graduated from Waterloo College and Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and earned an MA from the University of New Brunswick. He was ordained June 9, 1955.

Paul served Faith Lutheran Church, Geraldton (1955-1958), St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rose Bay, N.S. (1958-1966), St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fredericton, N.B. (1966-1973), St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Welland (1973-1982) and the Elmwood/Brant parish (1982-1990) when he retired.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy and two children, Elizabeth Hunter (Graham) and Bruce (Terrie). He was predeceased by his first wife, Joan (nee Schultz), his brother Ernst and his sister Pauline Hiltz.

Memorial services were held on December 2, 2002, at Faith Lutheran Church, Geraldton with Rev. Matthew Diegel and Rev G. Butterworth officiating and on December 7, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Elmwood, with Bishop Michael Pryse, Rev. Terri-Ann Mattiasson and Rev. Randy Liedtke officiating. Another memorial service was held in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mahone Bay, N.S. with Rev. Gini Cookman and Rev. James Dauphinee officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Norris Dennis Heubner – September 15, 1936 – January 4, 2003

Norris was born in Pembroke, Ont., the son of Richard and Nora Heubner and attended local schools. He attended Waterloo Lutheran University from which he graduated in 1963 and Waterloo Lutheran Seminary (1963-1966) and was ordained in 1966. In 1984 he graduated from Humber College in Funeral Service Education.

Norris served in Lunenburg County Staff Ministry, N.S. (1966-1970), St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Milverton (1970-1980) and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ellice Twp. (1971-1980), St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cambridge (1980-1988) and St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Easthope (1998-2002).

He is survived by his wife, Karolyn (nee Doering), children David (Carol), Christine Townsley (Ed), Andrew (Katharine), Joanne Tocci (VJ) and Melissa and ten grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, brother Garnet and infant son Christopher.

The funeral service was held at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cambridge, on January 8, 2003, with Rev. Neil Thomsen, Rev. Mel Janke and Rev. Phil Heinze presiding. Interment followed in Williamsburg Cemetery, Kitchener.

Walter Clarence Ohrt – September 28, 1919 – January 7, 2003

Walter was born in Regina, Sask., the son of Alfred and Marie Ohrt. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1940-1945 and then attended McMaster University from which he graduated in 1948. He entered Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and was ordained June 8, 1951. Walter served St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ridgeway (1951-1956), Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Stratford (1956-1961), St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cornwall (1969-1981), and then returned to St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ridgeway from 1969 until his retirement in 1982.

He is survived by his wife Lois (nee Cloughley), children John (May) and Paul (Becky), his sisters, Helen Myers and Evelyn Smith, six grandchildren and one great granddaughter. He was predeceased by his parents and two brothers, Gerald and Elmer.

A funeral service was held at St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ridgeway, on January 11, 2003 with Rev. Lori Pilatzke and Bishop Michael Pryse officiating. Interment followed in Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Sherkston, ON.

Hertha Marie Friedrichsen – October 23, 1904 – January 16, 2003

Hertha (nee Weisel) was born in Denmark and came to Canada in 1934. In 1935 she married Rev. Soenke Friedrichsen and served with him at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Brodhagen, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Philipsburg and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Windsor.

She is survived by her son Bernard (Evelyn), four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, a sister and four brothers.

A funeral service was held at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Windsor, with Rev. Jack Dressler officiating. Interment followed in Victoria Memorial Gardens, Windsor.

Helen Marie Lange – October 27, 1935 – January 20, 2003

Helen was the daughter of Carl and Laura (Schroeder) Denkert. She was an elementary school teacher in Hamilton. In July 1957, she married Rev. Norman Lange and served with him in the Woodstock/East Zorra Parish, Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterloo, and St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Gadshill.

Helen was well known for her wall and church hangings, colourful banners and designer quilting awards. She was active in Lutheran Campus Ministry in Waterloo and spent many hours working at the Lutheran Student House.

Helen is survived by her husband, Rev. Norman Lange, daughter Marie Zinken (Brian), son Peter (Barbara) and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church with Bishop Michael Pryse and Rev. Mark Harris and Rev. Doug Reble officiating. Interment took place at Parkview Cemetery, Waterloo.

Hartmut Christian Horsch – April 6, 1932 – February 9, 2003

Hartmut was born in Aldorf, Germany, the son of Ernest and Pauline (Oesterle) Horsch. His early education was at Guenzburg an der Donau, Germany. He graduated from Waterloo Lutheran University and Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and ordained was 1966. He served two parishes, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Arnprior (1966-1971) and Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Toronto (1971-1997). He is survived by his wife, Heidi (nee Huber), and four children, Monika, Michael, Steven (Lee-Anne) and Andrea Scothburn (Greg) and three grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters Angelika, Maria and Ernestine (Rudiger) and brothers Joachim (Sigrid) and Wolfgang. A

funeral service was held at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Maple, on February 14, 2003, with Rev. Peeter Vanker, Rev. Peter Mikelic and Bishop Michael Pryse officiating. Interment followed in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Maple.

Juliana Louise Ott – March 1, 1945 – March 8, 2003

Juliana was the daughter of James and Myrtle (Beaver) Mason and was married to Rev. Willis Ott who survives along with stepsons, Philip (Carol Ann) and Nathan (Julie), two grandchildren, sisters Verna Mason, Bernice Logan, Frances Hardy, Noreen Fischbuch (Otto) Patsy Mason and brothers Cyril (Irene), Keith (Maureen), James (Barbara), and Terry (Brenda). She was predeceased by her parents, three sisters, Elsie, Grace and Florence and brothers, Eric, Cashman and Fergie.

A funeral service was held at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bridgewater, N.S., with Rev. Gary Alcock and Rev. William Gustafson officiating. Transfer was made to Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Tangier, N.S. for a service at which Rev. Katherine Tait officiated. Interment followed in Tangier Cemetery.

Martin Luther Dolbeer, Jr. - July 1, 1921 – April 26, 2003

Martin was born in North Baltimore, Ohio, and raised in India where his parents, Martin and Jennie (nee Clifton), were Lutheran missionaries. He graduated from Gettysburg College, Pa. and Hamma Divinity School and earned his doctorate in 1957 from the Hartford Seminary Foundation, Ct. He served Kounze Memorial Church, Omaha, NE. (1945-1948), First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Southington, Ct. (1949-1956), Trinity, Rochester, NY (1956-1959) and in the Department of Religion and Culture of Wilfrid Laurier University (1959 -1986) until his retirement.

Pastor Dolbeer is survived by his wife, Emily (nee Scheffer), Pamela Gahwiler (Don), Craig (Jan), Melissa Porter (Bryan), three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He is also survived by brothers, Robert (Marjorie), William (Martha) and sister Euxine Faix (Richard).

A memorial service took place at Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterloo, on May 4, 2003 with Bishop Michael Pryse and Rev. Mark Harris officiating. Interment of ashes was in Parkview Cemetery, Waterloo.

Kathleen Jeanne Zimmerman – November 13, 1938 – April 28, 2003

Kathleen was the daughter of Louis and Esther (Klemz) Kienitz. Prior to her marriage she was a cost accountant with a manufacturing company. In July 1961, she married Rev. Robert Zimmerman and served with him in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. Lambert, Que., Peace Lutheran Church, Pickering, and St. Ansgar Lutheran Church, London. Kathy served as a volunteer church secretary and organist, a Sunday school teacher and choir member.

She is survived by her husband Robert, sons Tim (Nancy), Paul (Tammy) and Michael and seven grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Alan and Neil (Naomi) Kienitz and a sister Marilyn Kienitz.

A memorial service was held at St. Ansgar Lutheran Church, London, with Rev. Stephen Alles officiating. Interment took place in Lakeview Cemetery, Trout Lake, MI. (Upper Peninsula).

Arnold Leo Conrad – November 2, 1916 – July 24, 2003

Arnold was born in Bridgewater, N.S., the son of Frank and Minnie (Cook) Conrad. He received his early education there and then attended Waterloo College and Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and was ordained in 1941. He served the New Dundee/Mannheim parish (1941-1944), St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rose Bay, N.S (1944-1948) and St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo for 34 years from which he retired in 1982 and was named pastor-emeritus. He served on many Lutheran Church Boards and Synodical committees. In the community he worked with the Family Service Bureau, as padre to the Fire Fighter's Association and on the K-W Refugee Committee. During his pastorate at St. John's Lutheran Church, the new church was built and dedicated in 1962 and the adjoining Senior Citizen's Home was begun. After retirement in 1982 he spent summers in Nova Scotia and supplied in various parishes.

Pastor Conrad is survived by his wife Ilse (nee Mosig), with whom he celebrated sixty years of marriage shortly before his death, his children Sharon Schoenhals (John), Peter (Doreen) and John (Barbara) and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, David. He is also survived by his brother, Arthur (Gen), sisters Alice Stalker (Robert) and Jean Smith (Gerald). A sister Phyllis Proudfoot died shortly after her brother.

A celebration of Arnold's life was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, with Rev. Doug Kranz and Rev. Phil Heinze officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Waterloo.

Ruth Elaine Lorch – June 3, 1927 – August 7, 2003

Ruth was the daughter of Edmond and Hilda (Strome) Klinck. Together with her husband she served congregations in Petawawa/Alice, Chesley/Bentinck Twp., Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Toronto, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sault Ste. Marie and St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran, Kitchener. She was a member of the Cardiac Fitness Association and served as secretary for several years.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Albert Lorch, son Brian (Rhonda), daughters Susan McDermott (Bud) and Nancy Robson (Craig) and eight grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, a brother, Frank, sister Helena Letson (Ivan) and daughter-in-law Lois (Haak) Lorch.

A memorial service was held at Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kitchener, with Bishop Michael Pryse and Rev. Dale Finch and Rev. Arnold Weigel officiating. Interment followed in Woodland Cemetery, Kitchener.

Ruth Marguarite Victoria Berner – May 24, 1918 – October 1, 2003

Ruth was the daughter of Henry and Cora (Tatum) Ludwig. She served with her husband, Rev. Norman Berner in the Brantford/Woodstock and Morrisburg/Riverside parishes and was employed for many years in the Lutheran Church Supply Store when her husband managed it.

She is survived by three daughters, Carole McLeod (Norman), Suzanne Brown (Larry) and Heather Pinkerton (Dalton), eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents and a brother, Kenneth.

A funeral service was held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Kitchener, with Rev. William Shafer officiating. Interment followed in Memory Gardens, Kitchener.

Deborah Kim Lavergne – December 15, 1955 – November 23, 2003

Kim was born in Saint John, N.B., the daughter of Bruce and Jeanette (Davidson) Fullerton. She was graduated from Carleton University and the Law Faculty of the University of Toronto and was called to the Bar in 1981. She practiced law in Cambridge, Kitchener and New Hamburg. Kim served on the board of Lutherwood, Waterloo, and helped establish the New Hamburg Community Day Care.

In 1979 she married Rev. Andre Lavergne who survives along with children Ruth and John. She is also survived by her sister Lynne Murphy (Peter), aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents.

The funeral service was held at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Hamburg, with Rev. Nadine Nicholds and Rev. James Brown presiding. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery, New Hamburg.

Shirlene Beatrice Paetzold – October 7, 1935 – December 18, 2003

Shirlene was the daughter of Emil and Ethel (Pilatcke) Linke and the wife of Rev. Bernard Paetzold with whom she served in the Maynooth and Ayton parishes. She was predeceased by her first husband, Milton Mayhew, and is survived by two sons, Mark and Steven (Stephanie) Mayhew and grandchildren, Celene and Madison. She is also survived by her sister, Evelyn Wasmund and three brothers, Emmerson, Bert (Donna) and Lloyd (Karen) Linkie. She was also predeceased by two brothers, Garnett and Wallace.

A memorial service was held in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Maynooth with Rev Marc Lapointe officiating. Burial followed in the adjoining cemetery.

Wolf-Rudiger Belzing – December 23, 1945 – January 1, 2004

Pastor Belzing graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon and was ordained on September 7, 1975. He served the Radisson-Langham Lutheran Parish in Saskatchewan from 1975-1979; Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Edmonton from 1979-1985 and First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Toronto from 1985 until the time of his death.

Pastor Belzing was very active in the work of the wider church community and served on the Eastern Synod Mission Committee, the Stewardship Committee, the Edgewood Camp and Conference Centre Management Board and the Canadian Council of Churches Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Committee. Born in Germany, Rev. Belzing is survived by his wife Renate and children Julie-Anne and Andrew.

The funeral service was held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Toronto on Monday, January 5th at 10:30 am with Bishop Michael Pryse, Bishop William Huras (ret.), Rev. Stefan Wolf and Rev. Guenter Dahle presiding.

Marat “Marty” Holobow – March 9, 1925 – January 6, 2004

Pastor Holobow joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and then graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1951. He graduated from the Saskatoon Seminary in 1954.

Pastor Holobow served at Mazenrod/Mossbank parish, Saskatchewan; Christ, Regina; various postings as Military Chaplain and St Ansgar, Montreal when he retired.

Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Rev Holobow is survived by his wife Marian and three children Dan (Jennifer Lynn), Mike (Grace) and Naomi (Fred). Sadly missed by his grandchildren; Ajay, Patricia, Jennifer and James. He was predeceased by his only sister, Gertrude Schedler.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, January 10, 2004 at St Marks Lutheran Church, 263 Victoria Street, Kingston, ON at 2 p.m. Pastor Stephen Scheidt and Bishop Michael J Pryse officiated. Interment was held at the Cataraqui Cemetery

Marguerite Goos – September 19, 1910 – January 16, 2004

Marguerite Goos (nee Oberer), our beloved sister and wife of the late Rev Walter Goos entered into eternal life on Friday January 16, 2004 in her 94th year.

She served with her husband in Maynooth, New Dundee-Mannheim, Rose Bay, Linwood Parish, Fisherville, Neustadt and while he was a Chaplain in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Dear mother of John Goos (Audrey), Kenneth Goos (Rev Rosalie Goos), Rev Jim Goos (Rose) and Jean Sepic. Sadly missed by her 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Marguerite was also predeceased by her sister Hulda Nolfé and parents Ida (Zarnke) and Herman Oberer.

Funeral Service was held at the Edward R Good Funeral Home, 171 King St South, Waterloo, Ontario on Monday January 19, 2004 at 2:30 pm. Rev Rosalie Goos presided.

Robert Sim – April 8, 2004

Robert Sim, our beloved brother and husband of Rev Annette Smith entered into eternal life on Thursday April 8, 2004 in his 63rd year.

Bob is survived by his wife, Rev. Annette Smith, and daughters Penny (Dave) and Wendy (Keith). Sadly missed by his six grandchildren and brother William Sim of Toronto, Ontario. He was predeceased by father Joseph Sim.

Funeral Service was held on Tuesday April 13, 2004 at St Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hanover, Ontario at 2:00 pm. Bishop Michael J Pryse officiated.

Helmut Saabas – December 18, 1922 – April 21, 2004

Pastor Saabas was a graduate of University of Hamburg, Germany, Waterloo College and Waterloo University.

Pastor Saabas served the parish of St. James, New Dundee/St. James, Mannheim and the congregations of St. Luke's, Ridgeway; Good Shepherd, Brockville; Redeemer, Montreal and Christ the Redeemer, Dollard-Des-Ormeaux. He also served as Manager of Camp Edgewood; Pastoral Advisor, LCA Youth Committee; Camp Committee; Parish and Synod Life Committees; the Executive Board and Synod Council. Helmut was also a committed leader in campus ministry and served as a chaplain at Concordia University in Montreal, both while under call to Redeemer Lutheran Church and through most of his post retirement years.

Born in Estonia, Pastor Saabas is survived by his wife, Grace and three children: John (Christie), Paul (Judy) and Andrew (Yolaine). Dear grandfather to David, Stephen, Michelle, James, Gregory, Arielle and Erica. The funeral service was held on Saturday, April 24, 2004 at Christ The Redeemer Lutheran Church, 57 Westpark Avenue, Dollard-Des-Ormeaux, Quebec. Bishop Michael Pryse, Rev. Matthew Anderson and Rev. Matti Terho presided. Interment will take place in Stratford at a later date.

Helen Christina Neff – April 27, 2004

Helen Christina Neff (nee Willison), our beloved sister and wife of the late Rev Julius Seymour Neff entered into eternal life on Tuesday April 27, 2004 in her 94th year.

Dear mother of Edward Neff, Laura Wright, Enid Johnston and Charlotte Neff. Sadly missed by her grandchildren Greg, Tony, Helen, Neil, Ian, Tim, Becky, Graeme, Murray and Heather.

A memorial Service was held at St Mark's Lutheran Church, 263 Victoria Street, Kingston, Ontario on Friday, May 7, 2004 at 1 pm. Interment was held at New Hope Cemetery, Hespeler, Ontario on Saturday, May 8, 2004 at 2 pm.

Joseph Habibullah – July 10, 1933 – May 13, 2004

Pastor Habibullah was a graduate of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and was ordained in 1988.

He served at Zion Lutheran Church, Massey, ON; Faith Lutheran Church, Elliot Lake, ON; Zion Lutheran Church, Pembroke, ON; St John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, ON and Maranatha Mission Lutheran Church in Kitchener, ON.

Born in Guyana, Pastor Habibullah is survived by his wife, Helene and two children, Don (Mala) and Ron (Fazida). He is survived by his sister, Azeema Rasul and brothers Fazladeen, Jamaludin and Roshandeen. Brother-in-law to Etienne, Roy, Winston, Lloyd, George Bajnauth and Evadne Shivgulam. Sadly missed by his grandchildren, Jason, Jeanine, Daniel, Rhiannon and Skyler. He is predeceased by his brother Emamudeen.

The funeral service was held on Monday May 17, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at St John's Lutheran Church, 22 Willow Street, Waterloo, ON. Rev. Douglas Kranz and Rev. Donald Kranz officiated.

Report of the Secretary

Secretary
Rev. Wendell C. Grahman

Congregational Constitutions and Bylaws

The Constitutions and Bylaws of all congregations of synod, based upon the ELCIC model, were expected to be submitted and approved by synod council by December 31, 1989. Some congregations are still engaged in this process. Listings of congregations having fulfilled this obligation are contained in MS 90, p. 186-187; MS 92, p. 202; MS 94, p. 3-11; MS 96, p. 4-58; MS 98, p. 4-8, MS 00, p. 4-7; MS 02, p. 4-5.

Constitutions and Bylaws

Congregations with Constitutions Approved 2002-2004

North York, St. Paul (ESCM 12-03-04)
Sackville, Peace (ESCM 8-11-03)

Congregations with Approval in Process

Baker Settlement, St. Luke
Etobicoke, Martin Luther
Kitchener, St. Stephen
New Denmark, Bethany
St. Laurent, Chinese

Congregations without Approved ELCIC Constitutions

Conquerall Bank, Redeemer
Hamilton, Christ Latvian

Hamilton, First Estonian
Sault Ste. Marie, Estonian
Sudbury, Estonian
Toronto, Lithuanian

Changes in the Roster of Synod Since Assembly 2002

Clerics Received into Synod

From Partner Churches

Rev. Christoph Ernst from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany (EKD)
Rev. Jan Janson from the Church of Sweden
Rev. Dr. Beverley Nitschke from the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Rev. Deborah Taylor from the Minneapolis Area Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Rev. Dean Willich from the Greater Milwaukee Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

By Transfer

Rev. Colin Cameron from the Anglican Church of Canada, Niagara Diocese

By Ordination

Rev. Linda Douglas
Rev. Mavis Fung
Rev. Elina Horvath
Rev. Patricia Jackson
Rev. Brad Mittleholtz
Rev. Christie Morrow

Candidates Previously Approved for Ordination upon Receiving a Call

Thilagavathi Chandulal
Bonnie Schelter-Brown

Candidates Approved for Ordination Subject to Successful Completion of Their Seminary Programme and Upon Receiving and Accepting a Call:

Ann Krueger – ordained, Assembly 2004
Julio Romero – ordained, Assembly 2004
Heather Spencer – ordained, Assembly 2004

Pastors On Leave from Call Status, July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005

First Year

Rev. Virginia Cookman
Rev. Rebekah Eckert
Rev. David Hammer
Rev. Sharron Reykdal
Rev. Ernie Skujins

Second Year

Rev. George Wawin

Third Year

none

Pastors Removed from the Roster of Synod

By Transfer

Rev. Alan Boerner to the British Columbia Synod

Rev. Robert Deobald to the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Rev. Peter Fischer to the British Columbia Synod

Rev. Lidvald Haugen-Strand to the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod

Rev. Jeff Laustsen to the Metropolitan New York Synod, ELCA

Rev. Kevin Powell to the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Rev. Hannu Savinainen to the Finnish Kuopio Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland

Rev. Robert Shantz to the British Columbia Synod

Rev. Kari Springfelt to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland

By Request

Rev. Stephen Alles

Rev. Ana Beck

Rev. Alan Kehn

Rev. Paul Schult

Rev. Erkki Taivainen

By Death

See Report of the Necrologist

Changes in the Roster of Congregations and Synodical Missions

St. Peter's, Gads Hill and St. James, North Easthope - merged to form one parish (ESCM 13-03-03)

St. Paul's, Niagara Falls, and the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Niagara Falls - merged to form one parish (ESCM 11-03-04)

Pastors Requesting to be Excused from Assembly 2004 Sessions

Rev. John Boehmer

Rev. Harold Brill

Rev. James Brown

Rev. Gini Cookman

Rev. Rebekah Eckert

Rev. Andre Lavergne

Rev. David Hammer

Rev. Paul Hartig

Rev. Norman Hennig

Rev. Paul Jensen

Rev. Nancy Kelly

Rev. Don Kranz
Rev. Robert Langen
Rev. Terri-Ann Mattiasson
Rev. Pam McGee
Rev. Michael Mills - present June 24-25 only
Rev. Willis Ott
Rev. Bernard Paetzold
Rev. Joanne Pepler
Rev. Terry Richardson
Rev. Gordon Schmidt
Rev. Douglas Schweyer
Rev. Glenn Sellick
Rev. Bill Shafer
Rev. Ernie Skujins
Rev. Jim Slack, Jr.
Rev. Don Stroh
Rev. Peter Van Katwyck
Rev. George Wawin
Rev. Eric Weber
Rev. Joe Williams
Rev. Lloyd Wiseman

Secretary's Response

Future Assemblies

During the 1994 Convention of the Eastern Synod held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, action was taken (ES 94-25) assigning the locations of synod conventions for the first decade of 2000 as follows:

2006 - Kitchener/Waterloo Conference
2008 - London Conference
2010 - Toronto Conference

Concluding Remarks

Serving as Synod Secretary during this first biennium of my term has been a very interesting and rewarding experience. Many of the expected responsibilities - recording minutes, correspondence, etc. - have gone as expected. The largest part of my work has been related to the Legal & Constitutions committee, where apart from the usual submissions of congregational amendments to their constitutions and bylaws, has demanded some wisdom and learning in other significant areas. These have included the Incorporation process for congregations, the recent Privacy legislation, and information and policies for congregations needing to have Screening and Sexual Conduct policies in place for their ministries involving children and youth. It requires a great deal more time and knowledge than the volunteer capacity of this office can manage.

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to Bishop Pryse for his help as I have steadily gained confidence and experience; to Vice-Chair Dorothy Frook and Treasurer Keith Myra for their encouragement and partnership; and to Cathy Caron, Administrative Support Staff to the Secretary of Synod (the "Secretary's Secretary"), for her very capable assistance and timely wisdom.

Report of the Statistician

Statistician

Rev. Wendell C. Grahman

Appreciation is expressed to the congregations and pastors of synod who submitted ELCIC parochial forms on or ahead of the annual requested date. Approximately 80% of the 2003 forms had been returned by the date of this publication. Letters to congregations who had not returned the forms were sent in late April to remind them of the constitutional directive for every ordained minister serving a congregation, i.e., Eastern Synod Constitution, Article VII, Section 3 "...and shall submit a report of such statistics annually to the secretary of synod on forms provided by this church...". Composite reports of the church include the most recent statistics entered into the RASMUS database. Only when every pastor/congregation has remitted the required annual statistics does the composite report of the church become an accurate and accountable record.

Appreciation is expressed to the synod support staff members, Lynn Becker, Christine Archer, Connie Davison and Cathy Caron for their efforts in receiving, collating and reporting Eastern Synod statistical information.

For copies of statistics or for additional statistical information related to ELCIC parochial reports, contact:

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