

2010 ELCA-SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 4-6, 2010

Chattanooga Convention Center
Chattanooga, TN

Friday, June 4, 2010

FIRST PLENARY SESSION.....2:00 – 4:30 PM
Plenary Hall

A. Call to Order

The Bishop called the Assembly to order at 2:02 PM.

1. Order for Opening of Assembly [Tab J]
The Bishop opened the Assembly using the Order for Opening of Assembly.
2. Assembly Objectives
The Bishop outlined the objectives of the Assembly.

The Bishop provided housekeeping information for the Assembly. The Bishop recognized Jan Levensgood, Parish Nurse at Living Grace Lutheran Church, Tucker, GA, who will be available throughout the Assembly for first aid needs.

3. Declaration of Bounds
The Bishop outlined the definition of bounds. He also dispensed information regarding election and ballot procedures.

B. Opening Prayer

The Bishop introduced the 2010 Assembly Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Evon O. Flesberg, a pastoral counselor at “A Talking Place Pastoral Counseling Center” in Brentwood, TN, who delivered the opening devotions.

C. Report of the Credentials Committee

The Bishop called on Associate in Ministry Linda Larson, member of St. Paul’s in Savannah, GA, Chair of the Credentials Committee, who reported that there were 291 Voting Members present.

	Pre-Registered	In Attendance
Lay Voting Members	210	169
Clergy Under Call	127	87
Clergy On Leave from Call	2	2
Clergy Retired	20	15
Diaconal Ministers Under Call	2	1
Diaconal Ministers On Leave from Call	0	1
Diaconal Ministers Retired	0	0
Associates in Ministry Under Call	5	2
Associates in Ministry On Leave from Call	1	0
Associates in Ministry Retired	0	0
Deaconesses Under Call	1	0
Deaconesses on Leave from Call	0	0
Deaconesses Retired	0	0
Ecumenical Pastors	3	1
Licensed Lay Ministers	2	2
<u>Lay Members of Synod Council</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>
Total Voting Members	386	291

It was MOVED and

VOTED SA10.04.01

to adopt the Credentials Committee Report.

D. Adoption of the Agenda

[Tab A]

Amendments to the agenda coming from Synod Council include:

1. Page A-3, item E, strike the name Rich Klein – was unable to attend
2. Page A-4, item E, the conversation with Bishop Arends and the La Crosse Area Synod will be at 10:00 AM instead of 9:15 AM.

It was MOVED and

VOTED SA10.04.02

to adopt the Agenda for the four Plenary Sessions and three Workshop Sessions as the Orders of the Day.

E. Adoption of the Rules of Organization and Procedure

[Tab I, EXHIBIT 01]

A replacement page, Exhibit 1, page 5 was distributed, which included a change from the Synod Council at the bottom of the page and referred to clergy voting members for the Churchwide Assembly. This change established that “the elected clergy include at least one male, at least one female, and at least one person of color or person whose primary language is other than English.”

It was MOVED and
VOTED SA10.04.03

**to adopt the Rules of Organization and Procedure,
recommended by the Synod Council.**

1. Introduction of Parliamentarian
The Bishop introduced Col. (Ret.) Essie Rowser
2. Roberts Rules of Order Quick Reference Guide [Tab I, EXHIBIT 02]
The Bishop gave an overview of Roberts Rules of Order.

F. Welcome to Chattanooga

The Bishop introduced Dave Mietzner, Partner with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, who introduced Janell Spelbrink, Thrivent Manager of Lutheran Engagement South and Kansas-Missouri Region, and formally welcomed the Assembly to Chattanooga and shared a bit about the work of Thrivent.

G. Report of the Nominating Committee

[Tab D]

The Bishop called forward Henry Harris, Christus Victor, Ocean Springs, MS, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Harris referred the Assembly to Tab D and outlined the nominating process and reported the nominations of the Synod Council and the Nominating Committee.

For the position of Synod Vice President, a 4-year term to 2014, the Nominating Committee placed in nomination the following persons:

Bill Alderfer
Earlene Reeder
Doris Underwood
Mary Winfrey

For the position of three clergy voting members for the 2011 Churchwide Assembly, the Nominating Committee placed in nomination the following persons:

Pastor Linda Boston
Pastor Morgan Gordy
Pastor Lewis Groce
Pastor Jill Henning
Pastor Michael Huntley
Pastor Michael Jannett
Pastor Ed Myers
Pastor Amaretta Onstad
Pastor Marcia Schultz
Pastor Kevin Strickland

Pastor James Thomas

Nominations from the floor included:

Pastor Thomas Kenny

Pastor Ginny Krekling

Pastor Bradley Schmeling

Pastor David Smedley

For the position of youth voting member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly, the Nominating Committee placed in nomination the following persons:

Elizabeth Hawkins

Lindsay Rutledge

For the position of young adult voting member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly, the Nominating Committee placed in nomination the following persons:

Gwyneth Driskill

Crystal Oxner Rowe

For the position of lay female voting member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly, the Nominating Committee placed in nomination the following persons:

Michelle Angalet

Deborah Baumgartner

Carolyn Davis

Meredith Hendricks

Earlene Reeder

Alice Schunemann

Mary Winfrey

Nomination from the floor included:

Linda Larson

For the position of lay male voting member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly, the Nominating Committee placed in nomination the following persons:

Jim Adams

Paul Blackney

John Bost

Michael Brandt

Edwin Bryant

Allan Ellstrom

Gary Pederson

Thomas Pritchard

Lee Smith

John Thomas
Gerald Weyrauch

Nominations from the floor included:

Bert Blood
Monroe Herring

For the young adult position on the Synod Council, the Synod Council placed in nomination the following persons:

Brittany Coggins
Whitney LaFollette
Crystal Oxner Rowe

Nominations were closed.

H. Report of Reference & Counsel Committee [Tab G]

The Bishop introduced the Chair of the Reference and Counsel Committee, Pastor Randy Jones, who offered a brief description of the resolutions to be considered in a later plenary session.

I. Report of the Bishop – The Rev. H. Julian Gordy [Tab B]

In spite of difficult times, our God remains faithful and our call to mission constant. That which binds us together, the one body of Christ, is much stronger than any disagreement we may have with one another. Bishop Gordy thanked his staff for their excellent service over the past year.

J. Introductions

The Bishop introduced the following Special Guests:

Keynote speaker:

The Rev. John Arthur Nuñez, President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief

Churchwide Representative:

The Rev. Stanley N. Olson, Executive Director, ELCA Vocation and Education

Guests from our Companion Synod:

The Right Rev. Bishop Terry and Sally Kee, the Lutheran Church in Singapore

Lutheran Ministries of Alabama: *Mr. Ron Turney, President*

Lutheran Services of Georgia: *The Rev. Gary Danielsen, Executive Director*

Lutheran Services in Tennessee: *Ms. Kathy Thoreson, Executive Director*

Lutheran Episcopal Services in Mississippi: *Mr. Mike Huseh, Executive Director*

All Things New Ministry: *Mr. Hal Shope and Dr. Marianne Zotti, Directors*

Alliance of Lutheran Ministries of the Southeast: *The Rev. David Hardy*

Lutheridge+Lutherock Ministries, Inc.: *Mr. Keith Johnson, Director*

ELCA Region 9 Office: *The Rev. Dr. Harvey Huntley, Jr., Coordinator*
Suicide Prevention Network (SPAN): *Mr. Jerry and Ms. Elise Weyrauch, Co-Founders*

Synod officers were introduced:

Vice President: *Mr. Wesley Crenshaw, Holy Spirit, Savannah, GA*

Secretary: *The Rev. Terri Stagner-Collier, Cross of Life, Roswell, GA*

Treasurer: *Mr. John Lucht, Trinity, Lilburn, GA*

The Bishop also thanked Beth Painter, owner of Green Thumb Nursery, member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hixson, TN for providing the live plants in the worship area.

K. Keynote Presentation

The Bishop introduced the Rev. John Arthur Nuñez, President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief, who delivered the keynote address. Rev. Nuñez shared a video of the work LWR is doing in Haiti, moving from disaster relief to long-term sustainable livelihoods. He stated that 378,000 quilts were donated by Lutherans last year. He highlighted the Lutheran Malaria Initiative and the “Nothing but Nets” program, which has the goal of ending malaria-related deaths by 2015.

L. Recognitions

1. 40th Anniversary of Ordination of Women
The Bishop offered a special recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Ordination of Women and recognized all rostered women in the synod.

2. Retiring Rostered Persons Since Last Assembly
The Bishop recognized the following rostered persons who retired since the last assembly:
The Rev. Paul D. Hanson
The Rev. Sandra K. Johnson
The Rev. Michael W. Lemke
The Rev. J. Michael McCormack
The Rev. George L. Onstad
The Rev. Gerald S. Troutman
The Rev. Larry W. Warren
The Rev. W. Gerald Weeks

3. First Call Rostered Persons

The Bishop recognized the following first call rostered persons:

Justin Ask, Associate Pastor, Good Shepherd, Woodstock, GA

John Barichivich, Pastor, Jerusalem, Rincon, GA

Philip Harkey, Pastor, Holy Trinity, Elberton, GA

Barbara Koch, Pastor, Zion, Guyton, GA

Pauline Pezzino, Pastor, Resurrection, Ooltewah, TN

Marcia Shumate-Schultz, Pastor, Bethel, Biloxi, MS

Harry F. Tedrow, Pastor, Mt. Zion-St. Luke, Oglethorpe, GA

Otto L. Wood, Associate Pastor, St. Mark, Huntsville, AL

4. Rostered Persons New to Our Synod

The Bishop recognized the following rostered persons new to our synod:

Linda Boston, Pastor, Trinity, Jackson, MS

Ralph Kirkpatrick, Jr., Pastor, Peace, Knoxville, TN

Timothy Landrum, Pastor, Nativity, Brandon, MS

Fred Milligan, Interim Pastor, Christ, Fairfield Glade, TN

Timothy M. Smith, Pastor, Redeemer, Atlanta, GA

Eldon H. Thurow, Retired, Transition Pastor, Christus Victor, Ocean Springs, MS

Vera Johnson, Pastor, All Saints, Lilburn GA

Will Rogers, Mission Redeveloper, Christ the King, Tupelo MS

Lake Lambert, Diaconal Minister, Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA

The Bishop recognized the following new seminary graduates assigned to the Synod:

Joy Blaylock – Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

Kristi Kleinbeck - Yale/Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Eric Luedtke – Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Seyward Mattson – Luther Seminary

Trina Peterson – Interdenominational Theological Center/Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

Beverly Brown Shaw - Interdenominational Theological Center/Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

John Tirro - Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Matt Steinhauer – Wartburg Theological Seminary

The Bishop also recognized others assigned to our Synod:

Pastor Sung Bae Han - Ordained in Another Tradition

Pastor Ron Bonner - Ordained in Another Tradition

Pastor Frank Waugh - Approved for reinstatement
Pastor Leslie Wilder - Approved for reinstatement
Pastor Kent Lewis - Ordained in Another Tradition

5. Outgoing Deans and Officers

The Bishop recognized the following outgoing deans:

The Rev. Jason Talsness

The Rev. David Keener

The Rev. Fred Krautwurst

Outgoing Synod Council Members and Officer

The Bishop recognized outgoing Council members and Synod Vice President: Mr. Wes Crenshaw. Mr. Crenshaw was presented a plaque of thanksgiving for his eight years of service.

6. Rostered Persons Ordination Anniversaries (Five Year Increments)

The Bishop offered recognition of the following rostered persons upon their ordination or commissioning anniversary.

5th - 2005

Sr. Sylvia S. Countess - 8/21

The Rev. Paul A. Elbert - 5/8

The Rev. Robert L. Harrell III - 5/8

The Rev. Michelle J. Kuhlman - 8/20

Ms. Linda S. Larson, AIM - 8/5

Ms. Paula P. Smith, AIM - 10/30

The Rev. Jennifer P. Weetman - 12/10

10th - 2000

The Rev. William P. Benedict - 7/9

The Rev. Connie E. Bramlett - 12/17

The Rev. Amy C. Figg - 12/17

The Rev. J. Patrick Finley - 6/18

The Rev. Edward W. Myers - 8/13

15th - 1995

The Rev. M. Terrell Fugate Jr. - 7/2

The Rev. Jill J. Henning - 6/25

The Rev. Matthew W. Henning - 10/1

The Rev. Eric L. Murray - 6/25

The Rev. Min Chan Park - 4/19
The Rev. Donald E. Vollenweider - 4/8

20th - 1990

The Rev. William A. Behrend - 6/24
The Rev. Katherine J. Pasch - 7/8
The Rev. Jennifer E. Venable - 11/18

The Bishop recognized and distributed certificates to the following rostered persons upon the anniversary of their ordination:

25th - 1985

The Rev. James C. Braswell Jr. - 8/16
The Rev. Stephen G. Damos - 6/9
The Rev. Delores L. Donnelly - 11/24
The Rev. Howard M. Edwards III - 5/31
Mr. James A. Faller, AIM - 12/6
The Rev. H. Julian Gordy - 6/2
The Rev. Richard W. Johnston - 10/27
The Rev. David F. Keener - 6/9
The Rev. Susan L. Springer - 5/31
The Rev. Craig N. Storlie - 1/13
The Rev. William E. White - 6/23

30th - 1980

The Rev. Daniel J. Dahl - 4/13
Ms. Virginia A. Knueppel, AIM - 5/1
The Rev. Marvin L. Llewellyn Jr. - 6/1
The Rev. Dale A. Sillik - 6/15
The Rev. Gary R. Soop - 4/2
The Rev. David N. Thoreson - 6/22

35th- 1975

The Rev. David P. Hendrix - 6/13
The Rev. R. Gregg Kaufman - 6/29
The Rev. Gilbert J. Roth - 8/17
The Rev. Thomas B. Smith - 6/22

40th - 1970

The Rev. James A. Clark - 5/25
The Rev. R. Christian Hansen - 6/3

The Rev. Brian K. Jones - 6/7
The Rev. Robert J. Maier - 6/8
The Rev. Darrel A. Peterson - 5/24
The Rev. Gordon T. Reinertsen - 6/28
The Rev. Haco W. R. von Hacke - 6/1
The Rev. Eldon H. Thurow – 6/2

45th - 1965

The Rev. William E. Boys - 1/1
The Rev. Harry A. Carlsen Jr. - 6/20
The Rev. Paul S. Frank - 5/30

50th - 1960

The Rev. Paulwyn L. Boliek - 5/22
The Rev. Carl F. W. Ficken Jr. - 5/22
The Rev. Richard W. McLeroy - 1/1
The Rev. Gerald S. Troutman - 6/5

55th - 1955

The Rev. Karl F. Suhr - 5/29
The Rev. William S. Rizer - 4/27

65th - 1945

The Rev. David F. Conrad - 4/4

This represents a total of 1,700 years in Rostered Ministry.

M. Announcements

The Bishop called on Wes Crenshaw, Synod Vice President, who gave announcements.

N. Closing Prayer

The Bishop called on the Assembly Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Evon O. Flesberg, who led the Assembly in prayer.

O. Recess

The Bishop declared at 4:50 PM that the Assembly was in recess until the following morning at 8:30 AM.

4:30PM-5:00PM	Conference Caucuses	Plenary Hall
5:00PM-5:45PM	Workshop Session A	
5:45PM-7:30PM	Dinner on your own	
7:30PM-9:30PM	Bishop's Reception and Networking with Ministry Exhibitors	Convention Center Main Corridor

Saturday, June 5, 2010

SECOND PLENARY SESSION.....8:30 AM – 10:45 AM
Plenary Hall

A. Call to Order

The Bishop called the Second Plenary Session of the Southeastern Synod Assembly to order at 8:31 AM.

B. Opening Prayer

The Bishop called on the Assembly Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Evon O. Flesberg, who led the Assembly in devotions.

C. Report of the Credentials Committee

The Bishop called on Linda Larson, Associate in Ministry, Chair of the Credentials Committee, who reported that there were 416 Voting Members present.

	Pre-Registered	In Attendance
Lay Voting Members	210	244
Clergy Under Call	127	130
Clergy On Leave from Call	2	2
Clergy Retired	20	18
Diaconal Ministers Under Call	2	1
Diaconal Ministers On Leave from Call	0	1
Diaconal Ministers Retired	0	0
Associates in Ministry Under Call	5	3
Associates in Ministry On Leave from Call	1	1
Associates in Ministry Retired	0	0
Deaconesses Under Call	1	0
Deaconesses on Leave from Call	0	0
Deaconesses Retired	0	0
Ecumenical Pastors	3	3
Licensed Lay Ministers	2	2
<u>Lay Members of Synod Council</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>
Total Voting Members	386	416

It was MOVED and
VOTED SA10.05.04

to adopt the Credentials Committee Report.

D. Speeches by candidates for Synod Vice President

The Bishop noted that the order for the speakers was determined randomly. Each speech was limited to 5 minutes. The following persons spoke:

W. D. "Bill" Alderfer, Good Shepherd, Woodstock, GA

Mary A. Winfrey, Atonement, Atlanta, GA

Doris Underwood, Messiah, Montgomery, AL

Earlene Reeder, St. Paul, Decatur, GA (read by Jacqui El Torro)

E. Presentation by LLMI

The Bishop introduced Keith Johnson and Libby Bedenbaugh from Lutheridge+Lutherock Ministries Inc. who announced that we have met the \$3.5 million goal for Lutheranch. However, since a donor who had intended to give \$1.4 million was unable to do so, \$2 million will still be owed on the land after the close of the campaign. Therefore, another campaign to pay off the debt on the land will be held in the future.

F. Bible devotional and information about Living into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the ELCA (LIFT)

The Bishop introduced The Rev. Stan Olson, ELCA Executive Director for Vocation and Education and the churchwide representative for this Assembly. Rev. Olson led a Bible study devotional on the book of Numbers, calling the community to remember and trust the promises of God.

G. Conversation with Bishop Jim Arends, La Crosse Area Synod

Bishop Jim Arends and Bishop Gordy greeted one another and the two Assemblies via Skype. Each shared information about their respective synods and offered a prayer for the ministry we share.

H. Description of proposed Constitution and By-law changes [Tab F]

The Bishop introduced Pastor Terri Stagner-Collier, Synod Secretary, who described the proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws.

It was MOVED and
VOTED SA10.05.05

to approve the constitutional amendments recommended by the Synod Council *en bloc*.

It was MOVED and
VOTED SA10.05.06

to approve the bylaw amendments recommended by the Synod Council *en bloc*.

- I. Discussion and vote on the 2011-2012 Ministry Funding Plan [Tab E]**
The Bishop introduced the Synod Treasurer, John Lucht, who presented information about the proposed ministry funding plan.

It was MOVED and
VOTED SA10.05.07 to adopt the 2011-2012 Ministry Funding Plan.

- J. Election Procedures** [Tab D]
The Bishop called on the Rev. Dr. Joel Emerson, Chair of the Elections Committee, who described the elections procedures. The Bishop opened the floor to questions about election procedures. There being no questions, the Bishop declared the polls open, ballots were distributed and the Assembly voted on Ballot #1.

- K. Announcements**
The Bishop called on Wes Crenshaw, Synod Vice President, who gave announcements.

- L. Closing Prayer**
The Bishop called on the Assembly Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Evon O. Flesberg, who led the Assembly in prayer.

- M. Recess**
The Bishop declared at 10:48 AM that the Assembly was in recess until the afternoon at 2:30 PM.

11:00AM-11:45AM	Workshop Session B	
12:00Noon-1:15PM	Mid-day Worship	Assembly Sanctuary
1:15PM-2:30PM	Lunch break	

The following persons were nominated by their conferences for 1-year terms on the Synod Council beginning June 6, 2010:

- Conference 1 – Allison Ward
- Conference 2 – Pastor Don Vollenweider
- Conference 3 – Andrea Green
- Conference 4 – Pastor Matt Henning
- Conference 5 – Pastor David Smedley

It was MOVED and
VOTED SA10.05.09

to elect Allison Ward, Pastor Don Vollenweider, Andrea Green, Pastor Matt Henning, and Pastor David Smedley for 1-year terms on the Synod Council beginning June 6, 2010.

The following persons were nominated by their conferences for 2-year terms on the Synod Council beginning June 6, 2010:

- Conference 6 – Gary Tustison
- Conference 7 – Lee Smith
- Conference 8 – Pastor Ann Bassett
- Conference 9 – Pastor Michael Huntley

It was MOVED and
VOTED SA10.05.10

to elect Gary Tustison, Lee Smith, Pastor Ann Bassett and Pastor Michael Huntley for 2-year terms on the Synod Council beginning June 6, 2010.

The results of the first ballot for Synod Vice President, a 4-year term to 2014, were:

Total ballots cast	407
Number of invalid ballots	4
Number needed for election	204
Doris Underwood	265
Mary Winfrey	59
Bill Alderfer	56
Earlene Reeder	23

The Bishop declared Doris Underwood elected as synod vice president.

The results of the ballot for 2011 Churchwide Assembly youth voting member were:

Total ballots cast	389
Number invalid ballots	3
Number needed for election	195
Elizabeth Hawkins	198
Lindsay Rutledge	188

The Bishop declared Elizabeth Hawkins elected as a Churchwide Assembly youth voting member.

The results of the ballot for 2011 Churchwide Assembly young adult voting member were:

Total ballots cast	388
Number of Invalid ballots	2
Number needed for election	195
Crystal Oxner Rowe	277
Gwyneth Driskill	109

The Bishop declared Crystal Rowe elected as a Churchwide Assembly young adult voting member.

The results of the first ballot for 2011 Churchwide Assembly clergy voting member, inclusive, were:

Total ballots cast	376
Number of invalid ballots	1
Number needed for election	189
Pastor James Thomas	205
Pastor Linda Boston	170

The Bishop declared Pastor James Thomas elected as a Churchwide Assembly clergy member, inclusive voting member.

The results of the first ballot for 2011 Churchwide Assembly lay male voting member were:

Total ballots cast	354
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number needed for election	178
Gary Pederson	119
Bert Blood	107
Lee Smith	98
John Thomas	97
Gerald Weyrauch	94
John Bost	91
Michael Brandt	88
Monroe Herring	87
Thomas Pritchard	64
Jim Adams	60
Paul Blackney	58
Allan Ellstrom	52
Edwin Bryant	47

There was no election. The Bishop announced that the next ballot would contain the names of Gary Pederson, Bert Blood, Lee Smith, John Thomas, Gerald Weyrauch, and John Bost.

The results of the ballot for young adult member of the Synod Council were:

Total ballots cast	378
Number invalid ballots	0
Number needed for election	190
Crystal Rowe	209
Whitney LaFollette	102
Brittany Coggins	67

The Bishop declared Crystal Rowe elected as young adult member of the Synod Council.

The Rev. Dr. Joel Emerson announced the second ballot and offered instructions for the balloting process. The Bishop declared the polls open, ballots were distributed and the Assembly voted on Ballot #2.

E. Report of the Churchwide Representative

The Bishop called upon The Rev. Stan Olson, ELCA Executive Director for Vocation and Education, who gave his report on the broader mission and ministry of the ELCA. Stressing the infrastructure that allows ministry to take place, Rev. Olson highlighted many ministries of the ELCA touching lives around the world.

F. Report of Reference & Counsel Committee [Tab G]

There was no additional report of the Reference & Counsel Committee.

G. Presentation and report by members of the Southeastern Synod Lutheran Youth Organization

Both the outgoing and incoming SESLYO board members offered a glimpse of the youth ministry programming taking place in our synod and thanked those who supported youth ministry in the past year.

H. Presentation by Bishop Terry Kee, Lutheran Church in Singapore

The Bishop introduced Bishop Terry and Sally Kee from the Lutheran Church in Singapore, who presented slides of the many ministries that God's people are accomplishing in this synod. Sally Kee, from the Asian desk of Lutheran World Federation, shared an extemporaneous message of call and challenge.

I. Presentation of 2010 Compensation Guidelines [Tab I, EXHIBIT 03]

The Bishop called on Pastor Gordon Reinertsen, Chair of the Compensation Guidelines Team, to present a report. Pastor Reinertsen referred to the proposed Guidelines [Tab I, EXHIBIT 03].

It was MOVED for consideration.

Typos found on page 5, and content in the worksheets 14 and 16 were corrected to recommend \$1000 for Continuing Education.

The floor was opened for discussion. Following discussion, it was

VOTED SA10.05.11 to adopt the 2011 Compensation Guidelines as corrected.

J. Discussion and vote on resolutions and memorials brought by the Reference & Counsel Committee [Tab G]

MOVED and SECONDED and
VOTED SA10.05.12

**to suspend the rules of the day and reverse the
order of consideration of the resolutions.**

The Bishop called on Pastor Randy Jones, Chair of Reference and Counsel Committee to read the Resolved sections of Resolution 02-2010, submitted by the Southeastern Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (SESLYO). Reference and Counsel recommended its adoption.

It was opened for discussion and it was then

VOTED SA10.05.13 to adopt Resolution 02-2010:

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN INITIATIVE ON
HARMONY**

WHEREAS, the members of the Southeastern Synod have varied opinions on the sexuality statement and related ministry changes passed at the 2010 Churchwide Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the youth of the Southeastern synod also have varying opinions about these same issues; and

WHEREAS, Ephesians 4:1-6 states: "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all;" and

WHEREAS, we the youth, respecting the bound consciences of our peers, continue to remain unified in the Body of Christ; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the members of the 2010 South-eastern Synod Assembly go out and promote unity within the church and their congregations; and be it further;

Resolved, that the Synod Council send the South-eastern Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (SESLYO) “Harmony Letter” to each and every congregation of this synod by way of congregational council presidents, pastors and youth directors; and be it further

Resolved, that these letters be encouraged to be posted in a public place.

The Bishop called on Pastor Randy Jones, Chair of Reference and Counsel Committee to read the Resolved section of Resolution 01-2010, submitted by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Kingsport, TN. Reference and Counsel made no recommendation.

MEMORIAL TO RESCIND ACTIONS OF THE '09
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY RELATED TO THE
SOCIAL STATEMENT “Gift and Trust” AND
CERTAIN MINISTRY POLICIES

WHEREAS, the 2009 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has adopted the social statement, “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust”; and

WHEREAS, in Part IV (lines 620 – 628 in the Pre-Assembly Report) this statement reads: The historic Christian tradition and the Lutheran Confessions have recognized marriage as a covenant between a man and a woman, reflecting Mark 10:6-9: “But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two

shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one put asunder.” (Jesus here recalls Genesis 1:27, 2:23-24); and

WHEREAS, in part IV (lines 740 – 744, as amended of the Pre-Assembly Report) it reads: Recognizing that this conclusion differs from the historic Christian tradition and the Lutheran Confessions, some people, though not all, in this church and within the larger Christian community, conclude that marriage is also the appropriate term to use in describing similar benefits, protection and support for same- gender couples entering into lifelong monogamous relationships; and

WHEREAS, the statement then goes on to treat these two positions and the variants within them as of equal validity, on the basis of the “conscience-bound beliefs” of those who hold them (Part IV, lines 809 – 868 of the Pre-Assembly Report); and

WHEREAS, on this same basis of the “conscience-bound lack of consensus in this church” (lines 452 – 453 of the Report and Recommendation on Ministry Policies in Part V of the Pre-Assembly Report) the resolutions on ministry policies (CA09.05.23 – 24 – 26 & 27) were adopted; and

WHEREAS, neither the Social Statement nor the Recommendation on Ministry Policies present an argument based on Scripture, the Lutheran Confessions and with the aid of sound reason either to reject what is admitted to be the position of the historic Christian tradition and the Lutheran Confessions based on Scripture or to accept a position which is admitted to be contrary to the historic Christian tradition and the Lutheran Confessions; and

WHEREAS, the Confession of Faith of the ELCA (Chapter 2 of the ELCA Constitution) commits the ELCA to accept the canonical Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm of our proclamation, faith and life, and to accept the confessional writings of the Lutheran Church as a true witness of the Gospel and valid interpretations of the faith of the Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Southeastern Synod Assembly memorialize the 2011 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA as follows: to rescind the decisions of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly in adopting the social statement "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" and the four Resolutions on Ministry Policies (CA 09.05023 – 24 – 26 & 27) as violations of the Confession of Faith, Chapter 2 of the ELCA Constitution and, therefore, invalid and unbinding upon individual congregations' teaching, ministry and communal life.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to object to consideration of this resolution, which required a two-thirds majority to pass. There were 220 votes in favor of not considering the resolution and 126 votes against the motion. Therefore, the motion objecting to consideration of Resolution 01-2010 FAILED.

The resolution was moved and the floor was opened for discussion of the resolution.

After discussion, the previous question was MOVED, SECONDED and

VOTED SA10.05.14 to end debate.

The motion to adopt Resolution 01-2010 FAILED.

K. Election Procedures (continued)

The Bishop called on the Synod Vice President Wesley Crenshaw to report the Synod Council's nominees for two Synod Council at-large positions. Mr. Crenshaw reported that both of the positions were designated for lay males. The following were nominated:

Monroe Herring
Michael Krekling

The Bishop opened the floor for additional nominations, but none were offered.

The Bishop called on the Rev. Dr. Joel Emerson, Chair of the Elections Committee, who gave the following report.

The results of the runoff ballot for three 2011 Churchwide Assembly lay male voting members were:

Total ballots cast	332
Number of invalid ballots	3
Number needed for election	167
Gary Pederson	219
John Thomas	169
Lee Smith	160
Gerald Weyrauch	158
Bert Blood	147
John Bost	140

The Bishop declared Gary Pederson and John Thomas elected for the position of Churchwide Assembly voting member, lay male. The Bishop announced that the next ballot for a lay male Churchwide Assembly voting member would contain the names of Lee Smith and Gerald Weyrauch.

The results of the first ballot for 2011 Churchwide Assembly female clergy voting member were:

Total Ballots cast	384
Number of invalid ballots	7
Number needed for election	193
Pastor Morgan Gordy	171
Pastor Jill Henning	75
Pastor Linda Boston	49
Pastor Amaretta Onstad	40
Pastor Ginny Krekling	26
Pastor Marcia Schultz	16

There was no election. The Bishop announced that the next ballot for this position would contain the names of Pastor Morgan Gordy and Pastor Jill Henning.

The results of the ballot for 2011 Churchwide Assembly voting member, Vice President were:

Total ballots cast	376
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number needed for election	189
Doris Underwood	376

The Bishop declared Doris Underwood elected as a voting member, Vice President, of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.

The results of the ballot for 2011 Churchwide Assembly lay female voting member were:

Total ballots cast	369
Number of invalid ballots	1
Number needed for election	185
Mary Winfrey	92
Michelle Angalet	66
Linda Larson	65
Meredith Hendricks	43
Deborah Baumgartner	40
Earlene Reeder	27
Carolyn Davis	21
Alice Schunemann	14

There was no election. The Bishop announced that the next ballot would contain the names of Mary Winfrey and Michelle Angalet.

The Bishop declared the polls open, ballots were distributed and the Assembly voted on Ballot #3.

L. Announcements

The Bishop called on Wes Crenshaw, Synod Vice President, who gave announcements.

M. Closing Prayer

The Bishop called on the Assembly Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Evon O. Flesberg, who led the Assembly in prayer.

N. Recess

The Bishop declared at 5:27 PM that the Assembly was in recess until the next morning at 10:30 AM.

Sunday, June 6

8:00AM-9:15AM

Worship

Assembly Sanctuary

9:30AM-10:15AM

Workshop Session C

June 6, 2010

**FOURTH PLENARY SESSION.....10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
Plenary Hall**

A. Call to Order

The Bishop called the Fourth Plenary Session of the Southeastern Synod Assembly to order at 10:33 AM.

B. Opening Prayer

The Bishop called on the Assembly Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Evon O. Flesberg to deliver the opening devotions.

C. Report of the Credentials Committee

The Bishop called on Linda Larson, Associate in Ministry, Chair of the Credentials Committee, who reported that there were 440 Voting Members present.

	Pre-Registered	In Attendance
Lay Voting Members	210	260
Clergy Under Call	127	134
Clergy On Leave from Call	2	2
Clergy Retired	20	19
Diaconal Ministers Under Call	2	3
Diaconal Ministers On Leave from Call	0	1
Diaconal Ministers Retired	0	0
Associates in Ministry Under Call	5	3
Associates in Ministry On Leave from Call	1	1
Associates in Ministry Retired	0	0
Deaconesses Under Call	1	0

The results of the runoff ballot for 2011 Churchwide Assembly lay female voting member were:

Total ballots cast	357
Number of invalid ballots	3
Number needed for election	179
Michelle Angalet	205
Mary Winfrey	149

The Bishop declared Michelle Angalet elected for the position of Churchwide Assembly voting member, lay female.

The Bishop declared the polls open, ballots were distributed and the Assembly voted on Ballot #4.

E. Discussion and vote on resolutions and memorials [Tab G]

The Bishop called on Pastor Randy Jones, Chair of the Committee on Reference and Counsel who read Resolution 03-2010 brought by the Committee on Reference and Counsel. It was

VOTED SA10.06.16 to approve Resolution 03-2010:

A RESOLUTION OF THANKS AT THE 2010 ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Synod rejoices and praises God for our overseas partnerships with: the Lutheran Churches in Malaysia; Singapore; Augsburg, Germany; Ethiopia and Guatemala and in our partnership with the ELCA La Crosse Area Synod in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Bishop, officers and staff of our Southeastern Synod have given many hours and traveled many miles throughout the territory of our synod to offer counsel, support, and care; and

WHEREAS, through their witness, they continue to encourage all of us to “make disciples of all nations” through word, deed and action; and

WHEREAS, the tireless effort of the various assembly committees, volunteers, and servant leaders enable the work of this synod to move forward; therefore be it

Resolved, to approve that the 2010 voting members and visitors of the Synod Assembly offer up our heart-felt thanks and prayerful support to the Bishop, officers and staff, not only for all their joyful and faithful labors, but especially for their persistent and loving encouragement to all of us in the Southeastern Synod in sharing many ways to go “Into All the World.” We offer very special thanks to: The Rev. John Nuñez, Keynote Speaker; The Rev. Stanley Olson, ELCA Churchwide representative; Special Guests The Right Rev. Terry and Mrs. Sally Kee; Assembly Chaplain, The Rev. Dr. Evon Flesberg; the Synod Assembly Committee; the Synod worship team; the Assembly volunteers; and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (for providing funding to allow captioning of the plenary sessions).

F. Presentation on behalf of Lutheran Disaster Response

The Bishop called on Ms. Sandra Braasch, Diaconal Minister and Pastor Morgan Gordy who made a presentation on behalf of Lutheran Disaster Response, making an appeal for synod disaster coordinators to train prior to a disaster, particularly in Georgia where there currently are none.

G. The Bishop recognized and thanked the following persons:

Synod Ecumenical Officer and Constitution Reviewer:

The Rev. Randy Jones

Conference Deans:

The Rev. Thomas E. Clark
The Rev. Wayne Cobb
The Rev. William F. Diamond
The Rev. Barbara I. Engelbrecht
The Rev. David Helfrich
The Rev. Jill J. Henning
The Rev. Barbara J. Hunter
The Rev. David B. Hunter
The Rev. Randy T. Jones
The Rev. Thomas Kenny
The Rev. Frederick (Rick) C. Ohsiek III
The Rev. Katherine P. Pasch
The Rev. Scott E. Peterson
The Rev. Rick Roberts
The Rev. F. Clay Seneker
The Rev. William Gerald (Jerry) Weeks
The Rev. Hugh R. Williams

Synod Assembly Committee members:

Jan Levensgood
Linda Few
Kleah Jaques
The Rev. Michelle Kuhlman
Chris Schwanebeck
Donna Hogle

Members of the Audio Visual Team, Volunteers and Synod Worship Team.

H. Election Procedures

The Bishop called on the Rev. Dr. Joel Emerson, Chair of the Elections Committee, who gave the following report.

The results of the ballot for 2011 Churchwide Assembly 4th lay male voting member were:

Total ballots cast	282
Number of invalid ballots	1
Number needed for election	142
Gerald Weyrauch	103
Bert Blood	41

John Bost	41
Monroe Herring	35
Michael Brandt	14
Thomas Pritchard	13
Paul Blackney	10
Allan Ellstrom	9
Edwin Bryant	8
Jim Adams	7

There was no election. The Bishop declared the next ballot would contain the names of Gerald Weyrauch, Bert Blood and John Bost.

The results of the ballot for 2011 Churchwide Assembly clergy voting member were:

Total ballots cast	286
Number of invalid ballots	3
Number needed for election	144
Pastor Jill Henning	53
Pastor Bradley Schmeling	41
Pastor Linda Boston	24
Pastor Ed Myers	23
Pastor Amaretta Onstad	23
Pastor Michael Jannett	20
Pastor Tom Kenny	18
Pastor David Smedley	18
Pastor Ginny Krekling	17
Pastor Kevin Strickland	16
Pastor Lewis Groce	14
Pastor Michael Huntley	8
Pastor Marcia Schultz	8

There was no election. The Bishop declared the next ballot would contain the names of Pastor Jill Henning and Pastor Brad Schmeling.

The results of the ballot for the two lay male, Synod Council at-large positions were:

Total ballots cast	275
Number of invalid ballots	3
Number needed for election	138

Monroe Herring	238
Michael Krekling	272

The Bishop declared Monroe Herring and Michael Krekling elected as at-large members of the Synod Council.

The Bishop declared the polls open, ballots were distributed and the Assembly voted on Ballot #5.

I. Presentation by Mission Investment Fund

The Bishop called upon Gerald Johnson from the Mission Investment Fund who explained the purpose of the fund and called upon individuals and congregations to invest in the fund to build the church.

J. Upcoming Events

The Rev. Nancy Christensen announced the upcoming Leadership Convocation, October 12 -14 at Lutheridge Conference Center and Camp under the theme “Being Lutheran in the South” with keynote provided by Dr. Susan McCarver. (Exhibit 7, Tab I)

Pastor Matt Henning announced that Catch the Spirit will be held in the Spring of 2011, with details on the date, place and keynote speaker being forthcoming. There may also be a Catch the Spirit event in Tennessee.

K. Final Elections Report

The Bishop called upon The Rev. Dr. Joel Emerson, Chair of the Elections Committee, for the final Elections Report.

The results of the ballot for 2011 Churchwide Assembly voting member, lay male were:

Total ballots cast	268
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number needed for election	135
Gerald Weyrauch	184
Bert Blood	45
John Bost	39

The Bishop declared Gerald Weyrauch elected as Churchwide Assembly lay male voting member.

The results of the ballot for 2011 Churchwide Assembly clergy voting member were:

Total ballots cast	263
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number needed for election	132
Pastor Jill Henning	147
Pastor Bradley Schmeling	116

The Bishop declared Pastor Jill Henning elected as Churchwide Assembly clergy voting member.

The Rev. Dr. Emerson reminded the Assembly that the persons who received the most votes in specific categories for Churchwide Assembly voting members, but who were not elected in those categories, would be the alternates in case one of the elected persons is not able to attend. Persons designated as alternates are:

Clergy: Pastor Bradley Schmeling
Lay Male: Bert Blood
Lay Female: Mary Winfrey
Youth: Lindsay Rutledge
Youth Adult: Gwyneth Driskill

The Bishop thanked the Rev. Dr. Joel Emerson, Dr. Sandra Gustavson, and the members of the Elections Committee for their good work.

L. Installation of all persons elected at this Assembly

All those elected at this Assembly were installed by the Bishop.

M. Closing of an Assembly

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The Bishop adjourned the Twenty-third Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – Southeastern Synod at 12:09 PM.

12:15PM-2:00 PM

Synod Council/Deans Luncheon
