



NALC 2021 MISSION CONVOCATION MINUTES AUGUST 4-6, 2021 *GOD THE FATHER CREATES!*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021

1:30 p.m.

Opening Eucharist worship led by Rev. Nila Cogan, chaplain, with presiding Bishop Dan Selbo sharing the Word.

Rev. Andrew Ames Fuller, NALC director of communications, gave instructions on using our electronic voting devices.

3:00 p.m. — SESSION I

Bishop Selbo called the convocation to order. He introduced Rev. Norm Sulaica, dean of Southwest Texas Mission District who welcomed all and thanked the 40 members of the local hospitality crew. Bishop Selbo thanked Rev. Nila Cogan, chaplain, and Rev. Carl Johnson, parliamentarian.

Rev. Mark Braaten, acting as recording secretary, on behalf of the Executive Council, reported attendance and Establishment of Quorum (50%) of registered delegates: 441 total registered, 185 clergy delegates and 169 lay delegates.

Rev. Mark Braaten moved to approve the Adoption of Rules of Procedure as printed in the convocation booklet. No discussion. Voice vote: Motion passed.

Rev. Mark Braaten moved for approval of the agenda as printed in the convocation booklet. No discussion. Voice vote: Motion passed.

Bishop Selbo introduced the Lutheran Week planning team: Rev. Will Hartfelder, Jacqui El Torro, Rev. Nila Cogan, Rev. Nathan Yoder, Rev. Orrey McFarland, Gary and Laurie Pecuch, Jill Nesheim, Rev. Dona Johnson, Rev. Tony Ede, Dawn Hahm, Rev. Norm Sulaica, Michael Kennedy, Rev. Mark Chavez, Jenny Brockman, and the NALC Staff: Anne Gleason, Ariel Wicker, Rev. Andrew Ames Fuller and Becky Seifert.

Bishop Selbo introduced Reference and Counsel committee members: Lynn Kickingbird, Rev. Steve Shipman, Rev. Becky Thane, Craig Wheaton and Rev. Jeffray Greene.

Bishop Selbo introduced the NALC staff:

*The Rev. Dr. Amy C. Little *General Secretary*
The Rev. Andrew S. Ames Fuller *Director of Communications*
The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba *Assistant to the Bishop for Missions*
The Rev. Phillip Gagnon *Assistant to the Bishop for Domestic Mission & Discipleship*
The Rev. Dr. Eric M. Riesen *President, North American Lutheran Seminary*
The Rev. Dr. David Wendel *Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry & Ecumenism*
Joan Corniea *Financial Assistant*
Patty Forrest *Administrative Assistant to the NALS President*
Anne Gleason *Financial Administrator*
Becky Seifert *Assistant to the Executive Staff*
Ariel Wicker *Communications Specialist*

Bishop Selbo introduced the Executive Council: Rev. Bassam Abdallah, Rev. Mark Braaten, Richard Jansak, Rev. Melinda Jones, *Recording Secretary*, Lynn Kickingbird, Scott Kramer, Rev. Carl Rasmussen, Brian Sutton, C. Michael Johnson, *Treasurer*.

Bishop Selbo introduced the NALS Board of Regents: Rev. Dennis Di Mauro, Donna Evans, Rev. Eric Riesen, Rev. Jim Lehmann, Roger Weyersberg, Rev. Wendy Berthelsen, Rev. Paul Krueger, Rev. Eric Waters, Rev. Jeffray Greene, Bruce Randolph and Bishop Dan Selbo.

Bishop Selbo introduced the mission district deans:

The Rev Mark J. Daniels	Convener of the Deans
The Rev David Michael McGettigan	Atlantic Mission Region - Regional Dean
The Rev Daniel M. Schaefer Sr	Atlantic Mission Region - Central MD
The Rev Brett I. Jenkins	Atlantic Mission Region - Northeast MD
The Rev John M. Kulczycki	Atlantic Mission Region - Southern MD
The Rev W. Stevens Shipman Jr	Atlantic Mission Region - Western MD
The Rev Malcolm de Waal	Canadian MD
The Rev Nathan Howard Yoder	Carolinas Mission Region - Catawba Valley MD
The Rev Kenneth W. Reed Jr	Carolinas Mission Region - Piedmont-East MD
The Rev David B. Tholstrup	Carolinas Mission Region - South Carolina MD
The Rev Steven Paul King	Carolinas Mission Region - Southern Piedmont MD
The Rev John Saethre	Central Pacific MD
The Rev Thomas E. Jacobson	Eastern South Dakota MD
The Rev Dennis Beckmann	Great Plains - Regional Dean
The Rev Franz Joseph Brandenburg	Great Plains East MD
The Rev Richard A. Solberg	Great Plains South MD
The Rev Keith G. Less	Great Plains West MD
The Rev James T. Lehmann	Great Rivers MD

The Rev Pamela J. Thorson	Heartland MD
The Rev Christopher B. Staley	Iowa MD
The Rev Steven J. Hartten	Michigan MD
The Rev Nila G. Cogan	Mid-Northeast MD
The Rev Trina M. Petersen	Mid-South MD
The Rev Steven M. Bliss	Minkota MD
The Rev Jack L. Richards	Northwest MD
The Rev Hilbert A. Schultz	Ohio Mission Region - North West MD
The Rev Diana Lee Seaman	Ohio Mission Region - North Central MD
The Rev Michael E. Koch	Ohio Mission Region - North Eastern MD
The Rev Jeffrey A. Morlock	Ohio Mission Region - Southeastern MD
The Rev Paul A. Schultz	Ohio Mission Region - Southwest MD
The Rev Kenneth D. Hohag	Rocky Mountain MD
The Rev Alan W. Peacock	Sonshine MD
The Rev Randal L. Ouimette	Southwest Pacific MD
The Rev B. A. Christ	Texas Mission Region - North MD
The Rev Kris Brower	Texas Mission Region - Southeast MD
The Rev Norman J. Sulaica Jr	Texas Mission Region - Southwest MD
The Rev David J. Baer	Western Dakotas-Montana-Wyoming MD
The Rev Craig J. Nehring	Wisconsin/Upper Michigan MD

Bishop Selbo introduced the Ministry Partners:

Awakening Lives to World Missions	Lutherans for Life
China Service Ventures	Lutheran Lay Renewal
SON Network	Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries
Friends of Madagascar Mission	Lutheran World Relief
India Transformed	SMI Haiti
Life Together Churches	Sola Publishing
Lutheran Core	World Mission Prayer League

Bishop Selbo thanked Rev. Mark Chavez for his many years of service and then introduced the new General Secretary, Rev. Amy Little, who begins as of September 7, 2021. Rev. Little thanked God for protection during the call process and the members of Trinity, Monroeville OH, where she was pastor for 19 years. Bishop Selbo then extended Rev. Amy Little the call to serve as NALC general secretary.

Bishop Selbo's report (pg 49-53): "*God the Father Creates* is a clear reminder of who God is as the Creator, who we are as creatures, and how life is given true purpose and meaning only as it is lived in a right relationship with Him." God is never surprised or caught off guard.

God renews and transforms, knows what is needed, works through His Church. Our work is blessed. Trust that God will use you. Thank you to pastors. Fourteen congregations gained, 30 more pastors on roster. We are not preaching culture but Jesus. Thank you to Rev. Braaten who is working with many congregations interested in joining the NALC. We will continue to reach out to all people and be true to our Core Values. Together we serve.

Bishop Selbo gave an overview of the *2020 Vision*.

Rev. Gemechis Buba reported on Vision Point #2 – Congregational Multiplication.

Rev. David Wendel reported on Vision Point #3 – Pastoral Support.

Rev. David Wendel reported on Vision Point #4 – Continuing Education.

Rev. Eric Riesen and Donna Evans reported on Vision Point #6 – Seminary System.

Vision Point Q & A: Rev. Buba, Rev. Riesen, Rev. Wendel and Donna Evans.

Constitutional Changes: Rev. Mark Braaten moved to adopt the constitutional amendments: 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, as printed in the convocation booklet, to reflect language of Mission Districts. (Passage of these changes will require congregational ratification.) Bishop Selbo noted that these changes were tabled in 2020.

Discussion: Motion for Friendly Amendment and seconded to 11.02 addition “each Mission District or Mission Region.” Voice vote. Motion carried.

Vote on amended constitutional changes to:

11.01 Congregations shall join in collaboration as Mission Districts to fulfill most effectively the ministry and mission of the NALC, normally based on common geographic boundaries. Mission Districts may form Mission Regions for more effective ministry and mission as needed. Mission Regions shall have such organizational form and functions as shall be determined by the constituting Mission Districts. Such organization shall be done in consultation with the Bishop and subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

11.02 Each ~~regional group~~ Mission District or Mission Region of congregations shall adopt appropriate governing documents that are consistent with the governing documents and practice of the NALC and shall include election of a Dean, adoption of a budget, and provision for supervision, mutual support of member congregations, and procedures necessary for carrying out its mission and ministry.

11.03 The Deans, who shall be ordained ministers of the NALC, shall be accountable to the Bishop and work with the Bishop by conducting similar functions in their ~~respective areas~~ Mission Districts. Deans shall serve as pastor to ordained ministers, their families, and congregations, and will conduct a ministry of teaching and visitation with ordained

ministers and congregations. Deans may continue to serve under the call of a congregation.

Total number of Ballots 277

Votes needed to approve 139

Yes 268

No 5

Abstain 4

Constitutional Amendment passed.

Ecumenical and Inter-Lutheran Guest Greeting:

Bishop Selbo introduced Bishop Ray Sutton, (ACNA) who spoke on his reflections on his relationship with Bishop Paul Spring during formation of NALC, ecumenical collaboration on Ambridge seminary and other mutual mission work with NALC. Long history of mutual beliefs based on Jesus Christ. Through the transforming of Jesus Christ ... we have been brought together by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Announcements made by Rev. Will Hartfelder.

6:10 p.m.

Closing prayer by Rev. Cogan. Bishop Selbo entertained a motion and second to recess convocation until Thursday.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021

8:30 a.m. – SESSION II

Rev. Cogan opened with prayer. Bishop Selbo called convocation back in session.

Rev. Mark Braaten reported attendance and Establishment of Quorum (50%) of registered delegates: 444 registered, 185 clergy delegates, 169 lay delegates.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Steven Paulson, Sioux Falls Seminary: "God the Father Creates."

Q & A for Dr. Paulson

10:11-10:25 a.m. Break

Rev. Carl Johnson spoke on Amendment to Article 11.02 vote. Some were not sure what they were voting on because of the amendment to the amendment to the Constitution. Motion is to reconsider the motion so that it is clear. Voice vote to reopen. Discussion. Vote by standing. Motion failed.

Bishop Selbo noted that the Executive Council is seeking support of two resolutions.

Rev. Carl Rasmussen (Executive Council) spoke on the resolution regarding four regional assistants to the bishop (does not require congregational ratification) which is included in the *2020 Vision*, Component #5. Rev. Rasmussen explained the reasoning leading up to the decision to hire four part-time assistants, selection process, implementation based on when funds become available, terms of service and division of geographical areas.

Scott Kramer (Executive Council) spoke on the resolution regarding a NALC central office (does not require congregational ratification) stating that a central office will lead to greater efficiency, improved communication, workload management, skill sharing, backup coverage and synergy of staff at one location. He also gave information regarding implementation, why Dallas-Fort Worth metro area was selected, the startup cost, and other factors.

Bishop Selbo stated he is in support of both proposals. He stated we need to model our actions to move forward so our actions can and will support our mission of discipleship. Our work will be more cohesive if working in one place. These two proposals will not contradict "Congregationally Focused." These actions are consistent with the Core Values, will increase accountability and helps us remain lean.

Executive Council moves for convocation vote of support as follows:

Be it resolved that the NALC approves and supports the Executive Council's plan to have four quarter-time assistants to the bishop, who will serve to expand the bishop's ministry to mission districts, deans, pastors and congregations in their respective geographic areas. Discussion followed.

Rev. Marshall Hahn moved to amend to strike "approves and." Seconded. Discussion. Vote on amendment: Voice vote. Motion for the amendment carried.

Returning to motion as amended:

Be it resolved that the NALC supports the Executive Council's plan to have four quarter-time assistants to the bishop, who will serve to expand the bishop's ministry to mission districts, deans, pastors and congregations in their respective geographic areas.

Further Discussion. Rev. Mark Werner called for question. Seconded. Requires 2/3 vote to cease debate. Rev. Cogan prayed for vote. Voice vote, discussion closed. Electronic vote conducted.

Executive Council moves for convocation vote of support as follows:

Be it resolved that the NALC approves and supports the Executive Council's plan to establish a central denominational office located in the Dallas-Fort Worth metro area.

Rev. Marshall Hahn motion to amend to strike “approves and.” Seconded. Discussion. Vote on amendment: Voice vote inconclusive . Raised hand vote. Motion for the amendment carried.

Returning to the motion as amended:

Be it resolved that the NALC supports the Executive Council’s plan to establish a central denominational office located in the Dallas-Fort Worth metro area.

Calling the order of the day, discussion and vote of resolution to be continued after lunch.

Announcements made by Rev. Will Hartfelder.

Rev. Cogan led prayer.

12:06 p.m. Adjourned until after lunch.

1:20 p.m. – SESSION III

Rev. Cogan led in hymn sing, scripture reading and prayer.

Bishop Selbo called the convocation back to order.

Discussion and vote on resolution:

Be it resolved that the NALC supports the Executive Council’s plan to establish a central denominational office located in the Dallas-Fort Worth metro area.

Discussion of Continuation of Resolution for Central Office: Called the question. Voice vote passed. Rev. Cogan prayed for vote. Electronic vote conducted.

Rev. Phil Gagnon reported on Vision Point #1 – Disciple-Making Cultures.

Rev. Andrew Ames Fuller reported on Vision Point #7 – Technology & Communication.

Q & A for Rev Gagnon and Rev. Ames Fuller

Report of Resolution for Four Assistants to Bishop

Number of Ballots 319

Number necessary to pass 160

Yes 262

No 49

Abstain/ Invalid 8

Motion approved

Report of Resolution for NALC Central Office

Number of Ballots 323

Number necessary to pass 162

Yes 271

No 49

Abstain 3

Motion approved

Report of Nominating Committee – Rev. Dona Johnson.

Executive Council:

This year, the NALC Mission Convocation delegates shall elect one pastor and one layperson to the Executive Council for four-year terms. The 2021 clergy candidates are as follows:

- The Rev. Dr. Jess Abbott, Christ Lutheran Church, St. Petersburg, Florida; nominated by Faith Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- The Rev. Mark A. Werner, Emanuel Lutheran, Elmer, New Jersey; nominated by Emanuel Lutheran, Elmer, New Jersey.

The 2021 lay candidate is as follows:

- Mr. Joel B. Williams, Badger Lutheran Church, Badger, South Dakota; nominated by First English Lutheran Church, Lennox, South Dakota.

Court of Adjudication:

The 2021 candidates are as follows:

- The Rev. Miguel A. Acosta, Stone Lutheran Church, Ashland, Ohio; nominated by Stone Lutheran Church, Ashland, Ohio.
- The Rev. Dr. Jeffray S. Greene, Prince of Peace, Fayetteville, Georgia; nominated by Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, Manistee, Michigan.
- Mr. Lyle Hollander, St. John Lutheran, Boyden, Iowa; nominated by St. John Lutheran, Boyden, Iowa.
- Mr. Matthew A. Lind, Port Madison Lutheran Church, Bainbridge Island, Washington; nominated by Port Madison Lutheran Church, Bainbridge Island, Washington.

Rev. Braaten: Executive Council presents 2022 Nominating Committee:

Rev. Hugh Brewer, Rev. Kevin Scott, Kay Weaver, Rebecka Andrae-Frontz, Rev. Marv Combs.

Bishop Selbo: Vote on Nominating Committee members for 2022: Voice vote. Approved.

2021 Report of the Nominating Committee: Rev. Arlyn Eisenbrandt moved to elect Mr. Joel Williams as lay person to Executive Council for a four-year term, seconded. Voice vote. Approved.

Rev. Arlyn Eisenbrandt called for vote for one clergy for Executive Council.

Point of order: biographies of candidates were available on the Lutheran Week website.

Rev. Cogan prayed for vote.

Rev. Arlyn Eisenbrandt called for vote for two Court of Adjudication, four-year term.

Youth Ministry Report: Faithwebbing, Gary and Laurie Pecuch (faithwebbing.com). Everyone can log in now – no password needed. Will be posting youth ministry interviews.

Report on Lutheran Benefits Plan: Hahn Financial – Verlyn and Luke Hahn: Reviewed 403(b)9 retirement plan, additional planning opportunities, health and retirement readiness review.

3:15 p.m. Break (recess)

Resumed at 3:40 p.m. Bishop Selbo.

Ecumenical and Inter-Lutheran Guest Greeting:
Greeting from LCMC Pastor Julie Smith by video – regarding NALC relationship with LCMC.

Report of the First Ballot: Executive Council, Clergy, four-year term (one to be elected)

Number of ballots: 269

Number necessary to elect 135

Rev. Dr. Jess Abbott 125

Rev. Mark A. Werner 144

Abstain/ invalid 0

Declared: Rev. Mark Werner

Court of Adjudication, four-year term (two to be elected)

Number of ballots 263

Two highest to elect

Rev. Miguel A. Acosta 107

Rev. Dr. Jeffray S. Greene 189

Mr. Lyle Hollander 100

Mr. Matthew A. Lind 129

Abstain/ invalid 0

Declared: Rev. Jeffray Greene and Matthew Lind.

Recognitions of Ordination Anniversaries by Bishop Selbo:

20 Years

The Rev. Gemechis Desta Buba
The Rev. Cathy A. Fanslau
The Rev. Evelyn Johnson
The Rev. Bjoern Meinhardt
The Rev. Paula L. Murray
The Rev. Lisa L. Peterson
The Rev. Christinia A. Seibel
The Rev. Ernest B. Sheldon
The Rev. Eric Waters

25 Years

The Rev. Daniel David Baker
The Rev. Jeffrey T. Cottingham
The Rev. Dwight John Hanson
The Rev. Roger G. Keller
The Rev. Charles H. Lashley
The Rev. Jeffrey J. Lee
The Rev. Timothy Lundeen
The Rev. Jean Rabary
The Rev. Shelly D. Schultz
The Rev. Hilbert A. Schultz
The Rev. Christopher B. Staley
The Rev. Paul M. Strom
The Rev. Mark E. Wilhelm

30 Years

The Rev. Franz Joseph
 Brandenburg
The Rev. Daniel W. Cave
The Rev. Alex A. Chartier
The Rev. John T. Conrad
The Rev. Sara Ann Gausmann
The Rev. Steven J. Hartten
The Rev. William C. Heber Jr.
The Rev. Daniel Hendrickson
The Rev. Thomas J. Hux
The Rev. Mark A. Kindem
The Rev. Eric C. Meissner
The Rev. Kevin Ree
The Rev. Norman J. Sulaica Jr.

35 Years

The Rev. Scott W. Baker
The Rev. Scott F. Berner
The Rev. Randall A. Cauble
The Rev. Jarrod Lanning
The Rev. Rodney W. Lilley
The Rev. Jeffrey David Messner
The Rev. John Moffett
The Rev. K. Craig Moorman
The Rev. Bryan R. Salminen
The Rev. Lewis Samuel Scheiderer
The Rev. Daniel W. Selbo
The Rev. Raymond E. Short
The Rev. H. Brian Triller

40 Years

The Rev. Mark H. Braaten
The Rev. Donald M. Brandt
The Rev. Thomas M. Brodbeck
The Rev. Kenneth A. Comstock
The Rev. Henry Andrew Corcoran
The Rev. Matthew Cox
The Rev. Keith H. Eslinger
The Rev. Preston Bennett Foster
The Rev. Peter V. Gundersen
The Rev. Daniel Hansen
The Rev. Roy A. Harrisville III
The Rev. William Hecht
The Rev. Gregory B. Held
The Rev. Gerald Norman Kaskela
The Rev. John W. Krueger
The Rev. John M. Kulczycki
The Rev. Simon Wing-Shing Lee
The Rev. Philip Lee
The Rev. Kurt Erik Luebke
The Rev. Pentti J. Maki
The Rev. Don L. Neumann
The Rev. Robert H. Quaintance
The Rev. John Saethre
The Rev. Jonathan D. Sorum

The Rev. Sandra S. Soye
The Rev. David M. Wendel
The Rev. Samuel Zumwalt Jr.

45 Years

The Rev. Gabriel Baxter
Baumgardner
The Rev. Bruce E. Foster
The Rev. Michael Gabby
The Rev. Douglas C. Gast
The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer
The Rev. John W. Harmon
The Rev. Justin P. Kollmeyer
The Rev. James R. Palan
The Rev. Ann Miller Smith
The Rev. Michael G. Tavella

50 Years

The Rev. John Bauer
The Rev. Robert Groenke, Jr.
The Rev. Philip Gronbach

The Rev. Kenneth Hauge
The Rev. George Mathews Jr.
The Rev. Thomas McCrone
The Rev. James Neal
The Rev. James Nestingen
The Rev. Kenneth Schott II
The Rev. Wayne Strohschein
The Rev. Alan Williams

55 Years

The Rev. Norman Albertson
The Rev. James DeLong
The Rev. Ray Rosenthal
The Rev. Bruce Welander

60 Years

The Rev. Harvey Blume
The Rev. Ronald Schmidt

70 Years

The Rev. Thurmond Plexico

Recognition of Chaplains serving in other contexts by Bishop Selbo:

The Rev Daniel A Bellinger
The Rev Patricia Clark Braunscheidel
The Rev Pirjo Carlisle
The Rev Gregory E Davidson
The Rev Paul David Hansen
The Rev Karen M Jersild
The Rev Victor F Kolch
The Rev John W Krueger
The Rev Titus Jaia Ngebeh
The Rev Angel L Scott
The Rev Richard Joseph Stoecker
The Rev Jacob Michael Taxis
The Rev Christopher D Thorson
The Rev Sarah E Woodward

Chaplain - Parkview Health, Fort Wayne IN
Hospice and Pallative Care - Buffalo NY
Grace - Huntington Beach CA
Beacon Hospice - Plymouth MA
Army Reserve/Masonic Village Hospice -
Elizabethtown PA
Mount Carmel Hospital - Grove City OH
Parkview Hospital - Fort Wayne IN
Appleton Medical Center - Appleton WI
Presence St Joseph Med Center - Joliet IL
Good Samaritan Society - New Hope MN
Hospice
Froedtert Hospital - Milwaukee WI
Flaget Hospital - Bardstown KY
Agape Hospice - Columbia SC

Recognition of Military Chaplains:

The Rev Jesse J Abbott	
The Rev Craig K Abee	US Army
The Rev Paul A Chapman	US Air Force
The Rev Paul Lynn	
The Rev Steven John Nicolai	Main Post Chapel Protestant Service - Fort Huachuca AZ
The Rev Adam Jonathan Roe	
The Rev Wesley Khristopher Teixeira-Alves	Luke AFB - Arizona
The Rev Steven J Wadle	New Mexico Guard/Civil Air Patrol
The Rev Frezil Westerlund	SD Wing and Civil Air Patrol

Introduction of Seminarians by Bishop Selbo:

Julius Badigo	Yvette Moy
Justin Baker	Colin Neill
Lara Simone Bhasin	Michelle Oddsen
Benjamin Blobaum	Teresa Peters
Byron Burger	John Popiak
Cody Carpenter	Pal Pusztai
Michael Davis	John Renick
Aaron Dawson	Ricky Richards
Kansa Deresa	Philip Sandi
Lynnae Douglas	Carlos Santiago Flores
Jonathan Gowin	George Schrader
Alliyah Greaver	Megan Shaffer
Hailey Halmstad	Ramiel Shamwel
Heather Hanson	Edsel (Dale) Stanley
Joseph Hill	Robert Syner
Maureen (Molly) King	Alicia Wolfe
Benjamin Lander	

Introduction of Newly Ordained Pastors by Bishop Selbo:

The Rev Taylor Marie Stempniak	Immanuel - Fresno CA
The Rev Yuwei Isaiah Bai	North Immanuel - Pelican Rapids MN (LCMC)
The Rev John B King Jr	Grace - Enterprise OR
The Rev Eric J Steward	Mt Zion - Lucas OH
The Rev John Robert Crawford	Faith - Faith NC
The Rev Ke (Ray) Zhu	Chinese - Honolulu HI
The Rev Jay Terry Lutz	Trinity - Ponoka AB

The Rev Adam B Poe
The Rev Darcy Duane Albers
The Rev Parker Kantos

St John's Hopewell - Celina OH / Zion - Chattanooga OH
St Albert Ev - St Albert AB
Brighton Heights - Pittsburgh PA

Bishop Selbo recognized Congregational Anniversaries:

250 Years

1771	St Paul Lutheran Church	Seven Valleys	PA
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175 Years

1846	Holy Ghost Lutheran Church	Fredericksburg	TX
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150 Years

1871	Christina Lake Lutheran Church	Evansville	MN
1871	Christiana Lutheran Church	Salisbury	NC
1871	St John's Ev Lutheran Church	Cullom	IL
1871	St Paul's Ev Lutheran Church	Millersburg	PA

125 Years

1896	Glen Flora Lutheran Church	Glen Flora	WI
1896	St Peter Lutheran Church	Doss	TX
1896	St Paul Lutheran Church	Runge	TX

100 Years

1921	First English Lutheran Church	Marysville	OH
1921	First English Ev Lutheran Church	Baker City	OR
1921	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Whitewood	SD

Bishop Selbo read names of remembrance of NALC pastors who have died since the 2020 Mission Convocation:

Rev. Catherine Braasch
Rev. Steven Gilbertson
Rev. Paul Senff
Rev. Kurt Borows Jr.
Rev. Patrick Kelly
Bishop Paull Spring
Rev. James Friesner Jr.
Rev. Robert Herndon

Rev. Cogan prayed for the deceased pastors.

Rev. David Wendel reported on Vision Point #8 – Ecumenical Relationships.

Vision Point #9 – Financial Strength: Chairs Rev. Dona Johnson and Rev. Paul Krueger of the Financial Strength Working Group reported on the feasibility study and appeal campaign – working with Cramer & Associates for project management. Goals: Build NALC identity, grow culture of giving and generosity, stay true to four Core Values.

Ecumenical and Inter-Lutheran Guest Greetings:

Greeting from Lutheran Church-Canada by video – Rev. Timothy Teuscher.

Greeting from Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania by video – Bishop Dr. Fredrick Onael Shoo.

Greeting from Evangelical Ethiopian Church Mekane Yesus by video – President Yonas Yigezu.

Bishop Selbo prayed for Ethiopia. Tomorrow's speaker: Melissa Ohden – survivor of failed saline infusion abortion and Founder/ Director of The Abortion Survivors Network.

5:20 p.m.

Announcements made by Rev. Will Hartfelder.

5:25 p.m. Rev. Cogan led us in prayer.

Bishop Selbo: Motion to recess convocation until Friday morning.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021

8:30 a.m. – SESSION IV

Rev. Cogan led hymns and prayer.

Bishop Selbo called the convocation back to order.

Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel: Rev. Steve Shipman presented resolution requesting intentional and intensive prayer for Ethiopia:

Whereas Ethiopia is experiencing internal conflict and tension, especially in the north;

Whereas since 2012 the North American Lutheran Church has been in full communion partnership with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY);

Whereas in his greeting to the NALC 2021 Convocation, the Rev. Dr. Yonas Yigezu, president of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, has requested that we pray for peace in Ethiopia, and for wisdom and guidance for EECMY and their leaders as they seek peace and pursue it;

Whereas our full communion partnership agreement commits us to praying for one another;

Therefore, be it resolved that the NALC, in convocation, will offer prayer for these intentions during our gathering, will invite every pastor, congregation and member to enter into intentional and intensive prayer for Ethiopia;

And be it further resolved that the bishop of the NALC together with executive staff, prepare a letter to be sent to President Yigezu assuring him of the love, concern and prayers of their brothers and sisters in the NALC.

Motion made and seconded. Voice vote. Motion approved.

Rev. Cogan led us in prayer for EECMY.

Keynote Speaker: Melissa Ohden.

Table Talk session with questions listed on the screen.

10:15-10:30 a.m. Break

Bishop Selbo called convocation back to order.

Bishop Selbo reported on Vision Point #10 – Strategic Planning.

Q & A on the Vision as a whole, all points.

Bishop Selbo thanked everyone for discussion on *2020 Vision* points.

Bishop Selbo introduced C. Michael Johnson, NALC treasurer.

Prayer of Thanksgiving read by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson presented his report and the proposed 2022 Budget.

Bishop Selbo – Q & A Treasurer's report.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report. Voice vote. Approved.

Bishop Selbo – Q & A proposed 2022 Budget.
Motion to approve 2022 Budget: Voice vote: Approved.
Ecumenical and Inter-Lutheran Guest Greeting:
Greeting from Lutheran Church Missouri Synod by video – Rev. Dr. Joel Lehenbauer.

Announcements made by Rev. Will Hartfelder.

Rev. Phil Gagnon – Canadian Theological Conference: April 26-29, 2022
Topic: Non-religious Christianity.

Sang happy birthday to Rev. Vic Langford.

Bishop Selbo: Call into short recess.

1:15 p.m. – SESSION V

Rev. Cogan led us with hymns, Scripture reading on Hebrews and prayer.

Bishop Selbo called the convocation back to order. He thanked Rosemary Johnson for taking minutes.

Report on NALC Living and Giving Stewardship Task Force: Rev. Dona Johnson.

Report of NALC Life Ministries: Rebecka Andrae-Frontz. Life Ministries team members: Rev. Mark Chavez, Rev. Dennis Di Mauro, Rev. Melinda Jones, Rev. Steve Shipman, Rev. Christopher Porter and Rebecka Andrae-Frontz. Life Conference: Jan. 20, 2022, in Culpepper, VA; March for Life Jan. 21, 2022.

Ecumenical and Inter-Lutheran Guest Greetings:
Greeting from Common Ground Christian Network by video – Carmen LaBerge.

Greeting from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by video – Rev. Walter Kedjierski.

Bishop Selbo: The convocation presents a sense of our ecumenical efforts being done across denominations for the sake of the Gospel.

Report on the Women of the North American Lutheran Church (WNALC): Jill Nesheim.
Bishop Selbo thanked Jill and Jacqui El Torro (outgoing chair).

Report on the NALC Disaster Response: Mary Bates.
Bishop Selbo thanked Mary Bates and her husband Ken Watson for their work.

Final Announcements:

Congregational ratification materials will be sent out.

2023 Lutheran Week: Location not finalized yet.

Pastors' Conference 2022: Orlando, FL, February 15-17.

2:12 p.m. 18-minute break

2:30 p.m.

Rev. Cogan led the Closing Service of the Word, Rev. Gemechis Buba preached on John 1:3.

Bishop Selbo installed Rev. Amy Little as general secretary, Rev. Jeffray Greene and Rev. Mark Werner.

Bishop Selbo closed the convocation at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Johnson