



**Thursday, August 11, 2016**

**Session I**

1:30pm

**Festival Eucharist and opening of Convocation**

The 2016 Convocation was called to worship at 1:30pm by the Rev. Eric Waters. The Convocation began with Bishop John Bradosky leading worship. The service bulletin is attached.

3:00pm

**Call to Order**

Bishop John Bradosky called the Convocation to order at 3:00pm

**Adoption of Rules of Procedure**

Pr. Melinda Jones made a motion that the distributed Rules of Procedure be adopted as the Rules of Procedure for the 2016 Convocation.

*Moved, seconded, adopted*

**Approval of Agenda**

Pr. Melinda Jones made a motion that the agenda provided in the Convocation packet be approved.

*Moved, seconded, approved*

**Confirmation of Nomination Committee for 2017**

Pr. Melinda Jones made a motion for the confirmation of the Nomination Committee for 2017: Pr. Cathi Braasch, Pr. Don Brandt, Ms. Shelly Ree, Pr. Bert Schultz, and Mr. Marc Voigt.

*Moved, seconded, confirmed*

**Announcements and Introduction to the Lutheran Week Planning Team**

Pr. Mark Chavez reported registration numbers: Clergy 181, Lay 120, Visitors 128, Total 429, Voting 301. Introduced Pr. Ron Hoyum, Planning Team Chair, and Becky Seifert, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Staff, and recognized the rest of the planning team: Pr. Eric Waters, Chaplain; Dr. Amy Schifrin, NALS President; Pr. Tony Ede, Technology Coordinator; Jenny Brockman, Assistant to Dr. Gemechis Buba; Anne Gleason, Financial Administrator. Announced that the Parliamentarian is Pr. Jeffray Green.

**Introduction of Reference and Counsel**

Pr. Mark Chavez introduced the committee: Pr. Mark Chavez, NALC General Secretary; James Gale, member of Court of Adjudication; Pr. Larry Gember, Greenfield, IN; Jerry Roehr, Winnipeg, MB; Brian Sutton, member of Executive Council. Announced that resolutions must be given to the Committee on Reference and Counsel by 6:00pm that evening.

### **Introductions and recognition by Bishop Bradosky**

Bishop Bradosky introduced the NALC Staff, the Executive Council, and the Mission District Deans. Two members of the Executive Council have completed their terms: Pr. Vic Langford and Jim Hansen.

### **Report of Nominations Committee**

Pr. Don Brandt, Chair of Nominations Committee, presented his report. He announced nominees for open positions:

Executive Council, lay, four-year term (one to be elected)

Ms. Rebeka V. Andrae  
Ms. Pamela Charas  
Ms. Kathryn Hudnall  
Ms. Lynn Kickingbird  
Ms. Janet W. Rash

Executive Council, clergy, four-year term (one to be elected)

Pr. Carl M. Haynes  
Pr. Kenneth Kimball  
Pr. William Maki

Court of Adjudication (one to be elected)

Pr. David Schafer

Board of Regents, six-year term (three to be elected)

Pr. Cathi Braasch  
Ms. Donna W. Evans  
Pr. Jeffray S. Greene  
Pr. Kristopher Madsen  
Pr. Dennis A. Meyer  
Pr. Allen Schoonover  
Pr. Kris Leland Snyder

Board of Regents, four-year term (one to be elected)

Pr. Ralph Kempinski  
Pr. Thurmond C. Plexico  
Bishop Paull E. Spring

Canada Section elections

Pr. Mark Chavez explained that the Canada Mission District formed a seven-member governing board to meet Canadian federal regulations. Four of the board members must be Canadian and the additional three members are appointed by Bishop Bradosky.

Nominated for two-year term: Teresa Peters, Pr. Kevin Ree\*

Nominated for four-year term: Pr. Rolf Bjornstad and Ralph Wold\*

*\*Change to be reflected in minutes:* Pr. Rolf Bjornstad and Ralph Wold were nominated for two-year terms and Teresa Peters and Pr. Kevin Ree were nominated for four-year terms.

### **Approval of slate of candidates**

*Move, second, approved*

### **First Ballot**

Pr. Carl Johnson introduced the first ballot. Pr. Johnson moved the election of Pr. David Schafer for the Court of Adjudication: *unanimous consent*

Pr. Johnson moved the election of Teresa Peters and Pr. Kevin Ree to four-year terms on the Canada Section board: *unanimous consent*

Pr. Johnson moved the election of Pr. Rolf Bjornstad and Ralph Wold to two-year terms on the Canada Section board: *unanimous consent*

Ballots were distributed.

Bishop Bradosky declared ballot closed.

### **Report on Lutheran Benefits Plan**

Pr. Mark Chavez introduced Verlyn Hahn. Mr. Hahn introduced the Retirement and Benefits Committee — Pr. Mark Chavez, Ryan Schwarz, Jim Hansen, Pr. Paul Larson, and Anne Gleason — and reviewed the benefits plan.

### **Introduction of Marv Combs**

Bishop Bradosky and Pr. Mark Chavez introduced and thanked the Dean of the South West California Mission District, Pr. Marv Combs.

### **Introduction of Ecumenical and Inter-Lutheran Guests**

Pr. David Wendel introduced Fr. Quan Tran, priest representing Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, president of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops; Rev. Larry Vogel, representing Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton, representing the Anglican Church in North America; and Rev. Julie Smith, Vice Chair of LCMC Board of Trustees.

4:15pm

### **Keynote I: Malcolm Guite: *CS Lewis: “Friendship and Holiness”***

5:00pm

### **“Unholiness”: Pr. Phil Gagnon**

Pr. Phil Gagnon, Dean of the Canada Mission District, spoke on the topic of “unholiness.”

### **Recognition of Military Chaplains and Personnel and their families**

Pr. Lenae Rasmussen, Ecclesiastical Endorsing Agent for the NALC, discussed the role of a military chaplain. She asked chaplains and veterans present to stand and be honored, and recognized chaplains who could not be present. Pr. Rasmussen explained her role as an Ecclesiastical Endorsing Agent. List of chaplains included in attachments.



### **Recognition of chaplains serving in other contexts**

Bishop Bradosky recognized chaplains serving in other contexts. List of chaplains included in attachments.

### **Introduction of Seminarians**

Bishop Bradosky introduced seminarians. List of seminarians included in attachments.

### **NALS Greeting**

Dr. Roy Schwarz, Chair of NALS Board of Regents provided brief two-year update on NALS. The Rev. Dr. Amy Schifrin, President of NALS, provided the number of graduates to date: first year, one graduate; second year, four graduates and one certificate.

### **Report of First Ballot**

Executive Council, clergy, four-year term (one to be elected) - no election  
Executive Council, lay, four-year term (one to be elected) – Ms. Lynn Kickingbird elected  
Board of Regents, four-year term (one to be elected) - Bishop Paull Spring elected  
Board of Regents, six-year term (three to be elected) - Pr. Jeffray Greene and Pr. Cathi Braasch elected

### **Second Ballot**

Ballots passed out and collected to tally.  
Bishop Bradosky declared that the ballot is closed.

### **Introduction of Newly Ordained Pastors**

Bishop Bradosky introduced the newly ordained pastors. List of newly ordained pastors included in attachments.

### **Recognition of Ordination Anniversaries**

Bishop Bradosky recognized pastors celebrating anniversaries of their ordination (65, 60, 55, 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25, 20 years). List of ordination anniversaries included in attachments.

### **Congregational Anniversaries**

Bishop Bradosky recognized congregations celebrating anniversaries (175,150,125 years). List of congregational anniversaries included in attachments.

### **Announcements**

Daily announcements were given by Pr. Mark Chavez.

*Recess was declared at 6:15pm*

## **Friday, August 12, 2016**

### **Session II**

9:00am

### **Call to Order**

The Convocation was called to order by Bishop John Bradosky.

### **Announcements**

Pr. Mark Chavez shared general announcements including the day’s attendance numbers: Clergy 181, Lay 123, Visitors 128, Total 432.

### **Ecumenical and Inter-Lutheran Guests greetings**

Bishop John Bradosky introduced Rev. Quan Tran, U.S. Catholic Church; Rev. Larry Vogel, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod; Bishop Ray Sutton, Anglican Church in North America, who each brought greetings to the Convocation.

Pr. David Wendel then introduced the remaining ecumenical and international guests in attendance: Rev. Brian Christensen, Evangelical Lutheran Network, Denmark; Rev. Henrik Højlund, Chair, Evangelical Lutheran Network, Denmark; Rev. Martin Fromm, International Christian Network representative and vice-chair of Church Coalition for the Bible and Confession; Rt. Rev. Roland Gustafsson, Presiding Bishop, Mission Province in Sweden; Rev. Rolf Kjöde, Chair of Evangelical Lutheran Network, Norway; Rev. Jarle Skullerud; Synod Chair of Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway and representing Evangelical Lutheran Network; Rev. Andreas Späth, Chair of Church Coalition for the Bible and Confession and Vice-President of International Christian Network.

### **Bishop’s Report**

Bishop Bradosky provided his report. Written report included in convocation packet.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Ryan Schwarz, NALC Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s Report (included in convocation packet). Began by providing an overview of the budget. Presented a final report on 2015, forecast for 2016 and the proposed budget for 2017.

### **2017 Budget Proposal**

*Adopted*

### **Legal Update**

Ryan Schwarz shared that there is legal guidance regarding congregational policies and practices in light of protection of religious liberty provided on the website, [www.nalc.org](http://www.nalc.org). This information will be emailed to all NALC congregations.

*Break*

### **Report of Second Ballot**

Executive Council, four-year term (one to be elected) - Pr. Kenneth Kimball elected  
Board of Regents, six-year term (one to be elected) - no election

### **Third Ballot**

Ballots passed out and collected to tally.

### **Report of Stewardship Task Force**

Rev. Dr. Eugene Grimm, chair of Stewardship Task Force, provided his report.

## **Stewardship Video**

### **“Holy Families” Report**

Pr. Steven King, director of Sola Publishing, shared about materials coming out this year in celebration of the Reformation anniversary. He shared about the Holy Families initiative and Holyfamilies.co, a new website focused on the Holy Families initiative.

### **Keynote II: Malcolm Guite and Steve Bell: *A Poetic and Musical Reflection on the Theme, “Holy God, Holy, Lives”***

*Lunch break*

## **Session III**

1:45pm

Bishop Bradosky declared the Convocation back in session.

### **Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel**

Pr. Mark Chavez shared that there were no additional resolutions.

### **Resolution Regarding Election of Bishop**

Bishop Bradosky asked the Convocation to consider the resolution in regards to election of the Bishop. Resolution attached to minutes.

*Moved, seconded, adopted*

### **Report of Third Ballot**

Board of Regents, six-year term (one to be elected) - Ms. Donna W. Evans

### **Announcements of 2017 Canadian Rockies Theological Conference**

Pr. Karl Johnsen provided the following information:

May 9-12, 2017 at Coast Canmore Hotel, in Canmore, Alberta

Topic: Whose Likeness is this: Rendering to Caesar and Rendering to God [**Note:** Topic was changed following Convocation to “Auschwitz and Addis. The Church and Persecution”.]

### **Life-to-Life Discipleship Presentation**

Pr. Eric Riesen, chair of Life-to-Life Discipleship Team provided a presentation on life-to-life discipleship.

### **Life-to-Life Discipleship video and discussion**

### **Lutheran World Relief**

Chandler Carriker, senior manager at LWR, brought greetings and gratitude.

### **NALC Disaster Relief**

Pr. David McGettigan, NALC Disaster Response Coordinator, provided report.

### **Church and Ministry Task Force**

Pr. Nathan Yoder brought greetings on behalf of his mother, Marianne Howard Yoder, chair of the task force on Church and Ministry. He presented a report from the task force.



### **Missions Report**

Pr. Gemechis Buba, provided the report. Presented global workers: Pr. Didi Panzo, Pr. Matthew Riak, Pr. Jeff and Mim Nellermoe, Judy Perry, Pr. Nijhar Minz Ekka and Pr. Jhakmak Ekka, Pr. Charles and Anita Jackson and thanked ministry partners. He shared vision and goals for 2016-2017: Starting new mission congregations, church planting conference, congregational renewal, international mission, domestic mission trips, Great Commission Society, and multinational churches.

### **Ministry Partners**

Pr. Mark Chavez introduced representatives of ministry partners: Pr. Dan Hart, Friends of Madagascar Mission; Pr. David Breidenbach, East European Missions Network; Pr. Tom Curry, Awakening Lives to World Missions; Pr. Dennis Nelson, Lutheran CORE; Pr. Scott Licht, Lutherans for Life; Pr. Steven King, Sola Publishing; Chuck Lindquist, World Mission Prayer League.

### **Water Mission**

Kevin Herr provided an update on Water Mission.

### **Announcement of 2017 Pastors Conference**

Pr. David Wendel announced:  
Feb 14-16, Orlando, FL  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jim Nestingen  
Topic: Luther and Vocation

### **Announcement**

Pr. Tim Swenson presented an opportunity at Institute of Lutheran Theology, Doctor of Ministry program, *Reaching the Unreached*.

### **Announcement of Location of 2017 Convocation**

Aug 7-11, 2017, Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville, TN

### **Installation of elected officers**

4:45pm      **Close of Convocation**

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Benson, Recording Secretary