



MINUTES OF THE 2019 NALC CONVOCATION
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Morning Devotion & Opening of the Convocation

Led by Rev. Dr. Malcolm Guite, devotional leader & Rev. Bassam Abdallah, chaplain

8:44 a.m.

SESSION I

Call to Order

Rev. John Bradosky, NALC bishop, declared the convocation in session.

Announcements

Rev. Mark Chavez, NALC general secretary, announced the following: attendees must wear their nametag to enter the ballroom due to limited seating space; speeches from the floor will be limited to three minutes, per the Rules of Procedure; and attendance numbers as of the beginning of worship – lay (304), clergy (296) and visitors (185).

Introduction of Electronic Voting

Andrew Fuller, NALC director of communications, gave instructions on how to use electronic voting devices.

Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Rev. Melinda Jones, NALC Executive Council secretary, presented the Rules of Procedure. A change, pre-approved by the Executive Council, was presented. The change read,

8. A majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election to each of the two open Executive Council seats. Should the first ballot not result in an election, a second ballot shall be cast. The nominees for a second ballot shall include the names of the two persons who have received the highest vote on the first ballot, plus ties. The process shall continue in each race until one candidate wins a majority of the legal votes case.

The Convocation will elect two members to the Court of Adjudication from among four nominated candidates. As Section 15.01 of the NALC Constitution requires, the Convocation will use a "single ballot that includes all candidates." The two "receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected." Each delegate will be eligible to vote for up to two candidates. A majority of legal votes cast shall not be required for election.

From the floor, an amendment was proposed to "5." in the Rules of Procedure that visitors be given right of voice and not vote. Moved. Seconded.

Vote to close the debate.

Total number of ballots: 548

Yes 518



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No 30
Motion passed.

Vote to amend "5."

Total number of ballots: 561
Yes 186
No 375
Motion defeated.

Vote to adopt the Rules of Procedure.

Total number of ballots: 556
Yes 545
No 11
Adopted.

Approval of Agenda

Rev. Jones presented the agenda.

A proposed amendment to the agenda was presented as follows: "Informal Conversation with Nominees for Bishop" be moved to the assembly hall and allow for questions from the floor, time permitting. Seconded.

Rev. Chavez explained the Executive Council's rationale for informal conversations taking place in another room and in smaller groupings. *Discussion.*

The motion was presented as follows: to move that we include at least an hour of question and answers at the 1:30 session, after the first ballot has been tallied. Discussion.

Point of Order: The original proposal was the amendment and the specification of making the question and answer time during the 1:30 session was an amendment to the amendment. The amendment was clarified as follows: At 1:30 session this afternoon, we include at least an hour of time for questions and answers from the floor and from the questions that have been submitted to the four candidates. Seconded. Discussion. Question on all questions before the house moved. Seconded.

Vote to close the debate.

Total number of ballots: 553
Yes 513
No 40
Debate closed.

Vote on amendment to agenda.

Proposed Amendment: Incorporate time in the afternoon agenda that would include an hour of question and answer of all four candidates, from the floor, and everyone could hear the answers.

Total number of ballots: 557
Yes 277
No 280
Amendment failed.



Point of Order: With such a close vote, need to make every attempt to make sure everyone had a chance to vote.

Rev. Bradosky said they can tell how many votes were cast and how many devices are active in the room. The attendee specified that it is important that the delegates are able to trust the process.

Point of Order: Rev. Maurice Frontz (St. Stephen's – Pittsburgh PA) stated that according to Robert's Rules, any addresses are made to the chair and therefore any applause to a speech from the floor is not appropriate. He also asked that anyone speaking identify themselves.

Point of Order: Rev. Paul Gruetter (St. John's – Montpelier OH) asked for a comparison between the report of delegates attending and the number of votes casts in the last vote.

Rev. Bradosky said they can't confirm the number of people voting at a given time because people are coming and going from the ballroom.

Vote on amendment to the agenda.

Motion: "4:30 time would be in the full assembly so that questions and answers could be posed and heard by all those who are delegates here."

Total number of ballots: 563

Yes 240

No 323

Motion defeated.

Attempted Motion: Rev. Joel Berthelsen (Hope – Cedar Hill, TX) motioned that in addition to the 4:30 time, dinner time be made into a working dinner.

Rev. Bradosky explained the matter is closed for debate so no further motions can be entertained.

Vote on agenda.

Total number of ballots: 561

Yes 459

No 102

Agenda passed.

Point of Order: Rev. Donna Smith raised as a matter of decorum that there should not be applause when a vote is announced.

Recommendation of 2020 Nominating Committee

Rev. Melinda Jones presented the 2020 Nominating Committee recommended by the 2019 Nominating Committee and the Executive Council:

Rev. Hugh Brewer (Lennox, SD)

Rev. Dona Johnson (Loveland, OH)

Ms. Carol Lattier (Lindale, TX)

Mr. Eric Osness (Edmonton, AB)

Rev. Richard Tomlinson (Oregon, IL)

Vote on nominees for 2020 Nominating Committee.

Point of Order: Rev. Douglas Schoelles (Kingsburg, CA) asked for a show of hands of who had voted because people were having trouble voting.

Rev. Bradosky asked those who have voted to show their hands.

Total number of ballots: 550

Yes 534

No 11

Invalid 5

Nominees for 2020 Nominating Committee approved.

Introduction of Lutheran Week Planning Team

Rev. Mark Chavez, NALC general secretary, presented the latest count of delegates that had picked up their voting devices (clergy delegates: 296, lay delegates: 306). Five clergy and six lay delegates had not yet arrived and picked up their devices.

Rev. Chavez introduced the planning team: Rev. Will Hartfelder (chair); Jacqui El Torro (hotel negotiator); Rev. Bassam Abdallah (chaplain); Rev. Nathan Yoder (Young Theologians); Rev. Eric Riesen (Life-to-Life Discipleship Team, chair); Gary Pecuch (Youth Ministry Symposium); Rev. Ron Hoyum (Braaten-Benne Lectures, chair); Jody Ford (Women of the NALC); Rev. Tony Ede (A/V); Dawn Hahm, Rev. Pam Thorson, Rev. Larry Gember, Rev. Doug Gast (Local Logistics); and NALC staff members — Andrew Fuller, Anne Gleason, Becky Seifert, Jenny Brockman and Maddie Benson.

Introduction of the Committee on Reference and Counsel

Rev. Chavez introduced committee members: Rev. Mark Chavez (NALC General Secretary), James Gale (Court of Adjudication), Rev. David Hefner, Rosemary Johnson (Executive Council) and Douglas Walker. Any resolutions had to be submitted to the registration desk by noon on Thursday.

Introduction of Staff

Rev. Bradosky introduced the NALC staff: Rev. Mark Chavez (General Secretary), Rev. Dr. David Wendel (Assistant the Bishop for Ministry & Ecumenism), Rev. Gemechis Buba (Assistant to the Bishop for Missions), Andrew Fuller (Director of Communications), Rev. Dr. Amy Schifrin (President of North American Lutheran Seminary), Rev. Brad Hales (Director of Domestic Mission), Gary & Laurie Pecuch (Youth & Family Ministry Coaches), Mary Bates (Disaster Response Coordinator), Rev. Dr. David Baer (Newsletter Editor), Anne Gleason (Financial Administrator), Becky Seifert (Assistant to the Executive Staff), Jennifer Brockman (Assistant for Missions), Joan Corniea (Financial Assistant) and Maddie Benson (Communications Specialist).

Introduction of Executive Council

Rev. Bradosky introduced the Executive Council: Rev. Mark Braaten, Richard Jansak, Rosemary Johnson, Lynn Kickingbird, Rev. Kim Kimball, Rev. Carl Rasmussen, Brian Sutton, Rev. Melinda Jones (Recording Secretary) and Ryan Schwarz (Treasurer). Rev. Bradosky mentioned that Becky Seifert has also acted as recording secretary.

Introduction of Deans

Rev. Bradosky introduced the deans:



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Rev. Daniel M. Powell, *Convener of the Deans*
Rev. David McGettigan, *Atlantic Mission District*
Rev. Malcolm (Mac) de Waal, *Canadian Mission District*
Rev. Dr. Nathan Howard Yoder, *Carolinas Mission District*
Rev. Douglas Schoelles, *Central Pacific Mission District*
Rev. Tom Christenson, *Eastern South Dakota Mission District*
Rev. Fritz Brandenburg, *Great Plains Mission District East*
Rev. Richard Solberg, *Great Plains Mission District South*
Rev. Keith Less, *Great Plains Mission District West*
Rev. Preston Foster, *Great Rivers Mission District*
Rev. Pamela Thorson, *Heartland Mission District*
Rev. Marshall Hahn, *Iowa Mission District*
Rev. Steve Hartten, *Michigan Mission District*
Rev. Carl Johnson, *Mid-Northeast Mission District*
Rev. Trina Petersen, *Mid-South Mission District*
Rev. Lyle Belleque, *Minkota Mission District*
Rev. Jack Richards, *Northwest Mission District*
Rev. William Maki, *North West Ohio Mission District*
Rev. Paul Larson, *North Central Ohio Mission District*
Rev. Michael Koch, *North Eastern Ohio Mission District*
Rev. Jeffrey Morlock, *Southeastern Ohio Mission District*
Rev. Mark Daniels, *Southwest Ohio Mission District*
Rev. Ken Hohag, *Rocky Mountain Mission District*
Rev. Marvin Combs, *Southwest Pacific Mission District*
Rev. John Scheusner, *North Texas Mission District*
Rev. B.A. (Tim) Christ, *Southeast Texas Mission District*
Rev. Norm Sulaica, *Southwest Texas Mission District*
Rev. Bradley Hales, *Virginia Mission District*
Rev. Dr. David Baer, *Western Dakotas, Montana & Wyoming Mission District*
Rev. Craig Nehring, *Wisconsin & Upper Michigan Mission District*

Report of Nominating Committee

Marc Voigt, chair of the committee, presented the report. He introduced the committee: Rev. Wendy Berthelsen, Rev. Hugh Brewer, Erik Osness and Rev. Rich Tomlinson. He explained the nomination process began in January. The committee requested nominations from NALC congregations and members by two emails to deans, announcements in the *NALCNews*, announcements at the 2019 Pastors' Conference and telephone calls. Individuals nominated were asked to provide biographical information using a form approved by the Executive Council. Biographical information was published, in accordance with the Constitution, 90 days prior to the convocation. The list of candidates and their qualifications was posted on the NALC website, May 10, 2019 and published in the May *NALCNews* and sent via email to NALC congregations. No additional nominations were received during the additional nomination period, ending 45 days prior to the convocation.

Bishop, four-year term (one to be elected)

Rev. Dr. Catherine Braasch
Rev. B. A. "Tim" Christ
Rev. Phillip Gagnon
Rev. Dr. Jeffray S. Greene



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Rev. Marshall E. Hahn
Rev. Ronald Hoyum
Rev. Melinda H. Jones
Rev. Kenneth C. Kimball
Rev. James T. Lehmann
Rev. Dr. Eric M. Riesen
Rev. Dan Selbo
Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel

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

Rev. Bassam Abdallah
Rev. Rebecca M. M. Heber
Rev. Dr. Keith G. Less
Rev. K. Craig Moorman
Rev. Carl L. M. Rasmussen

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

Ms. Rebecka V. Andrae
Ms. Rosemary Johnson
Mr. Scott Kramer

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

Rev. Jennifer Gold
Rev. Leslie Haines
Rev. Martha Ramey
Mr. Allyn Ray Rub

Motion to close nominations for the Court of Adjudication. Seconded. Approved.

Motion to close nominations for the Executive Council. Seconded. Approved.

Bishop Nominations from the Floor

Motion from the floor to nominate Rev. Dr. Amy Schifrin. Seconded. Rev. Dr. Schifrin accepted the nomination.

Rev. Patti Morlock made a motion from the floor to nominate Rev. Dr. Amy Fisher Little. Seconded. Rev. Dr. Little accepted the nomination.

Rev. Bassam Abdallah asked if an individual was nominated by a congregation and declined the nomination, why would the convocation re-nominate that individual.

Rev. Bradosky responded that nominees can respond to that question when they submit their information for consideration.

Rev. Carl Johnson (St. John's – Kittanning PA) moved that nominations be closed. Seconded. Nominations closed.

Introduction of Process for Election of Bishop

Rev. Bradosky introduced the plan for the voting process.

Report from Lutheran World Relief

Matt Tackworth, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) senior advisor for marking and communications, brought greetings on behalf of LWR. IMA World Health and LWR are now working together. He thanked the NALC for their partnership with LWR.

Rev. Bradosky declared a ten-minute recess 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Bradosky declared the convocation back in order at 10:15 a.m.

Announcements

Rev. Chavez asked attendees to consider participating in a silent auction to support a congregation in Mexico that the Canadian Mission District is supporting.

Bible Study – “Walking by the Spirit, with the Fruit of the Spirit”

Rev. Gemechis Buba, NALC assistant to the bishop for missions, presented the Bible study in place of Rev. Dr. Jim Nestingen because Rev. Nestingen’s flight was cancelled.

Report on Youth & Family Ministry

Gary Pecuch, NALC youth & family ministry coach, shared stories to explain “why children’s ministry.” Gary and his wife, Laurie, are available to answer any questions on youth ministry.

Report on Lutheran Benefits Plan

Verlyn Hahn, president of Hahn Financial Group, introduced Michael Lendt, financial investment advisor and Luke Hahn, health division manager. Verlyn Hahn provided a report on the current offerings from Hahn Financial for rostered NALC pastors.

Introduction of Ecumenical and Inter-Lutheran Guests

Rev. David Wendel, NALC assistant to the bishop for ministry & ecumenism introduced the following ecumenical guests;

- Rev. Ray Sutton, Anglican Church in North American*
- Rev. Dr. Joel Lehenbauer, Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod*
- Ms. Carmen Laberge, Common Group Christian Network*
- Rev. Martin Fromm, Global Confessional and Missional Lutheran Forum*
- Rev. Andreas Spaeth, International Christian Network*
- Rev. Yonas Yigezu, Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus*
- Rev. Dr. Alex Mkumbo, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania*
- Rev. Erich Rutten, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

Announcements

Rev. Chavez shared announcements.

Rev. Bassam Abdallah, chaplain, led the convocation in prayer.

Rev. Bradosky declared recess until 1:30 p.m.

Rev. Bradosky declared the convocation back in session at 1:30 p.m.

Report of the Bishop

Rev. Bradosky presented his report.

Report of the NALC Life-to-Life Discipleship Team

Rev. Eric Riesen, chair, introduced the new NALC Life-to-Life Discipleship website, nalclifetolife.org. He introduced the NALC concept of CREDO (Confessional Renewal Engaging Discipleship and Outreach) and cast the NALC discipleship vision by playing their new trailer.

Recognition of Ordination Anniversaries

Rev. Bradosky recognized the following anniversaries:

65 Years

Rev. William A. Smith

60 years

Rev. Edwin D. Peterman
Rev. Theodore C. Ager
Rev. N. Dean Haferman
Rev. Brooke J. Walker

55 years

Rev. Kurt W. Borows Jr.

50 years

Rev. J. Larry Yoder Ph.D.
Rev. David H. Andreae
Rev. Harvey S. Mozolak
Rev. Gerhardt A. Gosnell

45 years

Rev. James E. Reiff
Rev. Steven L. Dornbusch
Rev. Gerald A. Miller
Rev. David Michael McGettigan

40 years

Rev. Jan R. Putnam
Rev. James C. Bangsund
Rev. Duane P. Marburger
Rev. Mark E. Sabin
Rev. James T. Lehmann
Rev. Thomas John Lurvey
Rev. R. Dawson Tornes
Rev. Daniel M. Powell
Rev. Alfredo Casta
Rev. Erik E. Johnson
Rev. Paul L. Larson
Rev. Brian F. Shirey
Rev. Carl L. M. Rasmussen
Rev. Rolf Olson Bjornstad
Rev. Karl A. Schoch

Rev. Jerry L. Rhea

35 years

Rev. Keith G. Less
Rev. Richard Barnes
Rev. David B. Tholstrup
Rev. Stephen P. Cowen
Rev. Peter DeBartolo Sr.
Rev. David M. Phillips
Rev. Amy C. Schifrin
Rev. Marilou Brook
Rev. B. A. Christ
Rev. Roger A. Herrig
Rev. William Schmidt
Rev. Randall Eisenbeisz
Rev. Mark J. Daniels
Rev. Pedro Portillo

30 years

Rev. Mary Ann Schave
Rev. James Pearson
Rev. Michael R. Struck
Rev. David J. Baer
Rev. Jeffrey A. Morlock
Rev. Thomas A. Curry
Rev. Paul E. Austin
Rev. Dawn Lee Nelson
Rev. Barbara M. Wills
Rev. Arlyn Howard Eisenbrandt
Rev. David M. Taylor
Rev. Jeffray S. Greene
Rev. Teshome Tesfaye Deingede
Rev. Allen W. Schoonover
Rev. Zeleke Yimer Gesesse

25 years

Rev. Herbert Gene Kitzman
Rev. Bradley Joseph Hales
Rev. Norman E. Dew
Rev. Andrew W. Jones

Rev. Sally M. Meyer
Rev. Karen Tamorria

Rev. Charles C. Jackson

Recognition of Military Chaplains, Personnel & their Families

Rev. Lenae Rasmussen, NALC military endorsing agent, introduced the following chaplains:

CH (COL) Jess Abbott
CH (LTC) Craig Abee
CH Candidate Ben Black
CH (ILT) Christopher Boyd
CH (LT) Paul Chapman
CH (MAJ) Paul Hansen
CH (COL) Douglas Hedman
CH (MAJ) Paul Lynn
CH (LTC) Steven Nicolai

CH (CPT) Paul Arne Schulz
CH (Ensign) Joe Pinzl
CH (CPT) Wesley K. Teixeira-Alves
CH (LTC) Douglas Westerlund
CH (LTC) Frezil Westerlund
CH Tim Beam
CH Greg Davidson
VA CH Steve Rice

Rev. Rasmussen introduced the Institute of Lutheran Theology's new master's in military chaplaincy program. She recognized retired chaplains, chaplains serving in other contexts, those who are currently serving, their families and all veterans.

Introduction of Seminararians

Rev. Bradosky asked all the NALC seminararians to stand. He shared about the last year's NEXUS event for high school students interested in theology.

Greeting from the North American Lutheran Seminary

Dr. Roy Schwarz introduced the NALC Board of Regents, Rev. Wendy Berthelsen, Rev. Cathi Braasch, Rev. John Bradosky, Donna Evans, Rev. Philip Gagnon, Rev. Dr. Jeffray Greene, Rev. Dennis Di Mauro, Rev. Dieter Punt, Rev. Dr. Amy Schifrin, Rev. Paull Spring. Mr. Schwarz gave an overview of what has been accomplished by the seminary in the past five years. He explained that the search for a new president for the seminary is suspended until the bishop election is complete because one of the candidates is also a candidate for bishop.

Rev. Dr. Amy Schifrin thanked the convocation for their support of the seminary. Rev. Dr. Schifrin invited attendees to visit their display table to learn more about the seminary's partnerships with other universities. She announced a new partnership with Concordia Seminary in Edmonton, AB.

Rev. Dr. Amy Schifrin thanked the staff of the NALS and introduced the new NALS website, thenals.org. She introduced Janessa Fisk, Trinity School for Ministry interim director of admissions and recruitment. Ms. Fisk brought greetings on behalf of Trinity School for Ministry.

Point of Order: Rev. Alan Knoke (St Paul. - Greenville OH) raised the concern that the first ballot is scheduled in the agenda for 1:30 p.m., it was now 2:30 p.m., out of respect for giving the delegates time to prepare for their 3:00 p.m. addresses he moved that the first ballot take place at that point in time and other reports be forgone until after the first ballot was been taken.

Rev. Bradosky explained that the ballot was delayed in order to give attendees time to read the biographical information for the nominees from the floor

First Ballot

Rev. Chavez reported the following attendance: 299 clergy, 308 lay, total: 607 delegates.

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

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

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

Vote for Bishop, four-year term (one to be elected).

Point of Order: Chip Frontz (St Stephen's - Pittsburgh PA) requested quiet for those who were still discerning their vote.

Greetings from Ecumenical & Inter-Lutheran Guests

The following ecumenical guests brought a greeting:

Rev. Ray R. Sutton, *Anglican Church in North America*

Ms. Carmen La Berge, *Common Ground Christian Network*

Rev. Eric Rutten, *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

Rev. Dr. Joel Lehenbauer, *Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

Rev. Martin Fromm, *Global Confessional and Missional Lutheran Forum*

Report of the First Ballot

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

Total Number of Ballots: 1,086 (delegates cast up to two votes)

Rev. Jennifer Gold 311

Rev. Leslie Haines 275

Mr. Allyn Ray Rub 260

Rev. Martha Ramey 206

Abstain 34

Rev. Bradosky declared Rev. Jennifer Gold and Rev. Leslie Haines elected to the court of adjudication for a four-year term.

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

Total Number of Ballots: 590

Number Necessary to Elect: 296

Rev. Bassam Abdallah 209

Rev. Carl L. M. Rasmussen 156

Rev. Rebecca M. M. Heber 91

Rev. K. Craig Moorman 65

Rev. Dr. Keith G. Less 50

Abstain 19

Rev. Bradosky declared the next ballot would include Rev. Bassam Abdallah and Rev. Carl L. M. Rasmussen.

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

Total Number of Ballots: 590

Number Necessary to Elect: 296

Mr. Scott Kramer 214



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Ms. Rosemary Johnson	194
Ms. Rebecka V. Andrae	139
Abstain	43

Rev. Bradosky declared the next ballot would include Scott Kramer and Rosemary Johnson.

Bishop, four-year term (one to be elected)

Total Number of Ballots:	592
Number Necessary to Elect:	297
Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel	163
Rev. Dan Selbo	71
Rev. Dr. Eric M. Riesen	69
Rev. Dr. Amy C. Schifrin	53
Rev. James T. Lehmann	46
Rev. Ronald Hoyum	36
Rev. Phillip Gagnon	25
Rev. B. A. "Tim" Christ	24
Rev. Kenneth C. Kimball	22
Rev. Catherine Braasch	21
Rev. Marshall E. Hahn	16
Rev. Melinda H. Jones	16
Rev. Jeffray S. Greene	14
Rev. Amy C. Little	11
Abstain/Invalid	5

Rev. Bradosky declared that the next ballot would include Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel, Rev. Dan Selbo, Rev. Dr. Eric M. Riesen and Rev. Dr. Amy C. Schifrin.

Addresses from Nominees for Bishop

The top four candidates for bishop presented an address: Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel, Rev. Dan Selbo, Rev. Dr. Amy C. Schifrin and Rev. Dr. Eric M. Riesen.

Announcements

Rev. Mark Chavez provided announcements.

Introduction of Newly Ordained Pastors

Rev. Bradosky introduced the following newly ordained pastors:

- Rev. Todd W. Cook**, *Miller's Lutheran Church - Hickory NC*
- Rev. Patricia Jean Braunscheidel**, *St Paul's Lutheran Church - Elma NY*
- Rev. Amy Elizabeth Carpenter**, *Christ the King Lutheran Church - Evans GA*
- Rev. John William Hoyum**, *Denny Park Lutheran Church - Seattle WA*
- Rev. M. Caleb Douglas**, *Immanuel Lutheran Church - New York NY*
- Rev. Titus Jaia Ngebeh**, *Presence St Joseph Medical Center - Joliet IL*
- Rev. Joesph Pinzl**, *Zion Lutheran Church - Wausau WI*

Recognition of Congregational Anniversaries

Rev. Bradosky recognized the following congregational anniversaries:

225 Years

St. Peter Lutheran Church - Chapin, SC

175 Years



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St. Matthew's Ev Lutheran Church – Riverside, MO
Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon – Watertown, WI

150 Years

Welcome Lutheran Church – Brenham, TX
Badger Lutheran Church – Badger, IA
Freemount Lutheran Church – Lindsborg, KS
Bethany Ev Lutheran Church – Montoursville, PA
St Luke's Ev Lutheran Church – Saxonburg, PA

125 Years

Mount Union Lutheran Church – Elderton, PA
Christ Lutheran Church – Elderton, PA

100 Years

Bethesda Lutheran Church – Wannaska, MN

Informal Conversation with Nominees for Bishop

Rev. Bradosky released the convocation to the Capitol ballrooms for the informal conversations.

Rev. Bradosky declared recess at 4:57 p.m until the banquet at 6:30 p.m.

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8:00 a.m.

Devotion

Rev. Dr. Guite and Rev. Abdallah led a devotion.

SESSION III

Second Ballot

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

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

Vote for Bishop, four-year term (one to be elected).

Report of the Treasurer

Ryan Schwarz, NALC treasurer, presented a brief report on the NALC financials for the past year, provided a forecast of the NALC financials for 2019, and presented the proposed 2020 Budget.

Vote on adoption of Treasurer's Report. *Moved. Seconded. Approved.*

Mike Johnson, member of Living & Giving Stewardship Team, proposed that all congregations that affiliate with the NALC contribute to the NALC to eliminate the annual operating deficit.

Vote on adoption of the 2020 Budget. *Moved. Seconded. Approved.*

Report of Second Ballot

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



Total Number of Ballots:	581
Number Necessary to Elect:	291
Rev. Bassam Abdallah	321
Rev. Carl L. M. Rasmussen	251
Abstain	9

Rev. Bradosky declared Rev. Bassam Abdallah elected to the Executive Council for a four-year term.

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

Total Number of Ballots:	577
Number Necessary to Elect:	289
Mr. Scott Kramer	293
Ms. Rosemary Johnson	247
Abstain/Invalid	37

Rev. Bradosky declared Scott Kramer elected to the Executive Council for a four-year term.

Bishop, four-year term (one to be elected)

Total Number of Ballots:	585
Number Necessary to Elect:	293
Rev. Dan Selbo	198
Rev. Dr. Eric M. Riesen	187
Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel	168
Rev. Dr. Amy C. Schifrin	31
Abstain/Invalid	1

Rev. Bradosky declared that the next ballot would include Rev. Dan Selbo, Rev. Dr. Eric M. Riesen and Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel.

Report of the Living & Giving Stewardship Team

Rev. Dona Johnson and Rev. Gene Grimm introduced the team's program, "Stewards of God's Influence: Time, Treasure, Talents and Testimony." They shared about the work of the team this past year: visiting congregations and teaching workshops.

Report from Lutherans for Life

Rev. Scott Licht, national director of Lutherans For Life, thanked attendees for their support of Lutherans For Life and encouraged attendees to sign the "Petition For Life." He invited the convocation to attend a regional conference. Rev. Dennis Di Mauro, former chair of NALC Life Ministries, introduced the history of NALC Life Ministries. Rebecka Andrae, current chair of NALC Life Ministries, announced the 2020 NALC Life Ministries Conference, thanked the members of the Life Ministries team and invited others to join.

Report of the Committee on Reference & Counsel

No resolutions were received.

Greetings from Ecumenical & Inter-Lutheran Guests (cont.)

The following guests greeted the convocation:

Rev. Andrae Spaeth, *International Christian Network*



Rev. Yonas Yigezu, *Ethiopian Evangelical Lutheran Church Mekane Yesus*
Rev. Dr. Alex Mkumbo, *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania*

Third Ballot

Vote on Bishop, four-year term (one to be elected).

Rev. Bradosky declared a fifteen-minute recess at 11:35 a.m.

Report of Third Ballot

Bishop, four-year term (one to be elected)

Total Number of Ballots:	576
Number Necessary to Elect:	289
Rev. Dan Selbo	239
Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen	194
Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel	143
Abstain/Invalid	0

Rev. Bradosky declared that Rev. Dan Selbo and Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen would appear on the next ballot.

Report from Commission on Theology & Doctrine

Rev. Dr. Maurice Lee, convener of the Commission on Theology & Doctrine, drew attention to the statement, *The Bible as the Word of God*, provided to all attendees in their registration packet.

Report from the Women of the NALC

Jacqui El Torro, chair of the Women of the NALC (WNALC), introduced the WNALC council. She shared about the work done by the Women of the NALC.

Devotions led by Nominees for Bishop

Rev. Eric Riesen and Rev. Dan Selbo each presented a ten-minute devotion.

Rev. Bassam Abdallah closed the session with prayer.

SESSION III

Report of the Disaster Response Team

Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response coordinator, reported on the work of the team over the past year.

Report on Missions

Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba, assistant to the bishop for missions, encouraged every congregation to consider planting a mission congregation and raising up a pastor for the NALC. He thanked the NALC for their generosity towards NALC Global Workers. He outlined the next year's mission strategy. The convocation commissioned Rev. Heidi Punt as a global worker to Haiti.

Report from Water Mission International

Kevin Herr, Water Mission International director of church partnerships, thanked the NALC for their partnership and shared about the work of Water Mission International.

Recognition of Ministry Partners and Recognized Ministries

Rev. Mark Chavez introduced the following NALC Ministry Partners:

Rev. Bill Moberly, *Awakening Lives to World Missions*
Rev. Jeff Nellerhoe, *China Service Ventures*
Rev. Mike Wind, *East European Missions Network*
Rev. David Lerseth, *Friends of Madagascar Mission*
Ms. Ruth Brodeen, *India Transformed*
Rev. Tom Hilpert, *Life Together Churches*
Rev. Dennis Nelson, *Lutheran CORE*
Rev. Scott Licht, *Lutherans For Life*
Mr. Bill Oehlschlager, *Lutheran Lay Renewal*
Rev. Leslie Haines, *Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries*
Ms. Kit Brunson, *SMI Haiti*
Rev. Steve King, *Sola Publishing*
Rev. Paul Gossman, *World Mission Prayer League*

And Recognized Ministries:

Ms. Kimberly Trombley, *Bethesda Lutheran Communities*
Rev. Paul Kreuger, *Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch*
Ms. Joy Jones, *Malawi Orphan Care Project*
Mr. Kevin Herr, *Water Mission*

Report of Fourth Ballot

Bishop, four-year term (one to be elected)

Total Number of Ballots:	541
Number Necessary to Elect:	271
Rev. Dan Selbo	326
Rev. Dr. Eric M. Riesen	211
Abstain/Invalid	4

Rev. Bradosky announced Rev. Dan Selbo elected bishop for a four-year term.

Rev. Dan Selbo, bishop-elect accepted his call to serve the NALC as bishop.

Announcement of Pastors' Conference 2020

Rev. Wendel announced DiscipleLife2020, a joint discipleship conference with the ACNA in Orlando, FL. The conference will take place February 13-15, 2020 and will include the NALC Ministerium.

Announcement of Canadian Rockies Theological Conference 2020

Rev. Philip Gagnon announced the conference will be held April 21-24, 2019 in Canmore, Alberta. The theme of the conference will be "Non-religious Christianity in a World of Non-religious Christians."

Announcement of Lutheran Week 2020

Rev. Chavez announced the 2020 Lutheran Week will be August 3-7, 2020 in Pittsburgh, PA at the Omni William Penn Hotel. Lutheran Week 2021 will be August 2-6, 2021 in Corpus Christi, TX. Events will be held at the American Bank Center and the hotel will be the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel.



Rev. Bradosky declared a fifteen-minute recess at 3 p.m.

3:45 p.m.
Eucharist/Installation of Bishop & Elected Officers

5:00 p.m.
Rev. Selbo declared the convocation closed.