



**Thursday, July 24, 2014**

**Session I**

**Morning Prayer:** The 2014 Convocation was called to worship at 8:30AM by the Rev. Melinda Jones. The Convocation began with Bishop John Bradosky leading worship. The service bulletin is attached to the Recording Secretary’s minutes.

**Call to Order:** The Rev. John Bradosky, Bishop of the NALC, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members and guests to the Convocation at 9:30AM.

**Adoption of Rules of Procedure, resolution no. 1:**

Motion made that the Rules of Procedure distributed at this Convocation be adopted as the rules of procedure for the 2014 Convocation was made by Pr. Rebecca Heber.

*Moved, seconded, approved*

**Adoption of Agenda, resolution no. 2:**

Motion that the Agenda proposed for this Convocation be adopted as the agenda for the 2014 Convocation, with the addition of a report on the North American Lutheran Seminary prior to the Treasurer’s report, was made by Pr. Rebecca Heber.

*Moved, seconded, approved*

**Nominations:** Bishop Bradosky introduced Pr. Mike Tamorria, chair of the nominations committee. Pr. Tamorria listed the slates of candidates and explained the voting process.

Bishop Bradosky asked for the nominations to be closed.

*Moved, seconded, approved*

**Introductions and Greetings by Bishop Bradosky:**

Ecumenical Guests – Pr. David Wendel introduced the following ecumenical guests.

The Rev. Rudy Pastucha, Third Vice-President of Lutheran Church-Canada

The Rev. Dr Joel Lehenbauer, Executive Director, Commission on Theology and Church Relations, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

The Rev. Travis Boline, priest at All Saint’s Anglican Church, Tallahassee, FL, Anglican Church in North America

Father Don Rooney, President of CADEIO (Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers) – Roman Catholic Church

Mr. Rick Caporali, Exec. Assistant to Father Rooney

Mr. Robert Brock, Voice of the Martyrs

The Rev. Valery Hryhoryk, Belarus Lutheran Missionary Fellowship

Bishop Roland Gustafsson, Swedish Mission Province

The Rev. Dr. Bengt Birgersson, General Secretary, Swedish Mission Province

The Rev. Martin Fromm, Member of IKBG (International Christian Network)

The Rev. Dr. Marcus Kunz, Asst. to the Bishop/Theological Discernment for the ELCA

The Rev. Dr. Dr. Werner Neuer: International Christian Network (IKBG)

The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden Sr., Bishop Ordinary of the Reformed Episcopal Diocese, Summerville, SC



Ecumenical greetings were brought by the following guests at this time.

The Rev. Dr. Bengt Birgersson

The Rev. Valery Hryhoryk

**Ministry Partners:** Bishop Bradosky recognized our ministry partners. The ministries included China Service Ventures, East European Missions Network, Friends of Madagascar Mission, India Transformed/UEMI, Lutheran CORE, Lutherans for Life, Sola Publishing, World Mission Prayer League, and Youth Encounter

**Introduction of the Navigators:** Pr. Mark Chavez introduced the representatives from the Navigators. It was announced that there will be opportunities for coaching sessions later in the day.

**Introduction of the Chairpersons for the 2014 Convocation:** Pr. Mark Chavez introduced the following chairpersons.

Parliamentarian – Rev. Ralph Kempinski

Election Chair – Rev. Carl Johnson

Nominating Committee – Rev. Mike Tamorria

Worship Chair – Rev. Melinda Jones

Facilities – Anne Gleason

Reference and Counsel – Rev. Mark Chavez

**Welcome from our Host Mission District:** The Carolinas Mission District

**Bishop’s Report:** The written report of the Bishop is included within attachments to the official minutes.

11:00 AM Break

11:15 AM Session I resumed with a **Bible Study** led by Pr. Dan Selbo.

12:00 PM **Prayer and Hymn**

Lunch

## Session II

1:00 PM **Call to Order** by Bishop John Bradosky.

**Devotions** were given by Pr. Brad Hales.

**Discipleship Minute** was given by Randy Hanna.

**Introduction of Staff:** Bishop Bradosky introduced the following staff members: Rev. Mark Chavez, Rev. Dr. David Wendel, Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba, Anne Gleason, Becky Seifert, Jenny Brockman, Kathy Jacobson, and Stephanie (Larson) Kallestad.

Bishop Bradosky recognized Pr. Rebecca Heber and Ms. Kay Weaver for their work and dedication for serving on the Executive Council, as their terms come to an end.



**Introduction of the Mission District Deans by Pr. Mark Chavez:**

Rev. Dr. Michael Tavella, Atlantic  
Rev. Phil Gagnon, Canada  
Rev. Eddy Perez, Caribbean and Hispanic  
Rev. Carl Haynes, Carolinas  
Rev. Daniel Selbo, Central Pacific  
Rev. Randy Eisenbeiz, Eastern South Dakota  
Rev. Russ Saltzman, Great Plains  
Rev. James Lehmann, Great Rivers  
Rev. Larry Gember, Heartland  
Rev. Ken Kimball, Iowa  
Rev. Tim Loehrke, Michigan  
Rev. Eric Riesen, Mid-Northeast  
Rev. William White, Mid-South  
Rev. Timothy Lundeen, Minkota,  
Rev. Mark Braaten, North Texas  
Rev. Jack Richards, Northwest  
Rev. Alan Knoke, Ohio  
Rev. Ken Hohag, Rocky Mountain  
Rev. Christopher Byars, Sonshine (FL)  
Rev. David Priem, South Texas  
Rev. Marv Combs, Southwest Pacific  
Rev. Bradley Hales, Virginia  
Rev. David Baer, Western Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming  
Rev. Roy Harrisville, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan MD

Pr. Mark Chavez introduced the **Disaster Response Task Force**. He also introduced **Water Missions International** spokesman, George Greene Jr.

**Introduction to Lutheran World Relief:** Kristin Vought, Becca Tumm

**A quorum is declared by Reference and Counsel.**

**First Ballot:** Pr. Carl Johnson, chair of the elections committee, introduced the first ballot. Pr. Johnson gave instructions for balloting and read the names and terms for each ballot.

Bishop Bradosky called for a motion for nominations to be closed. *Moved, seconded, approved*

**Presentation from Voice of the Martyrs:** Robert Brock (30 Minutes)

3:00PM Break

3:20PM Session II resumes

**Report by the Rev. Dr. Amy Schifrin** was given on the North American Lutheran Seminary.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Ryan Schwarz, NALC Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s Report (included in the Convocation folder). Mr. Schwarz began by reviewing year end 2013. All information will be posted



on the NALC website, *theNALC.org*. Mr. Schwarz asked for questions from the floor. Receiving none, he continued with the 2014 Budgets (Operations, Theological Education Fund and Great Commission Fund). Information was on a handout. Mr. Schwarz also updated the Convocation on the approval of the NALC umbrella 501(c)(3) status.

**Proposed 2015 NALC Budget:** The 2015 budget will be voted on as a complete package, which will include the operating budget, the dedicated funds budget and the North American Lutheran Seminary budget.

*Moved, seconded, approved.*

**Introduction of Military Chaplains:** Pr. Lenae Rasmussen introduced military chaplains, both serving and retired. She also introduced several military families.

U.S. Army Active Duty  
CH (MAJ) Glenn Palmer  
CH (CPT) Wesley Teixeira-Alves  
CH (1LT) Zachary Ostrem  
U.S. Army Reserve  
CH (CPT) Michael Giese  
CH (CPT) Paul Hansen  
U.S. Navy Active Duty  
CH (LT) Paul Chapman  
Retired  
CH (MAJ) John Sutton  
CH (LTC) John Rasmussen  
CH (MAJ) Alvin Shrum  
CH (LTG) Victor Langford

**Ecumenical Greetings:**

Rev. Rudy Pastucha, The Lutheran Church–Canada  
Rev. Dr Joel Lehenbauer, The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

**Report of Reference and Council:** Pr. Mark Chavez announced that two resolutions were submitted today. The resolutions will be presented in the next session.

**Discipleship Minute** by Pr. Warren and Mrs. Cynthia Reichert, Grace Lutheran Church, Eaton, OH.

4:30PM — **Closing Devotions** Pr. Carl Haynes

## Friday, July 25, 2014

### Session III

7:00 AM *Breakfast Meetings of Deans (cafeteria)*

8:30 AM *Holy Communion Service (Swedish Mission Province Bishop Roland Gustafsson preaching)*

10:00 AM Bishop Bradosky called Session III to order.



**Report by Reference and Counsel:**

222 Clergy Delegates  
214 Lay Delegates  
436 Total Delegates

**Report of the First Ballot:** Pr. Carl Johnson gave the following report.

Executive Council, clergy, three-year term (1) — no election  
Executive Council, lay, four-year term (1) — no election  
Executive Council, clergy, four-year term (1) — no election  
Board of Regents, two-year term (3) — elected: Bishop Paull Spring; no further election  
Board of Regents, four-year term (3) — elected: Pr. Philip Gagnon; no further election  
Board of Regents, six-year term (3) — elected: Dr. Roy Schwarz; no further election

**Second Ballot:** Ballots passed out and collected to tally. During this time, Bishop Bradosky gave thanks to the Rev. Carl Haynes and the Carolina Mission District for the dinner Thursday evening.

**Discipleship Minute** by Pr. Dan Powell

**Resolution presented by Pr. Mark Chavez:** A resolution from the Executive Council to amend section 7.01 of the Constitution to give flexibility for securing future convocation dates. *Moved, seconded, approved.*

This amendment will need to be ratified by each congregation.

**Ecumenical Greeting:** Pr. Mark Chavez introduced the Rev. Martin Fromm, International Christian Network (IKBG):

Pr. Mark Chavez gave information and instructions for attending workshops immediately before and following lunch.

11:00 AM Discipleship Workshops I

12:00 PM Lunch

## Session IV

1:15 PM Discipleship Workshops II

2:30 PM Session IV called to order by Bishop John Bradosky

**Devotion** was given by Pr. Jim Lehmann.

**Report of Second Ballot:** Pr. Carl Johnson gave the following report.

Executive Council, clergy, three-year term — no election  
Executive Council, clergy, four-year term — no election  
Executive Council, lay, four-year term — Richard Jansak elected  
Board of Regents, two-year term — no election



Board of Regents, four-year term — Pr. Wendy Berthelsen elected; no further election  
 Board of Regents, six-year term — Pr. Dieter Punt elected; no further election

**Third Ballot:** Ballots passed out and collected to tally.

**Discipleship Minute:** Pastor Brack East spoke via video on his personal journey with the Navigators. The video will be posted on the NALC website.

**Ecumenical Greeting:** Rev. Travis Boline, Anglican Church in North America, was introduced and brought greetings from the Anglican Church and their newly elected bishop, Foley Beach.

**Missions Report:** Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba

**Voice of the Martyrs:** Second installment, by Robert Brock

**Motion from Reference and Counsel** to refer two resolutions from Pr. Russ Saltzman to the Executive Council for further study and considerations. Discussion.... Vote...approved.

**Prayer request:** Barry Linley from St. James, Newton (fell while working on the church’s organ) being taken off life support. Prayers for Barry, his wife Sue, and family.

**Introduction of newly ordained pastors.**

<b><u>ORDAINED</u></b>	<b><u>FULL NAME</u></b>	<b><u>CHURCH</u></b>	<b><u>CITY/STATE</u></b>
8/18/13	Rev Christopher D Thorson	Risen Lord LC	Edmonton AB
9/15/13	Rev John D Cutlip	Lebanon LC	Strasburg VA
10/5/13	Rev Faisa B Atomsa	Oromo Ev Christian Church	Kansas City MO
10/27/13	Rev Zachary E Ostrem	Military Chaplain	
3/30/14	Rev Donna Alm	Peace LC	Claresholm AB
6/22/14	Rev Cynthia Bisser	Immanuel LC of Flatville	Thomasboro IL

**Introduction of seminarians**

**LWF Update:** Rev. Dr. David Wendel reported on the response received from the Lutheran World Federation, and the NALC response. This information can be found in the July, 2014 NALC Newsletter.

**2015 Pastors’ Conference announced:** Feb 10-12 at the Doubletree Hotel, Orlando, FL.



**Recognition of ordination anniversaries:**

<b><u>YEARS</u></b>	<b><u>ORDINATION</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>
<b>60 years</b>	6/20/54	Rev Jack E Trethewey
	6/30/54	Rev William A Smith
<b>55 years</b>	5/12/59	Rev Edwin Peterman
	5/31/59	Rev Theodore C Ager
	6/21/59	Rev N Dean Haferman
	6/22/59	Rev Ingthor Isfeld
	10/21/59	Rev Brooke J Walker
<b>50 years</b>		
	6/21/64	Rev Dr Kurt W Borows Jr
<b>45 years</b>		
	6/1/69	Rev Dr J Larry Yoder
	6/29/69	Rev Harvey S Mozolak
	7/6/69	Rev Gerhardt A Gosnell
<b>40 years</b>		
	3/24/74	Rev James E Reiff
	6/2/74	Rev Steven L Dornbusch
	9/1/74	Rev Gerald A Miller
	12/21/74	Rev David M McGettigan
<b>35 years</b>		
	2/4/79	Rev Dr James C Bangsund
	4/8/79	Rev Duane P Marburger
	6/3/79	Rev James T Lehmann
	6/10/79	Rev R Dawson Tornes
	6/15/79	Rev Daniel M Powell
	6/15/79	Rev Alfredo Casta
	7/1/79	Rev Erik Johnson
	7/1/79	Rev Paul L Larson
	7/9/79	Rev Brian F Shirey
	7/15/79	Rev Carl L M Rasmussen
	8/15/79	Rev Rolf O Bjornstad
	10/28/79	Rev Karl A Schoch
11/11/79	Rev Jerry L Rhea	





**30 years**

5/21/84	Rev Richard Barnes
5/25/84	Rev David B Tholstrup
6/1/84	Rev Stephen P Cowen
6/8/84	Rev Peter DeBartolo Sr
6/16/84	Rev David M Phillips
6/17/84	Rev Dr Amy C Schifrin
8/12/84	Rev Marilou Brook
8/19/84	Rev B A Christ
8/25/84	Rev Roger A Herrig
8/26/84	Rev William Schmidt
9/23/84	Rev Randall Eisenbeisz
11/5/84	Rev Mark J Daniels

**25 years**

4/30/89	Rev Mary Ann Schave
5/21/89	Rev James Pearson
6/4/89	Rev Michael R Struck
7/2/89	Rev David J Baer
7/2/89	Rev Jeffrey A Morlock
7/8/89	Rev Thomas A Curry
7/14/89	Rev Bernard F Daiker
7/16/89	Rev Paul E Austin
7/28/89	Rev Dawn L Nelson
8/20/89	Rev Arlyn H Eisenbrandt
8/20/89	Rev Barbara M Wills
9/28/89	Rev David M Taylor
10/2/89	Rev Jeffray S Greene
10/22/89	Rev Teshome Tesfaye Deingede
11/20/89	Rev Allen W Schoonover

**20 years**

5/28/94	Rev Herbert G Kitzman
6/19/94	Rev Bradley J Hales
6/19/94	Rev Norman E Dew
7/10/94	Rev Andrew W Jones
10/9/94	Rev Sally M Meyer
10/22/94	Rev Karen Tamorria
11/27/94	Rev Charles Jackson

Bishop Bradosky recognized Pr. David Baer for his work on the NALC NEWS.





**WNALC:** Newly elected officers to the Women’s Council were announced.

Chair: Brenda Boor  
Vice-Chair: Jessie Phillips  
Secretary: Sherrie Palan  
Treasurer: Jeanne Wallace

Additional council members: Beverly Bruns, Pam Charas, Linda Hood, Kay Weaver

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Report on the 2015 NALC Convocation:** The Convocation will be held at the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Closing worship was held while waiting for the final ballot tally.

**Report of the Third Ballot:** Pr. Carl Johnson reported the following.

Executive Council, clergy, three-year term — Pr. Mark Braaten elected  
Executive Council, clergy, four-year term — Pr. Melinda Jones elected  
Board of Regents, two-year term — Ms. Donna Evans, Mr. Frank Merrell, Pr. Jeffrey Greene elected  
Board of Regents, four-year term — Pr Donna Smith elected  
Board of Regents, six-year term — Pr. Mark Ryman elected

**Installation of Leaders:** At 4:06 PM, Bishop John Bradosky installed the newly elected members of the Court of Adjudication, Executive Council and the NALS Board of Regents.

**Closing Prayer**

Bishop Bradosky declared the 2014 Convocation closed at 4:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Seifert, Recording Secretary