



**Thursday, August 13, 2015**

**Session I**

8:30AM

**Morning Prayer:** The 2015 Convocation was called to worship at 8:30AM by Pr. Dan Selbo. The Convocation began with Bishop John Bradosky leading worship. The service bulletin is attached to the Recording Secretary's minutes.

9:30AM

**Call to Order:** Bishop John Bradosky 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 that the Rules of Procedure distributed at this Convocation be adopted as the rules of procedure for the 2015 Convocation was made by Pr. Melinda Jones

*Moved, seconded, approved.*

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

Motion that the Agenda proposed for this Convocation be adopted as the agenda for the 2015 Convocation was made by Pr. Melinda Jones.

*Moved, seconded, approved.*

**Announcements and Introduction of the Lutheran Week Planning Team:** Pr. Mark Chavez reported the following information. Number present: 211(pastors) 179(Lay) for a total of 390 delegates. There were 147 visitors for a total of 537 present.

Pr. Chavez introduced the planning team for Lutheran Week:

- Parliamentarian - Pr. Jeffray Greene
- Election Chair - Pr. Carl Johnson
- Nominating Committee - Pr. Bert Schultz
- Worship Chair - Pr. Dan Selbo
- Facilities - Anne Gleason
- Reference and Counsel - Pr. Mark Chavez

**Introductions and recognition by Bishop Bradosky:** Bishop Bradosky introduced the Mission District Deans, the Executive Council and the NALC staff.

**Nominations:** Bishop Bradosky introduced Pr. Bert Schultz, chair of the nominations committee. Pr. Schultz listed the slate of candidates and explained the voting process. He also thanked the members of the committee: Pr. Carter Askren, Pr Don Brandt, Pr. Theresa Jacobson and Mr. Harvey Hengst.



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**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.

List of Nominees:

Executive Council, clergy four-year term (elect one): Pastors Tom Hux, Carl Rasmussen, Paul Reiff and Eric Waters.

Executive Council, lay four-year term (elect one) Rosemary Johnson and Stephen Lord

Executive Council, lay two -year term (elect one) John Elling and Brian Sutton

Court of Adjudication, four-year term (elect two) Carolyn Nestingen (incumbent, Pastor Marty Ramey

Bishop, four-year term: John Bradosky

Nomination from the floor: Dennis Myer nominates Pr. James Lehmann for Bishop

*Moved to close nominations for bishop; seconded, approved.*

*Pastor Carl Johnson, chair of the election committee, moved the election of Carolyn Nestingen and Marty Ramey for 4-year terms on the Court of Adjudication; seconded, approved.*

Bishop Bradosky called for the nominations to be closed.

*Moved, seconded, approved.*

**Report by the Rev. Dr. Amy Schifrin:** The North American Lutheran Seminary. Report included in committee reports.

Dr. M. Roy Schwarz, chair of the Board of Regents introduced the board members present: Pastors Wendy Berthelsen, Phillip Gagnon, Jeffray Greene, Dieter Punt, Mark Ryman, Paull Spring and Donna Smith, and named the remaining two not present – Mrs. Donna Evans and Mr. Frank Merrell.

**Keynote Bible Study presented by Pr. Bassam J. Abdallah**

12:00 PM **Prayer and Hymn**

Lunch

## Session II

1:00PM

**Call to Order:** Bishop John Bradosky



**Recognition of Ecumenical and Inter-Lutheran Guests, with greetings:** Pr. David Wendel introduced the following guests. Pr. Larry Vogel, LCMS; Bishop Ray Sutton, ACNA; General Secretary Berhanu Ofgaa, EECMY; Pr. David Eibel, LCMC; Kathryn Johnson, ELCA; Pr. Brian Christensen of EMN from Denmark; Pr. Andreas Spaeth and Pr. Martin Fromm of IKBG, Germany.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Ryan Schwarz, NALC Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report (included in packet). Mr. Schwarz began by reviewing year-end 2014. All information will be posted on the NALC website, *theNALC.org*. Mr. Schwarz asked for questions from the floor. After review and discussion, he continued with the 2015 Budgets (Operations, Theological Education Fund and Great Commission Fund). Information was on a handout.

**Proposed 2016 NALC Budget:** The 2016 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. Discussion.

*Moved, seconded, approved.*

**Report of the First Ballot:** Pr. Carl Johnson gave the following report.  
Executive Council, clergy four-year term (1) - no election  
Executive Council, lay two-year term (1) - Brian Sutton elected  
Executive Council, lay four-year term (1) - Rosemary Johnson elected  
Office of Bishop, four-year term (1) - John Bradosky elected

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

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

**Constitutional Changes and Ballot:**  
Previously discussed constitutional changes were approved by the Executive Council. Written copy was distributed in the convocation packet.  
Vote to approve the amendments to the NALC Constitution.  
*Moved, seconded, approved.*

**Keynote Speaker, with Q and A: Robert Spencer**

Break

### Session III

3:30PM

**Call to Order:** Bishop John Bradosky

**Discipleship Moment Video**



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**Lutheran Benefits Plan:** Mr. Verlyn Hahn from the Hahn Financial Group reported on the updated health insurance and retirement plans. Written reports were distributed in the Convocation packets.

**Lutheran World Relief greetings**

**NALC Disaster Greetings:** Brought by Pr. David McGettigan

**Resolutions:** Two resolutions were brought to Reference and Counsel. The resolutions will be brought forward later in the meeting.

**Bishop's Report:** Bishop Bradosky presented his 2015 report. Written copies were distributed in the convocation packets.

**Names of the 2016 nominating committee:**

Pr. Hilbert Schultz, WI  
Ms. Shelly Ree, AB  
Mr. Harvey Hengst, TX  
Pr. Cathi Braasch, NE  
Pr. Don Brandt, OR

**Report of the 2nd Ballot:**

Mr. Carl Rasmussen elected to a four-year term on the Executive Council.

5:30PM

**Closing Prayer:** Pr. Dan Selbo

7:00PM

Evening Program: The evening program celebrated pastoral and congregational anniversaries. The evening concluded with a concert by Steve Bell.

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**Session IV**

7:00 AM Breakfast Meetings of Deans

8:30AM

**Call to Order:** Bishop John Bradosky



Pr. Dan Selbo led morning prayer.

**Registration report by Pr. Mark Chavez:**

226 Clergy Delegates

180 Lay Delegates

175 Visitors

Bishop Bradosky recognized the NALC's Hawaiian congregation, Chinese Lutheran Church of Honolulu, along with Prs. Simon Lee and Wayne Chi.

**Missions Report:** Pr. Gemechis Buba presented his report. Written copies were distributed.

**Ministry Partners:** Pr. Mark Chavez recognized the NALC Ministry Partners: Awakening Lives for World Mission, China Service Ventures, Friends of Madagascar, Lutheran CORE, Lutherans for Life, Sola, World Mission Prayer League and India Transformed.

Water Mission International spoke about its work with the NALC.

10:00AM

**Keynote Speaker: Margaret Khamoo**

10:45AM Break

11:00AM Workshops I

12:00PM Lunch

1:00PM Workshops II

**Session V**

2:00PM

**Call to Order:** Bishop John Bradosky

**Unfinished Business:** Pr. Mark Chavez reported that the second resolution presented will not move forward at this assembly due to the author not being present. The first resolution was put forward on the screen. The resolution is attached to the minutes. Discussion.

*Moved, seconded, approved.*

Pr. Cathi Braasch reported on the Holy Families Initiative



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**Announcements:** Updates on the 2016 Pastor's Conference, the 2016 Canadian Rockies Theological Conference, the 2016 Convocation location (Anaheim, CA), the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration, Video series by Prof. Jim Nestingen on "Luther's Small Catechism"

3:00PM

**Closing Worship:** Closing Worship with Holy Communion. Bishop Paull Spring preached and Bishop John Bradosky presided. Installation of Elected Leaders, Renewal of Vows of Ordination and Rite for the Close of the Convocation.

5:00PM

**Close of Convocation**

Respectfully submitted  
Becky Seifert

## **RESOLUTION**

Whereas the NALC continues to grow, and is blessed to carry out Christ's mission to bring salvation to a world in need of the saving grace of God; and

Whereas the process of the election of the Office of Bishop has blessed the church thus far. The election process could better serve the church to allow a more open process whereby the working of the Holy Spirit, and the gifts of God's people might be used for the glory of God;

Therefore, be it resolved that the 2015 NALC Convocation refer to the Deans and the Executive Council to study the nomination and election process of the Office of Bishop, and present a proposal at its 2016 Convocation.

Submitted by Pastor David Priem and Pastor B. A. "Tim" Christ