

**REPORTS OF THE
2018 ASSEMBLY
NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
SYNOD
of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
in AMERICA**



Mohegan Sun Arena

Wilkes-Barre, PA

June 8-9, 2018

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NEPA Synod Assembly 2018

31st Annual Synod Assembly
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA
June 8-9, 2018
Mohegan Sun Arena
Wilkes-Barre, PA

2018 Synod Assembly Program

Friday, June 8, 2018

8:00 AM Registration Opens

9:00 - 11:00 AM Plenary Session One

Introduction of Guests
 Opening Worship (with Order for the Opening of an Assembly)
 Adoption of the Program
 Report of the Nominating Committee/Floor Nominations
 First Ballot
 Report of the Bishop
 Greetings from Pastor President Gustavo Gómez Pascua
 Greetings from Ministries/Organizations
 Announcements

11:00 - 2:30 PM Lunch on your own/Round Robin Activities

Bear Creek Camp/Ministry Displays/Service Projects

2:30 - 3:35 PM Plenary Session Two

Gathering Music/Prayer
 Reports of the Vice President and Synod Council
 Reception of the Hmong Community Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Report of the First Ballot, Second Ballot
 Report of the Secretary
 First Report of the Committee of Reference and Counsel
 Address by the ELCA Representative – Nick Kiger
 Announcements

3:35 - 4:00 PM Break

4:00 - 5:30 PM Festival Worship Service

Reception of an offering for the ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission Fund

5:30 - 9:00 PM Dinner on your own/Round Robin Activities

Bear Creek Camp/Ministry Displays/Service Projects

Saturday, June 9, 2018

8:30 - 9:00 AM Opening Worship

Reception of an offering for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal

9:00 - 12:00 noon Plenary Session Three

Report of the Second Ballot, Third Ballot

Second Report of the Committee of Reference and Counsel

Installation of Bear Creek Camp Staff

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Relationship Building/Ministry Sharing Activity

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Report of the Fourth Ballot, Fifth Ballot (if necessary)

Other Reports (Q and A about the Bulletin of Reports)

Unfinished Business

Announcements

Closing Worship/Order for the Closing of an Assembly

2018 SYNOD ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

Assembly Coordinator

The Rev. Kurt Garbe

Arrangements/Planning Team

The Rev. Michael Bennethum
The Rev. Jeffrey Carstens
The Rev. Christopher deForest, Deborah Frey
The Rev. Kurt Garbe, The Rev. Jean Huber
The Rev. Michele Kaufman, The Rev. Peter Kuritz
Bishop Samuel Zeiser

Elections

Ed Cool, Chair, Jin Doxsey,
Linda Eroh, Hal Gooch
Diane F. Hemerly, Jim Hemerly
The Rev. Wayne Kaufman
The Rev. Peter Kuritz, Staff Liaison
Deacon Terry Leib, Louise McCloughan
Phil Newlander, The Rev. Anthony Pagotto
Jim Parks, Larry Stauffer
The Rev. Peggy Wuertele

Excuse

Deborah Frey
The Rev. D. Michael Bennethum, Staff Liaison

God's Playground

The Rev. Jean Huber

Greeters & Volunteers

Alice Baer, Marty Everhart
Trish Hudson, Judy Loeffler, Ron Loeffler
The Rev. Phyllis Pellitier, Leeann Whitaker
Pastors and members of congregations of:
Hazleton/Lehigh Mission District
Pocono Mission District
Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District

Minutes

The Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner, Co-Chair
The Rev. Thomas Irwin, Co-Chair
Jacquie Moser
The Rev. Carl D. Shankweiler, Staff Liaison

Reference and Counsel

The Rev. D. Michael D Bennethum, Staff Liaison
The Rev. Allison deForest,
The Rev. Mary Ann Hamm
The Rev. Steve Shussett
The Rev. Dody Siegfried

Registration

Edwin Belón, Laurie Christman
Deborah Frey
The Rev. Mary Gade, Staff Liaison
Diane F Hemerly, Jim Hemerly,
Larry Mast, SALM, Marcia Mast
Larry Stauffer

Service Project Table

Lee Hallock, Karen Kowalczyk, Paul Kowalczyk
Judy Seroska, Bonnie Stewart

Ushers

Linda Below, Peggy Cranmar, Helen Davis
Jim Doxsey, Martin Everhart
Blake Allen Hammacher, Melody Hinderer
The Rev. Michele Kaufman, Co-Chair
The Rev. Wayne Kaufman, The Rev. Larry Laine
Dr. Ruthann Major, Co-chair, Satchell Manchester
The Rev. Kenneth Melbur, Samantha Melbur
Phil Newlander, Ed North, Lynn Muchler Stash
Judy Tim

Worship

Barbara Belón, The Rev. Lauren Blatt
The Rev. Jeff Carstens, Chair
The Rev. Maritza Dolich
The Rev. Kurt Garbe, Staff Liaison
The Rev. Charles Grube, Jean Grube
The Rev. Carolyn Hetrick, Dr. Michael Krentz
Bishop Samuel Zeiser

EXECUTIVE REPORTS (OFFICERS & DEANS)

REPORT OF THE BISHOP

Greetings as we prepare to gather in Wilkes-Barre for Synod Assembly 2018: *Sharing Ministries, Building Relationships*.

Evaluations of past assemblies shaped this year's theme. Voting members expressed thanks for ministry ideas shared by others and for enriching relationships built with others. Based on this feedback, voting members at Assembly 2018 will be offered more opportunities to share and build. Assemble on June 8 and 9 prepared to speak to other voting members, to listen to those who live out their faith with imagination, and to grow closer to ministry partners who believe that God's love is unleashed in personal, congregational, synodical, and churchwide ministries.

Assembly 2018 will equip you as we worship, as we fill vital leadership roles, as we discuss issues, and as we hear about the vigor, as well as the challenges, in our life together in Christ. In addition, Assembly 2018 will invigorate your faith through ministries and relationships experienced at service projects, at Bear Creek Camp, and at workshops and displays.

Synod Vice President Barbara Belón has been building relationships through visits to congregations. Elected last year, Barbara expressed willingness to visit congregations upon invitation. She has been invited, and after each visit Barbara shares the experience with me. She is discovering firsthand how meaningful it is when congregation members share ministries with her face-to-face.

Associates of the Bishop too are building relationships, using a new tool – the *Congregational Vitality Project* – in their mission districts. The project is designed to help congregations focus less on numbers of people or amounts of money and more on deepening relationships with God, building relationships with each other, and engaging in relationships with their surrounding community. As the project goes forward, it will shift beyond measuring vitality toward giving congregations resources to grow these relationships in their different contexts.

Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity is another tool. Drawing on a relationship we have with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod and with the Churchwide Office, a pilot group of eight synod congregations is using this two-year process to help congregation members build their faith and their stewardship practices on a thankful relationship to our gracious God.

Yet a third tool is available: insights from nearly 250 people who attended a recent Mission Sup-

port Symposium and three meetings that led up to it. Held across the synod, the four meetings nurtured relationships among rostered ministers, congregation leaders, bishop's associates, Synod Council, and Nick Kiger from the Churchwide Mission Advancement Unit. You will hear from Nick, churchwide representative to the assembly. His formal report comes during plenary time; he will then be available to meet you during time allotted for relationship building.

It is critical that we assemble to share and build for the sake of spreading the gospel so that we can take account of our blessings, including: the faithful growth of three Synodically Approved Worshiping Communities; reaching 85% (to date) of our 100% goal of congregations participating in the ELCA *Always Being Made New* campaign; a promising pastoral care pilot project in the Pocono Mission District; welcoming a new congregation onto the synod roster – the Hmong congregation in Knauers; and the growing excitement as the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston draws near.

It is critical that we assemble also because, while we affirm the vigor of our life together in Christ, we cannot ignore challenges posed by an increasing number of congregations unable to sustain full-time ordained leaders. Some of those congregations are forward looking and find new energy through merger or consolidation, or new vision for mission through cooperative ministry with neighboring congregations. Some – thankful for so many steadfast members for so many years – conclude they will close and continue ministry in other Lutheran congregations.

Tied to these urgent circumstances is the financial challenge that finds its way from congregations to synod and churchwide ministries. Consequently, pressures come to bear on staffing (locally, synodically, and churchwide) and on ministries meant to bear witness to our Lutheran commitment to theological education, justice, peace, global mission, and other important issues and needs.

These circumstances are reshaping all three expressions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – congregations, synods, and churchwide. For those whose leadership in this church stretches back decades, the reshaping can be unsettling. For those more recently assuming leadership roles, the reshaping offers a welcome opportunity for bold decision making.

While the challenges we face make us vulnerable to anxiety and discouragement, that vulnerability does not fully define us as God's people. What defines us fully is Jesus Christ at the center of our faith, our congregations, and our assembly.

In Christ, we are called to offer together a strong Lutheran witness in northeastern Pennsylvania for our time.

Please take time to read the Bulletin of Reports prior to coming to Assembly 2018. The reports will give clarity to our life together in Christ. I look forward to greeting you and to sharing ministries and building relationships with you.

With gratitude,

Samuel R. Zeiser, Bishop

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Stepping into a new job, even a volunteer one, always comes with some surprises and unexpected issues. That certainly was my experience this past year as I took on the responsibilities of the Vice President of Synod Council for Northeastern Pennsylvania. While I've managed many a project, team, and classrooms full of rowdy students, this year certainly wasn't without its surprises. However, it was filled with novel experiences, opportunities for growth in relationships, and projects that, hopefully, will make a positive impact on our synod.

Shortly after my election, I met with Bishop Zeiser to discuss both his agenda and my ideas for my focus during this first year. That meeting set the pattern for our continued conversations over the past 11 months. One of my priorities was to support his initiatives. The other main priority was to focus on the health of congregations, including the relationship (or lack thereof) between congregations and Synod.

On being elected, one of the things I knew that had to happen was that I needed to get out into the synod and meet with as many congregations as possible. Happily, my request to be invited to churches was taken seriously, and as of this writing, I have either visited with or will visit 15 congregations up through June 17th, 2018. There is even one visit already scheduled for September 2nd! These visits have allowed me to see first-hand what our churches are actually doing in Christian service within their communities. I've also had the opportunity to help make connections between congregations and pass on good ideas that I've picked up in my travels. This first-hand knowledge of congregational life allows me to act as their advocate at Synod Council meetings, and spread the good news of their works of service and charity to not just our synod but to my Vice President colleagues that serve the other 64 synods in the United States.

First surprise: Shortly after the June Synod Assembly, I was given a copy of the assembly attendance report. To say I was shocked that 90 of our 280 churches neither sent lay delegates nor

submitted an absence excuse (as stipulated in every congregational constitution!) to the Bishop's office is one of those grand understatements. Since I wanted to focus this year on congregational health, finding out that over 30% of our churches had no lay voice at the assembly was not a good sign. So what to do? Well, you ask!

At the next meeting of our mission district Deans, I asked for their help in finding out why so many churches sent no lay delegates. They were each supplied with a list of churches in their district that sent no delegates, with the request to email me with not only why they didn't attend, but to include any suggestions they may have. Following the receipt of data from the Deans, that information was compiled (leaving out specific church names) and copies of the finished report were sent to the Deans and to Synod Council Members. But the "why" was not enough. Logical remedies and executable solutions were needed.

At the January meeting of Synod Council, members present were divided up into four groups and given one of the top four excuses for non-attendance. Their task was to come up with potential solutions to the issues. But, that was not enough either. So, at the March Synod Council meeting, the members were asked to list reasons that they felt were the most important for both clergy and laity to attend the assembly. Here are a few of the "benefits" they listed that will be included in their own discussions with churches who aren't sure that sending delegates is worth the time and expense: Opportunity to build relationships; Gives their church a voice and vote in the proceedings; Opportunity to learn just what the wider church is actually doing in service; Strengthening the body of Christ by their presence. Synod Council members and I are hopeful that by dealing with the issue of absences beforehand, we will see an increase in the number of lay delegates at the 2019 Assembly so that the "expression of the church" in our area is as complete as possible.

Surprises, Galore! One of the unanticipated issues that arose this past year was the need for both a Consultation and Discipline Committee. Sadly, these committees are called into action when no solution can be found for problems that arise within congregations. However, both committees, made up of both lay and clergy, are to be commended in their diligence, fairness, and the professional courtesy they extended to the congregations and individuals referred to their committees. As members of this synod, you can feel justly proud of these individuals and the cases they handled on your behalf.

One of my other objectives for this first year concerned the functioning of the Synod Council. These elected members give their time and expertise to support the business of the synod.

They have many gifts and, unapologetically, I decided to challenge them to an even higher level of engagement - - and they delivered. Our synod is the richer for their efforts which resulted in a first draft of a Sabbatical Policy for Synod Bishops, a higher level of engagement in the planning of the Synod Assembly, solid financial projections needed for decision-making, and a very robust nominating function that sought out individuals for multiple positions across the synod. My thanks to Synod Council representatives for their collective efforts during the year.

Thanks to Pr. Mike Bennethum, who is my go-to person for information, history, and resources. Pr. Mike's support has made this first year as Synod VP not only much easier but exciting. Now, on to Year 2!

Barbara J. Huffman de Belón, Vice President

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

As of April 1, 2018, the following changes have taken place since the 2017 Assembly:

ROSTER OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Ordinations

Albright, Althea, ordained April 7, 2018
 Blatt, Lauren A., ordained May 27, 2017
 Farnsworth, James T., ordained August 19, 2017
 Heavner, Brandon M., ordained November 4, 2017
 Riedy, Brian S., ordained October 14, 2017
 Steele, Spencer D., ordained February 2, 2018
 Taylor, Deborah J., ordained September 23, 2017
 White, Cindy L., ordained May 7, 2017

Received from Other Synods

Bohan, Jeffrey G., from Upper Susquehanna Synod, March 1, 2017
 Hansen, Arnold, retired, from New Jersey Synod, June 7, 2017
 Hersch, Ryan M., from Grand Canyon Synod, October 1, 2017
 Labagh, Zachary R., from Upstate New York Synod, January 9, 2018
 Rivera Garcia, Nelson, from Metropolitan New York Synod, August 1, 2017

Transferred to Other Synods

Anderson, Marsha K., to North Carolina Synod, August 1, 2017
 Galbraith, Mark P., to Upper Susquehanna Synod, November 1, 2017
 Isabelle, Callista S., to Central States Synod, December 4, 2017
 Kochanski, Lori A., to Upstate New York Synod, November 29, 2017
 Kramer, Robert A., to Lower Susquehanna Synod, March 7, 2018

Muske, James A., to Northeastern Minnesota Synod, November 16, 2017
 Shade, Barbara J., to North Carolina Synod, October 13, 2017
 Shreaves, Gregory B., to Florida-Bahama Synod, June 1, 2017

Resigned from the Roster

None

Removed from the Roster

None

Deaths

Angstadt, Lee E., September 20, 2017
 Bahmann, Manfred K., June 13, 2017
 Ebling, Byard J., January 17, 2018
 Hattery, John W., July 1, 2017
 Landis, Donald B., April 26, 2018
 Spengler, Richard W., January 23, 2018
 Weiss, Harold S., July 15, 2017
 Wightman, William W., March 25, 2018
 Xander, Paul J., April 21, 2018
 Ziedonis, Arvids, Jr., June 26, 2017

The Rev. Lee E. Angstadt, son of the Rev. Elton L. and Edith M. (Snyder) Angstadt, was born on May 1, 1933, in Palmerton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1955 and from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1958.

Following his ordination by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania in 1958, he served as pastor of Friedens Lutheran Church in Center Valley (1958-1970), St. John, Mohnton (1970-1984), and as associate pastor and later co-senior pastor of St. John, Boyertown (1984-1995). Following his retirement, he continued to serve as part-time visitation pastor at St. John, Boyertown. He served as chaplain of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society, secretary of the board of the Lutheran Home at Topton, and a member of the Southern Lehigh School Board. In retirement he served as a "guest teacher" in the Boyertown and Oley school districts.

In addition to his wife Shirley (McNabb) Angstadt, whom he married on September 1, 1956, Pastor Angstadt is survived by their sons Glenn Angstadt and David Angstadt and daughters Lisa Schmidt and Amy Angstadt.

The Rev. Dr. Manfred K. Bahmann, son of Kurt and Norma (Fuehrer) Bahmann, was born in Dresden, Germany on January 19, 1930. A survivor of the firebombing of Dresden in 1945, he and his family fled as refugees to relatives in western Germany. He studied theology at the universities of Goettingen, Heidelberg, and Bonn and was ordained by the Church of the Palatinate in 1955. He graduated from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio in 1954; became a U.S. citizen in 1965; and received his Ph.D. in church history from Hartford Seminary in 1967.

He became a pastor of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) in 1959.

From 1965-1970 he served on behalf of the LCA as a professor at the Lutheran seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He served Lutheran congregations in Grafton (1959-1962) and Parkersburg (1971-1973), West Virginia; Hartford, Connecticut (1962-1965); West Berlin (1982-1986); and New York City (1986 to his retirement in 1997). He was a campus pastor at Stanford University (1973-1982) and at New York University for ten years ending in 1997. In this synod Pastor Bahmann served as interim pastor for several congregations in transition. He was a long-time participant in the clergy dialogue of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding at Muhlenberg College and a member of the synod's LGBTQ+ Task Force. He published numerous books and articles in English, German, and Spanish.

In addition to his wife, Marianne (Schneider) Bahmann, whom he married on August 28, 1958, Pastor Bahmann is survived by a daughter, Andrea McCook, and by a son, Christoph. served the church on various committees,

The Rev. Byard J. Ebling, son of the late C. Douglass and Irene (Wagner) Ebling-Paine, was born on January 29, 1934, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Muhlenberg College (1955) and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (1958) and was ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania in 1958. He continued his education by taking courses at Drew University and Lehigh University.

Pastor Ebling served as a mission developer and then as the first called pastor of Gloria Dei, Chatham, New Jersey (1958-1964). He served St. Paul (South Side), Easton (1964-1969), Trinity, Hazleton (1969-1975), and Trinity, Pottsville (1975-1983). From 1983 to 1991 Pastor Ebling was an assistant to the bishop, working with congregations in Schuylkill and Berks counties. Pastor Ebling next served Holy Spirit, Reading (1991-1995) and Epiphany, Temple (1995-1998), remaining at Epiphany under contract following his 1998 retirement. He then served several Reading area congregations as their interim pastor. Pastor Ebling was a long-time Member of the Reading Choral Society and served the church on various committees. He was also involved with United Way, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Rotary Club.

In addition to his wife, Nancy H. (Hillegass) Ebling, whom he married on August 13, 1955, he is survived by two sons, Byard T. Ebling and Andrew W. Ebling.

The Rev. John W. (Hatch) Hattery was born January 4, 1936, in Uhrichsville, Ohio, the son of Marion E. and Agnes V. (Granville) Hattery. He graduated from Gettysburg College (1959) and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (1962). In 1971 he earned an M.Ed. degree from Temple University. He was ordained by the Maryland Synod of the Lutheran Church in America in 1963.

He first served the Felton Parish in York County (1963-1969). In 1971 he was appointed to the staff of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to serve in the area of youth ministry; his portfolio at various times also included professional development and congregational support. In 1983 he joined the staff of St. John, Allentown, and in 1995 became Coordinator of Congregational Services at Lutheran Services of the Lehigh Valley (LSLV) while continuing to serve part time at St. John. Following his 1998 retirement he remained involved with the work of LSLV, particularly in the training of lay eucharistic ministers. His publications are in the areas of church history, education, and group dynamics.

In addition to his wife, Emily (Payne) Hattery, whom he married on August 13, 1961, he is survived by their son John E. Hattery.

The Rev. Richard W. Spengler was born on May 9, 1936 in Bath, Pennsylvania, a son of Earl and Elsie (Wagner) Spengler. He graduated from Kutztown University in 1958 and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1961. He was ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania in 1961.

Pastor Spengler served as pastor of Salem, Shalters (1961-1966), the West Penn Parish (1966-1972) and Bethany, Stony Creek Mills (1972-1980). He then served as pastor of Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, Indiana from 1980-1995. After his retirement in 1996, he returned to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. Throughout his career Pastor Spengler was active in service to the wider church, serving as a district dean, member of the synod's Executive Board, and a delegate to the 1972 Lutheran Church in America convention.

In addition to his wife, Mary Ann (Hartzell) Spengler, whom he married on June 25, 1960, he is survived by their sons David, James, and Stephen Spengler.

The Rev. Harold S. Weiss, Bishop Emeritus of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, was born on December 5, 1930, near Boyertown, Pennsylvania, the son of Alvin and Mary (Sheeler) Weiss. He graduated from Muhlenberg College (1952) and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (1955).

Following his 1955 ordination by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Pastor Weiss served Toms Brook Lutheran Church in Toms Brook, Virginia (1955-1961) and St. Paul, Fleetwood (1961-1969). In 1969 he was called to serve as assistant to the bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, and in 1972 he also became the synod secretary. In 1983 he was elected bishop of that synod, an office to which he was reelected when the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was formed in 1987. Bishop Weiss retired in 1995 but continued to serve as interim bishop by appointment of the synod council until 1996. Throughout his ministry, Bishop Weiss served the wider church in many capacities, including serving on the Board of Directors of Muhlenberg College, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and the ELCA Board of Pensions. After his retirement, he served as the interim director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, an organization that he had helped to found. He also served on the Board of Trustees of the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network in Allentown. In 1978 Muhlenberg College honored him with an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia presented him with its Alumni/Alumnae Award for Distinguished Service in 1996, and in the same year the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod named him Bishop Emeritus. In 2010, he was honored as a recipient of the Raker Memorial Award from the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network. Also in 2010, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia presented Bishop Weiss and his wife Mary Anne the Soli Deo Gloria Award in recognition of their decades of service to the church and the seminary.

Bishop Weiss is survived by his wife, Mary Anne (Body) Weiss, whom he married on June 11, 1955, and their daughters Rebecca Bergman and Elizabeth Smith.

The Rev. William W. Wightman was born in Forty-Fort, Pennsylvania, a son of William and Frances (Williams) Wightman. He graduated from Muhlenberg College (1961) and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (1964). He was ordained by the Eastern Pennsylvania Synod in 1964.

He served as pastor of St. Matthew, Schuylkill Haven (1964-1969), Trinity, Valley View (1969-1974), and Christ, Easton (1974-1991). From 1993 until his retirement in 2001, Pastor Wightman served as a chaplain at the Lutheran Home at Topton and later at Hospice St. John. Following his retirement, he continued to provide both pastoral care and worship leadership at both Lutheran and UCC congregations, such as serving as Visitation Pastor at First UCC in Easton. He was a member of the Easton Rotary and served the wider church in a number of ways, including as a district dean and board chairperson of Bear Creek Camp.

Pastor Wightman is survived by his daughter, Beth LeFebre, and son, Paul Wightman. His wife, Elizabeth (Barnish) Wightman, whom he married on June 27, 1964, died on January 12, 2015.

The Rev. Dr. Arvids Ziedonis Jr. was born in Daugavpils, Latvia on March 8, 1931 to the late Arvids Ziedonis Sr. and Maria (Kostakavich) Ziedonis. He graduated from Muhlenberg College (1955) and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (1958). While in seminary he also took courses at the University of Pennsylvania and later received a Ph.D. from Temple University (1968). He was ordained by the Central Pennsylvania Synod in 1958.

Pastor Ziedonis served Holy Trinity, Steelton (1958-1962) and St. Paul, Bethlehem (1962-1968). In 1962 he also became a professor at Muhlenberg College and created the Russian Studies department, serving the college as his call from 1968-1989 while also serving as interim pastor at Morgenland, Lowhill Township (1968-1989). In his retirement he continued to serve Latvian Lutheran congregations in Bucks County and in Delaware and continued to preach and teach regularly in Latvia. Active in the wider church, he served as chairperson of the Christian Education Committee in the Central Pennsylvania Synod. He was instrumental in the construction of the buildings now used by St. Paul, Fountain Hill, and Morganland Union Church and in the rebuilding of Latvian churches destroyed in World War II. Nine books and journals were a huge part of his life. In 1997 he was elected to Latvia's Academy of Sciences and served as the foreign editor of the journal of the theology department of the University of Latvia, where he was a visiting professor.

Pastor Ziedonis was married to Zigrīda (Vurlicers) Ziedonis on August 23, 1958; Mrs. Ziedonis died on November 4, 2013. They are survived by a daughter, the Rev. Dr. Ruth Ziedonis, and sons Dr. Douglas Ziedonis and Eric Ziedonis.

The Rev. Paul J. Xander, son of Frederick R. and Dorothea M. (Raycliff) Xander, was born on May 16, 1946, in Palmerton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Gettysburg College in 1968 and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in 1972.

Following his ordination by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America on May 21, 1972, Pastor Xander served Zion, Brodheadsville (1972-1976) and St. Paul, Tower City (1977-1978). After a period of secular employment, he served as vicar of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown, and was restored to the roster in 2008. He then served Grace, Pottstown (2008-2013) and as and as a chaplain for the Reading Health System (2013-2014) and the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network (2014-2018).

On December 30, 1978, he married Susan Eileen (Brong) and is survived by her, a son "Chuck," daughter Sarah, step-daughter Jennifer, and step-son "Bub."

The Rev. Donald B. Landis, the son of Elmer F. and Lillian (Blank) Landis, was born on January 21, 1933 in Souderton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Muhlenberg College (1954), the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (1957), and the Princeton Theological Seminary (1960).

Following his 1957 ordination by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Pastor Landis was called as assistant pastor, St. Paul, Glenside (1957-1960); pastor, Trinity, Bechtelsville (1960-1965); pastor, St. John, Mohrsville (1965-1967); book editor, Board of Publications, Lutheran Church in America (1967-1970); and pastor, Moselem-Beckers Parish (1971-1998). In retirement he served for many years as visitation pastor for St. John, Kutztown. He served on several boards and committees, including the board of Lutheran Inner Mission, Berks-Schuylkill, where he served as board secretary and president.

On July 13, 1963, Pastor Landis married Madeline Bauer, who survives him. He is also survived by their sons Timothy Landis M.D. and Michael Landis.

2017-18 Pastoral Changes

Albright, Athea D., newly ordained to Friedens (Stoney Run), Kempton, April 7, 2018
 Anderson, Marsha K., Grace, Reading to North Carolina Synod, August 1, 2017
 Bierwirth, Jill S., UCC pastor serving Salem-Hetzels, Pine Grove, September 10, 2017
 Blatt, Lauren A., newly ordained to St. Paul, Tower City and by contract to St. Peter, Reinerton, May 28, 2017
 Blitch, David W., New Bethel, Kempton to Salem-Belleman's, Mohrsville, September 18, 2017
 Bohan, Jeffrey G., Upper Susquehanna Synod to Trinity, Clarks Summit, March 1, 2017
 Campbell, Russell A., UCC pastor serving Zion's Stone, West Penn Township, September 24, 2017
 Clayborne, Daniel T., Covenant Church (New Sweden Covenant Church, New Sweden, Maine) to St. John, Nazareth, November 1, 2017
 Cvammen, Thomas N., Trinity, West Hazleton to disability, October 1, 2017
 Diefenderfer, Lee A., St. Paul, Orwigsburg to on leave from call, November 12, 2017
 Druckenmiller, Chris A., St. Paul Third, Easton to St. Peter, Plainfield, January 1, 2018
 Farnsworth, James T., newly ordained to St. Mark, Birdsboro, August 19, 2017
 Filer, Carl W., Grace, Shillington to St. Paul, Tannersville, January 1, 2018
 Frost, Michael A., Holy Trinity, Palmerton (two-year term call) to Holy Trinity, Palmerton, June 1, 2017
 Galbraith, Mark P., Christ's United, Ashland to Upper Susquehanna Synod, November 1, 2017
 Hammond, James R., on leave from call to St. Paul, Coopersburg, June 4, 2017
 Harding, John W., St. Paul, Craigs Meadows to retired, June 11, 2017

Heavner, Brandon M., newly ordained to St. Mark, Bethlehem, November 4, 2017
 Hersch, Ryan M., Grand Canyon Synod to Atone-ment, Wyomissing, October 1, 2017
 Houck, John E., Holy Trinity, Leesport to retired, July 1, 2017
 Isabelle, Callista S., Chaplain, Muhlenberg College to Central States Synod, December 4, 2017
 Kochanski, Lori A., synod council call to special service to on leave from call, August 21, 2017
 Kramer, Robert A., on leave from call to retired, January 1, 2018
 Labagh, Zachary R., Upstate New York Synod to Knauers, Allegheny, January 9, 2018
 Lengert, Kim L., Christ's United, Ashland to on leave from call, May 15, 2017
 Lingenfelter, Scott W., New Life, New Tripoli to on leave from call, July 1, 2017
 Miller, Carey L., Trinity Memorial, Allentown to St. Paul, Breinigsville, November 1, 2017
 Muske, James A., St. Matthew, Bethlehem to North-eastern Minnesota Synod, November 16, 2017
 North, Debra A., St. John, Nanticoke and St. Mark, Pond Hill to Faith Blakeslee, March 1, 2018
 Owens, Mary K., on leave from call to St. Matthew, Scranton, June 19, 2017
 Reier, Robert C., Chaplain, Lehigh Valley Hospital to retired, September 12, 2017
 Riedy, Brian S., newly ordained to Holy Trinity, Catasauqua, October 14, 2017
 Rivera Garcia, Nelson, Metropolitan New York Synod to Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, August 1, 2017
 Rohrbach, Keith K., Trinity, Kutztown to retired, July 1, 2017
 Royer, Homer E., UCC pastor serving Jerusalem, Western Salisbury to retired August 31, 2017
 Schaeffer, David B., St. John, Nazareth to retired, August 6, 2017
 Schwandt, Wanda G., UCC pastor serving Zion, Orwigsburg, resigned, April 30, 2017
 Shreaves, Gregory B., Allegheny, Knauers to Florida-Bahama Synod, June 1, 2017
 Siegfried, Dody S., synod council call to special service to Jordan, Orefield, September 1, 2017
 Steele, Spencer D., newly ordained to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus (Associate Pastor), February 2, 2018
 Stoneback, Laura L., St. Paul, Breinigsville to retired, August 1, 2017
 Taylor, Deborah J., newly ordained to Grace, Belfast, September 23, 2017
 Wetzal, Jay R., St. John, Bath to retired, August 1, 2017
 White, Cindy L., newly ordained to Zion, Tamaqua, May 7, 2017
 Wuertele, Peggy M., on leave from call to synod council call to special service, August 1, 2017

ROSTER CHANGES FOR MINISTERS OF WORD AND SERVICE

Received from Other Synods

None

None	Transferred to Other Synods
None	Resigned from Roster
None	Removed from Roster
None	Deaths
	Changes in Positions
Gerhart, Joy V., Calvary, Laureldale to St. Paul, Douglassville (Director of Youth and Family Ministry), April 19, 2017	

Stump, Janet A., on leave from call to St. Timothy, Allentown (Deacon and Pastoral Care Provider), November 1, 2017
Yenser, Kathleen A., Atonement, Wyomissing, to St. John, Reading (Office Administrator), October 16, 2017

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES

St. John, Gibraltar withdrew from the ELCA July 23, 2017
St. Matthew, Bethlehem, and Messiah, Bethlehem, consolidated to become Light of Christ, Bethlehem, October 29, 2017

The Rev. Carl D. Shankweiler, Secretary

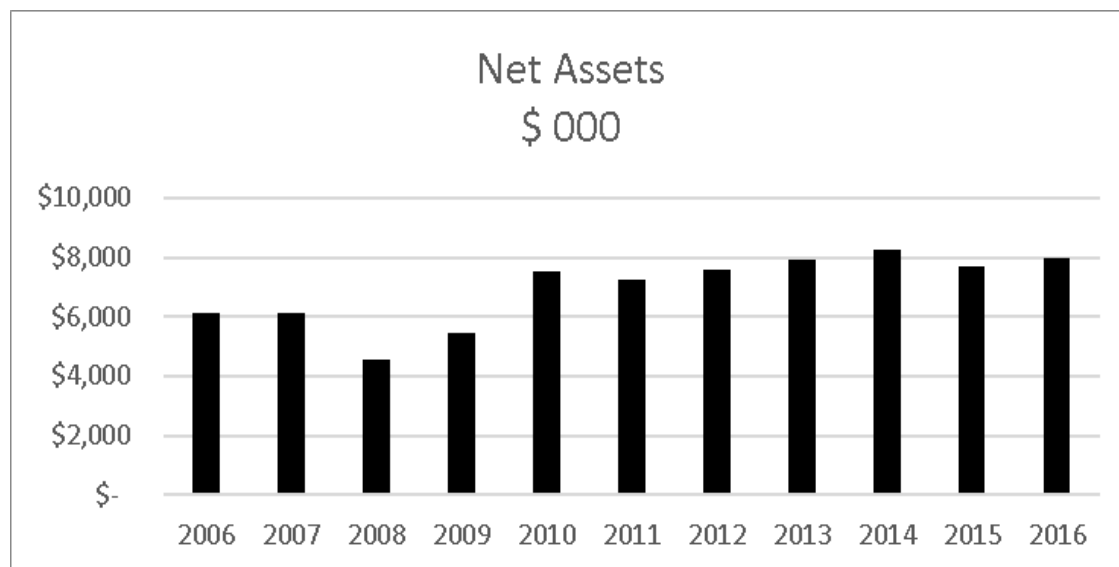
REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Summary Budget Information

Following is a summary of our budget performance for the past 10 years, including pre-audited numbers for the most recent fiscal year that ended January 31, 2017. The 2016 Budget was based on projected Mission Support of \$2.4 million, so the short fall in congregational support resulted in a deficit of \$93,000 (subject to audit).

Budget Performance 2007-2016					(\$000)					
Year ending Jan. 31						Actual Results				Pre-Audit
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Budget year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Mission Support	\$ 3,041.3	\$ 2,936.1	\$ 2,731.0	\$ 2,662.8	\$ 2,530.6	\$ 2,485.7	\$ 2,407.4	\$ 2,326.5	\$ 2,297.9	\$ 2,233.0
ELCA	(1,611.9)	(1,556.1)	(1,392.8)	(1,384.7)	(1,341.2)	(1,189.7)	(1,109.0)	(1,084.9)	(1,080.9)	(1,045.0)
ELCA %	53%	53%	51%	52%	53%	48%	46%	47%	47%	47%
NEPS	1,429.9	1,380.5	1,338.7	1,278.6	1,189.9	1,296.5	1,298.9	1,242.1	1,217.0	1,188.0
NEPS Spending	1,480.4	1,444.4	1,337.6	1,369.2	1,311.1	1,211.8	1,188.9	1,219.0	1,304.0	1,281.0
Surplus(shortage)	\$ (50.5)	\$ (63.9)	\$ 1.1	\$ (90.6)	\$ (121.2)	\$ 84.7	\$ 110.0	\$ 23.1	\$ (87.0)	\$ (93.0)
Spending Breakdown										
Ministries and Teams	\$ 117.2	\$ 105.9	\$ 76.6	\$ 76.1	\$ 62.6	\$ 67.2	\$ 61.8	\$ 52.6	\$ 43.4	\$ 51.0
Institutions & Agencies	323.0	323.0	294.1	300.0	275.0	208.9	200.8	231.8	228.5	222.0
Executive Committees										
Staff	898.6	885.5	796.9	812.6	810.0	797.6	746.8	730.2	751.0	785.0
Other Administration	141.6	130.0	170.1	180.5	163.5	138.1	179.5	204.4	281.1	223.0
	\$ 1,480.4	\$ 1,444.4	\$ 1,337.7	\$ 1,369.2	\$ 1,311.1	\$ 1,211.8	\$ 1,188.9	\$ 1,219.0	\$ 1,304.0	\$ 1,281.0

NEPS Net Assets represent the value of our investments, property and other assets less any outstanding obligations. The graphic on the next pagw shows the change Net Assets over the most recent 10 year period.



The change in valuation year to year reflects our budget performance and changes in the values of our long term investments (e.g. endowment funds). Major changes reflected above include the sharp drop related to the 2008 financial crisis and the donation of the Lutheran Center property to the synod in 2010. The increase in 2016 reflects higher investment values offset partially by the budget deficit.

Donald Dillman, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE SYNOD COUNCIL

The Synod Council met four times since the 2017 assembly: July 22, 2017; October 18, 2017; January 24, 2018; and March 15, 2018. The following report lists all resolutions adopted at these meetings as well as any electronic votes as reported at the subsequent meetings. The numbers preceding the resolutions indicate the year, month, and sequence number of the resolution. Recommendations for assembly action appear in bold face type. All items are presented for review by the assembly. The complete minutes of the meetings of the council are posted on the synod's website and are available upon request from the synod secretary.

Assembly

(2017.07.18) Resolved, that Dr. Barbara Belón appoint a task force to report to the synod council concerning all charges for attending the synod assembly.

(2018.03.01) Resolved, that the synod council request Secretary Carl Shankweiler to rescind his letter of resignation as part of his response to a March 15, 2018, letter of protest from 17 assembly participants concerning, in part, the number of "older white males" "on the stage" at the 2017 synod assembly.

(2018.03.04) Resolved, that exceptions to the synod's policy concerning displays at annual assemblies be granted for this specific year to the following organizations so that they may provide displays at the 2018 synod assembly: the American Red Cross, the SPCA, Headstart, CEO (Commission for Economic Opportunity), Orphan Grain Train, and the Alzheimer's Organization.

(2018.03.05) Resolved, that the following resolution be recommended to the 2018 Synod Assembly: **Resolved, that the 2018 assembly program (as printed in the bulletin of reports) be adopted.**

Bear Creek Camp

(2017.07.01) Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council approve the pipeline right-of-way agreement between the Lutheran Camp Corporation of Eastern Pennsylvania and the PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC.

Budget and Finance

(2017.07.03) Resolved, that the 2018 program proposal (February 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019) be adopted. The Synod Council is hereby authorized to establish the 2018 budget no later than its January 2018 meeting, making any necessary adjustments to the budget proposed in light of both realistic anticipation of receipts and synod priorities (in consultation with the ELCA Treasurer with respect to the ELCA portion thereof).

(2017.07.04) Resolved, that a grant of \$6,000 be made available from the Stewardship Lifters DIG Account, with any balance coming from the Prosser, Pahse, Mission Fund, to support the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod's participation in the pilot "Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity" program.

(2017.07.06) Resolved, that spending policies for synod funds for 2018 be established as follows:

Prosser, Pahse, Mission Fund:	8% of assets, \$ 58,633
Student Education Fund:	10% of assets, \$ 12,234
Kelchner Fund:	8% of assets, \$102,464
Leadership Development Fund:	6% of assets, \$ 4,107
Social Ministry Fund:	8% of assets, \$ 40,935

(2017.10.01) Resolved, that upon taking office as treasurer of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on September 1, 2017, and continuing until he is no longer the synod's treasurer, Mr. Donald Dillman be an authorized signer for all synodical bank accounts and other financial accounts, both for the signing and endorsing of checks and other financial instruments.

(2017.10.12) Resolved, that the portion of the 2018 Executive Staff salary be designated as housing be as follows:

Samuel Zeiser	\$20,000
Mary Gade	\$25,000
Kurt Garbe	\$17,000
Peggy Wuertele	\$16,000

(2018.01.05) Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod join the Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware/Maryland Synods in sponsoring the Vibrant Faith Summit that will be held on April 12-24, 2018 at Reformation Lutheran Church, Media with a grant of \$1,500 from the Prosser, Pahse, Mission Fund.

(2018.01.11) Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod contract with the Cloud Service Center, LLC to provide Information Technology support for the Lutheran Center in Allentown, with an initial contract of \$6,588.27.

(2018.01.02) Resolved, that 2018 Executive Staff compensation be set in accordance with the following schedule, reflecting 1) total compensation, and 2) for ordained staff members the amount of base salary, social security allowance, and housing allowance. The amounts designated as housing allowance were acted upon at the October 18, 2017 meeting and shall apply to calendar year 2018 and all future years unless otherwise provided by this Synod Council. (Numbers are rounded to the nearest dollar.) This represents no increase over 2017.

NAME***	BASE SALARY	HOUSING	SS	TOTAL
Zeiser	\$67,004	\$20,000	\$7,207	\$94,211
Gade	\$51,107	\$25,000	\$6,304	\$82,411
Garbe*	\$ 6,655	\$17,000	\$1,960	\$25,615
Wuertele	\$	\$15,762	\$	\$15,606
Shankweiler	\$ 5,433		\$ 450	\$ 5,883
Bennethum**				\$21,432
Huber				\$16,074
Richter				\$18,217
Crawford				\$15,606
Kuritz				\$15,606

* Pastor Garbe will serve full-time until April 1, then move to part-time.

** Pastor Bennethum's salary as DEM and his benefits are paid by the ELCA. This amount represents additional compensation for working as the synod's Executive Associate of the Bishop.

*** Compensation for the associate serving the Pocono Mission District is paid to his congregation under a purchase of services arrangement[Note: providing no increase in staff compensation means that the 2018 cost for contract staff will be \$33,174. The support staff will receive an increase of 1% for a total of \$216,899.]

(2018.01.03) Resolved, that Bishop Samuel Zeiser, Treasurer Donald Dillman, and Bookkeeper Diane Hemerly serve as Authorized Participant Representatives with authority to make withdrawals from the Synod's Fund A account with the ELCA Foundation (two signatures required for any change of distribution or withdrawal).

(2018.03.03) **Resolved, that the 2019 program proposal (February 1, 2019, to January 31, 2020) be adopted. The synod council is hereby authorized to establish the 2019 spending program no later than its January, 2019 meeting, making any necessary adjustments to the budget proposal in light of both realistic anticipation of receipts and synod priorities (in consultation with the ELCA treasurer with respect to the ELCA portion thereof).**

Calls, Appointments, and Roster Maintenance

(2017.07.02) Resolved, that a call to special service for one year be extended to the Rev. Mark Galbraith to serve as a full-time intentional interim pastor for Christ's United Lutheran Church, Ashland, effective May 1, 2017.

(2017.07.07) Resolved, that in accordance with sections 7.31.16. and 7.52.22. of the ELCA Constitution, "on leave from call" status be approved as follows:

Clergy (third year):	The Rev. Mark Swanson
Clergy (second year):	The Rev. Peter Roy
Clergy (first year):	The Rev. Kim Lengert
	The Rev. Scott Lingenfelter

(2017.07.08) Resolved, that in accordance with ELCA bylaw 7.41.17. and upon endorsement by the bishop, the following rostered leader be granted the roster status of "retired":

The Rev. John Harding,	6/11/2017
The Rev. John Houck,	6/30/2017
The Rev. Keith Rohrbach,	7/1/2017
The Rev. Jay Wetzel,	7/31/2017
The Rev. Laura Stoneback,	8/1/2017
The Rev. David Schaeffer,	8/6/2017

(2017.07.12) Resolved, that the synod council extend an invitation to the Rev. Jill Bierman, an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the United Church of Christ, to serve as pastor of Salem-Hetzel's Lutheran Church, Pine Grove, for a three-year term call beginning September 10, 2017.

(2017.07.13) Resolved, that a part-time call to special service be extended to the Rev. Peggy M. Wuertele to serve as Associate of the Bishop, beginning August 1, 2017, with an annual defined compensation of \$15,600, all of which is to be designated as housing allowance.

(2017.07.14) Resolved, that a call to special service be issued to the Rev. Dr. Nelson Rivera to serve as a professor of theology at the Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, beginning August 1, 2017.

(2017.10.05) Resolved, that a two-year term call to special service be issued to the Rev. Carey Miller to serve as transitional pastor of St Paul, Breinigsville, beginning November 1, 2017.

(2017.10.06) Resolved, that in accordance with sections 7.31.16 and 7.52.22. of the ELCA Constitution, "on leave from call" status be approved as follows:

Clergy (fourth year):	The Rev. Rashion Santiago
Clergy (third year):	The Rev. Peter Roy
Clergy (third year):	The Rev. George Grubb
Clergy (first year):	The Rev. Lori Kochanski

(2017.10.07) Resolved, that in accordance with section 7.41.08. of the ELCA Constitution, "disability roster status" be granted to Pastor Thomas Cvammen effective October 1, 2017.

(2017.10.08) Resolved, that in accordance with ELCA bylaw 7.41.17. and upon endorsement by the bishop, the following rostered leader be granted the roster status of "retired":

The Rev. Robert C. Reier (September 12, 2017)

(2017.10.10) Resolved, that in accordance with ELCA bylaw 7.41.17. and upon endorsement by the bishop, the following rostered leader be granted the roster status of "retired":

The Rev. Robert Kramer (January 1, 2018)

(2017.10.13) Resolved, that a call to special services be issued to the Rev. Thomas Daniel Clayborne to serve as interim pastor of St. John, Nazareth for one year beginning November 1, 2017.

(2018.01.01) Resolved, that a three-year term call to special service be issued to the Rev. Carl Filer to serve as the congregational vitality pastor of St. Paul, Tannersville, beginning January 1, 2018.

(2018.01.06) Resolved, that in accordance with sections 7.31.16. and 7.52.22. of the ELCA Constitution, "on leave from call" status be approved as follows:

Clergy (fourth year, graduate study): Timothy Garman
Clergy (first year): Lee Diefenderfer

(2018.01.07) Resolved, that in accordance with ELCA bylaw 7.41.17. and upon endorsement by the bishop, the following rostered leader be granted the roster status of "retired":

The Rev. Warren Egebo (February 1, 2018)

(2018.01.08) Resolved, that a call to special service be extended to the Rev. George Grubb to serve as Transitional Pastor of St. John, Bath.

(2018.03.06) Resolved, that in accordance with Section 7.31.16. and 7.52.22. of the ELCA Constitution, "on leave from call" status be approved as follows:

Clergy (second year): Lisa Borrell

(2018.03.07) Resolved, that in accordance with ELCA bylaw 7.41.08. and upon endorsement by the bishop, that the roster status of Pastor Kenneth L. Buckwalter be changed from "on leave from call" to "disability."

(2018.03.08) Resolved, that in accordance with ELCA bylaw 7.41.17. and upon endorsement by the bishop, the following rostered leader be granted the roster status of "retired,"

The Rev. Wayne Dreyman (May 26, 2018)

Congregations

(2017.07.05) Resolved, that a loan in the amount of \$150,000 be made from the Church Loan and Development Fund to Christ Mertz, Dryville, for an addition to the church building. The terms of the loan will be \$150,000 with a 7-year repayment schedule at 2% interest. The resolution was adopted.

(2017.07.15) Resolved, that in accordance with 9.81.01.c. of the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the plan of agreement for the federation of Sr. John's (Gernant's) Church be ratified.

(2017.07.16) Resolved, pending certification of an affirmative outcome of the congregational vote to take place on July 23, that in accordance with section *C6.05.g.2. of the Model Constitution for Congregations, the decision of St. John Lutheran Church, Gibraltar to terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and affiliate with North American Lutheran Church (NALC) be approved.

(2017.07.17) Resolved, in accordance with S13.21. of the Constitution of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and contingent upon a positive vote by members of both congregations, that Sr. Matthew's, Bethlehem and Messiah, Bethlehem consolidate to form a new congregation, Light of Christ Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

(2017.10.02) Resolved, that a grant of \$22,500 from the Prosser, Pahse, Mission Fund be given to St. Paul's, Tannersville to support the congregation's redevelopment plan.

(2017.10.11) Resolved, in accordance with *C8.02.e. of the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations, that seasonal member voting be permitted in the congregations of this synod.

(2018.01.10) Resolved, in accordance with S13.21. of the Constitution of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and contingent upon a positive vote by members of both congregations, that Salem, Bethlehem and Holy Trinity, Bethlehem consolidate to form a new congregation, Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

(2018.03.02) Resolved, in accordance with *S13.01.c. of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod constitution and pending confirmation at the 2018 synod assembly, that the Hmong Community Evangelical Lutheran Church, Knauers, Pennsylvania., be received as a congregation of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network

(2017.07.11) Resolved, that Polly Beste, David Fessler, and Thomas J. Lynch be elected to three-year terms on the Board of Trustees of the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, terms commencing in 2017.

(2017.10.09) Resolved, that Pamela deCampi be elected to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, term commencing in 2017.

Mission Districts

(2017.07.09) Resolved, that the 2018 budget of the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District be approved.

(2017.07.10) Resolved, that the 2018 budget of the East Berks Mission District be approved.

(2018.01.12) Resolved, in accordance with Synod Bylaw BLS12.01.c., that the request of Jerusalem (Red) Church, Kempton (00569) to be assigned to the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District be approved.

Synodically Authorized Worshipping Communities

(2017.10.03) Resolved, that Hope's Table, housed at Hope Lutheran Church, 601 N. Front Street, Reading 19601, be reauthorized as a Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community (SAWC) of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

(2017.10.04) Resolved, that Common Ground Recovery Community—Downtown Reading Campus, meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 527 Washington Street, Reading 19601, be reauthorized as a Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community (SAWC) of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

2018.01.04) Resolved, that grants be made from the Prosser, Pahse, Mission Fund to the following ministries under development for the 2018 fiscal year:

- Common Ground Recovery Community, Wyomissing - \$12,000
- Hope's Table, Reading - \$12,000,
- Common Ground Recovery Community, Reading - \$5,000,

(2018.01.09) Resolved, that the Common Ground Recovery Community, housed at Atonement Lutheran Church, 5 Wyomissing Blvd, Wyomissing, PA 19610, be reauthorized as a Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

The Rev. Carl D. Shankweiler, Secretary

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF DEANS

The Committee of Deans met five times since the last synod assembly. Consideration of roster matters was an ongoing task of the deans at each meeting.

At its June meeting, Bishop Zeiser welcomed newly elected Dean Anthony Pagotto. The deans shared their impressions of the recognition event for rostered leaders celebrating major anniversaries and of the synod assembly. They also spoke about the challenge in certain areas of the synod's territory of finding supply pastors to lead worship when called pastors take vacation Sundays.

In July, the deans engaged in a conversation with newly elected synod vice president, Dr. Barbara Belón. Of particular interest to Vice President Belón was discovering why many congregations did not send voting members to the 2017 synod assembly. She mentioned her intent to visit synod congregations to build relationships. The deans were also informed of a plan to revitalize the synod's Lutheran Men in Mission group.

At its October meeting, the deans heard an update on congregational mission support giving, were introduced to a resource for congregations nearing the end of their life-cycle and looking for ways to close as an act of mission, and learned about various cooperative ministry initiatives around the territory of the synod.

In January, Deacon Kathy Schaeffer introduced the deans to a Congregational Care Team program that is being developed to support the pastoral care ministries of congregations. The deans were also invited to participate in the upcoming

Mission Support Symposium, hosted by the Synod Council and a representative of the ELCA's Mission Advancement Unit. The deans affirmed the need to encourage congregations to complete various reports that help the bishop's office and Director for Evangelical Mission to support congregations in their mission, such as the annual statistical report (Forms A and C), the annual audit, mission support intent, and – in times of leadership transition – the receipt form certifying that all congregational records are up to date.

At its April meeting, the deans finalized plans to celebrate with rostered ministers marking major anniversaries of service to the church at a worship service and luncheon at the Lutheran Center in Allentown.

Anniversaries of Rostered Service

2018 marks the 15th anniversary of service for the following leaders:

Dawn R Richie
Gerald (Jerry) S Kulp
Jira A Albers
Louise N Johnson
Michael W Ware
Ryan M Hersch
Susan M Horst

The following leaders are celebrating 25 years of ordination:

Diane M LaFauci
Phyllis A Pelletier
Phyllis M Hammel
Scott W Lingenfelter
Stephen H Shussett
Bradley T Carroll
Deacon Beverly Eiche Kriner

Observing their 40th anniversary of ordination are:

Carl W Filer
David A Searing
E Wayne Dreyman
Harold L Hand Jr
Jay R Wetzel
Jimmy L Werley
Lee A Diefenderfer
Raymond J Hand
Virginia M Biniek
Werner M Koch
Deacon Jane M Elliott

Celebrating their 50th anniversary of ordained service are:

David F Hill
George G Kinney
Lynn H Rothrock
Raymond C Hittinger
Richard A Mowery

Marking 55 years of rostered service are:

Charles J Orem
Donald C Simmons
J Robert Kehrli
Joseph W Hager

Celebrating their 60th anniversary of ordination are:

Carl R Schmoyer
E Frederick Holst
George E Hein Jr
Kenneth M Trexler
Lars B Staaby
Paul H Spohn
Rodger A Krause
William W J Ennis
Sr. Millicent J Drake

Observing 65 years of ordained service is:

Marvin E Dewalt
Theodore C Schlack

Marking 70 years of ordained ministry is:

Paul T Manrodt

THE REV. DAVID F. HILL, the son of Leon and Pauline (Schweitzer) Hill, was born on December 13, 1942 in Palmerton. A 1964 graduate of Muhlenberg College, he graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1968.

Following his ordination on May 26, 1968 by the Eastern Pennsylvania Synod, Pastor Hill served as assistant pastor of St. Luke, Reading (1968-1971); as pastor of Friedens, Friedensville (1971-1977) and St. Luke, Allentown (1977-2005). He also served on the synod's Witness and Service Ministry Team.

On June 28, 1969, Pastor Hill was married to Susan E. Stephan. They are the parents to two children – Eric David and Amy Sue.

THE REV. RAYMOND C. HITTINGER was born on July 9, 1942 in White Haven. The son of Henry and Grace (Warg) Hittinger, he graduated from Gettysburg College in 1964 and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1968.

Ordained by the Eastern Pennsylvania Synod on May 26, 1968, Pastor Hittinger served Friedens, Hegins (1968-1975) and Rosemont, Bethlehem (1975-1993). In 1993, he received a call to special service as an intentional interim pastor of the synod, working with numerous congregations in transition in the Bethlehem-Easton, Lehigh, East Berks, and Northern Lehigh Valley Mission Districts.

In addition to serving as the coordinator of the synod's Transitional (Interim) Ministry Committee, Pastor Hittinger also served on the synod's Finance Committee, Executive Board, and Committee on Discipline. He served as the dean of the Bethlehem-Easton Mission District and as a member of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches' Committee for Migrant Ministry.

On June 10, 1967, Pastor Hittinger was married to Joyce Herbener. They are the parents of four children – Tammy Jo, Jeffrey Alan, Matthew David, and Jessica Ann.

THE REV. GEORGE G. KINNEY, the son of Pastor Paul and Annie (Patterson) Kinney, was born on March 5, 1940 in Concord, North Carolina. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1962 and the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in 1966. Subsequently, he received the Master of Sacred Theology degree from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago (1971) and the Doctor of Ministry degree from Andover Newton Theological School (1978).

Following his ordination by the North Carolina Synod on May 7, 1968, Pastor Kinney was called to serve as the Inner City Mission Developer of Hope, Atlanta (1968-1972); as associate pastor of St. John's, Jersey City (1972-1975); as pastor of St. Paul, Terryville, Connecticut (1976-1979) and Emmanuel, Worcester, Massachusetts (1980-1991); as associate pastor of Trinity, Reading (1991-1994); as interim pastor of Bern, Leesport (1995-1997); St. John, Reading (1998-1999); Zion Stone, West Penn Township (1999-2000); Salem Bel- leman's, Mohrsville (2001-2002); Salem, Lebanon (2003); and New Goshenhoppen Reformed, East Greenville (2004-2005). Following his retirement he served as the Minister of Pastoral Care at St. Paul's U.C.C. in Fleetwood (2008-2012).

Pastor Kinney served the larger church as a conference dean and member of the Executive Board of the New England Synod. In the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, he was a member of the Tanzania Companion Synod Committee. He is a Clinical Member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists and a member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

On July 4, 1964, Pastor Kinney was married to Priscilla Schlenker. They are the parents of two daughters – Anne and Katherine. Priscilla died in 2010 following a long illness.

THE REV. RICHARD A. MOWERY was born on July 30, 1943 in Shenandoah, the son of Allen and Lois Mowery. He graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1965 and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1968.

He was ordained by the Eastern Pennsylvania Synod on May 26, 1968 and called to serve as assistant pastor of Holy Trinity, Abington (1968-1971); as pastor of Jerusalem, Almont (1971-1980); St. John, Tremont (1981-1984); St. Paul's and Memorial churches in Rhinebeck, NY (1984-1996); St. Peter's, Greenport, NY (1996-2001); and as interim pastor of St. Michael's, Amagansett, NY (2001-2003); the Tri-Church Parish of Brocton, NY (2003-2008); Hope, Arcade, NY (2008-2010); and the Liberty Parish, Liberty, PA

(2013-2014). In retirement, he has been serving as the interim pastor of St. John's, Honesdale.

Mowery is the father of a son – Richard.

THE REV. LYNN H. ROTHROCK, the son of Floyd and Wilma (Martin) Rothrock, was born on December 7, 1943 in Hecktown. He graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1965 and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1968

Following his ordination by the Eastern Pennsylvania Synod on May 26, 1968, Pastor Rothrock was called to serve Grace, East Bangor (1968-1971), which following a consolidation became Prince of Peace, Bangor (1972-1973). He served St. Paul, Shavertown (now Dallas) from 1973 to 1988. In 1988, Pastor Rothrock was called to serve on the bishop's staff. From 1996 – 1998 he was the Executive Director of Bear Creek Camp. From 1999 until his retirement in 2000, he served as interim pastor at Prince of Peace, Bangor. In retirement, he has continued to serve as the interim or stated supply pastor in a number of synod congregations.

In addition to his parish ministry, Pastor Rothrock has served on the World Missions and Campus Ministry Committees of the synod as well as on the board of Bear Creek Camp.

Pastor Rothrock was married to Valeria Happel on August 21, 1965. They are the parents of two children – Dawn and Denise. On June 15, 1996, he was married to Glenda Wilson.

The Rev. D. Michael Bennethum
Executive Associate of the Bishop

MINISTRY TEAMS

FAITH FORMATION RESOURCE MINISTRY TEAM

The Faith Formation Resource Ministry Team offers a variety of learning opportunities to nurture the faith development of people in congregations, mission districts and the synod. We also keep apprised of current Christian Education trends and curriculum resources.

This has been a challenging year for our team. We were notified by Karen Matthias-Long, in the spring, that her job had been reduced to ¼ time, due to the synod's financial difficulties. This would severely limit how much work she would be able to do for our team. The entire team was thrilled for Karen when she was hired for a full-time position at another church. This did mean, however, that the team was going to have to do more of the work for ourselves. The learning curve has been steep, as we have all learned how much Karen did for our team.

Despite all the difficulties, Learning Ministries Day went off without a hitch. It was a beautiful day in January when we met at Christ, Hamilton Square. Our keynote speaker was Lori Kochanski, who spoke about how the church can become a "Wonder-Land", a place where people can ask the tough questions of a life of faith. Christ was a wonderful place to have the event, with the entire building being handicap accessible and easily laid out for people to find their workshop rooms. We would definitely enjoy going there again. Next year's Learning Ministries Day will be at Jerusalem, Schuykill Haven.

Our team is always available to any congregation for workshops and consultations. You may contact our team through the synod office.

Cheryl Statham, Convener

YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT AND FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM

The mission of the Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry Team is to strengthen the work being done with children, youth, young adults and families in the communities of Northeastern PA Synod. The work of our team intersects with many of the other ministries of the synod including Faith Formation, Leadership Development, Bear Creek Camp, Campus Ministries, and Global Mission.

Faith-a-Palooza, our annual youth leadership training weekend, focused on Communication: with God and with others. Seth Noggle, Pr. Becca Middeke-Collin, and Pr. Lauren Applegate worked

with Karen Matthias-Long in the leadership of this event.

Think Summer Event, a special afternoon held on January 21st at St. John's Kutztown. This event had games, songs, devotions, food, fellowship, with the ability to learn and experience more about summer church camp with Bear Creek Camp Staff. Special thanks to Marlane Druckenmiller and the East Berks Mission District for putting on this event.

LYF, once a year LYF meets at Muhlenberg College to get together and bond and discuss a topic. Last year LYF's theme was "God's Love in Action". People in LYF continue on to start clubs in school and bring activities and games to their churches of what they learned in LYF.

We enjoyed a second "May Play Day" on May 7. A group of folks of all ages gathered at Bear Creek Camp for an afternoon of fun and games with our team and awesome Bear Creek staff. We are happy that this event is building steam and love the connection it provides for folks to Bear Creek and the larger church.

Many thanks to the dedicated and creative members of this team: Deaconess Deborah Matern Graf – PD coach, Colleen Hall, Ben Manicke, Seth Noggle, Rayna Carr, Sammi Johns, Pastor Lauren Applegate and Pete Smith.

Pete Smith, Convener

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

The Synod Worship Ministry Team was pleased to be involved with the creative team in planning for Synod Assembly 2018. Worship planning has continued to be an integral part of the overall Synod Assembly planning, which has helped create meaningful worship within the overall context of the Assembly. The Synod Worship Ministry Team is grateful for the opportunity to participate in such holistic planning.

The following individuals served on the Worship Ministry Team in 2017-2018: the Rev. Lauren Blatt, Jean Grube, Dr. Michael Krentz, the Rev. Carolyn Hetrick, Lana Snyder, the Rev. Jeff Carstens (convener), and our Partner in Evangelical Worship, the Rev. Charlie Grube. The Rev. Kurt Garbe is our liaison to the synod staff.

Your feedback on assembly worship is always encouraged through the synod assembly evaluation, and we welcome any other comments, suggestions, or volunteers through any of our members individually, or through our team's e-mail: nepsworship@gmail.com

The Rev. Jeff Carstens, Convener

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY TEAM

The Leadership Development Ministry Team met throughout the year centering on the following priorities: to identify candidates for and encourage lay and rostered leaders in the church, to develop and grow their gifts for ministry and to support them as brothers and sisters in Christ. To accomplish this, we commit to provide and communicate opportunities for leadership development in the congregation, the synod, and the whole Church.

1. *Help congregations to identify, equip and support lay leaders*
 - The team supports regular workshops for congregational council presidents, vice-presidents, and treasurers. These workshops cover Christian leadership principles, technique and style, planning, resourcing, volunteer development and other congregational leadership issues. Our next treasurer's workshop will be in **October 20, 2018**.
 - Due to changes in the Synod's spending plan, we *no longer* offer grants for continuing education. We are thankful for the years we were able to support such minis-

try. We encourage congregations to prioritize continuing education for their leaders.

2. *Intentionally seek out candidates for rostered leadership*

- **This is an exciting, growing emphasis of our work.**
- Together with the Youth, Young Adult, and Family ministry team (YoYoFa), we hope to plan a leadership event for youth and young adults in the fall of 2018 or beginning of 2019.
- Help us identify and connect with folks who have spark, passion, and depth!

3. *Provide or insure support for the families of rostered leaders*

- The team maintains and reviews the salary and compensation guidelines found in the bulletin of reports.

Many thanks to the current team members for their hard work and dedication to developing leaders: the Rev. David Blitch, the Rev. Rachael Dietz; the Rev. Kurt Garbe; and Mr. Dan Scharnhorst.

The Rev. Rachael C. R. Dietz, Convener

2019 MINIMUM COMPENSATION GUIDELINES

These guidelines represent a 2% increase over 2018.

ROSTERED PASTORS 2019 Minimum Salary Guidelines

Resolved that:

1) The 2019 *minimum* base salary for pastors in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA be in agreement with the following guidelines:

2) 2) It is the re-

Years completed Service in or- dained Ministry	2019 Recommended Salary Range (including housing allowance)		2019 Recommended Salary Range (parsonage provided)	
	Low	High	Low	High
0-1	52,481	57,749	36,475	40,123
2-3	53,643	58,564	37,638	41,407
4-7	54,806	60,287	38,804	42,681
8-10	57,099	62,844	41,137	45,241
11-15	58,877	70,653	42,872	47,159
16-20	61,784	74,140	44,882	53,858
21+	64,692	84,100	48,689	63,294

sponsibility of each congregation to provide housing for its pastor(s). This may be accomplished in either of two ways:

a) Housing Allowance. A portion of the pastor's salary may be designated as a housing allowance

This amount will vary, depending upon location and the needs of the pastor. Congregations and pastors should check current tax laws in establishing this figure. This amount should be established before the beginning of each year by a resolution of the Congregation Council or the listing of an amount in the congregation's budget.

b) **Parsonage.** This is free use of a church-owned house, including utilities. A portion of the pastor's base salary may be set aside for furnishings and other housing expenses according to the IRS code. An annual equity allowance of a minimum of 3%-5% of salary is recommended for all parsonage situations.

3) Congregations should remember that the figures in the grid are *minimums*. Congregations are encouraged to exceed these minimum guidelines. Additional compensation should be provided based on criteria such as continuing education, special skills, responsibilities, merit, and local conditions.

4) Each congregation shall establish a Mutual Ministry Committee to facilitate the discussion by which these criteria are evaluated (as well as for carrying out the other functions of mutual ministry).

5) A congregation that fails to meet the synodical guidelines shall submit a report to the bishop on a form to be provided, detailing the reasons why these minimums are not being met and the steps that will be taken to establish these minimums as soon as possible.

The following minimum benefits should be provided in addition to salary:

1) A **Social Security Allowance** equal to one half of the pastor's social security liability. This allowance is taxable for income tax purposes. For 2019, the Social Security liability is expected to be equal to 15.3% of the combined base salary and housing provision. (Parsonages are subject to this tax at their fair rental value.)

2) An **Automobile Allowance** equal to IRS guidelines per mile for business travel. Pastors reimbursed for auto expense on a per mile basis do not have to report this allowance as income if they submit written mileage reports to the calling institution.

3) **Continuing Education** provisions including a congregation/agency providing at least \$550 for tuition, books, etc., and two weeks of time (not vacation), and the pastor providing at least \$250. It is recommended that this money be deposited in the synod's PLACE program. (Programs that include Sundays must be negotiated with the congregation council.) It is encouraged that congregations/agencies and pastors work towards a partnership goal of \$1,000.

4) Four full weeks of **vacation** time annually.

5) One to two **days off** per week, and, at least once a month, two consecutive days off.

6) For the purposes of **Worker's Compensation**, pastors are considered to be employees of the congregation and therefore should be included in Worker's Compensation insurance.

7) **Health and pension benefits** according to the guidelines of the ELCA, including a 12% pension provision **shall be provided for by the congregation or calling agency.** In 2013, the ELCA Church Council recommended that in order to maintain the current level of health benefits for our rostered leaders and lay church workers, congregations offer to provide the Gold + ELCA health plan option in 2017 for their rostered leaders and lay church workers. The Gold + option most closely resembles the 2013 ELCA Primary health coverage. The Leadership Development Team of the NEPA Synod supports this recommendation of ELCA Church Council, and urges all synod congregations to offer the Gold + option (or its equivalent) for rostered leaders and lay church workers each year.

8) Congregations may also reimburse the pastor(s) for **professional expenses** such as dues, entertainment, supplies, and malpractice insurance.

PASTORS WITH PART TIME CALLS

Pastors with part time calls should be compensated on a prorated basis in line with the above guidelines, in consultation with the Office of the Bishop. Vacation and continuing education provisions should be prorated, as well. Pension and health benefits are according to the guidelines of the ELCA, including a 12% pension provision.

ROSTERED DEACONS 2019 Minimum Salary Guidelines

Resolved that:

- 1) The 2019 *minimum* salary for rostered lay leaders in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA be in agreement with the following guidelines:

Years completed Service in rostered ministry	2019 Recommended Salary Range With Bachelor's Degree		2019 Recommended Salary Range With Master's Degree	
	Low	High	Low	High
0-1	35,723	39,358	38,022	41,824
2-3	37,033	40,735	40,423	44,465
4-7	38,285	42,113	41,674	45,841
8-10	40,789	44,867	44,177	48,596
11-15	42,667	51,199	46,056	55,268
16-20	45,796	54,395	49,187	59,024
21+	48,927	63,606	52,318	68,013

2) Congregations should remember that the figures in the grid are *minimums*. Congregations are encouraged to exceed these minimum guidelines. Additional compensation should be provided based on criteria such as continuing education, special skills, responsibilities, merit, and local conditions.

3) Each congregation shall establish a Mutual Ministry Committee to facilitate the discussion by which these criteria are evaluated (as well as for carrying out the other functions of mutual ministry).

4) A congregation that fails to meet the synodical guidelines shall submit a report to the bishop on a form to be provided, detailing the reasons why these minimums are not being met and the steps that will be taken to establish these minimums as soon as possible.

The following *minimum* benefits should be provided in addition to salary:

1) An **Automobile Allowance** equal to IRS guidelines per mile for business travel. Rostered lay leaders reimbursed for auto expense on a per mile basis do not have to report this allowance as income if they submit written mileage to the calling institution.

2) **Continuing Education** provisions including a congregation/agency providing at least \$550 for tuition, books, etc., and two weeks of time (not vacation), and the leader providing at least \$250. It is recommended that this money be deposited in the synod's PACE program. (Programs that include Sundays must be negotiated with the congregation council.) It is encouraged that congregations/agencies and rostered lay professional leaders work towards a partnership goal of \$1,000.

3) Four full weeks of **vacation** time annually.

4) One to two **days off** per week, and, at least once a month, two consecutive days off.

5) For the purposes of **Worker's Compensation**, rostered lay leaders are considered to be employees of the congregation and therefore should be included in Worker's Compensation insurance.

6) **Health and pension benefits** according to the guidelines of the ELCA, including a 12% pension provision shall be provided for by the congregation or calling agency. In 2013, the ELCA Church Council recommended that in order to maintain the current level of health benefits for our rostered leaders and lay church workers, congregations offer to provide the Gold + ELCA health plan option in 2017 for their rostered leaders and lay church workers. The Gold + option most closely resembles the 2013 ELCA Primary health coverage. The Leadership Development Team of the NEPA Synod supports this recommendation of ELCA Church Council, and urges all synod congregations to offer the Gold + option (or its equivalent) for rostered leaders and lay church workers each year.

7) Congregations may also reimburse the lay leader(s) for **professional expenses** such as dues, entertainment, supplies, and malpractice insurance.

WITNESS AND SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM

In Ephesians we read, “It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

The Witness and Service Ministry Team exists to encourage the development of programs that serve disenfranchised populations, take on issues of justice, meet new and emerging community needs, and reach out with the Gospel message. Providing financial assistance to encourage new ideas for ministry, the team seeks to build relationships, encourage conversation on moral and social issues, and form partnerships that strengthen, grow, and sustain the work of witness and service in our communities.

Sharing Ministry: The Witness and Service Ministry Team awarded more than \$26,000 in grants during 2017 to fifteen congregations and community organizations. Preference was given to beginning or expanding ministries. Grant recipients are asked to report their successes and challenges and are encouraged to develop funding and volunteer partnerships.

Building Relationships: The Witness and Service Team works in affiliation with the (dis) Ability Resource Information Task Force, Bike for World Hunger Task Force, Creation Care Task Force, LGBT+ Ministry Task Force and the Justice Ministry Task Force to increase awareness and advocacy provide means for congregational involvement.

Sharing Ministry: The Witness and Service Team supports social ministry organizations such as Diakon, Good Shepherd, and Lutheran Congregational Services. Specialized ministries such as: Common Ground Recovery Ministry in its three locations, Hope’s Table, and Trinity Deaf Ministry receive support to ensure that God’s love is proclaimed to underserved populations.

Building Relationships: The Witness and Service Team works with the Coaching sub-group encouraging and supporting strategies for renewing ministry.

The Witness and Service Team is your benevolence dollars at work. The Team’s allocations are made possible by The Social Ministry Fund/ The Synod Endowment distribution, your donations to the annual LSM Appeal, and the Synod’s General Fund Spending Plan.

Linda Maxon, convener

SUPPORT COMMITTEES

MISSION INTERPRETERS

Mission Interpreters share stories and communicate with congregations on how we are using our hands to do God's work. We visit congregations to say thank you and help congregations understand how their Mission Support commitments fulfill many ministries.

Training is provided to equip Mission Interpreters to tell stories and use various resources in sharing the good news about ministries within the Synod and the ELCA. We are continuing to build the Synod team of Mission Interpreters. More information can be found on the Synod website about this ministry.

A brochure is published annually with stories of several ministries that have been supported through congregational giving to Mission Support. Brochures are available for congregations on request.

The Mission Support Table provides guidance for the Mission Interpreter Ministry during the year.

Georgia Suranofsky, Convener

ABILITY RESOURCE TEAM (A TEAM)

The "A Team" mission is to "...encourage and assist congregations of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to open their hearts, minds, and doors to all of God's people by removing barriers of architecture, communication, and attitude that exclude any person from full and active participation in the life of Christ's Church." The Team met several times throughout the year. The A-Team participated in *God's Playground* at the 2017 Synod Assembly with an interactive display that was well received.

The A-Team is rebranding through a name change to align with current national trends. The team will be redesigning its web page in the Synod website: www.godslove.org. "Accessibility Basics" is a resource on 'different Abilities' inclusion and ministry available for congregational leaders. The A-Team appreciates Sammi Johns' leadership in the 2018 Learning Ministries Day, leading a workshop on Special Needs ministry. The 1st year of the ELCA Always Being Made New Campaign provided \$167,000 for disability ministries. The A-Team members are: Rev. Allen Forsman, Rev. David Kistler (Secretary), Jean Sandberg (Convener), Mark Stana, Ms. Carolyn Volk; Rev. William Horn and Ms. Mary Smith, Members Emeritus. We are thankful to Richard

and Barbara Hartman for their many years of leadership to the A-Team and their gifts as spokespeople for people with special needs, especially Hearing Impaired in our Synod. The team is seeking new members who have a passion for inclusive ministry. Representatives from the Hazleton-Lehigh, Schuylkill, and Scranton-Wilkes-Barre mission districts are also needed.

A-Team members are available to offer presentations and discussions for various age groups. Contact Jean Sandberg via e-mail at jdsandberg@hotmail.com with inquiries or for interest in volunteering on the A-Team. Jean Sandberg, Convener

Jean Sandberg, Convener

THE LESBIAN, GAY, BI-SEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER + TASK FORCE (LGBTQ + TASK FORCE)

This Task Force endeavors to aid congregations in becoming and being truly welcoming to LGBTQ individuals and couples.

The Task Force makes educational information available through an interactive display at synod assemblies. In addition, speakers and educational materials are provided to congregations upon request. Task Force members, both clergy and lay, are eager to meet with congregational staff and/or groups upon request.

The Task Force recommends that congregations attain recognition as a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation from the national Lutheran Organization, Reconciling Works. Each RIC congregation is required to welcome all people regardless of their ability, age, ethnicity, financial situation, gender identity, life circumstances, race or sexual orientation.

Most of our congregations that already have RIC status are located in the southern area of our synod. The Task Force commends Holly Trinity, Kingston, for having recently attained Reconciling in Christ status and is the first congregation in the northern part of our synod to do so.

The Task Force participates in three regional LGBTQ+ events each summer (Allentown, Reading & Wilkes-Barre) providing information regarding local Lutheran congregations

Ken Miller, Convener

WORLD HUNGER APPEAL TASK FORCE

Most of our work these days is to plan the Bike for World Hunger event held in the Springtime. In 2017 we had a rainy day and only 30 participants. We did raise \$ 3862 from the event so it turned out to be more of a success than we anticipated. The 2018 event will be held in May again.

The Rev. Wayne Kaufman, Convener

GLOBAL MISSION

Global Mission in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod plays out mostly through the Companion Synod program. The Companion Synod program was started by the ELCA in 1990 when they matched Lutheran World Federation member Churches with each synod of the ELCA. Each synod received at least one companion to accompany and with whom to develop a special relationship. NEPS received two—the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina and Uruguay and the Löbau Zittau District of the Lutheran Church in Saxony, Germany. A few years later we added two more companions, doubling our ministry opportunities. These are the Lutheran Church in Slovenia and the South Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Below is a short summary of several companion relationships.

SAXONY

Our committee was not very active in the early part of 2017. The Youth Exchange that was to take place in June of 2017 was cancelled. We did not have enough youth apply to go to Germany and the requirements from our German companions were difficult to meet.

This summer we began to plan for our Intergenerational Exchange which will take place in October 2018. Approximately 16 adults and youth will visit the northern part of our synod for a week and the southern part for a week. Tentative plans are a two day trip to New York City, a day trip to Philadelphia, the opportunity to see a sporting event, and a trip to Amish country.

We will spend 2018 getting ready to host our friends.

The Rev. Wayne Kaufman, Convener

SOUTH CENTRAL DIOCESE OF TANZANIA

The Global Missions/Tanzania Team continues to share our partnership with our companions in the South Central Diocese of Tanzania. We continue to work to find ways to strengthen the ties between the synod and diocese as well as between companion congregations. As a way to

encourage conversation and communication, we have an occasional newsletter sent to those interested in learning more about our partnership and to share news from the Diocese as it becomes available.

The 2017 – 2018 year has been a rebuilding year within the team. We are looking for ways to improve the communications with our partners and grow our partnership. The Rev. Hartmut Barsnick, a retired pastor from Germany, has been helping to relay news to us from his dealings in the Diocese.

Within the South Central Diocese, The Rev. Wilson Sanga was elected Bishop of the South Central Diocese. We look forward to working with Bishop Sanga and improving communications. In August of 2018 there will be an ELCA/ELCT Bishops Summit in Tanzania to look at the ways we interact together in Global Mission, and to find ways to improve those relationships.

If your congregation is interested in becoming a companion to a congregation in the South Central Diocese, please be in contact with the Synod Office or me. We can share with you the Guidelines for Companion Congregations. You can also contact me if you want to be included in the Tanzania E-mail list.

The Rev. Russell Haab, Convener

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod is blessed by each of our companions/partners. We look forward to enhancing these special relationships in the years to come.

The Rev. Kurt Garbe, Synod Liaison

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

At the 2017 Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly, a group of twenty-five voting members proposed the following amendment to the synod constitution:

- S7.22.c. All ordained pastors from other denominations who are our full-communion partners and who have been appointed or authorized by the Bishop and/or Synod Council to serve congregations of this Synod shall have voice and vote in the meetings of the Synod Assembly.

The amendment was approved by an overwhelming majority of those in attendance. According to the process for amending the synod constitution outlined in *S18.13.a., a second vote will need to be taken at the 2018 assembly before this provision can take effect.

The Rev. D. Michael Bennethum

CANDIDACY COMMITTEE

Greetings from the synod's candidacy committee!

As we reflect on the themes of sharing ministries and building relationships, it is clear that candidacy is very much committed to and involved with these ideas. As we work with those who are discerning whether God is calling them to public ministry, we share ministry and build relationships with them and the communities that they came from.

As we, on behalf of the church, discern whether there is an external call to match the sense of inner call a person might be feeling, and as we prayerfully and carefully engaging them in the ELCA Candidacy process, we share ministry and build relationships with the larger church.

As we make decisions that significantly impact people's lives, sometimes with great joy and sometimes with deep sadness, we share ministry and build relationships with congregations across the ELCA and with the future.

It is a responsibility we take seriously, and we are still working with the recent changes to the ELCA's roster in terms of word and sacrament (pastors) and word and service (deacons); to the ongoing changes in the ELCA's seminaries (including ULS as well as the other seminaries; and the evolving system in terms of our Regional staff support for candidacy, The Rev. Dr. Paul Baglyos, Coordinator, Missional Leadership at Evangelical Lutheran Church.

As was true last year, we are by no means awash in candidates, and this is of concern for the future of the church. We ask that you, in your congregations, share in this ministry by identifying possible candidates, encouraging them in the possible vocation of word and sacrament or word and service, and help to build relationships between them and the candidacy committee. You can help us in two specific ways:

- 1) First and foremost, identify and encourage those who have gifts for public ministry. This applies to confirmation students, youth group members, young adults, or people of any age – ministry is very often a second vocation these days. And then do something about it – connect them with the committee, encourage them to speak with your pastor, help them along the way!
- 1) Contribute to something that financially supports seminary students: the synod's student fund, the ELCA Fund for Leaders, a student fund in your congregation, or a new pastor who is carrying a heavy burden of debt.

Please feel free to contact either Pastor Metzloff

or Pastor Gade at the synod office if you have any questions or concerns with regard to the candidacy process; we would also be more than happy to speak with any prospective candidates. Also, please keep the entire candidacy committee in your prayers as we seek to carry out this calling on behalf of the church. Thank you!

The Rev. Paul Metzloff, Chair

The Rev. Mary Gade, Synod Staff for Candidacy

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Lutheran ministries are present on several college and university campuses in our synod, sharing the Gospel through a variety of outreach ministries. The primary outreach is through Partner Congregations located near institutions of higher education. Partner Congregations on the Northeastern PA Synod during 2017 include Trinity and St. John's Kutztown relating to Kutztown University, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's Bethlehem relating to Lehigh University. Muhlenberg College, an ELCA-related college also provides campus ministry to students and staff on its campus. There has been a decrease in outreach to students on college and university campus' during 2016 and 2017 within the Synod territory. The Campus Ministry Affinity Group encourages congregations that neighbor higher education institutions to consider beginning an outreach ministry to the young adult population in their midst.

The Campus Ministry Affinity Group meets several times a year for mutual support and conversation about the synod vision for campus ministries. The Affinity Group seeks to support existing partner congregations and encourage new campus ministry opportunities on our Synod territory.

Synod funding for Campus Ministry comes from congregation benevolence to the synod and ELCA, and is distributed by the Witness and Service team to the Campus Ministry Affinity Group. During 2017, \$24,000 was distributed to support Campus Ministry efforts on our Synod territory.

Additional grants from the internal grant program were distributed to students at Kutztown University to support its 2018 Alternative Spring Break service trip to Ocala Florida where a mission team assisted in gleaning fields and groves for local food banks. St. Peter's Lutheran Bethlehem received block Grants during 2017 to assist with its outreach to the Lehigh University community. Block grants are available to congregations for special program incentives for students in higher education or Lutheran students of Synod congregations that seek to enhance their growth in faith, through specific activities, during their college experience.

If you or your congregation would like to become involved in campus ministry, please contact Associate to the Bishop Pastor Mary Gade at Maryg@nepsynod.org at the Synod office or Pastor Keith Rohrbach at Krohr6@me.com. Pastor Rohrbach functions as the Affinity Group convener.

For more information about ELCA Campus Ministries, check <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Campus-Ministry.aspx>.

Keith Rohrbach, Convener

LUTHERAN ARCHIVES CENTER AT PHILADELPHIA

One day last year I came home from church and I noticed that the sermon I had written and printed out the night before was sitting in a different place than I had left it that morning. The pages were bent and crinkled up. And then, as I looked closer, I realized that three pages of my sermon were actually missing. It turned out that my puppy had eaten them! Like the proverbial story of the dog eating a child's homework, my dog had eaten MY homework! My wife joked that either our dog thought the sermon was so good that he wanted to take it all in, or that it was so bad that he was giving me a hint that I should rewrite it. Of course, I was able to print out another copy of the pages that my dog had consumed. But even more, that experience provided me with the opportunity for something else. It gave me the chance to look a little closer at what I had planned to preach the next Sunday. And as I looked at it, I thought maybe I would tweak it a bit. So it was that my dog's snack provided me an opportunity to look at my upcoming Sunday sermon in a different light.

What happens when a dog eats a pastor's sermon? The pastor is given an opportunity to rethink it and possibly rework it.

Thank goodness, we do not have dogs that threaten our archival collection at the Lutheran Archives Center at Philadelphia! Temperature, sunlight, and humidity are the usual culprits that can harm an archive. Your regional Archives Center is a state of the art facility that helps protect and preserve the archival treasures of northeastern Lutheranism for future generations.

The Board and the Staff of the Archives Center are also presented with opportunities to reflect on our work and to sometimes rethink how we do things. Over the last 40 years we have been blessed to have a Curator, John Peterson, who has been with us from the very beginning of our joint work. As John's retirement approaches in 2019, the Board has decided to hire a new Executive Director, Lisa Minardi, who will begin work later this summer. We at the Archives Center are thankful for our past and our present, as we are also looking towards the future.

We continue to rely on Synodical support and funding from closed congregations (\$5000 from each closed parish whose records we receive), as well as from the United Lutheran Seminary and other agencies and organizations whose archives we hold. We furthermore are grateful for contributions from a variety of supporters (all of which are gratefully accepted). Please continue to support the work of your regional Archives Center with your prayers and contributions.

Make sure to pick up copies of the Archives newsletter, the *Archives Advocate*, and say "hi" to your

Synod Archivist! Finally, visitors are always welcome at the Archives Center!

Wishing you blessings on your Synod Assembly!

*The Rev. J. Francis Watson, Ph.D.,
President of the Board,*

WOMEN OF THE ELCA (WELCA)

It has been an interesting year.

In July, twenty-three women from NEPA, ranging in age from 21 to 82, attended the W-ELCA Triennial Assembly in Minneapolis. They brought back such excitement after meeting and worshipping and studying with ladies from 62 Synods and many of their experiences will influence our Synod organization for years to come.

At our Board transition meeting in August, we learned that we collected over \$1000 for Mary's Shelter in Bethlehem.

In September, ladies from all over the Synod gathered at Hope Lutheran Church in Tatamy for a day of Service and Fun. We gathered for worship and then packed 75 backpacks for schoolchildren in the Reading area. These were distributed by the Reading School Nurses Association. We also saw skits, blew bubbles, and collected enough "change from our purses" to buy one pig and several sets of chicks through the ELCA Good Gifts Program.

In October, the theme for our cluster meetings dealt with prevention of identity theft. Several Clusters had representatives from our State Police as speaker/guests. Topics for Cluster gatherings are suggested by the W-ELCA office in Chicago.

It was a winter full of planning and in early March, we held our Spring Justice Event at St. Paul's Church, Auburn. It was a wonderful day of worship and education. We learned so much about Advocacy for others.

Three women from our Synod attended the Region 7 gathering in Connecticut in April. Also in April, our Board held Retreat Day to discover gifts from God, and our styles of leadership.

As this report is being written, we are looking forward to our June Convention at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church in Reading. Offerings will be collected for an area food bank.

We are a "community of women created in the image of God." We are "called to discipleship in Jesus Christ." We are committed to growing in faith, supporting one another, and engaging in ministry and action. I believe this was reflected in our studies and activities this past year. ...And we have fun, too!

Lenna Harris, President

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA LUTHERAN CAMP CORPORATION (BEAR CREEK CAMP)

Greetings from Bear Creek Camp the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry for the Southeast and Northeast Pennsylvania Synods of the ELCA.

The summer of 2017 was a great one at Bear Creek Camp!

- For the first time in over 20 years our summer camp attendance has increased **FIVE** years in a row. 2017 saw an increase of 14% over the previous summer and we are up **73%** since 2013.
- 45 Summer staff members did an excellent job of showing and sharing the Gospel through activities, Bible studies, games, team building moments and having fun!
- Campers, parents and chaplains were very encouraging of the current program that is in place at BCC.
 - ◊ Among the comments we received:
 - *Love the new cabins. My camper really loved them too. With the thunder storms rolling through, I felt safer knowing they had wood verses fabric between them and the elements.*
Camper Parent
 - *My daughter spent 2 weeks in Germany and 1 week at the beach prior to coming to camp. Bear Creek camp was by far her favorite week of the summer (and perhaps the entire year!). Keep up the great work you do!!!*
Camper Parent
 - *Thank you for making this the best 8 years of my life! This camp has made my life better. It's honestly saved my life! And made me become who I am, which is 100x more confident than ever! Thank you so much!*
Camper
 - *I love it because you can grow in your faith and have fun!*
Camper
- Our Church Day Camp program continues to grow as we will serve 13 churches this summer with our “on the road” day camp program.

Thank you Northeast and Southeast PA Synods and congregations for your ongoing support of the ministry at Bear Creek Camp. We are grate-

ful to work in partnership with each of you and to be an extension of your ministries at our location near Wilkes-Barre. The enthusiasm for the ministry of Bear Creek Camp is spreading we are very excited about the months and years to come.

The financial and prayerful support of the camp by each synod is vital to our success. Your investment in Bear Creek Camp is just that – and investment. We are building up young people and leaders to be active members of our synod's congregations to strengthen the church. Thank you for joining us in this mission.

Please continue to pray for Bear Creek Camp this summer as we have a great time exploring, celebrating and growing in God's creation.

Dan Scharnhorst, Executive Director

ELCA MISSION INVESTMENT FUND

The Mission Investment (MIF) is the lending ministry of the ELCA. MIF makes low-interest loans to ELCA congregations and ELCA-related ministries for building and renovation projects. With MIF loans, congregations and ministries can purchase property, construct new building and expand or renovate existing facilities.

MIF loans expand the capacity for ministry. MIF loans help create expanded worship spaces, updated space for education and youth ministry, new kitchens for community meals and soup kitchens, affordable housing units for the community and much more.

At year-end 2017, MIF had 888 loans outstanding, totaling \$539.1 million.

To fund these loans, MIF offers a portfolio of investments for congregation, their members, synods and ELCA-related ministries to purchase. At year-end 2017, MIF investments totaled \$506 million.

MIF is a financially strong and stable organization, with a record of steady, controlled growth. With total assets of \$715.7 million and net assets of \$203.9 million at year-end 2017, MIF maintains a capital ratio of 28.5 percent-positioning MIF in the top tier of well-capitalized church extension funds. For more information, visit mif.elca.org.

MIF loans and investments in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod (as of December 31, 2017):

- 10 Mission Investment Fund loans, with a balance of \$2,397.907
- \$10,279,122 in Mission Investment Fund investments

Gerry Lauro, MIF Regional Manager

1517 MEDIA

Ten Things You Might Not Know about 1517 Media

Spring 2018

1. Since last fall, congregations have experienced the Small Catechism in a new way using *By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism*. The book and video-based curriculum are designed to create deep conversations in small groups about Lutheran foundations. This is a great resource for both new members and seasoned Lutherans. augsburgfortress.org/byheart
2. *In Sure and Certain Hope: A Funeral Sourcebook* has become an indispensable resource for those planning, presiding, and preaching at funerals. This fall, Augsburg Fortress will release a companion funeral handbook, designed to assist congregations in teaching about and planning funerals with families and in small groups. augsburgfortress.org/funeral-sourcebook
3. Augsburg Fortress will be releasing a multi-faceted holy communion learning resource for kids and families later this year. Get ready to see a long-time favorite become something new. Receive updates at augsburgfortress.org/lutheran-learning.
4. Fortress Press, Luther Seminary, and the board of the periodical *Word & World* have partnered to launch a new venture called Word & World Books. Its goal is to invigorate and inspire leaders and communities in their mission to proclaim God's *Word* to the *World* God created and loves. The first book in the series is *Future Faith: Ten Challenges Reshaping Christianity in the 21st Century* by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson. fortresspress.com/word-and-world
5. Fortress Press is now producing a greater quantity and variety of books for general readers that intersect religion with topics in art, literature, and culture. Grounded in fresh, substantive, timely, and inspiring theological reflection, these titles are perfect for reading groups, Bible studies, and personal growth. Browse the topics, including youth ministry, social justice, Bible study, and more, at fortresspress.com/popular.
6. This spring, Frolic will expand to offer a new Sunday school curriculum for pre-school! The new playbased preschool builds faith formation among three to five year olds, and focuses on sharing stories and themes from the Bible. wearesparkhouse.org
7. *Whirl: All Kids* and *Spark: All Kids* are new models of Spark and Whirl for churches with multi-age or single room classrooms.

Created for kindergarten through grade five, these programs offer mentoring and leadership opportunities so all kids can learn together! Available this spring at wearesparkhouse.org.

8. Sparkhouse Family Book Fairs will continue this year and can now be hosted anytime, anywhere. Receive a selection of free books and extend to your congregation or school a discount with free shipping on select books. You can even use it as a fundraiser for your ministry. Learn more at SparkhouseFamilyBookFairs.com.
9. Sparkhouse Family has grown since its launch in 2014 and has a refined mission: to publish highquality children's books that help kids thrive emotionally, socially, and spiritually. In recognition of these changes, Sparkhouse Family has a new identity: **Beaming Books**.
10. From the empty tomb to Jesus' appearance to the disciples, the story of Jesus' triumph over death is told with vibrant art in a new pop-up book, *Jesus Is Risen!* This book will bring the Easter story to life in a whole new way for children and the adults who love them. Take a peek at beamingbooks.com.

Beth A Lewis, CEO & President

EASTERN CLUSTER OF LUTHERAN SEMINARIES TO THE SYNODS OF REGIONS 7, 8 AND 9

Last year, my predecessor, David Lose, spoke about the rapidly changing landscape of theological education and said that we might talk about a "fluxus quo." The past two years have done nothing to suggest that Dr. Lose was mistaken in his assessment at least with respect to the Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries.

The Eastern Cluster is the separately incorporated entity created by Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS), the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (LTSG), and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP) to create efficiencies by inviting shared use of resources and greater interaction between the faculty and staff of our institutions. Since its founding in 1995, the Eastern Cluster has fostered strong collaboration between the three eastern schools and other partners, enhancing our common task of theological education for a broad spectrum of students and life-long learners.

None of those original seminaries are the same. LTSS merged with Lenoir-Rhyne University, and LTSG and LTSP have merged with one another to become United Lutheran Seminary with two campuses. The leadership of the now two seminaries of the Eastern Cluster has

changed in that time. President Cooper-White (LTSG) retired and President Lose (LTSP) answered a call to return to parish ministry. Moreover the leadership of Lenoir-Rhyne University and LTSS has changed as well with Dr. Fred Whitt becoming president and Dr. David Ratke becoming dean of the seminary.

Over the course of its history, the Cluster has received grants from a number of foundations – Lilly Endowment, Luce Foundation, Teagle Foundation, Thrivent – as well as ELCA research and development grants. Over the course of its life, in excess of \$6 million has been received. Among other projects, the creation of One Library Under Three Roofs (linking the libraries into a unified system), Project Connect (a vocational discernment and recruitment effort), and various attempts to build a robust coordinated Cluster program of continuing education received the largest grants, and probably had the greatest impact. Most recently, the Cluster has received a renewal and extension of a Lilly Endowment Fund grant (Abundant Life grant) to help reduce student debt, teach financial literacy among our students, and promote holistic stewardship in the personal lives and congregations of our graduates.

Despite recent changes in the member seminaries, the goals of the Cluster – to foster shared resources and encourage collaboration in order to enhance and broaden theological education – remain the same, even as the form of that cooperation continues to evolve. As we explore various possibilities for faithful and efficient sharing of resources, we are grateful for the encouragement, prayers, and support of our synods and larger church. Theological education for the whole church has never been more important, and the Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries has been privileged to support that endeavor.

*David C. Ratke, Executive Director
William B. Trexler, Board Chair*

REGIONS 7 and 8 CANDIDACY

Greetings to you, People of God, in the fifteen synods of Regions 7 and 8, as you prepare for the work of our church in this 2018 season of synod assemblies.

I am pleased to serve among you as a deployed staff partner in our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. My current role is to provide candidacy and leadership support for the synods of these two regions. That work involves collaboration with your bishops, synod staff leadership teams, candidacy committees and candidates. “Candidacy” is the term by which the ELCA refers to the identification and formation of women and men preparing to serve as pastors and deacons in the rostered ministry of this church.

Candidacy involves a partnership between congregations and other local worshipping communities, seminaries, synods and the churchwide organization of the ELCA. One of the four guiding principles articulated by our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, is that “we are church together.” Candidacy is a good example of how that principle relates to practice. The work of candidacy involves the attention of all of us in the ELCA.

A recent news release from our churchwide organization highlights the collaborative nature of our work in candidacy. That release can be accessed through this link: <http://elca.org/News-and-Events/7911> I heartily recommend that all of you who read this report would also read that release and open its own embedded links for further reflection.

Finally, I remind all of you that the Model Constitution for Congregations of the ELCA includes the shared responsibility to “seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel” (C12.04.j). Although the word is not used, that detail in our congregational constitutions refers to *candidacy*. One of the ministry commitments of all ELCA congregations is to help men and women gifted for service as deacons and pastors to discern a potential call to rostered ministry leadership and to respond faithfully to that call. How many of you reading this report belong to a congregation that currently has at least one member enrolled in a seminary and engaged in candidacy? How many of you reading this report might help your congregation to renew its attention to this shared commitment?

Candidacy in the ELCA: we’re in it together!

The Rev. Dr. Paul Baglyos, Coordinator, Missional Leadership at Evangelical Lutheran Church

UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY GETTYSBURG + PHILADELPHIA

At United Lutheran Seminary, we have a new understanding of Jesus’ words from the Gospel of John: *Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

We are a new seminary, born out of our predecessor schools with over 300 years of experience in theological education. Many people have sacrificed their time, talent, and resources to bring us to this point. The sacrifices continue, as does the work of United Lutheran Seminary.

On both the Philadelphia and Gettysburg campuses, we look to those who have gone before us in order to learn those core convictions of our confessional learning that hold us steadfast in grace. We call on the excellence of our alums to provide us with benchmarks and goals for our

current students. We remember the suffering of those who fought on our campuses, both in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. We look to the future of the church in which all are empowered to bring God's reign into fullness and fruition.

As recipients of these gifts, we are working diligently to raise up leaders for an ever-evolving church. We are striving to keep the best of our predecessor schools:

We look to the future of the church in which all are empowered to bring God's reign into fullness and fruition

- The Urban Theological and Town and Country Institutes.
- A strong, diverse faculty.
- The best support from alumni and synods of all the ELCA seminaries.
- And of course, your prayers and support that sustain us from day to day.

There have been some birthing pangs along the way. In March, after much prayer and discernment, our board made the difficult decision to have the president step down. We continue the process of building our administration and faculty, with multiple search committees working diligently to make sure the needs of our students are met by the best-qualified candidates. And we are working through the challenges of bringing together two established schools with their myriad traditions and best practices.

There are many highlights to our first year. United Lutheran Seminary has record enrollment numbers. This past fall, 78 new students enrolled. Thirty-five additional new students have enrolled this spring. This is significantly higher than the combined incoming classes of our predecessor institutions, where enrollment of new students was 15 to 20 in the spring semester.

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

As these emerging public leaders join us, we are proactively helping to reduce the problem of student debt. All full-time ELCA, residential students in the candidacy process receive full-tuition scholarships at United Lutheran Seminary. In the two years that we have offered this initiative, there has been a dramatic drop in the level of borrowing as each new class enrolled. Prior to offering these scholarships, 70-85% of new students financed part of their seminary education by borrowing through the federal loan program. That rate has dropped to just 22% of new students financing their education with loans.

New technologies are making it possible for classrooms on both campuses to come together in virtual environments to discuss theology, study scripture, and discuss best practices for ministry. In addition, we are creating new life-long learning opportunities for pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in all fifteen synods of regions seven, eight, and beyond.

Last September, the Association of Theological Schools visited both campuses and concluded that "ULS has in place the required authorizations and documentation to deliver theological education as a school in good standing." This ensures our future as an institution of higher education that meets and supersedes the benchmarks placed before us by all accrediting agencies. Sacrifices will continue to be asked of those who serve and support the school. It is the nature of our servant leadership to do so. In this time of interim leadership, we are focusing on three priorities:

- Nurturing diverse, culturally competent Christian leaders and communities.
- Developing new pathways for theological education (e.g., continuing education, M.A. programs, and distance learning programs).
- Cultivating partnerships within and across institutions.

We are moving forward with each of these by launching a ULS Diversity Task Force, entering into conversations with synods and foundations to explore means of reaching new students, and discovering ways to provide resources for public Christian leaders – students, alumni, and other church leaders – for ministry in the 21st century.

United Lutheran Seminary is a place of extraordinary education, living into the power of death and resurrection through our shared experience and learning.

Most importantly, ULS strives to foster a diverse community of faith where people come to meet Jesus and each other at the table of God's grace. During our recent time of discernment and conversation, the ULS board heard the concerns and pain of the students, faculty, and staff. The decision to remove the former president was not made lightly, but was done with care and compassion for the needs of the institution, as we believe the future of ELCA congregations in the Northeastern United States calls for a robust academy of learning for [future rostered leaders](#), with a healthy and vibrant community of *koinonia* and trust. To this end, we are committing considerable resources for counseling and sensitivity training for everyone in the ULS community. In this context, we will

work to forge a new sense of mission and purpose so that our graduates are empowered to serve the church of the 21st Century.

Without endings, there can be no new beginnings. Without dying to the self, there is no hope of new life, no chance of resurrection. United Lutheran Seminary is a place of extraordinary education, living into the power of death and resurrection through our shared experience and learning. It is a story of sorrow and love, suffering and hope.

We are grateful to you for continued prayers, financial support, and compassion as we move forward in faith. We ask you to join us on this journey in every way possible. God bless you in your ministries to the church and the world.

James S. Dunlop, Acting President

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

There is something unique and exciting about Muhlenberg College. If you ever have the fortune to set foot on campus, you'll soon encounter beautiful Egner Chapel, prominently centered on the College green. Once this chapel was packed with students and faculty attending daily chapel and Sunday College worship. But that, like many things, has changed. Like our neighboring communities, church at Tendance has diminished. So if we were to "judge" the vitality of the church or a college of the church simply by looking through the chapel window on Sunday morning, we might be alarmed.

But that sense of alarm quickly dissipates when we take the time to live on the Muhlenberg College campus. The founders of the ELCA college network were intentional about creating academies where the intellectual development of their children would be disciplined and engaged. That continues to be central to the mission of Muhlenberg. But we are an ELCA college, and so as a college of the church, we do more than nurture the brain—we also pay attention to the spirit. Martin Luther was fully aware of the complexity of putting the academy and the church in the same space. But this is the unique and exciting way the Lutheran church has always lived, and it is a model we continue to embrace today.

While the college pays strict attention to elements of the academy, it also takes the spiritual development of the students seriously. When Muhlenberg (then the Allentown Seminary) was founded in 1848, German Lutheran students filled the college. They were the critical mass in society. But 2018 is a different reality. Pluralism has replaced monolithic social and religious structures and Muhlenberg reflects this change. Jewish, Roman Catholic, Hindu, Muslim, and

Protestants from many denominations flock to this place. They come to learn and they come to be nurtured in spirit. As in society, Lutheran students at Muhlenberg live with young adults from many spiritual traditions. It is a microcosm of the world in 2018. This diversity enlivens matters of faith through conversation, shared space, and dialogue.

Life on the Muhlenberg campus has been exciting and inspiring. In the past year, we've seen students, faculty and staff accomplish amazing things.

- Our theatre program named among the best in the nation by the Princeton Review; the department has been among the top 12 on the "Best College Theater" list in nine of the last 10 years.
- Over 60 students conducted paid, independent summer research, working closely with faculty mentors.
- The illness and later passing of football coach Mike Donnelly spurred hundreds of students to register as bone marrow donors.
- We announced several new cooperative agreements with leading professional and medical schools, opening doors of possibility to students prepared for advanced degrees.
- Student athletes broke individual and team records in a number of sports.
- And, in tribute to our founding, we hosted an exhibit on campus celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

We see this new paradigm, one of pluralism and academic rigor, as an asset to life at Muhlenberg. We invite you to join us in our endeavor to create and to keep reforming Muhlenberg as an exemplary college of the church. And we ask you to seriously consider sharing this resource with future college students in your synod.

On behalf of the college

Pastor John Gorder, interim chaplain

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches is church bodies and agencies representing Anabaptist, Episcopal, Orthodox, Pentecostal, and Protestant communions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania working together for Christian unity for the sake of the world. [John 17:23].

IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Future Planning Work. The Council continued its work on planning for the Council's future. It has revamped its Basis/Mission Statement, and has added a "Unity in Diversity" statement that

commits the Council to “embodying a culture of inclusivity, equality, and justice.” It has expanded and revised its membership categories so that: (1) only one Pennsylvania congregation is required to qualify as a church body member of the Council, and church bodies must contribute financially to the Council in order to maintain membership; (2) organizations and congregations that support the Council’s mission can join as Affiliate members; and (3) individuals may join as “Friends” of the Council. It has changed the term limits for officers from three two year terms to two three year terms. While it continues its work on Board structure, member bodies may designate a proxy to attend in place of the body’s executive, and it now permits electronic participation in meetings or votes.

The group will continue meeting to review and determine changes needed to the Council’s Constitution/Bylaws and structure in order to live into the Council’s mission.

Conferences and Meetings. The Council did not hold a single statewide conference in 2017, but instead conducted workshops around the issues of education and criminal justice reform.

The Council held a series of “School-to-Prison Pipeline” sessions around the state, using a trauma-informed lens to help participants understand the role of funding to ensure that all students have the resources they need to overcome barriers to learning, including poverty, race, disabilities, and language, among other things. Many Pennsylvania districts have significant populations that are heavily affected by these trauma-inducing conditions, and lack the tax base to provide sufficient support alone to help students overcome these conditions. Given the high correlation between students facing these conditions without sufficient support and those who end up in prison, these sessions helped to make the case for a fair school funding formula and adequate funding in order to bridge the gap. These sessions were supported by funds from the William Penn Foundation through a collaborative grant from POWER in Philadelphia (a PICO organizing group).

The Council also held two events (with another scheduled for April 2018) called “Faithful Advocacy for Criminal Justice Reform: Principles and Practice.” These sessions were designed to educate participants about the criminal justice system/mass incarceration at the federal and state levels, “Clean Slate” legislation (designed to remove a barrier for formerly incarcerated persons for qualified offenses at the state level), and how to advocate effectively for this legislation. Participants were asked/encouraged to participate in advocacy visits with their Pennsylvania representatives with support from the Council’s Public Witness program. This effort was supported in part by funds from the Men-

nonite Central Committee.

The Council facilitated another visioning meeting involving a range of organizations involved in criminal justice reform—determining how the groups can work together to forward a reform agenda for PA.

The Council also supported a workshop on “sanctuary congregations” held in Lancaster to provide interested congregations with information and resources needed to offer sanctuary to undocumented persons threatened with deportation.

Support for Collaborative Efforts. The Council has received support from several different sources aimed at supporting collaborative efforts involving the Council and other denominations and coalitions.

- The Mennonite Central Committee’s (MCC) East Coast Office reauthorized its \$10,000 grant to support advocacy in areas that are particularly important to Anabaptist traditions: criminal justice reform, immigration, gun violence, and education. They were joined by an additional \$5,000 grant from the MCC’s Washington Office. The grant runs through March 2018. It is the Council’s hope that this funding will be renewed. There has been a continuing focus on building a Healing Communities network in PA, and on calling for closure of the Berks County Family Detention Center that is holding refugee families far in excess of the time they should be held. Additional efforts in 2017 included the “Faithful Advocacy” events described above, building networks among stakeholders active in work around immigration/immigration reform, conversations with groups involved with reducing gun violence, including Heeding God’s Call and CeaseFirePA.
- A grant of \$10,000 from the William Penn Foundation (through the Coalition for Fair Education Funding) continued to support the Council’s efforts to reform school funding in PA. The funds have been used to do basic education on equity and adequacy of public school funding in PA, and to support the “school to prison pipeline” sessions described above.
- The National Religious Campaign Against Torture gave a grant of \$2,500 to support the Council’s criminal justice work, good for the first six months of 2017. It was used to support the visioning work described above.

The funding has continued to support part-time efforts by an Advocacy Programs Coordinator, John-Michael Cotignola-Pickens. The Council will continue to seek additional funding from other sources to support its work.

Other Activities

- The Board of Directors adopted two resolutions—one on fair districting, and one on the minimum wage.
- The Council:
 - Issued several public statements: **A Statement of Action on the Berks County Residential Center** (January 20, 2017); **Pennsylvania Council of Churches Condemns Violence and Vandalism Against Jewish and Muslim Communities** (February 27, 2017); **A Statement on the Events on Charlottesville, VA and Addressing Ideologies of Hate** (August 16, 2017); **A Call for Solidarity with Our Neighbors Impacted by Hurricane Harvey and Flooding** (August 31, 2017); **Call for Solidarity with Our Neighbors Impacted by Hurricane Irma** (September 13, 2017);
 - Conducted three Healing Communities trainings (Pittsburgh, Chambersburg and Williamsport), one “train-the-trainer” Healing Communities training (Chambersburg), and one session to introduce the concept to congregations (Chambersburg). Another session is scheduled for Lebanon in March 2018; and
 - Offered greetings to five member bodies: (1) the Northeast Synod of the ELCA; (2) the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church; (3) the Schwenkfelder Church; (4) the Western PA District of the Church of the Brethren; and (5) the Episcopal Diocese of Central PA.
- Both of the Council’s websites, www.pachurches.org and www.pachurchesadvocacy.org, have continued to evolve.
- The Director of Advocacy and Ecumenical Outreach attended a three-day Climate Reality Project Training in Pittsburgh and qualified as a Climate Leader to educate Pennsylvanians about the climate crisis we face.

COUNCIL MINISTRIES

Commission on Public Witness & Public Witness Ministry. The Council’s advocacy efforts in 2017 focused on the following areas:

- Advocacy for a Pennsylvania budget with sufficient revenues that addresses the concerns of people of faith.
- Human needs/poverty-related work.
- Efforts to raise the minimum wage, primarily in coordination with the Raise the Wage PA Coalition.
- Public education funding, primarily in coordination with the Campaign for Fair Education Funding.
- Criminal justice reform.
- Immigration, particularly around calling for the closure of the Berks County Family Detention

Center that is holding refugee women and children for long periods of time.

- Environment, primarily climate change and protecting water resources, in coordination with several organizations.

The Commission continues to work on efforts aimed at improving the lives of people on the margins, and addressing problems with our political system.

Commission on Unity & Relationships. The Council worked in coordination with Rabbi George Stern and Chris Satullo (former journalist/Keystone Civic Ventures) to launch an effort toward statewide congregationally-based civil dialogue aimed at bringing together individuals/congregations with wide differences in political and theological positions. An initial session took place in early December at the Germantown Jewish Centre, with a second session in the works with St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church, then a joint meeting involving both congregations.

Commission on Common Ministries. The Council has continued to provide support to its Trucker/Traveler Ministry, Campground Ministries, and Farmworker Ministries. Work continues on building a Healing Communities network in Pennsylvania.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Council staff continue to discuss activities and areas where the Council might engage to be of service to our members, the wider faith community.

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LUTHERAN ADVOCACY MINISTRY IN PENNSYLVANIA (LAMPa)

In response to God’s love in Jesus Christ, we advocate for wise and just public policies in Pennsylvania that promote the common good.

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania is a shared ministry of seven Pennsylvania synods, the ELCA Domestic Mission unit, and Pennsylvania ELCA agencies and institutions. Through LAMPa, Lutherans who are working to eradicate hunger are supported to voice their faith convictions in the public square with and on behalf of our most vulnerable neighbors and the world we share, while seeking to create a more just Commonwealth.

In 2017, LAMPa celebrated 38 years of advocacy ministry that supported and deepened your congregational efforts to address hunger, poverty, immigration, school funding inequity, racism and environmental injustice. Thanks be to God for the support of our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Policy Council representatives, the Rev. Dennis Ritter and the Rev. Inge Williams. In 2017, we also welcomed Ms. Lynn Fry, who joined LAMPa staff as program director. Fry, a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, served 12 years in faith formation at St. Luke in Chambersburg, Lower Susquehanna Synod, after experience in non-profit administration.

LAMPa advocacy takes place through staff work

in the capital, partnerships with coalitions and engagement of Lutherans in letter-writing, email and call-in advocacy, legislative visits, offering of testimony, editorial writing, social media campaigns, press conferences and rallies. In 2017, we helped Lutherans commemorate the Reformation by becoming bold disciples, speaking up with and on behalf of their neighbors around the following issues: Hunger, Mental Health/Addiction, Racial Justice, Creation Justice, Immigration, Poverty/Housing/Employment and Education. Please consider offering your gifts or experience to any of these issue teams and contact LAMPa to become engaged!

Highlights of LAMPa advocacy in 2017 include:

Feeding the Hungry: In a tough budget year, Pennsylvania Lutherans helped prevent cuts in the line item that supports the commonwealth's most critical anti-hunger. The State Food Purchase Program remained stable at \$19.188 million. SFPP remains one of the commonwealth's most important tools in the fight against hunger and a lifeline for food banks across Pennsylvania. Many of our Lutheran food pantries rely on this program to supplement their ministries. The program provides cash grants to counties for the purchase and distribution of food to low-income individuals, including seniors. For years, the program has suffered from stagnant funding even as need rose dramatically.

The SFPP line item is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and supports programs such as the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). After completing a successful first year, PASS received \$1 million in continued funding.

We also celebrated the inclusion of an additional \$2 million in child nutrition funding for grants to incentivize improvements in the delivery of school breakfast so that more children can get a healthy start to their school day.

LAMPa advocates also successfully pushed for legislation that ended the practice of "lunch shaming," meaning that school meal providers must take up issues of outstanding payments with parents or guardians, not students.

In addition, staff continued to work with statewide anti-hunger advocates to inform the work of the Governor's Food Security Partnership. That partnership produced a "Blueprint for a Hunger-Free Pennsylvania," which showed progress in the fight against hunger by its one-year anniversary in fall 2017.

Giving All Children a Better Chance at Academic Success – Pennsylvania Lutherans pressed lawmakers as part of the Campaign for Fair Education Funding to address the state's rating as the least equitable in the country for education funding. This inequity has been leading to widening achievement gaps between wealthy and poor districts, as well as along racial lines. The efforts saw a tremendous win in 2016 with the

passage of HB 1552. The bill, which amends the Public School Code of 1949, requires all new funds in the K-12 allocation to be passed through the BEFC-approved formula, received overwhelming bipartisan support. In 2017, Pennsylvania added \$100 million toward the goal of closing those gaps.

LAMPa staff continued to work toward coalition building for policies to promote trauma-responsive schools.

Addressing Poverty: LAMPa continued to fight attempts by predatory lenders to gain a foothold in Pennsylvania through proposals to introduce payday lending to the state.

Standing for Welcome – LAMPa worked to successfully stop legislation that sought to punish municipalities that adopted policies against honoring requests from Immigration and Customs Enforcement to detain undocumented persons without a warrant. Many Pennsylvania municipalities adopted such policies, citing increased work and cost for local law enforcement erosion of trust between local police and immigrant communities – threatening public safety for all.

DePasquale accompanied Pennsylvania advocates to Washington, D.C., to join with other Lutheran advocates from around the country for training and Capitol Hill visits on a host of federal immigration and foreign policy issues.

LAMPa advocated for the closure of the Berks County detention center, where immigrant families, including small children, are held while awaiting decisions on their requests for asylum. The administration maintains that the facility is not licensed for that purpose, but the operator is appealing the decision. LAMPa advocates have been attending vigils at the center to show support for the families inside.

Connecting Service to Advocacy: LAMPa provided information, resources and support for congregations and conferences participating in the Churchwide Day of Service in September, garnering more than 1,000 letters to lawmakers on a variety of topics. This practice is being lifted up church-wide for this year's Day of Service.

In 2018, LAMPa will again be developing service-and-advocacy projects for congregations to engage in for the Churchwide Day of Service on Sept. 9. We would be glad to help your congregation plan to make that day one of "God's work. Our hands. Our voices."

Public Witness: In 2017, LAMPa coordinated the second "Ashes-to-Go" at the state capitol to mark the beginning of Lent. Clergy and lay leaders from several denominations offered prayers and anointing on the sidewalk and in the rotunda and were extremely well received.

Equipping Leaders: In addition to staff preaching and teaching around the synod, Lutheran Day in the Capital drew rostered and lay leaders from around the state to consider how we might be church together for the sake of the world, in Pennsylvania. We honored and shared stories of how the Holy Spirit is leading advocates to action in each synod. All drew inspiration from one another and from our keynote, theologian and author Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, who reminded all of the gospel freedom, baptismal calling and Lutheran heritage that undergirds our advocacy in this time of deep division in the public square. With deep gratitude for all the ways in which you support LAMPa's ministry,

Tracey DePasquale, Director

LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES

Rooted in Lutheran hallmarks of community and service, Lutheran Congregational Services (LCS) continues, as it has for over 45 years, to **empower creative ministries**. As we partner with communities of many kinds throughout Eastern Pennsylvania, we are humbled by the amazing ways that God's people carry out his work to support those who are hurting and are most vulnerable.

LCS' goal is to help congregations live out their missions of faith and service. Our programs include disaster response and resiliency training, Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training, bereavement support programs, and congregational consulting.

- **Lutheran Disaster Response** - Eastern Pennsylvania. LCS serves as the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response affiliate in the 19 counties of Eastern PA.
 - ◇ With the entry of nearly 4,000 people to Pennsylvania following Hurricane Maria, LDR-EPA has been very busy! In response to this event, LCS sought and was granted funding from the ELCA. This funding will support disaster case management efforts across the state. For churches who are interested in supporting these efforts, donations can be made at <https://www.libertylutheran.org/lcs>.
 - ◇ Our Disaster Spiritual Partners program contacts congregational leaders when small disasters strike to educate and accompany the congregation in responding locally. We will share resources and offer ideas about how your congregation can reach out to its neighbors - not necessarily your members - with the love of God in kindness and service.
- **Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training**
 - ◇ LCS offers four sessions per year throughout Northeast and Southeast Penn. We find this ministry is as valuable to those being trained as it is to those who receive the sac-

rament and as well as to their sending congregations. Additional sessions are available to churches who specifically request them.

• Bereavement Ministries

- ◇ Interest in "Journeys through Grief" our six week support program for those facing loss of any kind, continues to grow.
- ◇ Also available to congregations is the single session, "Path of Grief." The Path of Grief program is a one-time program for the congregation to equip and strengthen leaders to support those in their community who experience many kinds of loss. If you have Thrivent Financial members in your community, "Action Team" dollars can cover the cost of grief programming as an educational service event.

• Church consultation

- ◇ The LCS network of providers is available for Adult Forums, discussions with church groups, Temple Talks, workshops and more to inspire dialogue around topics related to church preparedness, personal and community resiliency, church security, disaster and climate change, and more.

Last year LCS had the opportunity to strategically rethink its organizational structure when then Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phelps Ollikainen, transitioned back to parish ministry at Trinity Lutheran, Perkasie. By taking a close look not only at the roles that staff has played over the years, but also looking at what resources are available, LCS created the position of Director of Community Outreach supported by public relations and advancement through Liberty Lutheran, our parent organization. Julia Menzo, employed eleven years with Liberty part-time to coordinate disaster response efforts, was promoted to Director of Community Outreach.

With this staffing change and under the leadership of Julia Menzo, LCS is better positioned to strengthen relationships with Northeast Penn Synod, mission district leadership, and other collaborative networks and long-time partners in ministry. LCS continues to engage pastors who are already in the LCS network to become stronger voices for LCS across the synod.

The work of LCS is inspired by a newly invigorated advisory committee, enthusiasm from volunteers and partners, and especially by Christ's commandment to love. We welcome conversations with pastors and congregational members. Find information about LCS on our website at www.libertylutheran.org/lcs, and on the Northeast Penn Synod website. Follow us on Facebook @LutheranCongregationalServices.

Julia Menzo, Director of Community Outreach

GOOD SHEPHERD REHABILITATION NETWORK

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network (GSRN), based in Allentown, Pennsylvania, is a nationally recognized rehabilitation leader, offering an unmatched continuum of care for adults and children with physical and cognitive needs. Good Shepherd is known for its inpatient and outpatient care of patients with catastrophic injuries and conditions, such as spinal cord injury, brain injury, stroke, amputation and major multiple traumas. GSRN also excels at providing outpatient musculoskeletal and orthopedic rehabilitation services, long-term acute care and long-term care.

More than 2,100 compassionate Good Shepherd Associates treat 65,000 patients annually at more than 60 locations in nine Pennsylvania counties. GSRN is the eighth largest rehabilitation provider in the country, according to Modern Healthcare magazine, and the world's leading clinical user of the Ekso Bionics exoskeleton to treat patients with strokes and other neurological conditions.

Over the past few years, Good Shepherd has solidified its reputation as an international destination for recovery, expanding the reach of our mission and core values to hundreds of patients from around the globe.

Patients and families choose Good Shepherd because the organization's outcomes are better than regional and national competitors and because of the compassionate care and excellent service they receive from our experienced clinical team.

According to independent research conducted by Press Ganey, Good Shepherd's overall inpatient ranking for patient satisfaction is in the 96th percentile as compared to other rehabilitation facilities nationally. Good Shepherd outpatients indicate similar satisfaction, with outpatient satisfaction scores better than 94 percent of our competitors.

Fiscal year 2017 was a year of transformation and growth for Good Shepherd, as we continue to expand our physical footprint and explore new avenues through which to provide our unique brand of compassionate care.

Significant 2017 accomplishments include:

- In 2017, GSRN was one of four facilities internationally to be named a "Center for Robotic Excellence" by Ekso Bionics.
- Good Shepherd's two long-term care homes earned *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Nursing Homes highest rating, placing them in the top 15% of such facilities nationally.
- Work was begun on Good Shepherd's new

electronic health records (EHR) system to support our specialized post-acute care needs. The new EHR will streamline patient information from multiple systems into one, ushering in a new era of truly connected patient care. The anticipated go-live date is May 1, 2018.

- Good Shepherd entered into the second year of a two-year agreement to manage two Lehigh County nursing homes, collectively referred to as Cedarbrook. The Lehigh County Commissioners have praised Good Shepherd's quality and care, noting significant improvements in patient safety, cost and overall care quality. In fact, under Good Shepherd's leadership, Cedarbrook achieved a 5-star rating by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- To better serve patients in the Monroe County market, Good Shepherd opened a 12-bed inpatient rehabilitation unit at St. Luke's Monroe Campus. The 13,000 square foot unit provides inpatient rehabilitation for patients who have experienced stroke, major-multi traumas, complex joint replacements, amputation, severe arthritis, multiple sclerosis and other physical and neurological conditions.
- Good Shepherd's outpatient footprint expanded through the addition of outpatient acquisitions and start up physical therapy practices. Good Shepherd added outpatient locations in Pottsville and Bethlehem by acquiring Pottsville Area Physical Therapy and Bethlehem Rehabilitation Specialists.
- The Pottsville location represents our first location in Schuylkill County. A new outpatient physical therapy location was opened in Palmer Township, and our Kutztown outpatient facility relocated to a much larger space. Good Shepherd Penn Partners opened new outpatient physical therapy practices in Conshohocken and South Roxborough and a therapy/fitness facility in Cherry Hill.
- Good Shepherd entered into partnership with Moravian Village of Bethlehem to provide rehabilitation services for their residents and patients.
- Good Shepherd opened the Dornsife Center for Vision Rehabilitation on our South Allentown campus, which now represents one of the largest programs of its kind in North America. In our fourth expansion of vision services, we added six new vision rooms. Seven additional therapists received specialized training to treat patients who suffer the devastating effects of concussions, brain injuries, strokes and other neurological impairments.

- The National MS Society designated Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network as a *Partner in MS Care*. The designation is given as recognition of the high quality services and specialized support that Good Shepherd provides to individuals with MS.

The support you provide is vital in helping Good Shepherd continue its mission and the legacy of our founders, the Raker family. On behalf of every Good Shepherd Associate and Trustee, thank you.

*John Kristel, MBA, MPT, FACHE, President & CEO
Gary Schmidt, MA, Chair, Board of Trustees*

DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES AND DIAKON CHILD, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

2018 is a special year for the Diakon family of organizations—it is our 150th anniversary!

And one of the ministries that began that history—The Lutheran Home at Tipton—originated in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod; the earlier home, the Tressler Lutheran Home for Children, arose in what is now the Lower Susquehanna Synod, in Loysville, Perry County, in 1868. To celebrate this milestone of uninterrupted service to our neighbors, in response to God's love for us in Jesus Christ, Diakon will hold numerous anniversary events at local program sites throughout 2018.

In addition, Diakon is hosting a benefit performance by national humorist Jeanne Robertson at 4 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Strand Theater, the Appell Center for the Performing Arts, York. More information on this event can be found at www.diakon.org/150/JR.

As always, Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries—our senior living services—and Diakon Child, Family & Community Ministries celebrate our partnership with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and its congregations as we live out our mission to demonstrate God's command to love our neighbor through acts of service. In 2017, Diakon provided more than \$18.3 million in benevolent care, including \$4.54 million in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

Luther Crest in Allentown, continuing to hold a unique distinction among senior living communities as a nationally certified arboretum, continued to partner with its sister community, The Lutheran Home at Tipton, in sharing amenities and activities. Luther Crest initiated a specialized program in memory support, particularly for family members caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or similar cognitive impairment.

The Lutheran Home at Tipton readied for the 2018 opening and rededication of Old Main, the senior living campus' iconic building. The work restored the second floor of the historic building and created the Helen N. Palmer Center for Permanency for Diakon Adoption & Foster Care; in addition, the project created space for Diakon Ministry Support offices that had been located in the Medical Arts Building in Allentown, which was then sold, representing an emphasis on stewardship of organizational resources.

Diakon-sponsored Girls on the Run – Lehigh Valley, a physical activity-based youth program that teaches life skills through interactive lessons and running games, continued to expand the number of girls it serves in Lehigh and Northampton counties. In 2017, the program involved 900 third- through eighth-grade students at numerous host sites, a nearly 30% increase over the number served in 2016. Some 250 volunteer coaches and 1,500 other volunteers contributed to the success of the program, which continued to secure local grants to provide scholarships for girls who might not otherwise be able to participate.

Diakon Adoption & Foster Care served more than 2,000 children and families in the synod, continuing to emphasize child-specific recruitment/family-finding programs and laying the groundwork for a new service, launched in late 2017: foster care for medically fragile children. The program continued to offer information sessions throughout the region, including Tipton and Bethlehem.

Separately, Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries continues to manage **Pennsylvania's Statewide Adoption & Permanency Network**, or SWAN, which served 4,740 children and families in northeastern Pennsylvania in 2017.

Diakon Community Services in Schuylkill County offered a range of services—health-related programs, health-insurance counseling, community-based senior centers, Diakon Living & Learning, Diakon Volunteers Serving Seniors and meals on wheels—to 10,112 people in Schuylkill County and, through APPRISE, in Pike County. The program began work to oversee RSVP programs in several counties in 2018.

We thank God for the gifts of staff, volunteers, congregations, donors, and board members who, together, enabled us to directly serve nearly 75,000 people last year, including some 21,000 in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

Mark T. Pile, MSHA, MSW, President/CEO

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Allentown, Pennsylvania

Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Church in America

Allentown, Pennsylvania

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Church in America (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statements of financial position as of January 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.



Known Departure from Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, GAAP requires that property and equipment be recorded at cost or fair market value at the time of donation and be depreciated over the estimated useful economic lives. Management has informed us that property value at the time of donation is not available for certain assets and accordingly has not been recorded at fair market value at that time.

Opinion

In our opinion, except for the known departure from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as of January 31, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information appearing on pages 25 through 67 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wipfli LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wipfli LLP

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 13, 2018

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Statements of Financial Position

January 31, 2018 and 2017

<i>Assets</i>	2018	2017
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 861,585	\$ 970,933
Current maturities of notes receivable	12,424	21,515
Other investments - Certificates of deposit	105,637	105,637
Contributions and other receivables	69,121	76,042
Total current assets	1,048,767	1,174,127
Property and equipment - Net	1,768,499	1,827,372
Other Assets		
Notes receivable, less current maturities	24,458	42,887
Investments	5,424,937	4,925,191
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	667,844	614,298
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 8,934,505	\$ 8,583,875
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and deposits	\$ 11,016	\$ 108,640
Mission support due to ELCA	151,988	190,776
Pass through gifts payable	76,600	102,642
Accrued vacation	-	9,415
Total current liabilities	239,604	411,473
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	2,931,790	2,963,502
Temporarily restricted	4,122,159	3,621,494
Permanently restricted	1,640,952	1,587,406
Total net assets	8,694,901	8,172,402
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 8,934,505	\$ 8,583,875

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Statement of Activities

Year Ended January 31, 2018

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Ministry, support, revenue, and transfers:				
ELCA regular mission support	\$ 2,038,976	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,038,976
ELCA world hunger	6,222	-	-	6,222
Designated advance gifts (DAG)	-	-	-	-
Other benevolence contributions	13,781	-	-	13,781
Other contributions and revenues	48,711	152,928	-	201,639
Investment income	34,251	147,518	-	181,769
Rental income	2,800	-	-	2,800
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	80,722	492,627	-	573,349
Change in value of beneficial interest in perpetual trust	-	-	53,546	53,546
Total ministry, support, revenue, and transfers	2,225,463	793,073	53,546	3,072,082
Net assets released from restriction and transfers:				
Net assets released from restriction	292,408	(292,408)	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total support, revenue and transfers	2,517,871	500,665	53,546	3,072,082
Expenses:				
Distributions and donor designations				
ELCA mission support	958,337	-	-	958,337
ELCA world hunger	6,253	-	-	6,253
Designated advance gifts (DAG)	8,154	-	-	8,154
Other	3,168	-	-	3,168
Program services:				
Ministries and teams	126,092	-	-	126,092
Grants and scholarships	339,151	-	-	339,151
Events	58,098	-	-	58,098
Taxes, maintenance and other	49,590	-	-	49,590
Depreciation	58,873	-	-	58,873
Other	32,381	-	-	32,381
Supporting services:				
General and administrative	909,486	-	-	909,486
Total expenses	2,549,583	-	-	2,549,583
Change in net assets	(31,712)	500,665	53,546	522,499
Net assets at beginning	2,963,502	3,621,494	1,587,406	8,172,402
Net assets at end	\$ 2,931,790	\$ 4,122,159	\$ 1,640,952	\$ 8,694,901

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Statement of Activities

Year Ended January 31, 2017

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Ministry, support, revenue, and transfers:				
ELCA regular mission support	\$ 2,223,377	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,223,377
ELCA world hunger	-	-	-	-
Designated advance gifts (DAG)	568	-	-	568
Other benevolence contributions	1,483	-	-	1,483
Other contributions and revenues	106,062	178,462	-	284,524
Investment income	36,638	141,231	-	177,869
Rental income	2,800	-	-	2,800
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	54,263	268,163	-	322,426
Change in value of beneficial interest in perpetual trust	-	-	45,140	45,140
Total ministry, support, revenue, and transfers	2,425,191	587,856	45,140	3,058,187
Net assets released from restriction and transfers:				
Net assets released from restriction	145,960	(145,960)	-	-
Transfers	42,960	(42,960)	-	-
Total support, revenue and transfers	2,614,111	398,936	45,140	3,058,187
Expenses:				
Distributions and donor designations				
ELCA mission support	1,044,548	-	-	1,044,548
ELCA world hunger	-	-	-	-
Designated advance gifts (DAG)	-	-	-	-
Other	404	-	-	404
Program services:				
Ministries and teams	177,164	-	-	177,164
Grants and scholarships	215,093	-	-	215,093
Events	68,024	-	-	68,024
Taxes, maintenance and other	48,296	-	-	48,296
Depreciation	58,594	-	-	58,594
Other	32,056	-	-	32,056
Supporting services:				
General and administrative	951,690	-	-	951,690
Total expenses	2,595,869	-	-	2,595,869
Change in net assets	18,242	398,936	45,140	462,318
Net assets at beginning	2,945,260	3,222,558	1,542,266	7,710,084
Net assets at end	\$ 2,963,502	\$ 3,621,494	\$ 1,587,406	\$ 8,172,402

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents:		
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 522,499	\$ 462,318
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	58,873	58,594
Gain on investments	(573,349)	(322,426)
Change in value of interest in perpetual trust	(53,546)	(45,140)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Contributions and other receivables	6,921	(74,759)
Notes and accounts receivable	27,520	60,849
Accounts payable and deposits	(97,624)	89,259
Mission support due to ELCA	(38,788)	190,776
Pass through gifts payable	(26,042)	102,642
Accrued vacation	(9,415)	1,800
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(182,951)	523,913
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sales of investments	187,626	19,250
Purchase of Investments	(114,023)	(265,070)
Purchase of property and equipment	-	(4,644)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	73,603	(250,464)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal payments on capital lease	-	(269)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(109,348)	273,180
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning	970,933	697,753
Cash and cash equivalents at end	\$ 861,585	\$ 970,933

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Activities

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (the Synod) was organized in 1988 and is an affiliate of the national Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). The Synod is a Pennsylvania not-for-profit corporation which in partnership with ELCA is dedicated to spreading God's mission through establishing, developing and promoting all aspects of church ministry within the territory of northeastern Pennsylvania. The Synod is supported primarily through contributions from member congregations.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") for the nonprofit industry except for the known departures from GAAP related to property as discussed in note 1 of the financial statements.

Net Assets

Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Synod and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted net assets – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily restricted net assets – Net assets whose use by the Synod has been limited by donors to a specific time period or for a particular purpose.

Permanently restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that the principal be maintained in perpetuity by the Synod.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Use of Estimates in Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of the accompanying financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that directly affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through August 13, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Property and Equipment

The Synod owns two real estate parcels located in Luzerne County, PA, one being 1.7 acres of undeveloped land and another consisting of the Bear Creek Lutheran Camp. The properties were originally acquired by bequests prior to 1970 by the predecessor Southeastern PA Synod. The properties are included in Land at \$1 each as their contributed value is unknown. GAAP requires that any asset with an estimated useful economic life greater than one year to be recorded at cost or at fair value at the date of donation and be depreciated over its estimated useful economic life.

The Synod capitalizes all expenditures for property and equipment in excess of \$500. Property and equipment are recorded at cost and are depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives range from five to ten years for assembly voting equipment, office equipment, leasehold improvements, and furniture and fixtures. Estimated useful lives for buildings range from twenty to thirty years. When property and equipment are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts. Maintenance and repair costs are charged to expense as incurred, and improvements that extend the useful life of the assets are capitalized.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Notes Receivable

Notes receivable are carried at unpaid principal balances, less an allowance for uncollectible loans, as determined necessary. At January 31, 2018 and 2017, management has determined that all loans are fully collectable and therefore no allowance for loan losses is necessary. Notes are considered impaired if full principal and interest payments are not anticipated in accordance with the contractual terms. Notes are placed on nonaccrual status when management believes, after considering economic conditions and collection efforts, that the loans are impaired or collection of interest is doubtful. Interest on notes is recognized over the term of the loan.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Synod considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Investments

The Synod carries investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities at their fair values in the statements of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets in the accompanying statement of activities.

Other Investments

Other Investments consist of certificates of deposit having maturities greater than three months at time of acquisition. Carrying value is reported at original cost plus accrued interest.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Contributions

Promises to give are recorded as receivables in the year the promise was made. Pledges and other promises to give whose eventual uses are restricted by the donor are recorded as increases in temporarily restricted net assets. As of January 31, 2018 and 2017, promises to give were determined to be fully collectible, and accordingly, an allowance for doubtful balances was not recorded.

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Unconditional promises to give cash and other assets to the Synod are reported at fair value at the date the promise is received. The gifts are reported as either temporarily or permanently restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified as unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Under the ELCA's constitution and the by-laws of the Synod, when a member ELCA congregation ceases to exist, title to the congregation's property passes to the Synod. The Synod records the transfer of these assets as a contribution at the estimated fair value of the assets at the time of the transfer.

Donated Assets

Donated marketable securities and other noncash donations are recorded as contributions at their estimated fair values at the date of donation.

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Note 1 Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Donated Property and Equipment

Donations of property and equipment are recorded as support at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Such donations are reported as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire property and equipment are reported as restricted support. Absent donor stipulations regarding how long those donated assets must be maintained, the Synod reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired assets are placed in service as instructed by the donor. The Synod reclassifies temporarily restricted net assets to unrestricted net assets at that time.

Pass Through Gifts Payable

The Synod receives contributions specifically designated for other Synods. The Synod records these contributions as a liability until the funds are disbursed.

Donated Services

The Synod pays for most services requiring specific expertise. However, the Synod receives a substantial amount of services donated by individuals in carrying out the Synod's ministry. Volunteer personnel include Synod Council members, officers, and various committee members. No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for those services.

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Note 1 Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Income Taxes

The Synod is a nonprofit organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and is exempt from federal income taxes on related income pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Code. The Synod is also exempt from state income tax on related income. The Synod does not file a federal or state informational return due to its religious designation.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Synod to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash on deposit with financial institutions and investments.

Investments are held in the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust, Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA and in bank certificates of deposit.

The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust provides for the collective long-term investment of funds belonging to the ELCA, its congregations, synods, seminaries, and other eligible affiliated entities (the Participants). The Endowment Fund of the ELCA is the administrator of the Trust. The ELCA Foundation, an unincorporated unit of the Church, is the administrator of the Trust. The Board of Pensions, an affiliated corporation of the Church, is the Investment Advisor to the Trust. The Investment Advisor may appoint one or more investment advisors to carry out certain responsibilities with respect to the Trust, including investment advisory responsibilities, subject to the approval of the Trustee.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Concentrations of Credit Risk (Continued)

The Synod's funds are invested in the ELCA Endowment Fund "A". The Trust's investment objective is to provide Participants with a stable stream of investment income with long-term capital appreciation, while assuming a moderate level of risk. The Investment Advisor endeavors to achieve long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints by investing the Trust's assets in a diversified portfolio that places a greater emphasis on equity-based and fixed-income investments.

Investments are selected in accordance with the criteria of social responsibility that is consistent with the value and programs of the Church. The Trust's target asset allocation is 35% U.S. equity, 25% non-U.S. equity, 15% investment grade bonds, 5% inflation induced bonds, 10% high-yield bonds, and 10% global real estate securities with the balance in cash and cash equivalents. The investments are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SPIC) or other state or federal institution.

The Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA (MIF) is a pooled loan fund administered by the ELCA. The Fund offers secured and unsecured fixed income debt obligations to Lutheran-related organizations and individuals. The Fund provides financing (primarily for capital projects) to numerous congregations of the church and other Lutheran-related organizations. Payments of principal and interest to the investors are dependent on payments to the Fund from borrowers. The ability of each borrower congregation to pay the Fund may depend on the contributions the congregation receives from its members, the continued growth of membership and the prudent management of the congregations' finances. Borrower congregations are located throughout the United States and the loans are generally secured by real estate; however, some loans (generally <5%) are made to borrowers which would be unable to obtain financing from commercial sources. Mission investments are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SPIC) or other state or federal institution.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Concentrations of Credit Risk (Continued)

The Synod maintains checking, savings, money market accounts and certificates of deposits at two banks and through the MIF. Accounts at each bank are insured by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (bank accounts) and Securities Investors Protection Corporation (brokerage accounts). The Synod's uninsured cash balances in bank, brokerage firms uninsured cash balances in bank, brokerage firms and the MIF totaled \$1,129,644, and \$1,211,308 at January 31, 2018 and 2017 respectively, and consist of cash of \$593,848 and \$690,601 and MIF certificates classified as investments of \$535,796 and \$520,707 in 2018 and 2017 respectively. The Synod has not experienced any losses with these accounts. Management believes the Synod is not exposed to any significant risk on cash and cash equivalents.

Fair Value

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an ordinary transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A three-tier hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted market prices in active markets; Level 2, defined as inputs other than quoted market prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable; and Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs for which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions. The asset's or liability's fair value measurement within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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Note 2 Note Receivable

The Synod provides loans to member congregations for various repair, maintenance and capital expenditures. The loans are payable in monthly installments including interest at 2%. Outstanding loans at January 31, are as follows:

Maturity Date	Term (Years)	Original Loan Amount	1/31/2018 Outstanding	1/31/2017 Outstanding
May 2018	7	\$ 60,000	\$ 3,814	\$ 12,841
November 2022	7	60,000	33,066	45,498
November 2022	7	27,500	-	6,063
Total notes receivable			36,880	64,402
Less - Current maturities			12,424	21,515
Notes receivable, less current maturities			\$ 24,456	\$ 42,887

Scheduled receipts on notes receivable at January 31, are as follows:

Years Ending January 31,	
2019	\$ 12,424
2020	8,784
2021	8,861
2022	6,812
Total notes receivable	\$ 36,880

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Note 3 Investments

Investments are stated at their fair values and are summarized as follows at January 31:

	2018		2017	
	Cost	Fair Market Value	Cost	Fair Market Value
ELCA endowment fund pooled trust, endowment fund "A"	\$ 3,911,288	\$ 4,889,141	\$ 3,999,981	\$ 4,404,484
Mission Investment fund of the ELCA - Debt obligations	535,796	535,796	520,707	520,707
	<u>\$ 4,447,084</u>	<u>\$ 5,424,937</u>	<u>\$ 4,520,688</u>	<u>\$ 4,925,191</u>

The Northeastern PA Endowment Investment Program, the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA, and the ELCA Endowment Pooled Trust include unrestricted, temporarily restricted and permanently restricted assets.

Investment income is reported net of related custodial and investment advisory fees in the statements of activities. The management fee on the ELCA Endowment Funds Pooled Trust is 1% of the market values, charged in monthly increments.

Note 4 Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust

The Synod is one-third beneficiary of a perpetual trust held by a corporate trustee. The amount recorded as an asset represents the prorata share of the Trust's net assets that provides for distribution of income to the Synod as beneficiary. Income is disbursed annually as a percentage of the value of the investment at its valuation date. The Synod's share of the asset is \$667,844 and \$614,298 at January 31, 2018 and 2017 respectively. Income distributions received from the Trust was \$28,333 and \$28,333 in 2018 and 2017 respectively.

There were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 investments in 2018.

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Note 5 Fair Value Measurements

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value:

- Beneficial interest in assets held by others are valued based on the market value of the underlying assets, divided by the Synod's one-third share based on its pro-rata share of distributable income of the Trust, which approximates the expected future cash flows from the Trust.
- Mission investment fund of the ELCA – Certificates of deposit are valued at cost plus accumulated interest based on the set interest rate of the debt obligation.
- ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust Fund A – The Trust's investments in U.S. Equities, Non-U.S. Equities, Investment Grade Bonds, Inflation Indexed Bonds, High Yield Bonds, and Global Real Estate Securities are invested in the Trust's investment advisor's investment pools. On the first business day of each month, the Trust may purchase or redeem units in the investment pools based on the pools' prior month-end closing unit prices. The fair value of each of the Trust's portfolios is measured using the same unitization method, with values differing according to the underlying securities of each pool. Units in these pools are not exchanged and do not have quotes in active market. Prices for underlying securities in the investment pools are based on quotes from independent pricing services. Fair value of securities for which market prices are not readily available are determined based on quoted prices for similar issues, dealer quotes, or pricing models utilizing market observable inputs from comparable securities. This total fair value is divided by the total number of units in the pool to determine the net asset value that is assigned to the Trust's units. The value of investments in alternative investments is generally based on the net asset value provided to the Trust by each alternative investment fund.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair value. Furthermore, while the Synod believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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Note 5 Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

2018	Total Assets at Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments				
Mission investment fund of the ELCA - Debt obligations	\$ 535,796	\$ -	\$ 535,796	\$ -
NAV practical expedient: [*] Investments in ELCA endowment fund	4,889,141	-	-	-
Total Investments	5,424,937	-	535,796	-
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	667,844	-	-	667,844
Totals	\$ 6,092,781	\$ -	\$ 535,796	\$ 667,844
2017	Total Assets at Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments				
Mission investment fund of the ELCA - Debt obligations	\$ 520,707	\$ -	\$ 520,707	\$ -
NAV practical expedient: [*] Investments in ELCA endowment fund	4,404,484	-	-	-
Total Investments	4,925,191	-	520,707	-
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	614,298	-	-	614,298
Totals	\$ 5,539,489	\$ -	\$ 520,707	\$ 614,298

^{*}In accordance with FASB ASC 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the tables above are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the consolidated statements of financial position.

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Note 5 Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Synod's Level 3 assets for the years ended January 31:

	2018	2017
Balance of perpetual trust at beginning of year	\$ 614,298	\$ 569,158
Increase in value	81,879	73,473
Income distribution paid from	(28,333)	(28,333)
Change in value of beneficial	53,546	45,140
Balance of perpetual trust at end of year	\$ 667,844	\$ 614,298

The change in value of beneficial interest is included in support and revenue in the statement of activities and is related to assets still held at the statement of financial position date.

Fair Value of Investments in Entities That Use NAV

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on NAV per share as of January 31, 2018 and 2017 respectively.

January 31, 2018	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemptions Frequency (If currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
ECLA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust - Fund A	\$ 4,889,141	n/a	Monthly	Monthly
January 31, 2017	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemptions Frequency (If currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
ECLA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust - Fund A	\$ 4,404,484	n/a	Monthly	Monthly

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Note 6 Property and Equipment

	2018	2017
Land	\$ 239,502	\$ 239,502
Buildings	1,783,331	1,783,331
Furniture and equipment	165,246	165,246
Total	2,188,079	2,188,079
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(419,580)	(360,707)
Property and equipment - Net	\$ 1,768,499	\$ 1,827,372

Depreciation expense for years ended January 31, 2018 and 2017 were \$58,873 and \$58,594, respectively.

Note 7 Pension Plans

The Synod, through the Board of Pensions of the ELCA, sponsors a noncontributory defined contribution pension plan covering all eligible employees. The Synod contributes 12% of eligible compensation of all participants (10% mandatory and 2% discretionary). Total pension expense was \$52,302 and \$51,965 for the years ended January 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Note 8 Pass Through Gifts

The Synod receives contributions specifically designated for other ELCA ministries and Mission Partners. These contributions are passed through to the designated parties monthly. For the years ended January 31, 2018 and 2017, the synod received a total of \$497,806 and \$446,720 in pass through gifts for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response, respectively and \$73,260 and \$81,767 in pass through gifts for various Lutheran Ministry Partners, respectively. At January 31, 2018 and 2017 there were \$76,600 and \$102,642, respectively, of pass through gifts that were pending disbursement.

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Note 9 Restrictions on Net Assets/Net Assets Released from Restrictions

During fiscal year ended January 31, 2018 and 2017, assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors as follows:

	2018	2017
Grants and scholarships	\$ 207,642	\$ 31,909
Ministry and Teams	23,925	32,925
Events and other program services	29,974	54,619
Other Program Services	31,381	26,507
Total released temporarily restricted net assets	\$ 292,922	\$ 145,960

Donor restrictions on temporarily restricted net assets are summarized as follows:

January 31,	2018	2017
Bishops discretionary fund	\$ 211,879	\$ 195,393
Church loan development fund	1,343,942	1,155,641
Designated income grants	151,298	136,869
Growth in excellence in ministry fund	13,872	13,872
Kelchner fund	938,018	856,025
Kerschmar memorial fund	115,678	74,333
Lutheran social ministry	-	4,402
PLACE fund	206,546	215,181
Social ministry fund	538,152	497,902
Social education fund	178,095	128,331
Disaster relief fund	77,651	66,019
Global mission fund	254,005	198,683
Leadership development fund	93,023	78,843
Total temporarily restricted net assets	\$ 4,122,159	\$ 3,621,494

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Note 10 Leases

The Synod leases equipment under various long-term operating lease agreements. The leases expire through May 2022. Equipment rental expense amounted to \$18,330 for the year ended January 31, 2018, and \$21,289 for the year ended January 31, 2017.

Future lease payments consist of the following at January 31, 2018:

2019	\$	14,575
2020		12,268
2021		12,268
2022		2,045
Total	\$	41,156

Note 11 Endowment

The Synod's endowment consists of eight funds established for various purposes. The endowments are comprised of donor-restricted endowment funds. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Under relevant law, the management of the Synod has interpreted the law as requiring preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Synod classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation was added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Synod.

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Note 11 Endowment (Continued)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Endowment net assets - February 1, 2016	\$ -	\$ 2,562,467	\$ 1,542,266	\$ 4,104,733
Investment return:				
Investment income	-	132,523	-	132,523
Net appreciation - Realized and unrealized	-	256,382	45,140	301,522
Total investment return	-	388,905	45,140	434,045
Contributions	-	66,300	-	66,300
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	-	(191,436)	-	(191,436)
Endowment net assets - February 1, 2017	\$ -	\$ 2,826,236	\$ 1,587,406	\$ 4,413,642
Investment return:				
Investment income	-	137,629		137,629
Net appreciation - Realized and unrealized	-	457,000	53,546	510,546
Total investment return	-	594,629	53,546	648,175
Contributions	-	9,110	-	9,110
Recharacterization	-	151,740	-	151,740
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	-	(180,044)	-	(180,044)
Endowment net assets - January 31, 2018	\$ -	\$ 3,401,671	\$ 1,640,952	\$ 5,042,623

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Note 11 Endowment (Continued)

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Synod has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain purchasing power of the endowment assets. Under this policy, as approved by the Board, the endowments are invested in the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust. Objectives and strategies of the fund are described in Note 1.

Spending Policy

The Synod determines an average asset value based on a five year average of ending fair market value through the fiscal year end preceding the fiscal year in which the distribution is planned. The Synod then determines the percentage distribution to be made based on the value and the expected needs of the program. Spending distributions range from 8-10% based on the program.

Supplementary Information

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Statements of Financial Position – General Fund January 31, 2018 and 2017

Assets	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 159,577	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 159,577	\$ 327,626	\$ -
Other investments - Certificates of deposit	105,637	-	-	105,637	105,637	-
Due from other funds	7,196	-	-	7,196	18,852	-
Contributions and other receivables	69,121	-	-	69,121	76,042	-
Total current assets	341,531	-	-	341,531	528,157	-
Other assets:						
Investments-certificates of deposit	283,609	-	-	283,609	275,874	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 625,140	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 625,140	\$ 804,031	\$ -
Liabilities and Net Assets						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable and deposits	\$ 1,746	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,746	\$ 86,695	\$ -
Mission support due to ELCA	151,988	-	-	151,988	190,776	-
Pass through gifts payable	76,600	-	-	76,600	102,642	-
Accrued vacation	-	-	-	-	9,415	-
Total current liabilities	230,334	-	-	230,334	389,528	-
Net assets:						
Unrestricted	394,806	-	-	394,806	414,503	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 625,140	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 625,140	\$ 804,031	\$ -

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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Statements of Activities – General Fund Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
Ministry, support, and revenue:						
ELCA regular mission support	\$ 2,038,976	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,038,976	\$ 2,223,377	\$ -
ELCA world hunger	6,222	-	-	6,222	-	-
Designated advance gifts (DAG)					568	568
Other benevolence contributions	13,781	-	-	13,781	1,483	-
Other contributions and revenues	17,379	-	-	17,379	67,934	-
Investment income	7,844	-	-	7,844	10,636	-
Rental income	2,800	-	-	2,800	2,800	-
Total ministry, support, and revenue	2,087,002	-	-	2,087,002	2,306,798	-
Transfers	41,000	-	-	41,000	24,961	-
Total support, revenue and transfers	2,128,002	-	-	2,128,002	2,331,759	-

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Statements of Activities – General Fund (Continued) Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted Permanently Restricted
Expenses:						
Distributions and donor designations						
ELCA mission support	\$ 958,337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 958,337	\$ 1,044,548	\$ -
ELCA world hunger	6,253	-	-	6,253	-	-
Designated advance gifts (DAG)	8,154	-	-	8,154	-	-
Other	3,168	-	-	3,168	404	-
Program services						
Ministries and teams	102,167	-	-	102,167	144,239	-
Grants and scholarships	110,244	-	-	110,244	142,295	-
Events	300	-	-	300	1,405	-
Taxes maintenance and other	49,590	-	-	49,590	48,296	-
Total distributions, donor designations and program services	1,238,213	-	-	1,238,213	1,381,187	-
Supporting services:						
General and administrative	909,486	-	-	909,486	951,340	-
Total expenses	2,147,699	-	-	2,147,699	2,332,527	-
Change in net assets	(19,697)	-	-	(19,697)	(768)	-
Net assets at beginning	414,503	-	-	414,503	415,271	-
Net assets at end	\$ 394,806	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 394,806	\$ 414,503	\$ -

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Statements of Financial Position – Miscellaneous Operating Funds

January 31, 2018 and 2017

Assets	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,753	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,753	\$ 17,309	\$ -
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	-	-	667,844	667,844	-	614,298
Total current assets	25,753	-	667,844	693,597	17,309	614,298
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 25,753	\$ -	\$ 667,844	\$ 693,597	\$ 17,309	\$ 614,298
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>						
Net assets:						
Unrestricted	\$ 25,753	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,753	\$ 17,309	\$ -
Permanently restricted	-	-	667,844	667,844	-	614,298
Total net assets	25,753	-	667,844	693,597	17,309	614,298
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 25,753	\$ -	\$ 667,844	\$ 693,597	\$ 17,309	\$ 614,298

Funds included under Miscellaneous Operating Funds:

0024 Audio-Visual	0424 Mission Partners
0495 Potteriger Trust	0503 Property Maintenance
0088 Computer Maintenance	0083 Communications Project

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Statements of Activities – Miscellaneous Operating Funds Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Ministry, support, and revenue:								
Other contributions and revenues	\$ 28,333	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,333	\$ 30,733	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,733
Change in value of beneficial interest in perpetual trust	-	-	53,546	53,546	-	-	45,140	45,140
Total ministry, support, and revenue	28,333	-	53,546	81,879	30,733	-	45,140	75,873
Expenses:								
Program services								
Grants and scholarships	18,889	-	-	18,889	18,889	-	-	18,889
Other	1,000	-	-	1,000	5,899	-	-	5,899
Total expenses	19,889	-	-	19,889	24,788	-	-	24,788
Change in net assets	8,444	-	53,546	61,990	5,945	-	45,140	51,085
Net assets at beginning	17,309	-	614,298	631,607	11,364	-	569,158	580,522
Net assets at end	\$ 25,753	\$ -	\$ 667,844	\$ 693,597	\$ 17,309	\$ -	\$ 614,298	\$ 631,607

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Statements of Financial Position – Prosser/Pahse/Mission Fund January 31, 2018 and 2017

Assets	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Other assets:								
Investments	\$ 743,516	\$ -	\$ 35,521	\$ 779,037	\$ 704,587	\$ -	\$ 35,521	\$ 740,108
Total assets	\$ 743,516	\$ -	\$ 35,521	\$ 779,037	\$ 704,587	\$ -	\$ 35,521	\$ 740,108
Liabilities and Net Assets								
Net assets:								
Unrestricted	\$ 743,516	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 743,516	\$ 704,587	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 704,587
Permanently restricted	-	-	35,521	35,521	-	-	35,521	35,521
Total net assets	\$ 743,516	\$ -	\$ 35,521	\$ 779,037	\$ 704,587	\$ -	\$ 35,521	\$ 740,108

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Statements of Activities – Prosser/Pahse/Mission Fund Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted
Ministry, support, and revenue:						
Other contributions and revenues	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 7,395	\$ -
Investment Income	26,407	-	-	26,407	26,000	-
Net realized and unrealized gains	80,722	-	-	80,722	48,392	-
Total ministry, support, and revenue	110,129	-	-	110,129	81,787	-
Transfers	(41,000)	-	-	(41,000)	13,355	-
Total support, revenue and transfers	69,129	-	-	69,129	95,142	-
Expenses:						
Program services						
Grants and scholarships	12,000	-	-	12,000	22,000	-
Events/Programs	18,200	-	-	18,200	12,000	-
Total expenses	30,200	-	-	30,200	34,000	-
Change in net assets	38,929	-	-	38,929	61,142	-
Net assets at beginning	704,587	-	35,521	740,108	643,445	35,521
Net assets at end	\$ 743,516	\$ -	\$ 35,521	\$ 779,037	\$ 704,587	\$ 35,521

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Statements of Financial Position – Lutheran Center in Northeastern Pennsylvania January 31, 2018 and 2017

Assets	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted
Other assets:						
Land, building, and equipment at cost - Net	\$ 1,768,497	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,768,497	\$ 1,827,370	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,768,497	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,768,497	\$ 1,827,370	\$ -
Liabilities and Net Assets						
Current liabilities:						
Accrued liabilities	\$ 269	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 269	\$ 269	\$ -
Net assets:						
Unrestricted	1,768,228	-	-	1,768,228	1,827,101	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 1,768,497	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,768,497	\$ 1,827,370	\$ -

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Statements of Activities – Lutheran Center in Northeastern Pennsylvania Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
Support and revenue:						
Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers	-	-	-	4,644	-	-
Total support, revenue and transfers	-	-	-	4,644	-	-
Expenses:						
Program services:						
Depreciation	58,873	-	-	58,873	58,594	-
Change in net assets	(58,873)	-	-	(58,873)	(53,950)	-
Net assets at beginning	1,827,101	-	-	1,827,101	1,881,051	-
Net assets at end	\$ 1,768,228	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,768,228	\$ 1,827,101	\$ -
						\$ 1,827,101

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Statements of Financial Position – Bear Creek Properties

January 31, 2018 and 2017

Assets	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Other assets:								
Land, building, and equipment at cost - Net	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	2	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	2
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	2	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	2
Liabilities and Net Assets								
Net assets:								
Unrestricted	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	2	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	2
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	2	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	2

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Statements of Activities – Bear Creek Properties Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018				2017			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Total support, revenue and transfers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in net assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets at beginning	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	2
Net assets at end	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2

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Statements of Financial Position – LSM Annual Fund January 31, 2018 and 2017

Assets	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted Permanently Restricted
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,402
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,402
Liabilities and Net Assets						
Current liabilities:						
Due to other funds	\$ 514	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 514	\$ -	\$ -
Net assets:						
Unrestricted	(514)	-	-	(514)	-	-
Temporarily restricted	-	-	-	-	4,402	-
Total net assets	(514)	-	-	(514)	4,402	4,402
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,402	\$ 4,402

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Statements of Activities – LSM Annual Fund Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Ministry, support, and revenue:								
Other contributions and revenues	\$ -	\$ 2,009	\$ -	\$ 2,009	\$ -	\$ 4,165	\$ -	\$ 4,165
Net assets released from restriction:								
Net assets released from restriction	6,411	(6,411)	-	-	6,925	(6,925)	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total support, revenue and releases	6,411	(4,402)	-	2,009	6,925	(2,760)	-	4,165
Expenses:								
Program services								
Ministry and teams	6,925	-	-	6,925	6,925	-	-	6,925
Change in net assets	(514)	(4,402)	-	(4,916)	-	(2,760)	-	(2,760)
Net assets at beginning	-	4,402	-	4,402	-	7,162	-	7,162
Net assets at end	\$ (514)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (514)	\$ -	\$ 4,402	\$ -	\$ 4,402

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Statements of Financial Position – Student Education January 31, 2018 and 2017

<i>Assets</i>	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 22,634	\$ -	\$ 22,634	\$ -	\$ 29,162
Other assets:						
Investments	-	155,462	-	155,462	-	99,169
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 178,096	\$ -	\$ 178,096	\$ -	\$ 128,331
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>						
Net assets:						
Temporarily restricted	\$ -	\$ 178,096	\$ -	\$ 178,096	\$ -	\$ 128,331
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 178,096	\$ -	\$ 178,096	\$ -	\$ 128,331

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Statements of Activities – Student Education Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Ministry, support, and revenue								
Other contributions and revenues	\$ -	\$ 39,562	\$ -	\$ 39,562	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Investment income	-	4,472	-	4,472	-	3,710	-	3,710
Net realized and unrealized gains	-	16,731	-	16,731	-	7,526	-	7,526
Total ministry, support, and revenue	-	60,765	-	60,765	-	13,236	-	13,236
Net assets released from restriction	11,000	(11,000)	-	-	12,000	(12,000)	-	-
Total support, revenue and releases	11,000	49,765	-	60,765	12,000	1,236	-	13,236
Expenses:								
Program services								
Grants and scholarships	11,000	-	-	11,000	12,000	-	-	12,000
Change in net assets	-	49,765	-	49,765	-	1,236	-	1,236
Net assets at beginning	-	128,331	-	128,331	-	127,095	-	127,095
Net assets at end	\$ -	\$ 178,096	\$ -	\$ 178,096	\$ -	\$ 128,331	\$ -	\$ 128,331

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Statements of Financial Position – Church Loan/Development January 31, 2018 and 2017

<i>Assets</i>	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 134,782	\$ -	\$ 134,782	\$ -	\$ 106,268
Other assets:						
Investments	-	1,172,279	150,375	1,322,654	-	984,971
Note receivable	-	36,882	-	36,882	-	64,402
Total other assets	-	1,209,161	150,375	1,359,536	-	1,049,373
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 1,343,943	\$ 150,375	\$ 1,494,318	\$ -	\$ 1,155,641
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>						
Net assets:						
Temporarily restricted	\$ -	\$ 1,343,943	\$ -	\$ 1,343,943	\$ -	\$ 1,155,641
Permanently restricted	-	-	150,375	150,375	-	150,375
Total net assets	-	1,343,943	150,375	1,494,318	-	1,155,641
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 1,343,943	\$ 150,375	\$ 1,494,318	\$ -	\$ 1,155,641

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Statements of Activities – Church Loan/Development

Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
Ministry, support, and revenue:						
Investment income	\$ -	\$ 44,775	\$ -	\$ 44,775	\$ 41,749	\$ -
Net realized and unrealized gains	-	143,527	-	143,527	77,280	-
Total ministry, support, and revenue	-	188,302	-	188,302	119,029	-
Change in net assets	-	188,302	-	188,302	119,029	-
Net assets at beginning	-	1,155,641	150,375	1,306,016	1,036,612	150,375
Net assets at end	\$ -	\$ 1,343,943	\$ 150,375	\$ 1,494,318	\$ 1,155,641	\$ 150,375

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Statements of Financial Position – Disaster Relief Fund January 31, 2018 and 2017

Assets	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 58	\$ -	\$ -
Other assets:						
Investments	-	77,593	-	77,593	65,961	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 77,651	\$ -	\$ 77,651	\$ 66,019	\$ -
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>						
Net assets:						
Temporarily restricted	\$ -	\$ 77,651	\$ -	\$ 77,651	\$ 66,019	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 77,651	\$ -	\$ 77,651	\$ 66,019	\$ -

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Statements of Activities – Disaster Relief Fund Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Ministry, support, and revenue:								
Investment income	\$ -	\$ 2,591	\$ -	\$ 2,591	\$ -	\$ 2,410	\$ -	\$ 2,410
Net realized and unrealized gains	-	9,041	-	9,041	-	4,869	-	4,869
Total ministry, support, and revenue	-	11,632	-	11,632	-	7,279	-	7,279
Change in net assets	-	11,632	-	11,632	-	7,279	-	7,279
Net assets at beginning	-	66,019	-	66,019	-	58,740	-	58,740
Net assets at end	\$ -	\$ 77,651	\$ -	\$ 77,651	\$ -	\$ 66,019	\$ -	\$ 66,019

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Statements of Financial Position — Designated Income Grants

January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018				2017			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<i>Assets</i>								
Current assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 160,299	\$ -	\$ 160,299	\$ -	\$ 158,545	\$ -	\$ 158,545
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 160,299	\$ -	\$ 160,299	\$ -	\$ 158,545	\$ -	\$ 158,545
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>								
Current liabilities:								
Deposits	\$ -	\$ 9,001	\$ -	\$ 9,001	\$ -	\$ 21,676	\$ -	\$ 21,676
Net assets:								
Temporarily restricted	-	151,298	-	151,298	-	136,869	-	136,869
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 160,299	\$ -	\$ 160,299	\$ -	\$ 158,545	\$ -	\$ 158,545

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Statements of Activities – Designated Income Grants Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
Ministry, support, revenue, and transfers:						
Other contributions and revenue	\$ -	\$ 78,001	\$ -	\$ 78,001	\$ -	\$ 142,394
Net assets released from restriction:						
Net assets released from restriction	69,572	(69,572)	-	-	62,851	(62,851)
Transfers	-	6,000	-	6,000	-	(64,000)
Total support, revenue, releases, and transfers	69,572	14,429	-	84,001	62,851	15,543
Expenses:						
Program services						
Grants and scholarships	29,974	-	-	29,974	13,300	-
Events	39,598	-	-	39,598	47,882	-
Other	-	-	-	-	1,669	-
Total expenses	69,572	-	-	69,572	62,851	-
Change in net assets	-	14,429	-	14,429	-	15,543
Net assets at beginning	-	136,869	-	136,869	-	121,326
Net assets at end	\$ -	\$ 151,298	\$ -	\$ 151,298	\$ -	\$ 136,869

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Statements of Financial Position – Growth in Excellence in Ministry Fund January 31, 2018 and 2017

<i>Assets</i>	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 13,872	\$ -	\$ 13,872	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 13,872	\$ -	\$ 13,872	\$ -	\$ 13,872
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>						
Net assets:						
Temporarily restricted	\$ -	\$ 13,872	\$ -	\$ 13,872	\$ -	\$ 13,872
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 13,872	\$ -	\$ 13,872	\$ -	\$ 13,872

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Statements of Activities – Growth in Excellence in Ministry Fund Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Ministry, support, revenue, and transfers:								
Investment income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total ministry, support, revenue, and transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets released from restriction:								
Net assets released from restriction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total support, revenue and transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in net assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets at beginning	-	13,872	-	13,872	-	13,872	-	13,872
Net assets at end	\$ -	\$ 13,872	\$ -	\$ 13,872	\$ -	\$ 13,872	\$ -	\$ 13,872

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Statements of Financial Position – Leadership Fund January 31, 2018 and 2017

Assets	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 6,950	\$ -	\$ 6,950	\$ -	\$ 6,950
Other assets:						
Investments	-	86,074	-	86,074	71,893	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 93,024	\$ -	\$ 93,024	\$ 78,843	\$ 78,843
Liabilities and Net Assets						
Net assets:						
Temporarily restricted	\$ -	\$ 93,024	\$ -	\$ 93,024	\$ 78,843	\$ 78,843
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 93,024	\$ -	\$ 93,024	\$ 78,843	\$ 78,843

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Statements of Activities – Leadership Fund Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Ministry, support, and revenue:								
Other contributions and revenue	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Investment income	-	2,826	-	2,826	-	2,589	-	2,589
Net realized and unrealized gains	-	9,855	-	9,855	-	5,258	-	5,258
Total ministry, support, and revenue	-	14,181	-	14,181	-	8,847	-	8,847
Expenses:								
Events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in net assets	-	14,181	-	14,181	-	8,847	-	8,847
Net assets at beginning	-	78,843	-	78,843	-	69,996	-	69,996
Net assets at end	\$ -	\$ 93,024	\$ -	\$ 93,024	\$ -	\$ 78,843	\$ -	\$ 78,843

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Statements of Financial Position – Social Ministry Fund

January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017		
	Assets	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Total
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ - \$	38,553	\$ - \$	38,553	\$ - \$	- \$
Other assets:						
Investments	-	499,599	28,562	528,161	-	510,072
						28,562
						538,634
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ - \$	538,152	\$ 28,562	\$ 566,714	\$ - \$	\$ 538,634
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>						
Current liabilities:						
Due to other funds	\$ - \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	12,170	\$ - \$
						12,170
Net assets:						
Temporarily restricted	-	538,152	-	538,152	-	497,902
Permanently restricted	-	-	28,562	28,562	-	28,562
						28,562
						526,464
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ - \$	538,152	\$ 28,562	\$ 566,714	\$ - \$	\$ 538,634

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Statement of Activities – Social Ministry Fund

Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Ministry, support, and revenue:								
Investment income	\$ -	\$ 18,409	\$ -	\$ 18,409	\$ -	\$ 18,955	\$ -	\$ 18,955
Net realized and unrealized gains	-	55,616	-	55,616	-	36,048	-	36,048
Total ministry, support, and revenue	-	74,025	-	74,025	-	55,003	-	55,003
Net assets released from restriction	33,775	(33,775)	-	-	29,940	(29,940)	-	-
Total support, revenue and releases	33,775	40,250	-	74,025	29,940	25,063	-	55,003
Expenses:								
Ministries and teams	17,000	-	-	17,000	26,000	-	-	26,000
Grants and scholarships	16,775	-	-	16,775	3,940	-	-	3,940
Total expenses	33,775	-	-	33,775	29,940	-	-	29,940
Change in net assets	-	40,250	-	40,250	-	25,063	-	25,063
Net assets at beginning	-	497,902	28,562	526,464	-	472,839	28,562	501,401
Net assets at end	\$ -	\$ 538,152	\$ 28,562	\$ 566,714	\$ -	\$ 497,902	\$ 28,562	\$ 526,464

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Statements of Financial Position – Place Fund January 31, 2018 and 2017

Assets	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 206,545	\$ -	\$ 206,545	\$ -	\$ 215,181
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 206,545	\$ -	\$ 206,545	\$ -	\$ 215,181
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>						
Net assets:						
Temporarily restricted	\$ -	\$ 206,545	\$ -	\$ 206,545	\$ -	\$ 215,181
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 206,545	\$ -	\$ 206,545	\$ -	\$ 215,181

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Statements of Activities – Place Fund Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Ministry, support, and revenue:								
Other contributions and revenue	\$ -	\$ 22,745	\$ -	\$ 22,745	\$ -	\$ 26,603	\$ -	\$ 26,603
Total ministry, support, and revenue	-	22,745	-	22,745	-	26,603	-	26,603
Net assets released from restriction	31,381	(31,381)	-	-	24,488	(24,488)	-	-
Total support, revenue and releases	31,381	(8,636)	-	22,745	24,488	2,115	-	26,603
Expenses:								
Other	31,381	-	-	31,381	24,488	-	-	24,488
Change in net assets	-	(8,636)	-	(8,636)	-	2,115	-	2,115
Net assets at beginning	-	215,181	-	215,181	-	213,066	-	213,066
Net assets at end	\$ -	\$ 206,545	\$ -	\$ 206,545	\$ -	\$ 215,181	\$ -	\$ 215,181

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Statements of Financial Position – Bishop's Fund January 31, 2018 and 2017

Assets	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Current assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 19,051	\$ 1,627	\$ 20,678	\$ -	\$ 27,305	\$ 1,627	\$ 28,932
Other assets:								
Investments	-	192,827	11,990	204,817	-	168,088	11,990	180,078
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 211,878	\$ 13,617	\$ 225,495	\$ -	\$ 195,393	\$ 13,617	\$ 209,010
Liabilities and Net Assets								
Net assets:								
Temporarily restricted	\$ -	\$ 211,879	\$ -	\$ 211,879	\$ -	\$ 195,393	\$ -	\$ 195,393
Permanently restricted	-	-	13,617	13,617	-	-	13,617	13,617
Total net assets	-	211,879	13,617	225,496	-	195,393	13,617	209,010
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 211,879	\$ 13,617	\$ 225,496	\$ -	\$ 195,393	\$ 13,617	\$ 209,010

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Statements of Activities – Bishop's Fund Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018				2017			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Ministry, support, revenue, and transfers:								
Other contributions and revenue	\$ -	\$ 897	\$ -	\$ 897	\$ -	\$ 2,300	\$ -	\$ 2,300
Investment income	-	6,873	-	6,873	-	4,822	-	4,822
Net realized and unrealized gains	-	23,866	-	23,866	-	8,387	-	8,387
Total ministry, support, revenue, and transfers	-	31,636	-	31,636	-	15,509	-	15,509
Net assets released from restriction:								
Net assets released from restriction	9,150	(9,150)	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Transfers	-	(6,000)	-	(6,000)	-	64,000	-	64,000
Total support, revenue and releases	9,150	16,486	-	25,636	1,000	78,509	-	79,509
Expenses:								
Grants and scholarships	9,150	-	-	9,150	650	-	-	650
Administration	-	-	-	-	350	-	-	350
Total expenses	9,150	-	-	9,150	1,000	-	-	1,000
Change in net assets	-	16,486	-	16,486	-	78,509	-	78,509
Net assets at beginning	-	195,393	13,617	209,010	-	116,884	13,617	130,501
Net assets at end	\$ -	\$ 211,879	\$ 13,617	\$ 225,496	\$ -	\$ 195,393	\$ 13,617	\$ 209,010

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Statements of Financial Position – Clyde Kelchner Fund January 31, 2018 and 2017

Assets	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Other assets:								
Investments	\$ -	\$ 938,018	\$ 459,778	\$ 1,397,796	\$ -	\$ 856,025	\$ 459,778	\$ 1,315,803
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 938,018	\$ 459,778	\$ 1,397,796	\$ -	\$ 856,025	\$ 459,778	\$ 1,315,803
Liabilities and Net Assets								
Net assets:								
Temporarily restricted	\$ -	\$ 938,018	\$ -	\$ 938,018	\$ -	\$ 856,025	\$ -	\$ 856,025
Permanently restricted	-	-	459,778	459,778	-	-	459,778	459,778
Total net assets	-	938,018	459,778	1,397,796	-	856,025	459,778	1,315,803
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 938,018	\$ 459,778	\$ 1,397,796	\$ -	\$ 856,025	\$ 459,778	\$ 1,315,803

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Statements of Activities – Clyde Kelchner Fund Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Ministry, support, and revenue:								
Investment income	\$ -	\$ 47,867	\$ -	\$ 47,867	\$ -	\$ 48,437	\$ -	\$ 48,437
Net realized and unrealized gains	-	165,245	-	165,245	-	97,095	-	97,095
Total ministry, support, and revenue	-	213,112	-	213,112	-	145,532	-	145,532
Net assets released from restriction	131,119	(131,119)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total support, revenue, and releases	131,119	81,993	-	213,112	-	-	-	-
Expenses:								
Grants and scholarships	131,119	-	-	131,119	-	-	-	-
Change in net assets	-	81,993	-	81,993	-	145,532	-	145,532
Net assets at beginning	-	856,025	459,778	1,315,803	-	710,493	459,778	1,170,271
Net assets at end	\$ -	\$ 938,018	\$ 459,778	\$ 1,397,796	\$ -	\$ 856,025	\$ 459,778	\$ 1,315,803

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Statements of Financial Position – Kerschmar Memorial Fund

January 31, 2018 and 2017

<i>Assets</i>	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
Total						Total
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 71,327	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,071	\$ -
Other assets:						
Investments (A)	-	44,350	226,700	-	12,262	226,700
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 115,677	\$ 226,700	\$ -	\$ 74,333	\$ 226,700
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 115,677	\$ 226,700	\$ -	\$ 74,333	\$ 226,700
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>						
Net assets:						
Temporarily restricted	\$ -	\$ 115,677	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,333	\$ -
Permanently restricted	-	-	226,700	-	-	226,700
Total net assets	-	115,677	226,700	-	74,333	226,700
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 115,677	\$ 226,700	\$ -	\$ 74,333	\$ 226,700
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 115,677	\$ 226,700	\$ -	\$ 74,333	\$ 226,700

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Statements of Activities – Kerschmar Memorial Fund
Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

(A) Beg balance of unrestricted net assets (\$5,873) represents depreciation in the fair value of Permanently Restricted assets below their original contribution value. Appreciation in 2017 brings market value of investment in excess of original contribution value of \$226,700.

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Statements of Financial Position – Global Mission Fund
January 31, 2018 and 2017

Assets	2018			2017				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Current assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 557	\$ 557	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 557	\$ 557
Other assets								
Investments	-	260,686	57,998	318,684	-	205,365	57,998	263,363
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 260,686	\$ 58,555	\$ 319,241	\$ -	\$ 205,365	\$ 58,555	\$ 263,920
Liabilities and Net Assets								
Current liabilities:								
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ 6,682	\$ -	\$ 6,682	\$ -	\$ 6,682	\$ -	\$ 6,682
Net assets:								
Temporarily restricted	-	254,004	-	254,004	-	198,683	-	198,683
Permanently restricted	-	-	58,555	58,555	-	-	58,555	58,555
Total net assets	-	254,004	58,555	312,559	-	198,683	58,555	257,238
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 260,686	\$ 58,555	\$ 319,241	\$ -	\$ 205,365	\$ 58,555	\$ 263,920

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Statement of Activities – Global Mission Fund

Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018				2017			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Ministry, support, and revenue:								
Other contributions and revenue	\$ -	\$ 8,213	\$ -	\$ 8,213	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income	-	10,449	-	10,449	-	9,622	-	9,622
Net realized and unrealized gains	-	36,659	-	36,659	-	19,437	-	19,437
Total ministry, support, and revenue	-	55,321	-	55,321	-	29,059	-	29,059
Net assets released from restriction	-	-	-	-	8,756	(8,756)	-	-
Total support, revenue and releases	-	55,321	-	55,321	8,756	20,303	-	29,059
Expenses:								
Grants and scholarships	-	-	-	-	2,019	-	-	2,019
Events	-	-	-	-	6,737	-	-	6,737
Total expenses	-	-	-	-	8,756	-	-	8,756
Change in net assets	-	55,321	-	55,321	-	20,303	-	20,303
Net assets at beginning	-	198,683	58,555	257,238	-	178,380	58,555	236,935
Net assets at end	\$ -	\$ 254,004	\$ 58,555	\$ 312,559	\$ -	\$ 198,683	\$ 58,555	\$ 257,238

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Schedules of Actual and Budget – General Fund

Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018		2017	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Ministry, support, revenue, and transfers:				
ELCA regular mission support received	\$ 2,038,976	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 2,223,377	\$ 2,400,000
ELCA world hunger support received	6,222	-	-	-
Support for Evangelical Lutheran Church in America				
Mission support	(958,337)	(1,081,000)	(1,044,548)	(1,128,000)
Other support for the ELCA	(9,421)	-	(404)	-
Mission support for Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod available for synodical expenses	1,077,439	1,219,000	1,178,425	1,272,000
Synodical expenses				
Ministries, teams and programs:				
Ministries and teams:				
Worship and spirituality team:				
Worship team (operations)	-	150	-	150
Worship and spirituality grants	-	800	-	800
Total worship and spirituality team	-	950	-	950
Youth, young adult, and family team:				
Faith formation resource team	175	300	246	300
Youth and young adult ministry	441	1,100	752	1,300
Family Ministry	3,024	2,850	533	2,850
LYF board and assembly	341	900	126	1,000
Youth leadership and internships	287	2,000	3,561	3,500
Youth scholarships	-	600	-	2,000
Total youth, young adult, and family team	4,268	7,750	5,218	10,950
Connection building team:				
Congregational networking	427	-	429	-
Communications	-	2,000	-	2,000
Total connection building team	427	2,000	429	2,000

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Schedules of Actual and Budget – General Fund (Continued)

Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018		2017	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Synodical expenses (Continued)				
Ministries, teams and programs (Continued):				
Ministries and teams (Continued):				
Leadership development team				
Professional leadership support	\$ 1,448	\$ -	\$ 840	\$ -
Total leadership development team	1,448	-	840	-
Witness and service team:				
Witness and service	544	9,000	7,227	14,850
Lutheran congregational services	8,768	10,070	12,229	13,134
Multicultural ministry	12,000	12,000	12,064	12,000
Campus ministry	8,500	20,000	19,925	33,600
Leisure ministry	2,000	4,000	2,000	4,000
Region 7	4,894	5,520	6,670	7,200
Pennsylvania conferences of churches	3,262	3,680	4,447	4,800
Diakon Lutheran services	8,097	6,235	7,337	8,133
Good Shepard home	4,078	3,935	4,891	5,133
Lutheran advocacy ministry in PA	4,894	5,520	6,670	7,200
Other ministries	28,516	8,350	39,479	8,350
Total witness and service team	85,552	88,310	122,939	118,400
Executive committees:				
Candidacy	4,472	10,000	8,813	10,000
Archives	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Total executive committees	10,472	16,000	14,813	16,000
Total ministries and teams	102,167	115,010	144,239	148,300

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Schedules of Actual and Budget – General Fund (Continued)

Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018		2017	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Synodical expenses (Continued)				
Ministries, teams and programs (Continued):				
Programs:				
Grants and Scholarships				
United Lutheran seminary	\$ 97,871	\$ 110,400	\$ 133,402	\$ 144,000
Muhlenberg College	6,525	7,360	8,893	9,600
United Lutheran Seminary	5,838	-	-	-
Other grants	10	-	-	-
Total grants and scholarships	110,244	117,760	142,295	153,600
Events:				
Youth events	-	-	720	-
DEM leadership conferences	-	-	376	-
Other	300	-	309	-
Total events	300	-	1,405	-
Total programs	110,544	117,760	143,700	153,600
Total ministries, teams and programs	212,711	232,770	287,939	301,900
General and administrative expenses:				
Bishop's office:				
Bishop conference	500	-	14,480	-
Interim ministry	197	500	155	500
Stewardship	2,102	1,300	1,529	1,300
Other	-	-	102	-
Assignment travel pool	250	1,500	-	1,500
Total bishop's office	3,049	3,300	16,266	3,300
Administrator's office:				
Mission district dean's expenses	-	-	490	-
Total administrator's office	-	-	490	-

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Schedules of Actual and Budget – General Fund (Continued)

Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018		2017	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Synodical expenses (Continued)				
General and administrative expenses (Continued):				
Synod council and assembly:				
Council expenses	\$ 281	\$ 1,000	\$ 978	\$ 25,731
Assembly/bulletin of reports/minutes book	36,169	50	(1,839)	50
Total synod council and assembly	36,450	1,050	(861)	25,781
Synod staff:				
Executive staff:				
Salaries and housing	399,649	732,831	415,679	717,728
Pension and health benefits	103,800	-	115,048	-
Payroll taxes	10,455	-	20,208	-
Continuing education - PLACE	(700)	-	1,627	-
Travel and expenses	29,995	44,000	18,376	-
Support staff:				
Salaries	134,986	-	131,780	-
Pension and health benefits	70,207	-	74,893	-
Continuing education	890	600	1,632	600
Travel and expenses	10,783	-	18,915	44,000
Contract labor and temporary staff	33,174	12,000	32,523	-
Total synod staff	793,240	789,431	830,681	762,328
Building expenses/occupancy:				
Rent, taxes, and interest	14,862	-	14,524	-
Utilities	9,287	-	8,217	-
Rental property expense	25,440	50,000	25,872	48,000
Other expense - Ascension Quakake	-	22,380	-	-
Total building expenses/occupancy:	49,590	72,380	48,613	48,000

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Schedules of Actual and Budget – General Fund (Continued)

Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018		2017	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Synodical expenses (Continued)				
General and administrative expenses (Continued):				
Office expenses:				
Expenses and supplies	\$ 7,241	\$ 61,000	\$ 10,177	\$ 61,000
Equipment purchases	4,908	-	3,809	-
Equipment maintenance	-	-	772	-
Telephone	8,165	-	7,229	-
Copier	13,922	-	16,709	-
Postage	4,318	-	3,048	-
Insurance	6,383	-	10,913	-
Office resources	25,000	20,000	45,999	20,000
Miscellaneous	2,999	200	520	200
Total office expenses	72,936	81,200	99,176	81,200
Computer operations and audit				
Computer expenses	3,751	32,000	5,192	14,000
Legal services	60	1,990	79	1,990
Total computer operations and audit	3,811	33,990	5,271	15,990
Total general and administrative expenses	959,076	981,351	999,636	936,599
Total synodical expenses	1,171,787	1,214,121	1,287,575	1,238,499
Excess of expenses over revenue before releases and transfers	(94,348)	4,879	(109,150)	33,501
Released from temporary restricted and transfers	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses	\$ (94,348)	\$ 4,879	\$ (109,150)	\$ 33,501

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Schedules of Actual and Budget – General Fund (Continued)

Years Ended January 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018 Actual	2017 Actual
Reconciliation to the changes in net assets - General fund, unrestricted:		
Excess of expenses over revenue	\$ (94,348)	\$ (109,150)
Investment income	7,845	10,636
Rental income	2,800	2,800
Other income	23,006	69,985
Total reconciling items	33,651	83,421
Change in net assets - General fund, unrestricted, before transfers	(60,698)	(25,729)
Transfers in - General fund, unrestricted	41,000	24,961
Total general fund increase in net assets	\$ (19,698)	\$ (768)

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Proposed Spending Plan for 2019

	2018		2019	
Anticipated Contributions from Congregations	2,200,000		2,000,000	
Mission Support for Churchwide Ministries	1,034,000	47.0%	940,000	47.0%
Mission Support for Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod	1,166,000	53.0%	1,060,000	53.0%
Funds required from other sources (surplus)	81,998		8,885	
Receipts needed to meet NEPS Budget	1,247,998	100.0%	1,068,885	100.0%
I. WORSHIP TEAM				
Worship Team	400		400	
Worship and Spirituality Grants				
Leadership Program for Musicians				
TEAM I TOTAL	400		400	
II. YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT AND FAMILY TEAM				
Faith Formation Resources Team	200		200	
Learning Ministry Staffers (Christian Ed)				
Youth Ministry	1,000		1,000	
Young Adult Ministry	100		100	
Family Ministry				
LYF Board	300		300	
LYF Assembly				
Youth Leadership Development Event				
Training for Adult working with youth				
Youth Event Scholarships/Grants	600		600	
TEAM II TOTAL	2,200		2,200	
III. CONNECTION BUILDING TEAM				
Congregational Networking				
Communications	1,100		1,100	
TEAM III TOTAL	1,100		1,100	
IV. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM				
Professional Leadership Grants	500		500	
Horizon Intern & Other Internships				
Leadership Development for Youth	100		100	
TEAM IV TOTAL	600		600	
V. WITNESS & SERVICE TEAM				
Witness and Service Team	200		200	
Witness and Service Grants	9,000		9,000	
Ministry Adjustment and Development				
Multicultural Ministry	12,000		12,000	
Campus Ministry	20,000		20,000	
Appalachian and Rural Ministry				
Leisure Ministry	4,000		4,000	
Global Mission	250		250	
Demographics				
TEAM V TOTAL	45,450		45,450	
ALL TEAMS TOTAL	49,750		49,750	

VI. OTHER INSTITUTION & AGENCY SUPPORT

(% of actual mission support received)

Social Ministry Support	19,800	0.9%	18,000	0.9%
Daikon				
Good Shepherd				
Lutheran Congregation Services				
United Lutheran Seminary - Philadelphia/Gettysburg	105,600	4.8%	96,000	4.8%
Bear Creek Camp	30,800	1.4%	28,000	1.4%
Region 7	4,400	0.2%	4,000	0.2%
Muhlenberg College	6,600	0.3%	6,000	0.3%
PA Conference of Churches	4,400	0.2%	4,000	0.2%
LAMPA	4,400	0.2%	4,000	0.2%
INSTITUTION & AGENCY SUPPORT TOTAL	176,000	8.0%	160,000	8.0%

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Candidacy	10,000		10,000	
Archives	6,000		6,000	
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES TOTAL	16,000		16,000	

VII. ADMINISTRATION**Bishop's Office**

Bishop's Discretionary Fund	500		500	
Consultations-Cong/Professional Leaders	2,000		2,000	
Interim Ministry	500		500	
Stewardship	1,300		1,300	
Assignment Travel Pool	1,500		1,500	
Miscellaneous	200		200	
BISHOP'S OFFICE TOTAL	6,000		6,000	

Administrator's Office

Assembly/Bulletin of Reports/Minutes Book	50		50	
Council Expenses/Contingencies	200		200	
Legal Services	1,990		1,990	
Contract Services	33,838		33,840	
Synod Resource Center	2,550		2,550	
Miscellaneous	200		200	
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE TOTAL	38,828		38,830	

Synod Staff

Executive Staff	384,145		371,905	
Support Staff	210,279		216,900	
All Staff Travel/Expenses	40,000		44,000	
SYNOD STAFF TOTAL	634,424		632,805	

Property

Building Expenses/Occupancy	50,000		50,000	
Office Expenses	61,000		61,000	
Computer Expenses	4,000		6,500	
Auditors	20,000		20,000	
Major Capital Improvement/Maintenance	28,000		28,000	
PROPERTY & OFFICE TOTAL	163,000		165,500	

ADMINISTRATION TOTAL

842,252	843,135
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PROGRAM PROPOSAL TOTAL

1,084,002	1,068,885
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Amount Needed from Other Sources (surplus)

-81,998	8,885
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2018 VOTING MEMBERS OF CONGREGATIONS – June 8-9 – Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre

Bethlehem-Easton

Bethlehem – Light of Christ	Karen Favinger, 27 W. Laurel Street, Bethlehem, 18018
– St. John Windish	Anthony Favinger, 27 W. Laurel Street, Bethlehem, 18018
– St. Paul	Sharon Lintner, 502 N. Third Street, Emmaus, 18049
– St. Peter	Guy Lintner, 502 N. Third Street, Emmaus, 18049
– Star of Bethlehem	Cindy Garguilo, 5525 Monocacy Drive, Bethlehem, 18017
– Zion, 1 st Hungarian	Jeff Garguilo, 5525 Monocacy Drive, Bethlehem, 18017
Easton – Arndts	Shirley Kulp, 635 Springhouse Road, Apt. B, Allentown, 18104
– St. Andrew	James Ritchie, 2438 Black River Road, Bethlehem, 18015
– St. John	Rebecca Kresh, 224 E. Ettwein Street, Bethlehem, 18018
– St. Paul	Harold Gooch, 2816 Sunset Drive, Bethlehem, 18020
– St. Paul III	William Dimmich, 4849 Yorkshire Road, Walnutport, 18088
Hellertown – Christ	Linda Kleppinger, 610 Zucksville Road, Easton, 18040
Tatamy – Hope	Ed Kleppinger, 610 Zucksville Road, Easton, 18040
Williams Twp. – St. Luke	Allison Berger, 2931 Charlotte Avenue, Easton, 18045
	Julie Kraft, 2664 Stephens Street, Easton, 18045
	Nadine Anderson, 3750 Baldwin Drive, Easton, 18045
	James Heck, 2450 Baldwin Drive, Easton, 18045
	Traci Hartman, 132 E. Wilkes-Barre Street, Easton, 18042
	Frank Hartman, 132 E. Wilkes-Barre Street, Easton, 18042
	Beverly Brodhead, 2730 Northwood Avenue, Easton, 18045
	Enid Rank, 4970 Drummond Circle, Center Valley, 18034
	Mark Stana, 4291 Miller Road, Bangor, 18013
	Sherry Mengel, 147 N. Main Street, Nazareth, 18064
	Matthew Mengel, 147 N. Main Street, Nazareth, 18064
	Ellen Chomitzky, 3583 Drifting Drive, Hellertown, 18055
	David Chomitzky, 3583 Drifting Drive, Hellertown, 18055

East Berks

Bechtelsville – Trinity	Linda Bewley, C10 Knoll Lane, Gilbertsville, 19525
Douglassville – St. Paul	Carolyn DiSandro, 61 Linwood Circle, Pottstown, 19465
Fleetwood – St. Paul	Raymond DiSandro, 61 Linwood Circle, Pottstown, 19465
Hamburg – St. John	Jennefer Gehringer, 333 Hard Hill Road, Hamburg, 19526
– St. Paul	John Bessey, 306 Sooner Lane, Blandon, 19510
Huff's – Huff Union	Linda Benner, 414 S. Fifth Street, Hamburg, 19526
Krumsville – Mt. Zion	Rich Benner, 414 S. Fifth Street, Hamburg, 19526
Kutztown – Trinity	Jeb Stratton, 2802 Village Road, Orwigsburg, 19761
Leesport – Holy Trinity	Theresa Woloszanski, 738 Tipton Road, Kutztown, 19530
Mohrsville – Salem Bellemans	Lorraine Arndt, 415 Heritage Drive, Fleetwood, 19522
New Jerusalem – New Jerusalem	Joey Arndt, 415 Heritage Drive, Fleetwood, 19522
Perry Township – Zion	Marsha Hoyer, 98 Sharadin Road, Kutztown, 19530
Reading – Zion Spies	William Hoyer, 98 Sharadin Road, Kutztown, 19530
Spangsville – Christ	Susan Biehl, 4530 Kutztown Road, Temple, 19560
	Dennis Biehl, 4530 Kutztown Road, Temple, 19560
	Gloria Gambler, 762 Shoey Road, Mohrsville, 19541
	Lester Gambler, 762 Shoey Road, Mohrsville, 19541
	Betty Eshbach, 110 Orchard Road, Fleetwood, 19522
	Winfield Eshbach, 110 Orchard Road, Fleetwood, 19522
	Donna Long, 50 Paradise Avenue, Shoemakersville, 19555
	Richard Long, 50 Paradise Avenue, Shoemakersville, 19555
	Janis Morgan, 63 N. Pine Street, Apt. 21, Wernersville, 19565
	William Morgan, 63 N. Pine Street, Apt. 21, Wernersville, 19565
	Terry Fry, 1509 Limekiln Road, Douglassville, 19518
	Gary Stufflet, 3140 W. Philadelphia Avenue, Oley, 19547

Reading – Zion Spies	Janis Morgan, 63 N. Pine Street, Apt. 21, Wernersville, 19565
Spangsville – Christ	William Morgan, 63 N. Pine Street, Apt. 21, Wernersville, 19565
Stony Run – Friedens	Terry Fry, 1509 Limekiln Road, Douglassville, 19518
	Gary Stufflet, 3140 W. Philadelphia Avenue, Oley, 19547
	Betty Ann Davis, 7523 Gun Club Road, New Tripoli, 18066
	Maurice Connor, 26 Pine Swamp Road, Kempton, 19529

Hazleton-Lehigh

Ashfield – Dinkey Memorial	Patricia Hudson, 358 E. Lizard Creek Road, Lehigh, 18235
Bowmanstown – Trinity	Eric Solt, 402 Fairyland Road, Lehigh, 18235
Conyngham – Christ	Diane Heiny, 3740 Cedar Drive, Walnutport, 18087
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	Michael Hetrick, P. O. Box 772, Conyngham, 18219
Hazleton – Christ	Cathy Pino, 37 Franklin Street, Hazleton, 18201
	Betty Jane Schaefer-Hassler, 722 Peace Street, Hazleton, 18201
Jim Thorpe East – St. John	Jennifer Eggerling, 11 Audrey Lane, Jim Thorpe, 18229
	Kenneth Schlecht, 708 South Street, Jim Thorpe, 18229
Lansford – Trinity	Richard Willing, 429 W. Patterson Street, Lansford, 18232
Lehigh – Grace	Kris Hartenstine, 119 Oriole Drive, Palmerton, 18071
– Trinity	Shawn Keiser, 163 Lauren Spring Road, Lehigh, 18235
Mahanoy City – Christ	Christine Bolunewicz, 140 Swatara Road, Shenandoah, 17976
	Clyde Holman, 309 Back Road, Barnesville, 18214
Mahoning – St. John	Emma Weaver, 27 E. White Street, Summit Hill, 18250
	Clayton Billman, 315 Prospect Street, Weissport, 18235
New Ringgold – Friedens	Amanda Melber, 21 Mill Mountain Road, New Ringgold, 17960
Packerton – Zion	Matthew Ruch, 1225 Rock Street, Lehigh, 18235
	DelRoy Ruch, 2856 Hemlock Drive, Lehigh, 18235
Palmerton – Holy Trinity	Jeanette Hyer, 1060 Deer Run Lane, Slatington, 18080
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Penn Forest Twp. – Christ	Kimberly Liscinski, 37 Mushroom Lane, Albrightsville, 18210
	David Bowen, 16 Edwards Lane, Jim Thorpe, 18229
Ringtown – St. John	Nancy Terry, P. O. Box 44, Ringtown, 17967
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Saint John – St. John	Melody Hinderer, 145 Edge Rock Drive, Drums, 18222
Summit Hill – St. Paul	Brian Buzik, 104 E. Holland Street, Summit Hill, 18250
Tamaqua – St. John	Erla Biasi, 566 Zion Stone Church Road, New Ringgold, 17960
	Linda Heigele, 218 Pine Street, 2 nd Floor, Tamaqua, 18252
Weatherly – Zion	Stacie Bray, 751 Quakake Road, Weatherly, 18255
	Charles Hettler, 3 E. Main Street, Weatherly, 18255
White Haven – St. Paul	Maryanne Maletz, 418 Berwick Street, White Haven, 18661
	Kathy Rice, 167 Red Shale Pit Road, White Haven, 18661

Lehigh

Allentown – Christ	Robin Flores, 2206 Overlook Lane, Fogelsville, 18051
	John Flemish, 2206 Overlook Lane, Fogelsville, 18051
– Grace	Pamela Hoffman, 2332 S. 12 th Street, Allentown, 18103
– Redeemer	Martha Taremae, 5430 Monocacy Drive, Bethlehem, 18017
– St. John	Elizabeth Leibenguth, 4705 Fair Drive, Orefield, 18069
	Lawrence Greene, 7497 Corning Road, Zionsville, 18092
– St. Luke	Leslie Talago, 715 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, 18102
	Theodore Zimmerman, 3401 Trexler Boulevard, Allentown, 18104
– St. Mark	Roxann Rieger, 80 Wagner Avenue, Hellertown, 18055
	Tom Rieger, 80 Wagner Avenue, Hellertown, 18055
– St. Michael/Nativity	Nancy Bleam, 904 Nittany Court, Allentown, 18104
	Rene Rodriguez, 1106 Lowell Street, Allentown, 18104
– St. Peter (Hanover)	Paula Skelly, 942 Hawthorne Road, Allentown, 18103
	Richard Skelly, 942 Hawthorne Road, Allentown, 18103

– St. Michael/Nativity	Nancy Bleam, 904 Nittany Court, Allentown, 18104
– St. Peter (Hanover)	Rene Rodriguez, 1106 Lowell Street, Allentown, 18104
– St. Timothy	Paula Skelly, 942 Hawthorne Road, Allentown, 18103
Coopersburg – St. Paul	Richard Skelly, 942 Hawthorne Road, Allentown, 18103
Emmaus – Holy Spirit	Nancy Fennell, 800 Hausman Road, Apt. 424, Allentown, 18104
– St. John	George Fennell, 800 Hausman Road, Apt. 424, Allentown, 18104
Fogelsville – St. John	Wendy Storat, 2515 Lori Lane, Hellertown, 18055
Macungie – Grace	Greg Storat, 2515 Lori Lane, Hellertown, 18055
– St. Peter	Leesa Wimmer, 2836 Winding Way, Bethlehem, 18017
Western Salisbury – Jerusalem	Dodd Lamberton, 4475 Founders Drive, Center Valley, 18034
	Audra Berner, 6502 Pioneer Drive, Macungie, 18062
	Michele Miller, P. O. Box 272, Schnecksville, 18078
	Richard Ludwig-Dicus, 1505 W. Fairmont Street, Allentown, 18102
	Babette Williams, 1516 Whispering Woods Circle, Allentown, 18106
	William Konek, 602 Wood Street, Emmaus, 18049
	Robyn Oplinger, 5217 Celia Drive, Wescosville, 18106
	Dennis Oplinger, 5217 Celia Drive, Wescosville, 18106
	Diane Kichline, 1695 Crownwood Street, Allentown, 18103
	Larry Kichline, 1695 Crownwood Street, Allentown, 18103

Northern Lehigh Valley

Belfast – Grace	Joy Kaniper, 330 W. Main Street, Bath, 18014
Catasauqua – Holy Trinity	Kathryn Henry, 1942 Springfield Drive, Bethlehem, 18018
Cherryville – Hope	Barbara Fister, 733 Fourth Street, Catasauqua, 18032
Coplay – St. John	Cheryl Kneiss, 5390 Monocacy Drive, Bethlehem, 18017
Emanuelsville – Emmanuel	Betty Rock, 829 Hillview Drive, Walnutport, 18088
Hecktown – Trinity	Mitch Possinger, 109 Manor Woods Court, Paupack, 18451
Nazareth – St. John	Sandra Tapler, 5110 Valley Stream Lane, Macungie, 18062
Orefield – Jordan	Barbara Bennett, 555 Creek Road, Bath, 18014
Schnecksville – Union	Robert Bennett, 555 Creek Road, Bath, 18014
Slatedale – Holy Trinity	Jemmie Jones, 4255 Madison Drive, Bethlehem, 18020
Slatington – St. John	Warner Jones, 4255 Madison Drive, Bethlehem, 18020
Weisenberg Twp. – Weisenberg	Jackie Wolf, 103 E. High Street, Nazareth, 18064
– Ziegels	Lenna Harris, 55 W. Fourth Street, Apt. A1, Nazareth, 18064
Whitehall – Faith	Dean Wagaman, 867 Williams Avenue, Walnutport, 18088
– St. John	Debra Geiger, 4260 Washington Street, Schnecksville, 18078
– Shepherd of the Hills	David Geiger, 4260 Washington Street, Schnecksville, 18078
	Mark Rau, P. O. Box 99, Slatedale, 18079
	Sharon Stehly, 4559 Best Station Road, Slatington, 18080
	Kathy Walter, 7685 Weisenberg Church Road, New Tripoli, 18066
	Fred Walter, 7685 Weisenberg Church Road, New Tripoli, 18066
	James Hemerly, 5798 Werleys Corner Road, New Tripoli, 18066
	Norma Hrozencik, 3373 Gail Lane, Whitehall, 18052
	Charles Church, 3415 Surrey Court, Schnecksville, 18078
	Renee Gombert, 3143 Terrace Circle, Whitehall, 18052
	Gerald Gombert, 3143 Terrace Circle, Whitehall, 18052
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Appenzell – St. Mark Community	Richard Taylor, 11 Larch Road, Jim Thorpe, 18229
Bangor – Trinity	Lynn Leauber, 1287 N. Rocky Mountain Drive, Effort, 18330
Blakeslee – Faith	Misty Marino, 352 S. Fourth Street, Bangor, 18103
	Thomas Marino, 352 S. Fourth Street, Bangor, 18103
	Carol Ray, P. O. Box 238, Pocono Pines, 18350
	Robert Ray, P. O. Box 238, Pocono Pines, 18350

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Effort – St. John	Margaret Lazor, 5189 Brook Road, Kunkletown, 18058
Hamilton Square – Christ United	Edward Jones, 290 N. Easton, Belmont Pike, Stroudsburg, 18360
Hawley – St. Paul	Scott Edelman, 40 Park Road, Lakeville, 18438
Honesdale – St. John	Carol Becker, 1238 Westside Avenue, Honesdale, 18431 Ernest Becker, 1238 Westside Avenue, Honesdale, 18431
Johnsonville – Prince of Peace	Janet Martocci, 219 Flicksville Road, Bangor, 18013 John Martocci, 219 Flicksville Road, Bangor, 18013
Kresgeville – Salem/St. Paul	Barbara Yarashas, 1228 Burger Hollow Road, Effort, 18330 Raymond Borger, 70 Nathan Circle, Lehigh, 18235
Plainfield – St. Peter	Ann Super, 324 Irish Lane, Stroudsburg, 18360 David Super, 324 Irish Lane, Stroudsburg, 18360
Shohola – St. Jacobi	Anne Rajswasser, 127 Kuhn Road, Lackawaxen, 18435 Bruce Rajswasser, 127 Kuhn Road, Lackawaxen, 18435
Stone Church – Christ	Anita LaBar, 503 Pennsylvania Avenue, P. O. Box 83, Portland, 18351 Brian LaBar, 503 Pennsylvania Avenue, P. O. Box 83, Portland, 18351
Stroudsburg – St. John	Patricia Hilton, 1174 W. Main Street, Stroudsburg, 18360 Bernice Henderschedt, 146 Mockingbirdhill Road, E Stroudsburg, 18301
Tannersville – St. Paul	Beth Werkheiser, 326 Winding Creek Road, Tannersville, 18372 Charles Hempel, P. O. Box 383, Tannersville, 18372

Schuylkill

Ashland – Good Shepherd	Chris Mehlbaum, 700 Quaker Circle, Apt. 1, Lewisberry, 17339
Frackville – Zion	Donald Dillman, 37 S. Nice Street, Frackville, 17931
Friedensburg – St. John	Alicia Brown, 2123 Panter Valley Road, Pottsville, 17901 Mark Dreisbach, 1153 Sweet Arrow Lake Road, Pine Grove, 17963
Pine Grove – St. Peter	Barbara Hikes, 142 Oak Grove Road, Pine Grove, 17963 Stephen Hikes, 142 Oak Grove Road, Pine Grove, 17963
Pottsville – Trinity	Judith Rile, 1525 Howard Avenue, Pottsville, 17901
Reinerton – St. Peter	Barbara Ossman, 108 S. Sixth Street, Tower City, 17980 Joseph Tallman, 74 Evangel Park Road, Tower City, 17980
Schuylkill Haven – Jerusalem	Mary Rowe, 29 Wagon Way, Oley, 19547 Donald Boyer, 870 Bunting Street, Pottsville, 17901
Tower City – St. Paul	Marie Rodichok, 201 E. Colliery Avenue, Tower City, 17980
Valley View – Trinity	Joan Klinger, 1405 W. Maple Street, Valley View, 19783 Lillie Morgan, 306 Park Road, Valley View, 17983

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre

Dallas – St. Paul	Martin Everhart, 54 Davenport Street, Dallas, 18612
Dushore – Shepherd of the Hills	Ruth Keener, 210 S. German Street, Dushore, 18614 Dawn Reeser, 172 Austrian Drive, Blandon, 19510
Hobbie – St. James	Linda Eroh, 835 E. County Road, Wapwallopen, 18660
Hughestown – St. Peter	Judy Bell, 539 Sperling Street, West Wyoming, 18643 Raymond Cannell, 145 Grant Street, Exeter, 18643
Mountaintop – St. Paul	Helen Davis, 3 Sycamore Road, Mountaintop, 18707 James Doxsey, 11 Red Coat Lane, Mountaintop, 18707

Nanticoke – St. John	Jaclyn Victor, 325 E. Spring Street, Nanticoke, 18634 Wayne Getz, 126 Meadowcrest Drive, Nanticoke, 18634
Pond Hill – St. Mark	Linda Huffman, 527 Mingle Inn Road, Berwick, 18603 Kevin Kaminski, 527 Mingle Inn Road, Berwick, 18603
Sayre – St. John	Kaarina Efthimiou, 23 Oswego Street, Spence, NY, 14883 Louise Sackett, 106 Chestnut Street, Athens, 18810
Towanda – Trinity	Peggy Cranmer, 106 Krise Drive, Gillett, 16925 Satchel Manchester, 106 Krise Drive, Gillett, 16925
Wilkes-Barre – Good Shepherd	Mollie Rance, 180 S. Washington Street, Apt. 106N, Wilkes-Barre, 18701 Christopher Casazza, 2659 S. Main Street, Hanover Township, 18706

West Berks

Bern Township – Bern	Christine Gruber, 852 Grange Road, Leesport, 19533 Richard Gruber, 852 Grange Road, Leesport, 19533
Birdsboro – St. Mark	MaryAnn Farnsworth, 1989 Laurelwood Road, Pottstown, 19465 Sally Sassaman, 235 Crusher Road, Douglassville, 19518
Geigertown – St. James	Sharon Walters, 52 Worman Road, Douglassville, 19518
Knauers – Allegheny	Lisa Peterson Smith, 839 Alleghenyville Road, Mohnton, 19540 Mark Smith, 839 Alleghenyville Road, Mohnton, 19540
Laureldale – Calvary	Carol Lopresto, 4107 Fifth Avenue, Temple, 19560 Carol Wertz, 912 Suellen Drive, Reading, 19605
Mohnton – St. John	Aubrey Naugle, 207 N. Miller Street, Shillington, 19607 Mary Naugle, 207 N. Miller Street, Shillington, 19607
Plowville – Robeson	Michael Wisniewski, 1207 Buck Hollow Road, Mohnton, 19540
Reading – Christ	Sue Gibson, 335 Pine Street, Wernersville, 19565
– Good Shepherd	Heather Garl, 3950 N. Alabama Avenue, Reading, 19605 Joseph Garl, 3950 N. Alabama Avenue, Reading, 19605
– Grace	Barbara Seidel, 3523 Magnolia Avenue, Reading, 19605
– Holy Spirit	Diane Seidel, 426 Cedar Lane, Birdsboro, 19508 Calvin Seidel, III, 426 Cedar Lane, Birdsboro, 19508
– Hope	Deborah Maley, 1004 Barberry Avenue, Reading, 19605 Marjorie Wolf, 1004 Barberry Avenue, Reading, 19605
– Nativity	Marcia Mast, 1518 Hampden Boulevard, Reading, 19604 Larry Mast, 1518 Hampden Boulevard, Reading, 19604
– St. Luke	Robin Heckman, 223 Montgomery Avenue, Reading, 19606 Nancy Snyder, 27 Clover Court, Leesport, 19533
– St. Paul	Judy Stoudt, 2117 Reading Avenue, West Lawn, 19609 Ronald Stoudt, 2117 Reading Avenue, West Lawn, 19606
– Trinity	Pat Richter, 5 Lark Lane, Sinking Spring, 19608 Russell Diesinger, 181 Lakeview Lane, Lenhartsville, 19534
Reiffton – Reformation	Patricia Bower, 11 W. 34 th Street, Reading, 19604 Frederick Bower, 11 W. 34 th Street, Reading, 19604
Shillington – Grace	Nancy Kennedy, 615 Summit Avenue, Reading, 19607 Jerry Crammer, 524 Raymond Street, Reading, 19605
Wernersville – Trinity	Charlotte Moyer, 129 Berger Lane, Hamburg, 19526 Gerald Jarsocrak, 129 Bran Road, Sinking Spring, 19608
West Lawn – Advent	Suzanne Wagner, 111 Chestnut Street, Shillington, 19607 Terry Wagner, 111 Chestnut Street, Shillington, 19607
Womelsdorf – Zion	Cindy Doster, 5 Seltzer Avenue, Womelsdorf, 19567
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PART II

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Chapter 1 - Chapter 18

STANDING AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS

Standing Resolutions of Predecessor Synods

Continuing Resolutions

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

(including changes adopted by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly)

* Items marked with an asterisk are mandated by the ELCA. (See *S18.11. and *S18.12. of this Constitution.) The Constitution is printed in **boldface** type; the Bylaws (indicated by the initials BL) are in lightface type.

Chapter 1

NAME AND INCORPORATION

- *S1.01. The name of this Synod, as determined by the Churchwide Assembly, shall be the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- *S1.02. For the purposes of this constitution and the accompanying bylaws, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is hereafter designated as “this Synod” or “the Synod.”
- *S1.11. This Synod shall be incorporated. Amendments to the articles of incorporation of this Synod shall be submitted to the Church Council for ratification before filing.
- *S1.21. The seal of this Synod is two concentric circles surrounding the words “Incorporated - 1987.” Within the concentric circles is the legend “Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.”

Chapter 2

STATUS

- *S2.01. This Synod possesses the powers conferred upon it, and accepts the duties and responsibilities assigned to it, in the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which are recognized as having* governing force in the life of this Synod.
- *S2.02. The name Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA or “this church”) as used herein refers in general references to this whole church, including its three expressions—congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization. The name Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is also the name of the corporation of the churchwide organization to which specific references may be made herein.
- *S2.03. No provision of this constitution shall be inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of this church.

Chapter 3

TERRITORY

- *S3.01. The territory of this Synod, as determined by the Churchwide Assembly, shall be the counties of Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- *S3.02. “Determined by the Churchwide Assembly,” as stipulated by *S3.01., is understood to include the reported changes in synod relationship made by any congregation in a border area agreed under ELCA Bylaws 10.01.01. and 10.02.02.

Chapter 4

CONFESSION OF FAITH

- *S4.01. This Synod confesses the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- *S4.02. This Synod confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.

- a. Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate, through whom everything was made and through whose life, death, and resurrection God fashions a new creation.
- b. The proclamation of God's message to us as both Law and Gospel is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy through word and deed, beginning with the Word in creation, continuing in the history of Israel, and centering in all its fullness in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- c. The canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God. Inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them God's Spirit speaks to us to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world.

- *S4.03. This Synod accepts the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith, and life.
- *S4.04. This Synod accepts the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds as true declarations of the faith of this Synod.
- *S4.05. This Synod accepts the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a true witness to the Gospel, acknowledging as one with it in faith and doctrine all churches that likewise accept the teachings of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession.
- *S4.06. This Synod accepts the other confessional writings in the Book of Concord, namely, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles and the Treatise, the Small Catechism, the Large Catechism, and the Formula of Concord, as further valid interpretations of the faith of the Church.
- *S4.07. This Synod confesses the Gospel, recorded in the Holy Scriptures and confessed in the ecumenical creeds and Lutheran confessional writings, as the power of God to create and sustain the Church for God's mission in the world.

Chapter 5

NATURE OF THE CHURCH

- *S5.01. All power in the Church belongs to our Lord Jesus Christ, its head. All actions of this Synod are to be carried out under his rule and authority.
- *S5.02. This church confesses the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church and is resolved to serve Christian Unity throughout the world.
- *S5.03. The Church exists both as an inclusive fellowship and as local congregations gathered for worship and Christian service. Congregations find their fulfillment in the universal community of the Church, and the universal Church exists in and through congregations. This church, therefore, derives its character and powers both from the sanction and representation of its congregations and from its inherent nature as an expression of the broader fellowship of the faithful. In length, it acknowledges itself to be in the historic continuity of the communion of saints; in breadth, it expresses the fellowship of believers and congregations in our day.
- *S5.04. This church, inspired and led by the Holy Spirit, participates in The Lutheran World Federation as a global communion of churches, engaging in faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and in service for the sake of God's mission in the world.

Chapter 6

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- *S6.01. The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.
- *S6.02. To participate in God's mission, this Synod as a part of the Church shall:

- a. Proclaim God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, according to the apostolic witness in the Holy Scriptures, preserving and transmitting the Gospel faithfully to future generations.
- b. Carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ and by doing all ministry with a global awareness consistent with the understanding of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.
- c. Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, and standing with the poor and powerless, and committing itself to their needs.
- d. Worship God in proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments and through lives of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, witness, and service.
- e. Nurture its members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love, to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of their Christian calling, and to use the gifts of the Spirit for their life together and for their calling in the world.
- f. Manifest the unity given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ and by joining with other Christians in prayer and action to express and preserve the unity which the Spirit gives.

***S6.03.** Each synod, in partnership with the churchwide organization, shall bear primary responsibility for the oversight of the life and mission of this church in its territory. In fulfillment of this role and consistent with policies and procedures of this church, this Synod shall:

- a. Provide for pastoral care of congregations and rostered ministers in the synod;
- b. Plan for, facilitate, and nurture the mission of this church through congregations;
- c. Strengthen interdependent relationships among congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization, and foster relationships with agencies and institutions affiliated with or related to this church as well as ecumenical partners.
- d. Interpret the work of this church to congregations and to the public on the territory of the synod.

***S6.03.01.** In providing for pastoral care of congregations and rostered ministers in the synod, the responsibilities of the synod include the following:

- a. providing for pastoral care of congregations, ministers of Word and Sacrament, and ministers of Word and Service in the synod, including:
 - 1) approving candidates for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in cooperation with the appropriate seminaries of this church, which may be done through multi-synodical committees;
 - 2) authorizing ordinations and ordaining ministers of Word and Sacrament on behalf of this church;
 - 3) approving ministers of Word and Service, which may be done through multi-synodical committees;
 - 4) authorizing consecrations and consecrating ministers of Word and Service on behalf of this church; and
 - 5) consulting in the call process for rostered ministers

BLS6.03.01.a.5) The Candidacy Committee shall examine the qualifications of candidates for ordination, for reception from other Lutheran church bodies, and for consecration as ministers of Word and Service, and shall present recommendations concerning applicants approved by the Committee to the Synod Assembly, or in exceptional circumstances to the Synod Council, for final action.

- b. providing for leadership recruitment, preparation, and support in accordance with churchwide standards and policies, including:
 - 1) nurturing and supporting congregations and lay leaders;
 - 2) seeking and recruiting qualified candidates for the rostered ministries of this church;
 - 3) making provision for pastoral care, call review, and guidance;
 - 4) encouraging and supporting persons on the rosters of this church in stewardship of their abilities, care of self, and pursuit of continuing education to undergird their effectiveness of service; and
 - 5) supporting recruitment of leaders for this church's colleges, universities, seminaries, and social ministry organizations.
- c. providing for discipline of congregations, ministers of Word and Sacrament, and ministers of Word and Service; as well as for termination of call, appointment, adjudication, and appeals

- consistent with Chapter 20 of this church's constitution.
- d. providing for archives in conjunction with other synods.

***S6.03.02.** In planning for, facilitating, and nurturing the mission of this church through congregations, the responsibilities of the synod include the following:

- a. developing of new ministries, redevelopment of existing ministries, and support and assistance in the conclusion, if necessary, of a particular ministry;
- b. leading and encouraging of congregations in their evangelism efforts;
- c. assisting members of its congregations in carrying out their ministries in the world;
- d. encouraging congregations to respond to human need, work for justice and peace, care for the sick and the suffering, and participate responsibly in society;
- e. providing resources for congregational life;
- f. grouping congregations in conferences, clusters, coalitions, or other area subdivisions for mission purposes.

***S6.03.03.** In strengthening interdependent relationships among congregations, synods, and the church-wide organization, and in fostering relationships with agencies and institutions affiliated with or related to this church as well as with ecumenical partners, the responsibilities of the synod include the following:

- a. promoting interdependent relationships among congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization, and entering into partnership with other synods in the region;
- b. fostering organizations for youth, women, and men, and organizations for language or ethnic communities;
- c. developing relationships with social ministry organizations and ministries, participating in their mission planning, and providing partnership funding;
- d. supporting relationships with and providing partnership funding on behalf of colleges, universities, and campus ministries;

BLS6.03.03.d. Muhlenberg College shall nominate to the Synod Council persons for positions on its Board of Directors. The Synod Council shall elect the requisite number from such nominees as directors.

- e. **maintaining relationships with and providing partnership funding on behalf of seminaries and continuing education centers;**

BLS6.03.03.e. The United Lutheran Seminary shall nominate to the Synod Council persons for each position to be filled on the seminary's governing board. The Synod Council shall elect the requisite number from such nominees as governing board members.

- f. **fostering supporting relationships with camps and other outdoor ministries;**

BLS6.03.03.f.. The Eastern Pennsylvania Lutheran Camp Corporation shall nominate to the Synod Council persons for positions on the camp's Board of Directors. Election shall be by the Synod Council.

- g. **fostering supporting relationships with preschools, elementary schools, and secondary schools operated by congregations of the synod;**
- h. **fostering relationships with ecumenical and global partners;**
- i. **cooperating with other synods and the churchwide organization in creating, using, and supporting regions to carry out those functions of the synod which can best be done cooperatively with other synods and the churchwide organization.**

***S6.03.04.** In interpreting the work of this church on the territory of the synod, the responsibilities of the synod include the following:

- a. encouraging financial support for the work of this church by individuals and congregations;
- b. participating in churchwide programs;
- c. interpreting social statements in a manner consistent with the interpretation given by the churchwide unit or office which assisted in the development of the statement, and suggestion of social study issues;
- d. providing ecumenical guidance and encouragement.

***S6.04.** Except as otherwise provided in this constitution and bylaws, the Synod Council shall establish processes that will ensure that at least 60% of the members of the Synod Assemblies, Councils, committees, boards, and other organizational units shall be laypersons; and that, as nearly as possible, 50% of the lay members of Assemblies, Councils, committees, boards, or other organizational units shall be female and 50% shall be male; and that, where possible, the representation of ministers of Word and Sacrament shall be both male and female. This Synod shall establish processes that will enable it to reach a minimum goal that 10% of its Assemblies, Councils, committees, boards, or other organizational units be persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English.

- *S6.04.01.** It is the goal of this synod that at least 10 percent of the membership of synod assemblies, councils, committees, boards and/or other organizational units of this synod be persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English.
- *S6.04.02.** It is the goal of this synod that at least 10 percent of the voting members of the Synod Assembly, Synod Council, committees, organizational units of this synod be youth and young adults. The Synod Council shall establish a plan for implementing this goal. For purposes of the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions of this synod, the term “youth” means a voting member of a congregation who has not reached the age of 18 at the time of election or appointment for service. The term “young adult” means a voting member of a congregation between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election or appointment for service.
- *S6.05.** Each Assembly, Council, committee, board, commission, task force, or other body of this Synod or any synodical units shall be conclusively presumed to have been properly constituted, and neither the method of selection nor the composition of any such Assembly, Council, committee, board, commission, task force, or other body may be challenged in a court of law by any person or be used as the basis of a challenge in a court of law to the validity or effect of any action taken or authorized by any such Assembly, Council, committee, board, commission, task force, or other body.
- *S6.06.** References herein to the nature of the relationship between the three expressions of this church—congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization—as being interdependent or as being in a partnership relationship describe the mutual responsibility of these expressions in God's mission and the fulfillment of the purposes of this church as described in this chapter, and do not imply or describe the creation of partnerships, co-ventures, agencies, or other legal relationships recognized in civil law.

Chapter 7

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

- *S7.01.** This Synod shall have a Synod Assembly, which shall be its highest legislative authority. The powers of the Synod Assembly are limited only by the provisions in the Articles of Incorporation, this constitution and bylaws, the Assembly's own resolutions, and the constitutions and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- *S7.11.** A regular meeting of the Synod Assembly shall be held at least triennially.
- BLS7.11.** A regular meeting of the Synod Assembly shall be held annually.
- S7.11.01.** The time and place of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly shall be determined by the Synod Council. The time and place for the next regular assembly normally shall be announced not less than four weeks prior to the assembly.
- S7.12.**
 - a.** Special meetings of the Synod Assembly may be called by the Bishop with the consent of the Synod Council, and shall be called by the Bishop at the request of one-tenth of the voting members of the Synod Assembly. The notice of each special meeting shall define the purpose for which it is to be held. The scope of actions to be taken at such a special meeting shall be limited to the subject matter(s) described in the notice.
 - b.** If the special meeting of the Synod Assembly is required for the purpose of electing a successor Bishop because of death, resignation, or inability to serve, the special meeting shall be called by the Synod Council after consultation with the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA.
- S7.13.** Notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Synod Assembly shall be given by the Secretary of this Synod.
- BLS7.13.** Notice for a regular meeting of the Synod Assembly shall be given not less than four weeks preceding the meeting, and for a special meeting of the Synod Assembly not less than two weeks preceding the meeting.
- S7.14.** One-third of the members of the Synod Assembly shall constitute a quorum.

- *S7.21.** The membership of the Synod Assembly, of which at least 60% of the voting membership shall be composed of laypersons, shall be constituted as follows:
- a. All ministers of Word and Sacrament under call on the roster of this Synod in attendance at the Synod Assembly shall be voting members.
 - b. All ministers of Word and Service, under call, on the roster of this Synod shall be voting members in the Synod Assembly, in addition to the voting membership of lay members of congregations provided in item *S7.21.c.
 - c. A minimum of one lay member elected by each congregation with fewer than 175 baptized members and a minimum of two lay members elected by each congregation with 175 or more baptized members related to this Synod, normally one of whom shall be male and one of whom shall be female, shall be voting members. The Synod Council shall establish a formula to provide additional lay representation from congregations on the basis of the number of baptized members in the congregation. The Synod Council shall seek to ensure that, as nearly as possible, 50 percent of the lay members of the Assembly shall be female and 50 percent shall be male. Additional members from each congregation normally shall be equally divided between male and female.
- BLS7.21. c. A congregation having more than 1,000 persons who are on the roll of baptized members shall be entitled to an additional lay voting member for each additional 1,000 such members, or major fraction thereof.
- *S7.21. d. Voting membership shall include the officers of this Synod.**
- *S7.21.01.** Voting members shall begin serving with the opening of a regular Synod Assembly and shall continue serving until voting members are seated at the next regular Synod Assembly.
- S7.22.** This synod may establish processes that permit retired ordained ministers, or those designated as disabled, or on leave from call, on the roster of this synod to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with *S7.21.c. If the synod does not establish processes to permit the rostered ministers specified above to serve as voting members, they shall have voice but not vote in the meetings of the Synod Assembly.
- a. All retired ministers of Word and Sacrament on the roster of this Synod who register for the Synod Assembly, and all retired ministers of Word and Service on the roster of this Synod who register for the Synod Assembly shall be voting members of the Assembly, consistent with the provision that 60% of the voting membership shall be laypersons.
 - b. All ministers of Word and Sacrament on the roster of this Synod who are on leave from call and who register for the Synod Assembly, and all ministers of Word and Service on the lay roster of this Synod who are on leave from call and who register for the Synod Assembly shall be voting members of the Assembly, consistent with the provision that 60% of the voting membership shall be laypersons.
 - c. All ministers of Word and Sacrament from other denominations that are our full-communion partners and who have been appointed or authorized by the Bishop and/or Synod Council to serve congregations of this Synod shall have voice and vote in the meetings of the Synod Assembly.
- S7.23.** The Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and such other official representatives of this church as may be designated from time to time by the Church Council shall have voice but not vote in the meetings of the Synod Assembly. Like privileges shall be accorded to those additional persons whom the Synod Assembly shall from time to time designate.
- S7.24.** Lay members of the Synod Assembly representing congregations shall continue as such until replaced by the election of new members or until they have been disqualified by termination of membership in that congregation. Normally, congregations will hold elections prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

- *S7.25.** Except as otherwise provided in this constitution or in the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*, each voting member of the Synod Assembly shall be a voting member of a congregation of this Synod.
- S7.26.** This Synod may establish processes through the Synod Council that permit representatives of congregations under development and authorized worshiping communities of the Synod, under ELCA Bylaw 10.02.03., to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with ***S7.21.**
- S7.27 Duly elected voting members of the Synod Council who are not otherwise voting members of the synod Assembly under ***S7.21**, shall be granted the privilege of both voice and vote as members of the Synod Assembly.
- *S7.31.** Proxy and absentee voting shall not be permitted in the transaction of any business of this Synod.
- S7.32.** Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedure of the Synod Assembly, except as otherwise provided in the constitution or bylaws of the church or the constitution or bylaws of this Synod.
- S7.33.** "Ex officio" as used herein means membership with full rights of voice and vote unless otherwise expressly limited.
- S7.41.** Holy Communion shall be celebrated at each regular Synod Assembly.
- S7.42.** All appointments for the conduct of general religious services or public meetings shall be made by the Bishop.
- S7.43.** The Secretary shall send out a Bulletin of Reports to all ordained ministers, and to all associates in ministry, deaconesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and diaconal ministers on the lay rosters of this Synod, and to the lay voting members of the Assembly elected by the congregations at least fifteen days before each regular Synod Assembly.
- S7.44.** The Synod Council shall prepare the proposed agenda and program for each meeting of the Synod Assembly and shall determine the time and place for each meeting of the Assembly.
- S7.45.** A special meeting of the Synod Assembly shall transact only such business as is related to the purpose stated in the call.
- S7.51.** There shall be a Committee of Reference and Counsel, whose duties shall be (a) to recommend special orders for the hearing of special representatives or for consideration of items of business; (b) to grant or deny permission to distribute printed or otherwise duplicated material not issuing from the office of the Secretary; (c) to consider and present memorials from Mission Districts and congregations and to make recommendation thereon; (d) to receive and present all motions and resolutions of a general character, not germane to any pending question or report, and to make recommendation thereon to the Assembly; (e) to give such assistance as may be requested by the Bishop in the course of the Assembly.
- S7.52.** All reports published in the Bulletin of Reports shall be received by the Synod Assembly without further action.
- S7.61.** The minutes of each Synod Assembly shall be submitted meeting by meeting by the Secretary to a Committee on Minutes, which shall examine the same and make recommendations thereon to the Assembly. Approval of the minutes of any meeting of the final day of the Assembly shall be the responsibility of the officers of the Synod.
- S7.62.** The Bishop and the Secretary shall, after making any necessary corrections therein, certify two copies of the printed minutes of each Synod Assembly as the official protocol of said Assembly and shall submit the same to the next regular Assembly for approval and deposit in the archives.

Chapter 8 OFFICERS

***S8.01.** The officers of this Synod shall be a Bishop, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

S8.10. Bishop

***S8.11.** The Bishop shall be elected by the Synod Assembly. The Bishop shall be a minister of Word and Sacrament of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

***S8.12.** As this Synod's pastor, the Bishop shall:

- a. Preach, teach, and administer the Sacraments in accord with the Confession of Faith of this church.
- b. Have primary responsibility for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in this Synod and its congregations, providing pastoral care and leadership for this Synod, its congregations, its ministers of Word and Sacrament, and its ministers of Word and Service.
- BLS8.12. b. A fund to be known as the Bishop's Fund shall be administered by the Bishop, at whose discretion aid shall be granted to ministers of Word and Sacrament and ministers of Word and Service, and their families in time of special need. The Bishop shall submit an accounting annually for audit by the Certified Public Accountant named by the Synod Council to audit the accounts of this Synod
- *S8.12.** c. Exercise solely this church's power to ordain (or provide for the ordination by another synodical bishop of) approved candidates who have received and accepted a properly issued, duly attested letter of call for the office of ministry of Word and Sacrament (and as provided in the bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.)
- d. Consecrate (or provide for the consecration of) approved candidates who have received and accepted a properly issued, duly attested letter of call for service as ministers of Word and Service.
- e. Attest letters of call for persons called to serve congregations in this Synod, letters of call for persons called by the Synod Council, and letters of call for persons on the rosters of this synod called by the Church Council.
- f. Install (or provide for the installation of) rostered ministers whose calls the bishop has attested.
- g. Exercise leadership in the mission of this church and in so doing:
 - 1) Interpret and advocate the mission and theology of the whole church;
 - 2) Lead in fostering support for and commitment to the mission of this church within this Synod;
 - 3) Coordinate the use of the resources available to this Synod as it seeks to promote the health of this church's life and witness in the areas served by this Synod;
 - 4) Submit a report to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly concerning the Synod's life and work; and
 - 5) Advise and counsel this Synod's related institutions and organizations.
- h. Practice leadership in strengthening the unity of the Church and in so doing:
 - 1) Exercise oversight of the preaching, teaching, and administration of the sacraments within this Synod in accord with the Confession of Faith of this church;
 - 2) Be responsible for administering the constitutionally established processes for the resolution of controversies and for the discipline of rostered ministers and congregations of this Synod;
 - 3) Be the chief ecumenical officer of this Synod;
 - 4) Consult regularly with other synodical bishops and the Conference of Bishops;
 - 5) Foster awareness of other churches throughout the Lutheran world communion and, where appropriate, engage in contact with leaders of those churches;
 - 6) Cultivate communion in faith and mission with appropriate Christian judicatory leaders functioning within the territory of this Synod; and
 - 7) Be ex-officio a member of the Churchwide Assembly.
- i. Oversee and administer the work of this Synod and in so doing:

- 1) Serve as the president of the Synod corporation and be the chief executive and administrative officer of this Synod, who is authorized and empowered, in the name of this Synod, to sign deeds or other instruments and to affix the seal of this Synod;
- 2) Preside at all meetings of the Synod Assembly and provide for the preparation of the agenda for the Synod Assembly, Synod Council, and the council's Executive Committee;
- 3) Ensure that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod and of the churchwide organization are duly observed within this Synod, and that the actions of the Synod in conformity therewith are carried into effect;
- 4) Exercise supervision over the work of the other officers;
- 5) Coordinate the work of all synodical staff members;
- 6) Appoint all committees for which provision is not otherwise made;
- 7) Be a member of all committees and any other organizational units of the Synod, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution;
- 8) Provide for preparation and maintenance of synodical rosters containing the names and addresses of all rostered ministers of this Synod and a record of the calls under which they are serving or the date on which they become retired or disabled;
- 9) Annually bring to the attention of the Synod Council the names of all rostered ministers on leave from call or engaged in approved graduate study in conformity with the constitution, bylaws and continuing resolutions of this church and pursuant to prior action of this Synod through the Synod Council;
- 10) Provide for prompt reporting to the secretary of this church of:
 - a) additions to and subtractions from the rosters of this Synod and the register of congregations;
 - b) the issuance of certificates of transfer for rostered ministers in good standing who have received and accepted a properly issued, duly attested, regular letter of call under the jurisdiction of another synod; and
 - c) the entrance of the names of such persons for whom proper certificates of transfer have been received;
- 11) Provide for preparation and maintenance of a register of the congregations of this Synod and the names of the laypersons who have been elected to represent them; and
- 12) Appoint a statistician of the Synod, who shall secure the parochial reports of the congregations and make the reports available to the secretary of this church for collation, analysis, and distribution of the statistical summaries to this Synod and the other synods of this church.

***S8.13.** The synodical bishop may appoint an attorney, admitted to the bar within the territory of the synod or the state where the synod is located, to be Synod Attorney. The appointment must be approved by the Synod Council and reported to the Synod Assembly and to the ELCA secretary. The appointment continues until resignation or until a successor is appointed. The Synod Attorney provides legal advice and counsel to the synodical officers and the Synod Council. The Synod Attorney is expected to be familiar with the governing documents and policies of the synod and, as necessary, to attend meetings of the Synod Council. The Synod Attorney serves without salary but may be retained and compensated for specific legal services requested by the synod.

S8.14. The Bishop may have such assistants as this Synod shall from time to time authorize.

***S8.15.** The Presiding Bishop of this church, or the appointee of the Bishop, shall install into office, in accord with the policy and approved rite of this church, each newly elected Synod Bishop.

***S8.16** **Conflicts of Interest**

***S8.16.01** The following procedures shall govern matters of potential conflicts of interest for synodical bishops:

- a. Whenever a synodical bishop determines that a matter of the kind described in *S8.16.01.b may require his or her determination or action with respect to a related individual as defined in *S8.16.01.c., the synodical bishop shall withdraw from personal involvement in such matter and shall so notify the presiding bishop. The presiding bishop shall then appoint another synodical bishop from the same region to handle the matter to conclusion. In dealing with such matter, the

appointed bishop shall exercise all of the functions and authority to the same extent as if the appointed bishop were the elected bishop of the withdrawing bishop's synod.

- b. Matters include any proceedings under Chapter 20, proceedings under provision 7.46, of the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* (*S14.13.), candidacy, reinstatement, and similar matters where determinations or actions by the synodical bishop could change, limit, restrict, approve, authorize, or deny the related individual's ministry on one of the official rosters of the church.
- c. A related individual is one who, with respect to the synodical bishop, is a spouse, parent, son, daughter, sibling, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, grandparent, grandchild, including corresponding members of blended families and in-laws (parent, son, daughter, or sibling of a spouse, spouse of a sibling, or the parent or sibling of the spouse of a sibling.)

S8.20. Vice President

***S8.21. The Vice President shall be elected by the Synod Assembly. The Vice President shall be a layperson. The Vice President shall be a voting member of a congregation of this Synod. The Vice President shall not receive a salary for the performance of the duties of the office.**

S8.22. The Vice President shall chair the Synod Council.

S8.23. In the event of the death, disability, or resignation of the Bishop, the Vice President, after consultation with the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall convene the Synod Council to arrange for the conduct of the duties of the Bishop until a new Bishop shall be elected or, in the case of temporary disability, until the Bishop resumes full performance of the duties of the office.

S8.24. The Vice President shall be ex-officio a member of all Ministry Teams and committees of this Synod.

S8.25. The Vice President shall be ex-officio a member of the Churchwide Assembly.

S8.30. Secretary

***S8.31. The Secretary shall be elected by the Synod Assembly. The Secretary shall be a voting member of a congregation of this Synod. The Secretary may be either a layperson or a minister of Word and Sacrament.**

***S8.32. The Secretary shall:**

- a. Keep the minutes of all meetings of the Synod Assembly and Synod Council, be responsible for the printing and distribution of such minutes, and perform such other duties as this Synod may from time to time direct.
- b. Be authorized and empowered, in the name of this Synod, to attest all instruments which require the same, and which are signed and sealed by the Bishop.
- c. In consultation with the Bishop, classify and arrange all important papers and documents and deposit them in the archives of this Synod.
- d. Submit to the Secretary of this church at least nine months before each regular Churchwide Assembly a certified list of the voting members elected by the Synod Assembly.

S8.40. Treasurer

***S8.41. The Treasurer may be elected by the Synod Assembly or may be appointed by the Synod Council. The Treasurer shall be a voting member of a congregation of this Synod. The Treasurer may be either a layperson or a minister of Word and Sacrament.**

S8.42. The Treasurer shall provide and be accountable for:

- a. Management of the monies and accounts of this Synod, its deeds, mortgages, contracts, evidences of claims and revenues, and trust funds, holding the same at all times subject to the order of this Synod.

BLS8.42. Whenever it becomes necessary to satisfy of record any mortgage or mortgages, any judgment or judgments, owned or held by this Synod, the Treasurer shall be the attorney-in-fact thereof, and is duly authorized and empowered as such attorney-in-fact in the name of this Synod to satisfy of record such mortgages or judgments upon receiving full payment of the amounts due upon the same, or such compromise thereof as may have been approved by the Synod Council. The Treasurer is further empowered to assign and transfer any policies of insurance or other collateral that may be held by this Synod for such other loans or judgments.

S8.42. b. Investment of funds upon the authorization of the Synod Council.

BLS8.42. b. All investments or funds belonging to this Synod shall be held or registered as to principal in the name of this Synod, or in a nominee registration, and shall be made only by and with the consent of the Synod Council or its Finance Committee. All investments may be sold, assigned, transferred,

and changed upon the direction of the Synod Council or its Finance Committee, duly evidenced by written order, and authority is hereby given to the Bishop or Treasurer to execute and deliver any and all assignments, powers of attorney, transfers, and other assurances in the law necessary to make effective the sale and assignment of such securities.

- S8.42. c. Receipt and acknowledgment of offerings, contributions, and bequests made to this Synod, collecting interest and income from its invested funds, and paying regular appropriations and orders on the several accounts as approved and directed by the Synod Council. The Treasurer shall transmit each month to the Treasurer of the ELCA the funds received by the Synod for the general work of this church.**
- d. Maintenance of a regular account with each congregation of this Synod and informing the congregation, at least quarterly, of the status of this account.**
- e. Rendering at each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly a full, detailed, and duly audited report of receipts and disbursements in the several accounts of this Synod for the preceding fiscal year, together with the tabulations, for record and publication in the *Minutes*, of the contributions from the congregations.**
- f. Obtaining a fidelity bond in the amount determined by the Synod Council for persons handling synod funds, which bond shall be in the custody of the secretary. The premium for the bond shall be paid by the synod. Fidelity coverage provided by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall be deemed a fulfillment of this requirement.**

S8.50. General Provisions

***S8.51. The terms of office of the officers of this Synod shall be:**

- a. The Bishop of this Synod shall be elected to a term of six years and may be reelected.**
- b. The Vice President and Secretary of this Synod shall be elected to a term of four years and may be reelected.**
- c. The treasurer of this synod shall be elected or appointed to a four-year term and may be reelected or reappointed.**

BLS8.51. The Vice President may be elected for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

S8.52. The terms of the officers shall begin on the first day of the third month following election or, in special circumstances, at a time designated by the Synod Council.

***S8.53. Each officer shall be a voting member in a congregation of this Synod, except that the Bishop need not be a member of a congregation of this Synod at the time of election.**

***S8.54. Should the Bishop die, resign, or be unable to serve, the Vice President, after consultation with the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall convene the Synod Council to arrange for the appropriate care of the responsibilities of the Bishop until an election of a new Bishop can be held or, in the case of temporary disability, until the Bishop is able to serve again. Such arrangements may include the appointment by the Synod Council of an interim Bishop, who during the vacancy or period of disability shall possess all of the powers and authority of a regularly elected Bishop. The term of the successor Bishop, elected by the next Synod Assembly or a special meeting of the Synod Assembly called for the purpose of election, shall be six years with the subsequent election to take place at the Synod Assembly closest to the expiration of such a term and with the starting date of a successor term to be governed by constitutional provision S8.52.**

- S8.55.** Should the Vice President, the Secretary, or the Treasurer die, resign, or be unable to serve, the Bishop, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Synod Council, shall arrange for the appropriate care of the responsibilities of the officer until an election of a new officer can be held or, in the case of temporary disability, until the officer is able to serve again. The term of the successor officer, elected by the next Synod Assembly, shall be four years.
- *S8.56.** The Executive Committee of the Synod Council shall determine whether an officer is unable to serve; the officer may appeal the decision of the Executive Committee by requesting a hearing before the Synod Council. A meeting [of the Synod Council] to determine the ability of an officer to serve shall be called upon the request of at least three members of the Executive Committee and prior written notice of the meeting shall be given to the officer in question at least ten calendar days prior to the meeting.
- *S8.57.** The recall or dismissal of an officer and the vacating of office may be effected for willful disregard or violation of the constitutions, bylaws, and continuing resolutions of this church; for such physical or mental disability as renders the officer incapable of performing the duties of office; or for such conduct as would subject the officer to disciplinary action as a rostered minister or as a member of a congregation of this church.
- a. Proceedings for the recall or dismissal of a synodical bishop shall be instituted by written petition by:
 - 1) the Synod Council on an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of its elected members present and voting;
 - 2) the Synod Assembly on an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of its members present and voting;
 - 3) at least 10 synodical bishops; or
 - 4) the presiding bishop of this church.
 - b. Proceedings for the recall or dismissal of an officer of a synod, other than the synodical bishop, shall be instituted by written petition by:
 - 1) the Synod Council on an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of its elected members present and voting;
 - 2) the Synod Assembly on an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of its members present and voting; or
 - 3) the synodical bishop.
 - c. The petition shall be filed with the chair of the Committee on Appeals (in care of the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, Illinois 60631) and shall set forth the specific charge or charges.
 - d. Upon the filing of a written petition, the Executive Committee of the Synod Council may temporarily suspend the officer from service in the synod without prejudice, but with continuation of compensation, including benefits, if the officer is a salaried employee of the synod.
 - e. In the case of alleged physical or mental incapacity of an officer of the synod, the procedures outlined in †S8.56. shall be followed, and such officer shall comply with the decision of the Synod Council. If such officer fails or refuses to comply, the Synod Council may proceed to petition for recall or dismissal as follows:
 - 1) the Synod Council will submit a written report of their findings and the basis of their decision to the Committee on Appeals.
 - 2) the Committee on Appeals, other than those who are disqualified, shall review the findings and decision of the Synod Council and by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of those present and voting may adopt the findings and grant the petition.
 - f. If the synod officer is a minister of Word and Sacrament, grounds for recall or dismissal include those set forth in ELCA bylaw 20.21.01. and as defined under the process described in ELCA constitutional provisions 20.20. and 20.21. as grounds for discipline. If the officer is a minister of Word and Service, grounds for recall or dismissal include those set forth in ELCA bylaw 20.22.01. and as defined under the process described in ELCA constitutional provisions 20.20. and 20.21. as grounds for discipline.
 - g. If the officer is a layperson, grounds for recall or dismissal include those set forth in ELCA bylaw 20.41.01. as grounds for discipline.
 - h. If the case of alleged willful disregard or violation of the constitutions, bylaws, and continuing resolutions or of alleged conduct as would subject the officer to disciplinary action, the following procedures shall apply:
 - 1) the petition shall be referred to the Committee on Appeals, which shall function as the discipline hearing committee that shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the rules provided for in ELCA bylaw 20.21.16. except to the extent that those rules are in conflict with the provisions of this bylaw; and
 - 2) the members of the Committee on Appeals, other than those who are disqualified, may grant the petition by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of those present and voting.

- i. **Written notice of a decision by the Committee on Appeals that the charges have been sustained shall be given to the affected officer and to the Synod Council, and the office shall be vacated.**

***S8.58.** If the bishop is to be temporarily absent from the synod for an extended period, the bishop, with the consent of the Synod Council, may appoint as acting bishop for such period a minister of Word and Sacrament of this church. Except as limited by action of the Synod Council, an acting bishop shall possess all of the powers and authority of a regularly elected bishop other than authority to ordain or to authorize the ordination of properly approved candidates for ordination.

Chapter 9 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

9.01. The Synod Assembly shall elect such officers of this Synod and such other persons as the constitution and bylaws may require, according to procedures set forth in the bylaws. The Synod

Assembly shall elect members of the Churchwide Assembly in accordance with bylaw 12.41.11. of the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

S9.01.A08. The Synod Council Executive Committee shall provide for background checks for persons nominated for synodical office prior to the Synod Assembly at which the election will take place or as soon as possible after the Synod Assembly for newly elected officers nominated from the floor who were not identified as nominees prior to the assembly. The process shall be as follows:

- a. Prior to the Synod Assembly appropriate notice of the background check requirement and protocol will be provided to voting members, potential nominees, and others as directed by the Synod Council.
- b. Nominees and newly elected officers are required to provide written consent to a background check and all information necessary to complete a background check, which should be completed prior to the Synod Assembly with respect to nominees and prior to installation for newly elected officers, if possible.
- c. The Synod Council's Executive Committee shall designate one Executive Committee or Synod Council member to obtain the background checks.
- d. All background checks for nominees and newly elected officers will entail a criminal background check. A financial background check will be completed for nominees for treasurer. The Executive Committee shall decide whether additional types of background checks are appropriate for each officer position.
- e. The background check results shall be provided to that nominee or elected officer and to the Synod Council's Executive Committee, which shall then take action as deemed appropriate. Further disclosure of the results may be determined by the Executive Committee.
- f. The Executive Committee may adopt other procedures or protocols as are necessary to provide for background checks for nominees and newly elected synodical officers and shall report such actions to the Synod Council.

***S9.02.** In all elections by the Synod Assembly, other than for the Bishop, a majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election.

BLS9.02. Voting members to the Churchwide Assembly shall be elected in three groups as follows:

- a. Group A shall consist of the Bishop and a number of voting members equal to the number of Mission Districts of this Synod. Each Mission District shall nominate for election in this group an ordained minister or a layperson according to an appropriate pattern established by the Synod Council. The persons so nominated and the Bishop shall be elected en bloc as voting members.
- b. Group B shall consist of voting members who are persons of color or whose primary language is other than English, nominated by the Synod Council in an appropriate number to conform to the goals of this Synod as set forth in a Continuing Resolution.
- c. Group C shall consist of the rest of the total number of voting members allocated to this Synod by the ELCA in appropriate categories. Nominations for each category may be made by the Nominating Committee, or by any ordained minister of this Synod, or by any congregation acting through its lay voting members, or from the Assembly floor. The Secretary shall mail nominating forms no later than 15 weeks before the Synod Assembly. The forms must be returned no later than 8 weeks before the first day of the Synod Assembly. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least twice the number of voting members assigned to each category of this group. Nominees who have previously served as voting members to a Churchwide Assembly shall be identified by an asterisk.

- d. If a voting member elected in any of the groups cannot serve, then that voting member shall be replaced by an alternate voting member from the same category. The Bishop of this Synod, at any time prior to the closing of the Churchwide Assembly roll, shall be empowered to appoint a substitute in the event no alternates are available. All voting members shall be members of this Synod.

S9.03. There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed by the Synod Council for each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for all elections for which nominations are made by the Nominating Committee.

S9.04. The Bishop shall be elected by the Synod Assembly by ecclesiastical ballot. Three-fourths of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the first ballot. If no one is elected, the first ballot shall be considered the nominating ballot. Three-fourths of the legal votes cast on the second ballot shall be necessary for election. The third ballot shall be limited to the seven persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the second ballot who are willing to serve, and two-thirds of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. The fourth ballot shall be limited to the three persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the third ballot, and 60 percent of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. On subsequent ballots a majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. These ballots shall be limited to the two persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the previous ballot.

(See also Continuing Resolution 33)

S9.05. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one person for Vice President; additional nominations may be made from the floor.

S9.06. The Synod Council shall nominate at least one person for Secretary; additional nominations may be made from the floor.

S9.07. If the treasurer is elected, the Synod Council shall nominate at least one person for Treasurer; additional nominations may be made from the floor.

S9.08. In all elections, except for the Bishop, the persons receiving the highest number of votes, but not elected by a majority of the legal votes cast on a preceding ballot, shall be entered on the next ballot to the number of two (plus ties) for each vacancy unfilled. No ballot for an ineligible person shall be counted as a vote cast in any election. On any ballot when only two names appear, a majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election.

S9.09. The result of each ballot in every election shall be announced in detail to the Assembly in the following manner: total number of ballots cast, number of disqualified ballots, number of votes required for election, number of ballots cast for each candidate.

***S9.10.** When notified by the secretary of this church, on behalf of the Nominating Committee of the Churchwide Assembly, the Synod Assembly shall nominate two persons in the specified categories for possible election by the Churchwide Assembly to the Church Council.

S9.11. The Synod Council shall elect or appoint representative(s) to the steering committee of its Region.

***S9.12.** Background checks and screening shall be required and completed for persons nominated as synodical officers prior to their election, if possible, or as soon as practical after their election. The specific procedures and timing of background checks and screening shall be determined by the Synod Council.

Chapter 10

SYNOD COUNCIL

- *S10.01.** The Synod Council consisting of the four officers of this Synod, 10 to 24 other members, and at least one youth and at least one young adult, shall be elected by the Synod Assembly.
 - a. Each person elected to the Synod Council shall be a voting member of a congregation of this Synod, with the exception of ministers on a roster of this Synod who reside outside the territory of this Synod. The process for election and the term of office when not otherwise provided shall be specified in the Bylaws. A member of the Church Council of the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in America from this synod, unless otherwise elected as a voting member of the Synod Council, may serve as an advisory member of the Synod Council with voice but not vote.

- b. The term of office of members of the Synod Council, with the exception of the officers and the youth member, shall be three years.

***S10.02.** The Synod Council shall be the board of directors of this Synod and shall serve as its interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly. It may make decisions which are not in conflict with actions taken by the Synod Assembly or which are not precluded by provisions of this constitution and bylaws or the constitution and bylaws of the ELCA.

S10.03. The functions of the Synod Council shall be to:

- a. Exercise trusteeship responsibilities on behalf of this Synod.
- b. Recommend program goals and budgets to the regular meetings of the Synod Assembly.
- c. Carry out the resolutions of the Synod Assembly.
- d. Provide for an annual review of the roster of ministers of Word and Sacrament and the roster of ministers of Word and Service, receive and act upon appropriate recommendations regarding those persons whose status is subject to action under the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and make a complete report to the Synod Assembly of the Synod Council's actions in this regard.
- e. Issue letters of call to rostered ministers as authorized in Chapter 7 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- f. Fill vacancies until the next regular meeting of the Synod Assembly except as may otherwise be provided in the constitution or bylaws of this Synod, and determine the fact of the incapacity of an officer of this Synod.
- g. Report its actions to the regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.
- h. Pass upon the propriety of the constitutions of the several congregations of this Synod.
- i. Perform such other functions as are set forth in the bylaws of this Synod, or as may be delegated to it by the Synod Assembly.

BLS10.03. The Synod Council shall:

- a. Determine the time and place for each meeting of the Synod Assembly and propose its agenda and program.
- b. Elect staff officials upon nomination of the Bishop.
- c. Set the salaries of officers and staff officials of this Synod.
- d. Institute and oversee a system of personnel practices applicable to all Synod officers, staff officials, and other employees.
- e. Elect the representatives of this Synod who are to serve, in addition to the Bishop ex-officio, on the governing bodies of the interchurch agencies to which this Synod is related.
- f. Select persons from the required category in filling vacancies.
- g. Have the power to borrow money on such property as this Synod may own or hereafter acquire and to execute mortgages, bonds and warrants, or other instruments of indebtedness for the same.
- h. Provide for an annual physical examination of all investments and securities held by this Synod.

S10.04. Any proposal to appropriate funds, whether by amendment to the budget or otherwise, which is presented to a meeting of the Synod Assembly without the approval of the Synod Council shall require a two-thirds vote for adoption.

S10.05. No elected member of the Synod Council shall receive compensation for such service, nor shall simultaneously be a Mission District Dean.

S10.06. If a member of the Synod Council ceases meet the requirements of the position to which she or he was elected or is absent without excuse from two successive regular meetings of the Synod Council, the office filled by such member shall at once become vacant.

S10.07. The composition of the Synod Council, the number of its members, the manner of their selection, and its additional duties and responsibilities shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

S10.07.01. To the extent permitted by state law, meetings of the Synod Council and its committees may be held electronically or by telephone conference, and notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

BLS10.07. The Synod Council shall consist of the four officers of this Synod, two youth, and twenty other members. The twenty other members of the Synod Council shall be elected to terms of three years, as follows: (1) one person by each Mission District. These shall be divided into categories of clergy, lay male, and lay female. (2) the remaining members of the Council shall be elected by the Synod Assembly. These shall include categories of clergy, lay male, and lay female. The clergy category shall include a female. At least two elected members shall be persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English. The Nominating Committee shall implement the method of allocation. Council members may serve two consecutive terms. The youth members shall be elected by the Synod Assembly to a two-year term upon nomination by the Nominating Committee, and there shall be one male and one female youth member, elected in alternating years. The terms of the youth members and of the twenty other members of the Synod Council shall begin at the close of the annual Synod Assembly.

Chapter 11

COMMITTEES AND MINISTRY TEAMS OF THIS SYNOD

***S11.01. There shall be an Executive Committee, a Consultation Committee, a Committee on Discipline, a Mutual Ministry Committee, an Audit Committee, and such other committees as this Synod may from time to time determine. The duties and functions of such committees, or any other organizational units created by this Synod, and the composition and organizational structure of such units, shall be as set forth in this constitution or in the bylaws or continuing resolutions, and shall be subject to any applicable provisions or requirements of the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

BLS11.01.a. The Executive Committee of the Synod Council shall be composed of the four officers of the Synod and the chairs of the committees of the Synod Council. The officers of the Synod shall likewise serve as the officers of the Executive Committee with the Vice President as the presiding officer.

b. The provisions of the ELCA Bylaws 20.21.01 through 20.21.24, inclusive, are incorporated herein by reference with respect to the consultation and discipline procedure of ordained ministers.

S11.01.A13. There shall be seven Ministry Teams: 1) Worship, 2) Spirituality, 3) Witness and Service, 4) Youth, Young Adult and Family, 5) Faith Formation, 6) Connection Building, and 7) Leadership Development.

- a. It shall be the duty of each Ministry Team to oversee the development of programs which will further the achievement of the purposes established by the Synod Council and the Synod Assembly. The Ministry Teams shall also carry out further tasks that may be assigned by the Synod Council.
 - 1) The Witness and Service Team, in consultation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit (CSM), shall be responsible for identification and review of new and renewing ministries in this Synod that are supported by CSM grants.
- b. The Ministry Teams may appoint task groups as necessary to carry out programs in their areas of concern and shall assure the necessary coordination and communication among these committees.
- c. Each Ministry Team shall recommend to the Synod Council an annual budget for that Team's area of concern. In preparing this budget recommendation, it will consult with its task groups concerning the needs and plans in each area of its concern. It shall also include in its budget request an amount for new programs that the Team will identify and fund during the budget year.
- d. The Teams shall report regularly and at least annually to the Synod Council and annually to the Synod Assembly.

S11.01.B13.a. There may be support committees to provide for the other ministry functions of this Synod and to assure the availability of resources to meet these needs.

b. With the exception of the Committee of Deans, the Consultation Committee, and the Committee on Discipline, support committees will be appointed by the Synod Council on nomination by the Bishop, and their duties shall be determined by the Synod Council.

S11.01.C13..a. There shall be a Cabinet composed of the Bishop and Vice President of the Synod, the chairs of the Ministry Teams and the staff persons relating to the Ministry Teams. The function of the Cabinet shall be to provide coordination and communication among the Teams.

b. The Cabinet shall report to the Synod Council after each Cabinet meeting.

***S11.02.** The Consultation Committee of this Synod shall consist of at least six persons and not more than 12 persons, of whom half shall be ministers of Word and Sacrament and half shall be laypersons, who shall each be elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years without consecutive reelection. The functions of the Consultation Committee are set forth in Chapter 20 of the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* and in Chapter 17 of this constitution. The size of the Consultation Committee, in accord with this provision, shall be defined in this synod's bylaws.

BLS11.02.01 The Consultation Committee of this synod shall consist of six persons.

***S11.03.** The Committee on Discipline of this Synod shall consist of 12 persons of whom six shall be ministers of Word and Sacrament and six shall be laypersons, who shall each be elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years without consecutive reelection.

- a. The functions of the Committee on Discipline of this Synod are set forth in Chapter 20 of the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*.
- b. The Synod Council shall fill vacancies on the Committee on Discipline for any unexpired term

***S11.04.** The Mutual Ministry Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Synod Council to provide support and counsel to the Bishop.

***S11.05.** The audit Committee of this synod shall consist of three to six persons, none of whom are members of the synod staff. Up to half of the committee members may be Synod Council members. The Audit Committee members shall be elected by the Synod Council for a term of three years and be eligible for re-election to a second consecutive three-year term. The terms of the Audit Committee members shall be staggered. The Audit Committee shall be responsible for assisting the Synod Council in fulfilling its general oversight of the synod's accounting, financial reporting, internal control systems, and external audit processes as provided in *S15.31.

S11.06. This Synod shall have program, support, and coordinating ministry teams, committees, and task forces as designated or provided for in the Bylaws or Continuing Resolutions.

S11.10. General Provisions

S11.11. With the exception of ministers on the rosters of this Synod who reside outside the territory of this Synod, each member of a committee of this Synod, or any other organizational unit created by this Synod, shall be a voting member of a congregation of this Synod.

BLS11.11.If a member of any Ministry Team, task group, committee, or Mission District Council ceases to be a member in good standing on a roster of this Synod, or ceases to be a voting member of a congregation of this Synod, if a layperson, or is absent without excuse from two successive regular meetings, the office filled by such a member shall at once become vacant.

Chapter 12

MISSION DISTRICTS

***S12.01.** This Synod may establish conferences, clusters, coalitions, area subdivisions and networks as appropriate within its territory and in collaboration with other synods and partners as specified in the bylaws and continuing resolutions. The purpose of such groupings shall be to foster interdependent relationships for missional purposes among congregations, synods, the churchwide organization, and other partners.

- BLS12.01.a. This Synod shall be divided into Mission Districts, as follows: Bethlehem-Easton, East Berks, Hazleton-Lehigh, Lehigh, Northern Lehigh Valley, Pocono, Schuylkill, Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, and West Berks.
- b. Mission Districts shall be agents of the Church's mission on their respective territories. They shall study, plan, and implement ministries, challenging all congregations on their territories to participate fully in the life and mission of the Church.
 - c. Requests by individual congregations for assignment to a different Mission District shall be acted upon by the Synod Council.
 - d. Each Mission District shall have an Assembly, which shall meet at least annually.

- 1) The Mission District Assembly shall consist of all rostered ministers under call to congregations and the same number and category of lay representatives as each congregation has to the Synod Assembly. The executive of each Church-affiliated institution or agency on the District territory shall designate two representatives to the Mission District Assembly, one of whom shall be a lay person. The status of "official visitor" shall be given to rostered ministers living on the territory of the Mission District, who are either retired or are engaged in extra-parish service. The Mission District Assembly shall also consist of those persons of a church body with which a relationship of full communion has been declared and established by a Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who serve a congregation on the Mission District territory.
 - 2) The Mission District Assembly shall elect a Dean from among the rostered ministers of Word and Sacrament of the Mission District, a secretary, and such other persons as may be assigned by this Synod's constitution and bylaws. They shall serve terms of three years, and shall serve no more than two terms consecutively.
 - 3) The Dean shall be elected by ecclesiastical ballot, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election. If no one is elected on the first ballot, it shall be considered the nominating ballot, and the second ballot shall be limited to the five persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of votes on the first ballot. If no one is elected on the second ballot, the third ballot shall be limited to the two persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of votes on the second ballot.
 - 4) The secretary of the Mission District shall be elected from nominees proposed either by the Mission District's Nominating Committee or from the floor of the Mission District Assembly, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election. If no one is elected on the first ballot, the second ballot shall be limited to the two persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of votes on the first ballot. This same procedure shall be followed for other elections by the Mission District Assembly.
 - 5) The terms of the Dean and the secretary of the Mission District shall begin at the close of the Mission District Assembly at which they are elected.
 - 6) The Mission District Assembly may adopt an annual program budget for the Mission District. Major alterations from the budget recommended by the Mission District Council shall require approval of the Synod Council.
- e. There shall be a Mission District Council, which shall meet regularly to direct and coordinate the program of the Mission District.
- 1) The Mission District Council shall consist of the Dean, the secretary, representatives elected by the Mission District to the Synod Council, plus at least three other persons to be elected by the Mission District Assembly. They shall serve terms of three years, and shall serve no more than two terms consecutively.
 - 2) It shall be the responsibility of the Mission District Council, in consultation with the Synod staff person assigned to the Mission District, to coordinate the work of the Mission District, to identify areas of need and concern, to establish priorities for action, and to implement programs approved for action.
 - 3) The Mission District Council shall elect a layperson from among its membership to serve as chair. The chair shall serve a term of one year and may be reelected.
 - 4) The Mission District Council may elect a person to serve as treasurer. The treasurer shall serve a term of one year, and shall serve no more than six consecutive terms.
 - 5) If a vacancy occurs in the office of Dean, the Mission District Council, in consultation with the Bishop, shall elect an interim Dean to serve until the next regular or special Mission District Assembly.
 - 6) The Mission District Council may propose an annual program budget to the Mission District Assembly, after seeking and receiving from the Synod Council approval for the budget.
 - 7) The Mission District Council shall appoint a nominating committee, which shall present nominees to the Mission District Assembly.
 - 8) The Mission District Council may appoint such committees as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Mission District.
 - 9) The Mission District Council shall report annually to the Synod Council and Synod Assembly on behalf of the Mission District.
 - 10) The secretary of each Mission District shall provide the Bishop, and other persons whom the Bishop may designate, with copies of all Mission District Assembly and Mission District Council minutes.

- f. The Mission District Council may authorize and oversee such clusters or coalitions of congregations as it deems helpful in carrying out the work of the Mission District.
 - 1) Clusters or coalitions are groups of congregations reflecting close ties with each other because of geographic or socioeconomic considerations.
 - 2) The purpose of clusters or coalitions is to carry the work of the Mission District to the local community, to provide mutual support for congregations facing similar challenges, and to bring to the attention of the Mission District unique needs in a local area.
- g. The Dean will serve as an advisor to the Bishop, and will assist in representing this Synod and the Mission District at important events in congregations and communities.
 - 1) The Dean shall preside at the meetings of the Mission District Assembly.
 - 2) The Dean will work in conjunction with the Synod staff person assigned to the Mission District. The Dean may be assigned further responsibilities by the Bishop of this Synod or by the Synod Council.
 - 3) The Dean will report annually to the Mission District Assembly.
- h. Mission Districts, through the Mission District Assembly, may adopt Bylaws that are not in conflict with the constitution or bylaws of this Synod and/or the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bylaws adopted by the Mission District shall go into effect following approval by the Synod Council.
- i. Mission Districts may solicit funds from congregations on their territories only with the approval of the Synod Council.

Chapter 13

CONGREGATIONS

***S13.01.** Each congregation, except those certified as congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by the uniting churches, prior to being listed in the register of congregations of this Synod, shall adopt the *Model Constitution for Congregations* or one acceptable to this Synod, which is not in contradiction to the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

- a. **New Congregations.** A congregation newly formed by this church and any congregation seeking recognition and reception by this church shall:
 - 1) Accept the criteria for recognition and reception as a congregation of this church, fulfill the functions of the congregation, and accept the governance provisions as provided in Chapter 9 of the ELCA constitution and bylaws.
 - 2) Adopt governing documents that include fully and without alterations the Preamble, Chapter 1, where applicable, and all required provisions of Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, and 18 in the *Model Constitution for Congregations* consistent with requirements of the constitutions, bylaws, and continuing resolutions of this church. Bylaws and continuing resolutions, appropriate for inclusion in these chapters and not in conflict with these required provisions in the *Model Constitution for Congregations*, the constitution of this synod, or the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*, may be adopted as described in Chapter 16 of the *Model Constitution for Congregations*.
 - 3) Accept the commitments expected of all congregations of the ELCA as stated in *C6.01., *C6.02., and *C6.03. of the *Model Constitution for Congregations*.
- b. **Congregations from another church body.** If a congregation is a member of another church body, the leaders of the congregation first should consult with the appropriate authorities of that church body before taking action to leave its current church body. After such consultation, leaders of the congregation should make contact with the ELCA Synod Bishop or staff where the congregation is located.
- c. **Recognition and reception.** Recognition and reception into this church of transferring or independent congregations by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is based on the judgment of the Synod and action by the synod through the Synod Council and Synod Assembly. The synod bishop shall provide for prompt reporting of such additions to the Secretary of this church for addition to the register of congregations.

- *S13.02.** It shall be the responsibility of each congregation of this synod annually to choose from among its voting members laypersons to serve as members of the Synod Assembly as well as persons to represent it at meetings of any conference, cluster, coalition, or other area subdivision of which it is a member. The number of persons to be elected by each congregation and other qualifications shall be as prescribed in guidelines established by this synod.
- 13.11.** When a rostered minister resigns a call, the Congregation Council shall receive the letter of resignation, report it to the congregation, and at once notify the Bishop of this Synod.
- S13.12.** A congregation under financial obligation to its former rostered minister shall make satisfactory settlement of the obligation before calling a successor.
- *S13.19.** A congregation considering a relocation shall confer with the bishop of the synod in which it is territorially located and the appropriate unit of the churchwide organization before any steps are taken leading to such action. The approval of the Synod Council shall be received before any such action is effected.
- *S13.20.** A congregation considering development of an additional site to be used regularly for worship shall confer with the bishop of the synod in which it is territorially located and the appropriate unit of the churchwide organization before any steps are taken leading to such action.
- S13.21.** The alignment of congregations in pastoral charges, the location or relocation of a congregation's building, and the merger, consolidation, or dissolution of a congregation in any alignment, shall require the approval of the Synod Assembly or the Synod Council.
- BLS13.21.** The term "pastoral charge" shall mean the basic unit of pastoral care in charge of at least one pastor. The word "congregation" shall mean the basic unit into which are organized persons baptized in the faith confessed in the laws of the church. A pastoral charge may include one or more congregations. When a pastoral charge contains only one congregation it may be referred to interchangeably by either term.
- *S13.22.** Each congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America within the territory of this Synod, except those which are in partnership with the Slovak Zion Synod, shall establish and maintain a relationship with this Synod.
- *S13.23.** Provision 9.71. of the ELCA constitution shall govern the relationship of this Synod and a congregation of this Synod regarding the property of the congregation. This synod may transfer or convey property to a congregation of the synod, subject to restrictions accepted by the congregation, including provision that if the Synod Council, in its sole and exclusive discretion, determines (1) that the property is not being used to serve the mission and ministry needs of this church, or (2) that the congregation has transferred, encumbered, mortgaged, or in any way burdened or impaired any right, title, or interest in the property without the prior approval of the Synod Council, then title to the property shall revert to the synod, and the congregation, upon written demand, shall reconvey the property to the synod.
- S13.24.** If any congregation of this Synod has disbanded, or if the members of a congregation agree that it is no longer possible for it to function as such, or if in the opinion of the Synod Council the membership of a congregation has become so scattered or so diminished that it is necessary for this Synod to protect the congregation's property from waste and deterioration, the Synod Council, itself or through trustees appointed by it, may take charge and control of the property of the congregation to hold, manage, and convey the same on behalf of this Synod. The congregation shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Synod Assembly.
- S13.25.** This Synod may temporarily assume administration of a congregation upon its request or with its concurrence.
- S13.30.** Discipline
- *S13.31.** Congregations and members of congregations are subject to discipline in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 20 of the ELCA constitution and bylaws.

BLS13.31. The provisions of the ELCA constitution 20.11. through 20.16., inclusive, and of the ELCA bylaws 20.31.01. through 20.31.05., inclusive, with respect to congregations are incorporated herein by reference. The provisions of the ELCA constitution 20.11. through 20.16., inclusive, and of the ELCA bylaws 20.41.01. through 20.41.05., inclusive, with respect to members of the congregations are incorporated herein by reference.

S13.30. Synodically Authorized Worshiping Communities

***S13.31. Authorized worshiping communities, acknowledged under criteria and procedures of the ELCA Division for Outreach and the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall accept and adhere to the Confession of Faith and Statement of Purpose of this church, shall be served by leadership under the criteria of this church, and shall be subject to the discipline of this church.**

Chapter 14

ROSTERED MINISTERS

S14.10. Ministers of Word and Sacrament

***S14.11. The time and place of the ordination of those persons properly called to congregations or non-congregational service of this Synod shall be authorized by the Bishop of this Synod.**

***S14.12. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,**

a. Every minister of Word and Sacrament shall:

- 1) preach the Word;**
- 2) administer the Sacraments;**
- 3) conduct public worship;**
- 4) provide pastoral care;**
- 5) seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel;**
- 6) impart knowledge of this church and its wider ministry through distribution of its communications and publications;**
- 7) witness to the Kingdom of God in the community, in the nation and abroad; and**
- 8) speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world.**

b. Each pastor with a congregational call shall, within the congregation:

- 1) offer instruction, confirm, solemnize marriages, visit the sick and distressed, and bury the dead;**
- 2) relate to all schools and organizations of the congregation;**
- 3) install regularly elected members of the Congregation Council;**
- 4) with the Council, administer discipline.**
- 5) endeavor to increase the support given by the congregation to the work of the ELCA churchwide organization and of this Synod.**

S14.13. The pastor (a) shall keep accurate parochial records of all baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, communicants, members received, and members dismissed or members excluded from the congregation, (b) shall submit a summary of such statistics annually to this Synod, and (c) shall become a member of the congregation that has extended the letter of call. In a pastoral charge of multiple congregations, the pastor shall hold membership in one of the congregations.

S14.14. Whenever members of a congregation move to such a distance that regular attendance at its services becomes impractical, it shall be the duty of the pastor to commend them, upon their consent, to the pastoral care of a Lutheran congregation nearer to their place of residence, .

S14.15. Each minister of Word and Sacrament on the roster of this Synod shall submit a report of his or her ministry to the Bishop of the Synod at least 90 days prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

***S14.16. When a congregation of this church desires to call a candidate for the ministry of Word and Sacrament of this church:**

- a. Each congregation of this Synod shall consult the Bishop of this Synod before taking any steps leading to the extending of a call to a prospective pastor.**

- b. For issuance of a letter of call to a pastor or candidate by a congregation of this Synod in accord with ELCA constitutional provision 7.41, a two-thirds vote shall be required of voting members of the congregation present and voting at a meeting regularly called for the purpose of issuing such a call.
- c. When the congregation has voted to issue a call to a prospective pastor, the letter of call shall be submitted to the Bishop of this Synod for the Bishop's signature.

- BLS16.16.a. At the time of pastoral vacancy, an interim pastor shall be appointed by the Bishop with the consent of the Congregation Council or Councils of the vacant pastoral charge.
- b. When a pastoral vacancy occurs, each Congregation Council affected shall immediately notify in writing the Bishop of this Synod and the Dean of the Mission District. The Bishop shall call a conference to be attended by the Bishop or an appointed deputy, the Dean of the Mission District, and the Congregation Council.
 - c. Nominations for the filling of pastoral vacancies must be made to the pastoral call committee of the pastoral charge through and with the approval of the Bishop, and without that approval no nominee shall at any time be considered. In the consideration of candidates for the vacancy, names may be suggested to the Bishop by the Congregation Council or by the Dean of the Mission District.
 - d. When the Congregation Council has decided to recommend to the pastoral charge for its call as pastor a particular nominee, duly suggested and approved, an election shall be conducted under the supervision of the Bishop or a deputy appointed for the purpose. Balloting shall be limited at any Congregation Meeting to a single nomination, presented by the Congregation Council with at least two-thirds of its members concurring. In multiple-congregation pastoral charges a majority vote in each congregation and a two-thirds majority of the total shall be sufficient to elect.

S14.17. No minister of Word and Sacrament shall accept a call without first conferring with the Bishop of this Synod. A minister of Word and Sacrament shall respond with a letter of acceptance or declination to a letter of call within thirty days of receipt of such call. In exceptional circumstances with the approval of the Bishop of this Synod and the chair of the Congregation Council of the congregation issuing the call, additional time may be granted to respond to a letter of call.

***S14.18. The provisions for termination of the mutual relationship between a minister of Word and Sacrament and a congregation shall be as follows:**

- a. The call of a congregation, when accepted by a pastor, shall constitute a continuing mutual relationship and commitment which shall be terminated only by death or, following consultation with the synodical Bishop and for the following reasons:
 - 1) mutual agreement to terminate the call or the completion of a call for a specific term;
 - 2) resignation of the pastor, which shall become effective, unless otherwise agreed, no later than 30 days after the date on which it was submitted;
 - 3) inability to conduct the pastoral office effectively in that congregation in view of local conditions;
 - 4) physical disability or mental incapacity of the pastor;
 - 5) suspension of the pastor through discipline for more than three months;
 - 6) resignation or removal of the pastor from the roster of ministers of Word and Sacrament of this church;
 - 7) termination of the relationship between this church and the congregation;
 - 8) dissolution of the congregation or the termination of a parish arrangement; or
 - 9) suspension of the congregation through discipline for more than six months.
- b. When allegations of physical disability or mental incapacity of the pastor under paragraph a.4) above, or ineffective conduct of the pastoral office under paragraph a.3) above, have come to the attention of the bishop of this Synod,
 - 1) the bishop in his or her sole discretion may investigate such conditions personally together with a committee of two rostered ministers and one layperson, or
 - 2) when such allegations have been brought to the synod's attention by an official recital of allegations by the congregation council or by a petition signed by at least one-third of the voting members of the congregation, the bishop personally shall investigate such conditions together with a committee of two rostered ministers and one layperson.

- c. In case of alleged physical disability or mental incapacity under paragraph a.4) above, the bishop's committee shall obtain and document competent medical opinion concerning the pastor's condition. When a disability or incapacity is evident to the committee, the bishop of this synod may declare the pastorate vacant. When the pastorate is declared vacant, the Synod Council shall list the pastor on the roster of ministers of Word and Sacrament as disabled. Upon removal of the disability and restoration of the pastor to health, the bishop shall take steps to enable the pastor to resume the ministry, either in the congregation last served or in another appropriate call.
 - d. In the case of alleged local difficulties that imperil the effective functioning of the congregation under paragraph a.3) above, the bishop's committee shall endeavor to hear from all concerned persons, after which the bishop together with the committee shall present their recommendations first to the pastor and then to the congregation. The recommendations of the bishop's committee must address whether the pastor's call should come to an end and, if so, may suggest appropriate severance arrangements. The committee may also propose other actions that should be undertaken by the congregation and by the pastor, if appropriate. If the pastor and congregation they agree to carry out such recommendations, no further action need be taken by the synod.
 - e. If either party fails to assent to the recommendations of the bishop's committee concerning the pastor's call, the congregation may dismiss the pastor only at a legally called meeting after consultation with the bishop, either (a) by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting where the bishop and the committee did not recommend termination of the call, or (b) by a majority vote of the voting members present and voting where the bishop and the committee recommended termination of the call.
 - f. If, in the course of proceedings described in paragraph c. or paragraph d. above the bishop's committee concludes that there may be grounds for disciplinary action, the committee shall make recommendations concerning disciplinary action in accordance with the provisions of this church's constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions.
- *S14.19.** Ministers of Word and Sacrament shall respect the integrity of the ministry of congregations which they do not serve and shall not exercise ministerial functions therein unless invited to do so by the pastor, or, if there is no duly called pastor, then by the interim pastor in consultation with the Congregation Council.
- * S14.21.** The parochial records of all baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, communicants, members received, members transferred or dismissed, members who have become inactive, or members excluded from the congregation shall be kept accurately and permanently. They shall remain the property of each congregation. At the time of the closure of a congregation, such records shall be sent to the regional archives. The secretary of the congregation shall attest to the Bishop of this Synod that such records have been placed in his/her hands in good order by the departing pastor before:
- a. installation in another call, or
 - b. approval of a request for change in roster status.
- *S14.22.** The pastor shall make satisfactory settlement of all financial obligations to a former congregation before:
- a. installation in another call, or
 - b. approval of a request for change in roster status.
- * S14.23.** During service to a congregation, an interim pastor shall have the rights and duties in the congregation of a regularly called pastor. The interim pastor may delegate the same in part to an interim supply pastor with the consent of the Bishop of this Synod. The interim pastor and any rostered minister who may assist shall refrain from exerting influence in the selection of a pastor. Upon completion of service, the interim pastor shall certify to the Bishop of this Synod that the parochial records, for the period for which the interim pastor was responsible, are in order.
- * S14.24.** With the approval of the synodical Bishop expressed in writing, which sets forth a clear statement of the purpose to be served by such a departure from the normal rule of permanency of the call as expressed in *S14.18., a congregation may call a pastor for a specific term of years. Details of such calls shall be in writing setting forth the purpose and conditions involved. Prior to the completion of a term, the Bishop of this Synod or a representative of the Bishop shall meet

with the pastor and representatives of the congregation for a review of the call. Such call may also be terminated before its expiration in accordance with the provisions of *S14.18.

S14.25. All ministers of Word and Sacrament under a call shall attend meetings of the Synod Assembly, and pastors of congregations shall also attend meetings of the Mission District to which the congregation belongs.

S14.30. Ministers of Word and Service

- * **S14.31.** The time and place of the consecration of those persons properly called to congregations or non-congregational service of this synod shall be authorized by the bishop of this synod.
- * **S14.32.** Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, every Minister of Word and Service shall:
 - a. Be rooted in the Word of God, for proclamation and service;
 - b. Advocate a prophetic diakonia that commits itself to risk-taking and innovative service on the frontiers of the Church's outreach, giving particular attention to the suffering places in God's world;
 - c. Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world, witnessing to the realm of God in the community, the nation, and abroad;
 - d. Equip the baptized for ministry in God's world that affirms the gifts of all people;
 - e. Encourage mutual relationships that invite participation and accompaniment of others in God's mission;
 - f. Practice stewardship that respects God's gift of time, talents, and resources;
 - g. Be grounded in a gathered community for ongoing diaconal formation;
 - h. Share knowledge of the ELCA and its wider ministry of the gospel, and advocate for the work of all expressions of this church; and
 - i. Identify and encourage qualified persons to prepare for ministry of the gospel.
- S14.33.** The minister of Word and Service shall become a member of the congregation upon receipt and acceptance of the letter of call. In a parish of multiple congregations, the minister of Word and Service shall hold membership in one of the congregations.
- S14.34.** Each minister of Word and Service on the roster of this synod shall submit a report of his or her ministry to the bishop of the synod at least 90 days prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.
- * **S14.41.** When a congregation of this church desires to call a minister of Word and Service or a candidate for the ministry of Word and Service of this church:
 - a. Each congregation of this synod shall consult the bishop of this synod before taking any steps leading to the extending of a call to a prospective minister of Word and Service.
 - b. For issuance of a letter of call to a minister of Word and Service or candidate by a congregation of this synod in accord with ELCA constitutional provision 7.71., a two-thirds vote shall be required of members of the congregation present and voting at a meeting regularly called for the purpose of issuing such a call.
 - c. When the congregation has voted to issue a call to a prospective minister of Word and Service, the letter of call shall be submitted to the bishop of this synod for the bishop's signature.
- S14.42.** No minister of Word and Service shall accept a call without first conferring with the bishop of this synod. A minister of Word and Service shall respond with an answer of acceptance or declination to a letter of call within 30 days of receipt of such call. In exceptional circumstances with the approval of the bishop of this synod and the chair of the Congregation Council of the congregation issuing the call, an additional 15 days may be granted to respond to a letter of call.
- * **S14.43.** a. The call of a congregation, when accepted by a minister of Word and Service, shall constitute a continuing mutual relationship and commitment which shall be terminated only by death or, following consultation with the synodical bishop, for the following reasons:
 - 1) mutual agreement to terminate the call or the completion of a call for a specific term;
 - 2) resignation of the minister of Word and Service, which shall become effective, unless otherwise agreed, no later than 30 days after the date on which it was submitted;
 - 3) inability to conduct the office effectively in that congregation in view of local conditions;
 - 4) physical disability or mental incapacity of the minister of Word and Service;

- 5) suspension of the minister of Word and Service through discipline for more than three months;
 - 6) resignation or removal of the minister of Word and Service from the roster of ministers of Word and Service of this church;
 - 7) termination of the relationship between this church and the congregation;
 - 8) dissolution of the congregation or the termination of a parish arrangement; or
 - 9) suspension of the congregation through discipline for more than six months.
- b. When allegations of physical disability or mental incapacity of the minister of Word and Service under paragraph a.4) above, or ineffective conduct of the ministry of Word and Service under paragraph a.3) above, have come to the attention of the bishop of this synod,
- 1) the bishop in his or her sole discretion may investigate such conditions personally together with a committee of two rostered ministers and one layperson, or
 - 2) when such allegations have been brought to the synod's attention by an official recital of allegations by the Congregation Council or by a petition signed by at least one-third of the voting members of the congregation, the bishop personally shall investigate such conditions together with a committee of two rostered ministers and one layperson.
- c. In case of alleged physical disability or mental incapacity under paragraph a.4) above, the bishop's committee shall obtain and document competent medical opinion concerning the minister of Word and Service's condition. When a disability or incapacity is evident to the committee, the bishop of this synod may declare the position vacant and the minister of Word and Service shall be listed on the roster of ministers of Word and Service as disabled. Upon removal of the disability and restoration of the minister of Word and Service to health, the bishop shall take steps to enable the minister of Word and Service to resume the ministry, either in the congregation last served or in another appropriate call.
- d. In the case of alleged local difficulties that imperil the effective functioning of the congregation under paragraph a.3) above, the bishop's committee shall endeavor to hear from all concerned persons, after which the bishop together with the committee shall present their recommendations first to the minister of Word and Service and then to the congregation. The recommendations of the bishop's committee address whether the minister of Word and Service's call should come to an end and, if so, may suggest appropriate severance arrangements. The committee may also propose other actions that should be undertaken by the congregation and by the minister of Word and Service, if appropriate. If the minister of Word and Service and congregation agree to carry out such recommendations, no further action need be taken by the synod.
- e. If either party fails to assent to the recommendations of the bishop's committee concerning the minister of Word and Service's call, the congregation may dismiss the minister of Word and Service only at a legally called meeting after consultation with the bishop, either (a) by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting where the bishop and the committee did not recommend termination of the call, or (b) by a majority vote of the voting members present and voting where the bishop and the committee recommended termination of the call.
- f. If, in the course of proceedings described in paragraph c. or paragraph d. above, the bishop's committee concludes that there may be grounds for disciplinary action, the committee shall make recommendations concerning disciplinary action in accordance with the provisions of this church's constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions.
- * S14.44. Ministers of Word and Service shall respect the integrity of the ministry of congregations which they do not serve and shall not exercise ministerial functions therein unless invited to do so by the Congregation Council.
- * S14.45. The minister of Word and Service shall make satisfactory settlement of all financial obligations to a former congregation before:
- a. installation in another call, or
 - b. approval of a request for change in roster status.
- * S14.46. With the approval of the synodical bishop expressed in writing, which sets forth a clear statement of the purpose to be served by such a departure from the normal rule of permanency of the call as expressed in †S14.43., a congregation may call a minister of Word and Service for a specific term. Details of such calls shall be in writing setting forth the purpose and conditions involved. Prior to the completion of a term, the bishop of this synod or a representative of the bishop shall meet with the minister of Word and Service and representatives of the congregation for a review of the call. Such call may also be terminated before its expiration in accordance with the provisions of †S14.43.

- S14.47.** All ministers of Word and Service under a call shall attend meetings of the Synod Assembly, and the ministers of Word and Service of congregations shall also attend the meetings of the conference, cluster, coalition, or other area subdivision to which the congregation belongs.

Chapter 15

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- *S15.01.** The fiscal year of this Synod shall be February 1 through January 31.
- *S15.11.** Since the congregations, synods, and churchwide organization are interdependent units that share responsibly in God's mission, all share in the responsibility to develop, implement, and strengthen the financial support program of the whole Church. The gifts and offerings of the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are given to support all parts of this church, and thus partnership in this church should be evidenced in determining each part's share of the gifts and offerings. Therefore:
- a. The mission of this church beyond the congregation is to be supported by such a proportionate share of each congregation's annual budget as each congregation determines. This Synod shall develop guidelines for determining "proportionate share," and shall consult with congregational leaders to assist each congregation in making its determination.
 - b. This synod shall receive the proportionate share of the mission support from its congregations, and shall transmit that percentage or amount of each congregation's mission support as determined in consultation with the churchwide organization and approved by the Synod Assembly as part of its budget consideration.
 - c. Should the Synod Assembly not approve the proportionate share of mission support determined in consultation with the churchwide organization, a new consultation with the churchwide organization shall take place. The Synod Council is authorized to amend the budget adopted by the Synod Assembly to reflect the results of this consultation.
- *S15.12.** The annual budget of this Synod shall reflect the entire range of its own activities and its commitment to partnership funding with other synods and the churchwide organization.
- S15.13.** On the basis of estimated income, the Synod Council shall authorize expenditures within the budget for the fiscal year. Expenditure authorizations shall be subject to revision, in light of changing conditions, by the Synod Council.
- S15.14.** Except when such procedure would jeopardize current operations, a reserve amounting to no more than 16% of the sum of the amounts scheduled in the next year's budget for regular distribution to Synodical causes shall be carried forward annually for disbursement in the following year in the interest of making possible a more even flow of income to such causes. The exact number of dollars to be held in reserve shall be determined by the Synod Council.
- S15.21.** No appeal to congregations of this or any other synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the raising of funds shall be conducted by congregations or organizations related to or affiliated with this Synod without the consent of the Synod Assembly or the Synod Council.
- *S15.31.** This Synod shall arrange to have an annual audit of its financial records conducted by a certified public accountant firm recommended by the synod Audit Committee and approved by the Synod Council. The audited annual financial report shall be submitted by this Synod to the churchwide Office for Finance and to the congregations of this Synod. The financial reports shall be in the format approved from time to time by the Office of the Treasurer.
- *S15.32.** This synod shall maintain adequate, continuous insurance coverage in accordance with standards recommended by the churchwide organization. Insurance programs offered or endorsed by the churchwide organization shall be deemed to fulfill this obligation.

Chapter 16

INDEMNIFICATION

- *S16.01.** To the full extent permitted from time to time by law, each person who is or was made or threatened to be made a party to any proceeding by reason of the present or former capacity of that person as a Synod Council member, officer, employee, or committee member of this Synod shall

be indemnified against all costs and expenses incurred by that person in connection with the proceeding. Indemnification of any person by reason of that person's capacity as a director, officer, employee, or committee member of any other organization, regardless of its form or relationship to this Synod, is subject to the provisions of section *S16.02

- a. The term "proceeding" means a threatened, pending, or completed lawsuit, whether civil or criminal, an administrative or investigative matter, arbitration, mediation, alternative dispute resolution, or any other similar legal or governmental action. Except as otherwise required by law, the term "proceeding" does not include (a) any action by this synod against the individual seeking indemnification, or (b) subject to †16.04., a disciplinary hearing or related process described in Chapter 20 of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- b. The term "indemnification" includes reimbursement and advances of costs and expenses for judgments, penalties, fines, settlements, excise taxes, reasonable attorneys' fees, disbursements, and similar required expenditures.

- *S16.02.** Whenever a person who, while a Synod Council member, officer, committee member, or employee of this Synod, is or was serving at the request of this Synod as (or whose duties in that position involve or involved service in the capacity of) a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another organization, is or was made or threatened to be made a party to a proceeding by reason of such capacity, then such person shall be entitled to indemnification only if
- a. the Synod Council has established a process for determining whether a person serving in the capacity described in this section shall be entitled to indemnification in any specific case, and
 - b. that process has been applied in making a specific determination that such person is entitled to indemnification.
- *S16.03.** This Synod may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of itself or any person entitled to indemnification pursuant to this chapter against any liability asserted against and incurred by this Synod or by such other person in or arising from a capacity described in section *S16.01. or section *S16.02.
- *S16.04.** When written charges against a rostered person of this church are made in disciplinary proceedings under Chapter 20 of the Constitution Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by the synodical Bishop or when written charges against a congregation are made in disciplinary proceedings by the Synod Council or the synodical bishop, and the discipline hearing committee determines that no discipline shall be imposed, then if such determination is not reversed or set aside on appeal, indemnification shall be made by the synod to the accused for reasonable attorney's fees and other reasonable expenses related to the defense of the charges. The determination of the reasonableness of such fees and expenses shall be decided by the Synod Council.

Chapter 17

ADJUDICATION

- *S17.01.** The synodical Bishop and the Executive Committee of the Synod Council shall be available to give counsel when disputes arise within this Synod.
- *S17.02.** The synodical Bishop and the Executive Committee of the Synod Council shall receive expressions of concern from rostered ministers of the church, congregations, and organizations within this Synod; provide a forum in which the parties concerned can seek to work out matters causing distress or conflict; and make appropriate recommendations for their resolution. When the matter at issue cannot be resolved in this manner, the prescribed procedures for investigation, decision, appeal, and adjudication shall be followed. Allegations or charges that could lead to the discipline of a rostered minister of this church shall not be addressed by the Executive Committee but shall be resolved through the disciplinary process set forth in the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- *S17.03.** When there is disagreement among units of this Synod on a substantive issue that cannot be resolved by the parties, the aggrieved party or parties may appeal to the synodical Bishop and the Executive Committee of the Synod Council for a consultation. If this consultation fails to resolve the issue, a petition may be addressed by the parties to the Synod Council requesting it to arbitrate the issue. The decision of the Synod Council shall be final.

- *S17.04. When a component or beneficiary of a Synod has a disagreement on a substantive issue that it cannot resolve, it may address an appeal to the synodical Bishop and the Executive Committee of the Synod Council. In this case the decision of the Executive Committee shall prevail, except that upon the motion of a member of the Synod Council, the decision shall be referred to the Synod Council for final action.
- *S17.10. Adjudication in a Congregation
- *S17.11. When there is disagreement among factions within a congregation on a substantive issue that cannot be resolved by the parties, members of a congregation shall have access to the synodical Bishop for consultation after informing the chair of the Congregation Council of their intent. If the consultation fails to resolve the issue(s), the Consultation Committee of this Synod shall consider the matter. If the Consultation Committee of this Synod shall fail to resolve the issue(s), the matter shall be referred to the Synod Council, whose decision shall be final.

Chapter 18

AMENDMENTS, BYLAWS, AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS

- *S18.10. Amendments to Constitution
- *S18.11. Certain sections of this constitution incorporate and record therein required provisions of the constitution and bylaws of this church. If such provisions are amended by the Churchwide Assembly, corresponding amendments shall be introduced at once into this Constitution by the Secretary of this Synod upon receipt of formal certification thereof from the Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- *S18.12. Whenever the Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America officially informs this Synod that the Churchwide Assembly has amended the *Constitution for Synods*, this constitution may be amended to reflect any such amendment by a majority vote at any subsequent meeting of the Synod Assembly without presentation at a prior Synod Assembly. An amendment that is identical to a provision of the *Constitution for Synods* shall be deemed to have been ratified upon its adoption by this Synod. The Church Council, through the Secretary of this church, shall be given prompt notification of its adoption.
- *S18.13. Other amendments to this constitution may be adopted by this Synod through either of the following procedures:
 - a. An amendment may be adopted by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting of the Synod Assembly after having been presented in writing at the previous regular meeting of the Synod Assembly over the signatures of at least 25 members and having been approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at such a regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.
 - b. The Synod Council may propose an amendment, with notice to be sent to the congregations of this Synod at least six months prior to the next regular meeting of the Synod Assembly. Such an amendment shall require for adoption a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at such a regular meeting of the Synod Assembly. All such amendments shall become effective upon ratification by the Churchwide Assembly or by the Church Council.
- *S18.20. Amendments to Bylaws
- *S18.21. This Synod may adopt Bylaws not in conflict with this constitution nor with the constitution and bylaws of the churchwide organization. This Synod may amend its bylaws at any meeting of the Synod Assembly by a two-thirds vote of voting members of the Assembly present and voting. Newly adopted bylaws and amendments to existing bylaws shall be reported to the Secretary of this church.
- *S18.30. Amendments to Continuing Resolutions
- *S18.31. This Synod may adopt continuing resolutions not in conflict with this constitution or its bylaws or the constitution, bylaws and continuing resolutions of the churchwide organization. Such continuing resolutions may be adopted or amended by a majority vote of the Synod Assembly or by a two-thirds vote of the Synod Council. Newly adopted continuing resolutions and amendments to existing continuing resolutions shall be reported to the Secretary of this church.

STANDING AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

(N.B. The nomenclature used at the time of the original adoption of these resolutions has been retained. To indicate present application, current nomenclature has been added in parentheses and italics.)

A. Policy on Standing and Continuing Resolutions

1. Resolved, that each final affirmative action by a convention (*Assembly*) of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the (*Evangelical*) Lutheran Church in America [which shall not include either steps of a parliamentary nature taken in the course of consideration of proposed action or actions having effect only during the convention (*Assembly*)] shall be expressed in the form of a resolution and that such resolutions shall be serially numbered with respect to each convention (*Assembly*) and published as an appendix to its Minutes.
2. Resolved, that the Constitution Committee be requested to review annually the Standing Resolutions of predecessor synods and the Continuing Resolutions of this Synod, with the aim of deleting those that are no longer applicable; that newly adopted Continuing Resolutions be inserted; and that all applicable Standing and Continuing Resolutions immediately follow the Constitution and Bylaws as part of the *Minutes* of each annual Synod Assembly. (1991)

STANDING RESOLUTIONS OF PREDECESSOR SYNODS

- B. Resolved, that the following resolutions be recognized as having their source in actions taken by a convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the Adjacent States (a predecessor synod of the Eastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America) in the year identified by parenthetical reference in each resolution and as having continued force in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in the form herein set forth.
1. Resolved, that no meeting, whether formal or informal, of the members of the council of a congregation or parish, without reasonable notice to its pastor or vice-pastor (*interim pastor*), shall have any validity and that it be ruled wholly improper for any council member knowingly to attend such a meeting. (1932)
 2. Resolved, that any bequest to the synod, to any of its boards, or to any objective administered by the synod or one of its boards (*Teams*), shall be applied to capital improvement or endowment unless otherwise designated by the terms of the bequest. (1954)
 3. Resolved, that the following rules shall apply in the continued administration of the trust held by the synod known as the Church Extension Fund:
 - a. Upon recommendation of the Board of Home Missions (*Mission Services Committee*) and after authorization of the Executive Board (*Synod Council*), a short-term loan may be made from the fund to a mission to assist in the purchase or improvement of real estate, upon the following conditions:
 - (1) That the amount of the short-term loan outstanding to the mission at one time be limited to \$25,000;
 - (2) That each such loan be secured by a judgment note or real estate mortgage maturing in not more than five years;
 - (3) That the terms as to interest, if any, and schedule of principal repayment be determined by the Executive Board (*Synod Council*).
 - b. For the purpose of this resolution status as a mission shall be determined by the Board of Home Missions (*Mission Services Committee*) with the concurrence of the Executive Board (*Synod Council*).
 - c. Any part of the fund not invested in loans as above provided shall be productively invested in such items as are proper for trusts under Pennsylvania law, and any income produced by the fund shall be capitalized annually. (1946, 1952, 1959)

4. Resolved, that the synod affirm its position regarding residential accommodations for its parish pastors on the following terms:
 - a. The pastor's residence should provide suitable facilities for hospitality, family living, and retreat for study and meditation.
 - b. The church council (*Congregation Council*) should review periodically the residential facilities of the pastor with whom it serves to determine their adequacy for the achievement of the purpose of the congregation in the community.
 - c. The place of the pastor's residence should be in the area representative of the work and life of the congregation and community. (1959)
- C. Resolved, that the following resolutions be recognized as having their source in actions taken by a convention of the Eastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America (a predecessor synod of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America) in the year identified by parenthetical reference in each resolution and as having continued force in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in the form herein set forth.
 1. Resolved, that the synod encourage its congregations to affiliate with and actively support their local city, area, and county councils of churches whose constitution, bylaws, or other governing regulations are approved by the Executive Board (*Synod Council*), as conforming to the principles announced by the (*Evangelical*) Lutheran Church in America as controlling in this regard. (1962)
 2. Resolved, that before the synod requests the Board of American Missions (*Division for Outreach*) to survey an area for possible new mission occupancy, in accordance with Item 4,b, of Section X(A) of the bylaws of the Lutheran Church in America (*ELCA Continuing Resolution 16.11.C91.c.*), the Board of Home Missions (*Mission Services Committee*) shall inform councils (*Congregation Councils*) of the appropriate district (*Mission District*) of its intention. (1963)
 3. Resolved, that a retired minister, or a missionary serving under the Board of World Missions (*Division for Global Mission*) who is unable to attend conventions (*Assemblies*) of the synod shall be regarded by the Committee on Registration and Excuse as excused. (1963)
 4. Resolved, that at the time parish (*pastoral charge*) alignments are dissolved by action of the Executive Board (*Synod Council*), congregations which had membership in the dissolved parish (*pastoral charge*) may request transfer to another district (*Mission District*) and the Executive Board (*Synod Council*) may authorize such transfer. (1964)
 5. Resolved, that the president (*Bishop*) of synod be empowered, at his (*or her*) discretion, to provide legal assistance and/or bail for pastors and members of congregations who for reason of Christian concern for human rights, eschewing violence, are subject to arrest and/or incarceration. (1964)
 6. Whereas the Ministerium of Pennsylvania has stated in convention (*Minutes 1959, page 113*): "That every person regardless of race has the right to make his (*or her*) home in our midst and that we owe him (*or her*) our friendship and Christian concern for his (*or her*) welfare;" and

Whereas the Lutheran Church in America has stated in convention (*Minutes 1964, page 665*) that:

"6. The church, its congregations, synods, agencies, institutions, and individual members should support the enactment and enforcement of federal, state or provincial, and local legislation which seeks to guarantee to all persons equally, without racial discrimination; (d) The right to rent, buy and occupy housing in any place and the right of access to means of mortgage financing;"

Be it therefore resolved:

- a. That we call upon all pastors and members of our congregations to support open occupancy in housing in their neighborhoods. We urge them to assist every sound and reasonable effort to end the exclusion of any person, on account of race, color, creed, national ancestry or origin, from equal opportunity to rent, lease, or purchase living accommodations with all facilities and services at equitable cost.

- b. Further, that we call upon all members as well as pastors of our congregations to visit in Christian love newcomers to their neighborhoods, whatever their race, and to invite them into full participation in community affairs.
 - c. Further, that we call upon all members of our congregations, when selling real estate, to make it available for sale to all qualifying purchasers, and to this end to exercise great care in the selection of real estate agents who will handle such transactions in accordance with the wishes of the seller.
 - d. And further, that synod extend to all its pastors and congregations the assurance of its continuing approval and support in the implementation of these principles. (1965)
- 7. Acknowledging prior resolutions of the Eastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America and its predecessor body, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and acknowledging the resolutions of the Lutheran Church in America and its predecessor church bodies concerning the ministry of the church to all persons, and being aware of the continuing need to serve effectively in the midst of a mobile population with rapid sociological changes; therefore:
 - a. We commend the congregations of the synod which have remained to serve all people in areas where major racial shifts are taking place.
 - b. We again encourage our congregations to include in their evangelism visitations all persons in their communities without distinction as to race, color, religious experience, in order to discover and win the unchurched.
 - c. Where there are members of local churches in which racial integration is taking place, or is likely to take place, who are unwilling to continue membership in such congregations for this reason, we encourage such members to examine their consciences in the light of Holy Scripture and the doctrine and decisions of the church.
 - d. We urge pastors of congregations to which such disaffected members may be seeking letters of transfer to encourage them to remain in their own congregations and to demonstrate Christian love toward all who have been made one in Christ. (1965)
- D. Resolved, that the following resolutions be recognized as having their source in actions taken by a convention of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America (a predecessor synod of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) in the year identified by parenthetical reference in each resolution and as having continued force in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in the form herein set forth.
 - 1. Resolved, that the "Declaration of Trust" here following be the synod's "Church Renewal and Endowment Fund."

Know all men by these presents, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America (hereinafter referred to as the synod) does hereby declare the terms of the trust upon which it holds assets heretofore received or hereafter to be received in accordance with its Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania upon the dissolution or extinction of congregations which are members of the synod:

 - a. The fund created hereunder shall be known as the Church Renewal and Endowment Fund.
 - b. The assets to which this declaration relates are
 - (1) those held by the congregation upon express or implied trust for a specific and restricted religious or benevolent purpose; and
 - (2) Other assets, including real estate, held by the congregation upon express or implied trust for general and unrestricted religious or benevolent purposes of the congregation or otherwise.
 - c. Assets referred to in Paragraph 2(a) (b(1)) hereof shall be held in trust in perpetuity with income applied from time to time to the precise purposes for which they were held by the congregation without change, except as practicality may from time to time demand.

d. Assets referred to in Paragraph 2(b) (b(2)) hereof shall be held in trust in perpetuity with income applied from time to time as determined by the synod's Executive Board (*Synod Council*) to general religious and benevolent purposes with priority given to the extent practicable to its application in the same geographical community in which the work of the extinct congregation was carried on and in turn with next priority to other communities nearest resembling it.

e. As to the investment and administration of the trust:

- (1) The assets of this trust shall be invested in accordance with the laws of Pennsylvania on the subject of the investment of the funds of non-profit corporations, provided, however, that it shall be considered a proper application of income to invest principal with or without interest in real estate, or in mortgages upon real estate, whether of first or junior lien, used for the purpose declared in Paragraph 4 (1.d above), so long as the title of this trust to such real estate or encumbrance is appropriately recognized.
- (2) The assets of this trust may be pooled for investment purposes, or may be pooled with other assets which the synod holds in trust, so long as the accounting records with respect thereto appropriately reflect the fractional interest applicable to this trust.
- (3) Investments of this trust may be held in the name of synod or its nominee.
- (4) The synod may at any time by action of its Executive Board (*Synod Council*) transfer administration of all the assets of this trust for investment purposes to a banking institution in accordance with the provisions of the non-profit corporation laws of Pennsylvania.

In witness whereof, this Declaration of Trust is executed this first day of January, 1972. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America.

By: Wilson E. Touhsaent, President
Attest: Claude E. Schick, Secretary (1972)

(The above policy statement was adopted by the Executive Board on December 30, 1971, and reported to the 1972 convention.)

2. Each year interest is accumulated from various sources. This earned income is not restricted and has not been designated. Some of this income has from time to time been expended by the Executive Board to provide assistance for a project not included in the synodical budget. The earned income is presently received from the following sources: Church Extension Fund, Ritter Fund,

Church Renewal and Endowment Fund, Operating Account, and Synod General (Principal held by Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod).

Use should be made of this earned income and the following is recommended:

Resolved (1) That the treasurer be authorized to place earned income into a common fund (*Synod Mission Fund*), to be used for special projects or for synod budget items as designated from time to time by the Executive Board (*Synod Council*); (2) that should an emergency arise between meetings of the Executive Board (*Synod Council*), the treasurer be authorized to expend up to \$3,000 from the fund upon unanimous consent of the other officers and the chairman of the finance committee. (1972) (1980)

(The above policy statement was adopted by the Executive Board on March 13, 1972, and reported to the 1972 convention.)

3. Resolved, that "Youth Convo" become an annual event in conjunction with the convention (*Assembly*) of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. (1973)
4. Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod concur with the action of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod in the revision of Recommendation 18 adopted at the Organizing Convention of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod (*Minutes, page 34*) whereby such action would read, effective January 1, 1974, as follows:

That, except where the donor specifies otherwise, a bequest naming the Eastern Pennsylvania Synod or

the Ministerium of Pennsylvania in the will of a person dying on or after January 1, 1974, shall be allocated to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod or the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod according to the place of probate of such will, subject to these further rules:

- a. Should the decedent be a resident of neither synod, the allocation shall be made to the synod in which he last resided;
 - b. Should a case arise which is not covered by the foregoing rules or in which their literal application would frustrate the probable intent of the decedent, the officers of the two synods shall resolve the matter according to their best judgment of the probable intent. (1973)
5. Policy statement regarding granting of loans to congregations including the use of loan funds for which responsibility is assigned to the Committee on American Missions and Social Ministry (*Mission Services Committee*):

Eligibility

The eligibility of a congregation for loans from funds for which the Committee on American Missions and Social Ministry (*Mission Services Committee*) is assigned responsibility shall be determined by:

- a. The requirements stipulated in the terms of the particular trust or fund from which the loan funds will be drawn;
- b. The recommendation of the Committee on American Missions and Social Ministry (*Mission Services Committee*);
- c. The affirmative action of the Executive Board (*Synod Council*) of synod.

Guidelines for Committee Recommendation

In recommending approval of a loan request for funds assigned to its responsibility, the Committee on American Missions and Social Ministry (*Mission Services Committee*) shall be guided by the following general principles:

- a. Priority shall be given to congregations related to the Division for Mission in North America of the L.C.A. (*Division for Outreach of the ELCA*) and to congregations undergoing mission adjustments, *i.e.*, where such major changes as parish realignment, union dissolution, relocation, consolidation, merger, or major program revision have occurred or are anticipated.
- b. In the case of congregations not related to the Division for Mission in North America (*Division for Outreach*) or not undergoing mission adjustment, the Committee on American Missions and Social Ministry (*Mission Services Committee*) shall be satisfied that the use of the funds is consistent with the committee's overall mission objectives, and that an ongoing relationship is established between the committee and the congregation.

Guidelines for Congregations Requesting Loans

Congregations requesting loans from funds for which the Committee on American Missions and Social Ministry (*Mission Services Committee*) is assigned responsibility shall:

- a. State the amount requested and the proposed use of the funds, and provide any other documentation required by the particular trust or fund from which funds are to be drawn;
- b. Provide a schedule of repayment agreed to by the committee;
- c. Provide such financial data and other information as the committee may request;
- d. Give evidence of stewardship efforts or plans on behalf of the ministry of the congregation, the synod, and the (*Evangelical*) Lutheran Church in America.

Continuing Responsibility of the Committee

Following approval of a loan by the Executive Board (*Synod Council*) of the synod, the Committee on American Missions and Social Ministry (*Mission Services Committee*) shall:

- a. **Call to the attention of the congregation and make available to it the resources of the church-at-large, particularly in the areas of mission identification and stewardship;**
- b. Monitor repayment of the loan, carrying out an annual review of all outstanding accounts;
- c. Represent the Executive Board (*Synod Council*) in communicating with congregations that are delinquent in repayment;
- d. Report annually to the Executive Board (*Synod Council*) on the status of all outstanding accounts. (1975)

(The above policy statement was adopted by the Executive Board on March 3, 1975, and reported to the 1975 convention.)

6. Resolved, that, when studies are requested in this synod, the request be accompanied by an estimate of the cost. (1977)
7. Resolved, that the privilege of voice at synodical conventions (*Synod Assemblies*) be extended to candidates approved for ordination. (1978)
8. Resolved, that earned income from gifts and bequests designated for specific purposes be excluded from the synodical Mission Fund and disbursed to the designated purposes. (1979)
9. Resolved, that the Executive Board (*Synod Council*) be authorized to implement the recommendation to establish an office of dean for retired pastors and their families and for pastors' widows (*surviving spouses*), such office to be described and filled upon recommendation of the bishop, function as an adjunct to the bishop's office, and to be related to the Committee of Deans. (1981)
10. Resolved, that the Professional Development Committee annually determine and publish a congregational guideline for minimum base salary for clergy and other professional leaders. (1983)
11. Resolved, that service of an unexpired term, or a partial term, of two years or more in duration, shall count as a full term in determining eligibility for any election or appointment which is subject to limitation of terms. (1984)
12. Resolved, that pastors, lay delegates, congregations, districts (*Mission Districts*), committees, and commissions presenting synod convention (*Assembly*) issues to the Committee of Reference and Counsel be urged to submit these issues in writing at least 45 days prior to the convention (*Assembly*). The Committee of Reference and Counsel is urged to mail a report of its recommended actions on those issues to pastors and lay delegates at least 30 days prior to the convention (*Assembly*). (1984)

(The above resolution was adopted by the Executive Board on December 14, 1983, and reported to the 1984 convention.)

13. INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

- a. Investment in Board of American Missions Certificates (*the ELCA Mission Investment Fund*) shall be continued. The amount of the commitment shall be reviewed annually by the Executive Board (*Synod Council*).
- b. The "Prudent Man Rule" shall apply. Exceptions may be authorized by the Executive Board (*Synod Council*).
- c. Investment decisions will reflect the social concerns and policy statements of the Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. (1987)

(The above policy statement was adopted by the Synod Council on September 23, 1987, and reported to the 1988 Synod Assembly.)

14. Be it resolved, that we as the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the (*Evangelical*) Lutheran Church in America commit ourselves to a covenant relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem to work together, wherever possible, in every aspect of ministry on a synodical/diocesan and local level in order to avoid unnecessary duplication, gain strength in shared resources, provide more effective ministry, and gain visible expression to the unity we have in Christ, and to that end we will strive faithfully to:
- Engage in mutual prayer for the life and ministry of our synod/diocese and to encourage our congregations/parishes (*pastoral charges*) in every community to pray for each other.
 - Encourage and support congregations and parishes (*pastoral charges*) in like spirit to form covenant relationships on a local level by which they commit themselves to common worship, study, and mission.
 - Provide opportunities on synodical/diocesan levels for God's people to worship, study and do mission together, deepening our understanding of historical and theological traditions.
 - Encourage synodical/diocesan committees, task forces, agencies, and institutions with similar ministry concerns to provide for liaisons from the respective denominations and to share with these people all committee or task force communications.
 - Invite official observers to all the conventions and meetings of our synodical/diocesan governing boards.
 - Encourage a continued close working relationship between the bishops, staff, and ecumenical committees of the synod/diocese.
 - Consider joint use of physical facilities.
 - Review, through our ecumenical committees, our commitment to one another at least once a year. (1986) (1989) (1992)

**CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS
OF THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD
OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

- E. Resolved, that the following resolutions be recognized as having their source in actions taken by an Assembly of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or by the Synod Council, in the year identified by parenthetical reference in each resolution and as having continued force in this Synod in the form herein set forth.

- *1. It is the goal of this Synod that 10% of the membership of Synod Assemblies, councils, committees, boards, and/or other organizational units be persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English. (1987, 2001)
2. Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America recognize, affirm, and support the Eastern Pennsylvania Lutheran Camp Corporation as the entity to provide camping ministry for this Synod. It further recognizes and affirms the relationship of Holy Trinity Church, Dingmans Ferry, with Camp Koinonia, and encourages this relationship to continue. A similar relationship of this congregation with Eger Homes of Staten Island, New York, is also recognized. (1987)

3. Whereas Muhlenberg College is an institution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

Whereas Muhlenberg College carries out its ministry in higher education on the territory of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America recognize Muhlenberg College and affirm and support its ministry as integral to the ministry of this Synod;

And be it further resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod call upon its members to support Muhlenberg College with their prayers and gifts. (1987)

4. Whereas the Good Shepherd Home, Lutheran Services Northeast and Lutheran Services of the Lehigh Valley are social ministry organizations affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

Whereas these agencies and institutions carry out their ministry chiefly on the territory of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod recognizes the Good Shepherd Home, Lutheran Services Northeast and Lutheran Services of the Lehigh Valley; and

Be it further resolved, that this Synod affirm the caring ministry of these agencies and institutions, and call upon its members to support that ministry through their prayers and gifts. (1987, 1998)

5. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the social ministry organizations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America serving in northeastern Pennsylvania, wishing to maintain and strengthen the historic relationship that has furthered the cause of the church's common ministry on this territory, accept the following principles to govern their partnership in ministry:

- a. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod shall provide moral and financial support to the agencies and institutions of the church on its territory.
- b. The social ministry organizations shall seek to coordinate their programs and ministry with the total ministry of the church on this territory.
- c. The social ministry organizations will report annually to the Synod Assembly.
- d. The social ministry organizations shall consult with the Synod prior to any major change in program and ministry.
- e. The social ministry organizations shall consult with the Synod and the appropriate entity of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America prior to any change in charter, constitution, or bylaws.
- f. The social ministry organizations shall seek the approval of the Synod prior to any capital fund appeals among the congregations of the Synod.
- g. The social ministry organizations shall seek approval from the Synod prior to any special appeals beyond those initially authorized.
- h. The social ministry organizations shall consult with the Bishop of the Synod concerning the employment of an executive director, and concerning the employment and call of a rostered person. (1987, 1998)

6. Whereas the Good Shepherd Home is a valued corporate social ministry agency of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

Whereas the Good Shepherd Home is integral to the mission of the Church;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America joyfully authorizes its participation as the corporate member of the Good Shepherd Home. (1987)

7. Resolved, that this Synod be a member of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, and that the Bishop be authorized to appoint the required representatives. (1987)
8. Resolved, that each congregation is encouraged to adopt the Model Constitution for Congregations or one acceptable to this Synod, which is not in contradiction to the Constitution and Bylaws of the ELCA. (1987)
9. Acknowledging the rediscovery of the relationship between the ministry of each congregation and the place in which it is located, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America affirms the important distinction between the words "parish" and "congregation." A parish is a local expression of God's inhabited creation; a congregation is a local expression of the Church. Therefore, let it be resolved that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America defines "parish" as the place in which congregations engage in God's mission through their ministry.

The congregation in a place (*i.e.*, parish) is the Church for that place. (1987)

10. Resolved by the Assembly of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod that it affirm its concern and commitment to develop its ministry both to persons living with HIV/AIDS and to the public by:
 - a. Asking each member of the Synod to commit him/herself to prayer, service, and advocacy on behalf of persons living with HIV/AIDS and those at risk of being infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (those who are exposed to behaviors of risk);
 - b. Asking congregations of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to discuss HIV/AIDS, and to engage in education so that parishes' members, neighbors, and strangers may be welcome in our Christian community;
 - c. Asking the Commission on Social Ministry in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA to accept responsibility for the support of HIV/AIDS programs throughout the Synod;
 - d. Asking the Lutheran Coalition on Public Policy to continue to do advocacy at the state level for persons living with HIV/AIDS and those at risk of being infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. (1988, 1991, 1995)
11. Resolved that at least one youth (below the age of 21) be included in the lay male and lay female Group C on the ballot for voting members of the ELCA Churchwide Assemblies. (1988)
12. Resolved, that, upon endorsement of the Ecumenism Committee and recommendation of the Synod Council, the "Covenant Agreement between the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem," previously adopted in 1986, be reaffirmed by the Synod Assembly. (1989)
13. Resolved:
 - a. that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America affirm its continuing opposition to the legalization of any new forms of gambling in Pennsylvania, and its opposition to the licensing of Off-Track Betting facilities in this state, and that such opposition be communicated by the Bishop to its congregations and members and to appropriate executive and legislative officers of the Commonwealth, and that members of the congregations be encouraged to write to their representatives expressing their support of an amendment to Act 127 which would require a local referendum in each township or municipality in which an OTB facility is proposed; and in the meantime, or failing the passage of such an amendment,
 - b. that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod encourage its pastors and laity to be vigilant to detect any proposals or filings to establish OTB facilities on synod territory, and in the event of such detection in any targeted township or municipality, to mount a campaign of expressed church opposition and to inform township commissioners and zoning board members or other appropriate municipal officials of such proposals, and to encourage them to draft zoning ordinances of a prescriptive and disadvantageous sort. (1989)
14. Resolved, that the use of styrofoam products and other non-biodegradable products that are not recyclable be avoided as much as possible at all functions of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and its Mission Districts; and, be it further resolved, that all congregations of our Synod be urged to adopt and implement similar practices in the use of such products at their congregational functions. (1989)
15. Resolved, that annually the Synod Council shall enter into consultations between the Synod and congregations to determine program responsibilities and congregational commitment goals for support of the Synod's budget; and that the aforementioned commitment goals be based on either a) the congregation's statement of intention for the previous year, or b) the congregation's actual remittance for the most recent year of record, plus an agreed-upon growth-factor in either case. If such figure is not reached by mid-January, the Synod Council shall see that a proportionate share of the total fiscal proposal be assigned. Any congregational appeal for exception to this policy shall be presented to the Synod Council for its review and action. (1989)
16. In June 1989, the Synod Assembly adopted a "Priorities for Ministry" report, establishing synodical priorities for the 1990s. The text of that report is in the *1989 Minutes Book*, pages 32-37.(1989)

17. Resolved, that this Assembly:
 - a. Affirm the need to increase minority enrollment in all Lutheran colleges and universities;
 - b. Ask that Lutheran pastors of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod encourage minority members of their congregations to apply to Lutheran colleges and universities;
 - c. Request that the report of Muhlenberg College include in its written report to this Assembly statistical data describing the goals and accomplishments in minority recruitment and attendance. (1990)
18. Resolved, that all congregations be encouraged to develop a respite care type program in conjunction with the Lutheran social ministry agency in their own area, and/or support already existing supportive services (such as the Volunteer Home Care Program of Lutheran Services Northeast, Respite Care of Lutheran Services of the Lehigh Valley, or the Neighbors of Monroe County Program). (1990, 1998)
19. Resolved, that the response of the ELCA Assembly or of the ELCA Church Council to memorials initiated in this Synod be reported to the next Synod Assembly through the Report of the Synod Council. (1990)
20. Whereas the baptized of this Church are called upon to renounce the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises, therefore be it resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod encourage all the baptized to pray for and minister to all who are being tempted and misled by the occult and Satanism; and be it further resolved that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod identify and provide resources that are available and necessary to assist clergy and laity to educate the Christian community concerning the occult and Satanism. (1990)
21. Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, through its Synod Council and the office of the Bishop, recommend to dissolving ELCA congregations and agencies in this Synod that a minimum contribution of \$1,000 of their assets, upon dissolution, be made to the Endowment Fund of the Lutheran Archives Center at Philadelphia, the interest of which will be utilized to provide perpetual care for these records. (1991)
22. In September 1992, a special one-day Synod Assembly adopted revised recommendations of a Comprehensive Study Task Force, regarding the Synod's structure, staff, and morale. The text of those recommendations is in the *1992 Minutes Book*, pages 160-162. (1992)
23. Resolved, that, upon endorsement of the Ecumenism Committee and recommendation of the Synod Council:
 - a. the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America reaffirm and commit itself to the agreement entitled, "A Covenant Agreement Between the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Diocese of Bethlehem of the Episcopal Church."
 - b. the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod commit itself, as a Synodical family, to continue to work together faithfully wherever possible in every respect of ministry on the Diocesan/Synodical and local level in order to avoid unnecessary duplication, gain strength in shared resources, provide more effective ministry, and give visible expression to the unity we have in Christ.
 - c. the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod seriously study the Concordat proposed by Lutheran-Episcopal Dialogues III, in preparation for the day we will recognize each other's ministry and enter into full communion. (1992)
24. Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its congregations endorse and support the preparation and publication of a collection of congregational profiles with funding from sources outside the Synod budget; and be it further resolved, that specific arrangements be entrusted to the Lutheran Archives Center at Philadelphia representing the synods of Region 7 along with the Regional Coordinator. (1993)
25. Resolved, that the leaders of the Synod intensify their effort to promote youth activity in Synod functions; and be it further resolved, that the youth be recognized by membership on various committees in the

ministry of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, and that the Synod staff and the Synod Council be asked to implement this resolution. (1993)

26. Resolved, that the Secretary of this Synod be requested to ask each of the social ministry and educational institutions to which this Synod contributes more than \$10,000 a year through its annual budget or through special appeals to report annually to this Synod's Assembly, beginning in 1994, the salaries and benefits paid to its top executive and to its three most highly compensated employees. (1993)
27. Resolved, that congregations of this Synod considering a major capital expenditure are advised to consult with the Synod Bishop's designated representative, the Mission Services Committee, before starting a major project involving capital expenditures. The purpose is to have the benefit of the Mission Services Committee in-depth feasibility study, both as to the method and cost of construction as well as to the funding capabilities. A copy of this report from the Mission Services Committee shall be submitted to the Synod Council for information purposes. (1993)

(The above resolution was adopted by the Synod Council on September 28, 1993, and reported to the 1994 Synod Assembly.)

28. Resolved, that the functions and events of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and its Mission Districts and Clusters be planned in such a manner and conducted in such places that physically, mentally, and sensory challenged persons are not excluded; and, be it further

Resolved, that congregations of this Synod participate in the survey being conducted by the Acceptance Through Accessibility Action Committee, so that a list of architecturally accessible facilities can be developed; and, be it further

Resolved, that congregations whose facilities are not accessible might consider undertaking the necessary renovations so that they too can be added to the list of architecturally accessible facilities; and, be it further

Resolved, that the second Sunday in October be declared Acceptance Through Accessibility Sunday, emphasizing, through education and worship, sensitivity toward and inclusion of persons with disabilities and the mission which is mutually shared by all baptized persons, regardless of their limitations. (1994)

29. Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod affirm its continuing opposition to the legalization of any new forms of gambling in Pennsylvania, and that such opposition be communicated by the Bishop to its congregations and members and to appropriate executive and legislative officers of the Commonwealth, and that members of congregations be encouraged to write to their Representatives and the Governor expressing their opposition to House Bill #1833 as well as any other proposed expansion of gambling in Pennsylvania. (1994)
30. Resolved, that we encourage congregations to be involved in education concerning our responsibilities to the environment; and, be it further

Resolved, that congregations support organized efforts to protect the rain forests. (1994)
31. Resolved, that starting with the 1995 Synod Assembly a special offering be received to contribute to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal through the "Burger-of-the-Month Club." (1994)
32. Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod strongly encourage the congregations to provide opportunities for youth involvement in leadership roles by supporting and helping them to grow as leaders. (1994)
33. Resolved, that, prior to the Assembly at which a Bishop of the Synod is to be elected, the Synod Council appoint a Task Force to ascertain and define the needs, concerns, and priorities of the Synod, and that the report of the Synod Council or appointed Task Force be disseminated prior to the spring Mission District assemblies.

Resolved, that, following the report of the second ballot for the Office of Bishop, a period of not less than three (3) hours be set aside for the purpose of the discussion of issues, Mission District caucuses, presentations by the nominees, and prayer. (1995)

34. COMPENSATION GUIDELINES TASK FORCE RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolved, that, in accordance with S14.05. of the Synod Constitution, all professional leaders complete the annual report for the Bishop. This report lists compensation.
- b. Resolved, that each Congregation Council submit a report annually to the Bishop regarding compensation of professional leaders, paying particular attention to the section related to steps that will be taken to raise compensation to minimum levels if they are not currently being met.
- c. Resolved, that the Bishop and his/her associates consult with Congregation Councils where minimums are not being met. Consultation will automatically occur after the filing of the annual "Report for Ordained Minister Under Call From A Congregation" or the "Report for Associate in Ministry Under Call From A Congregation." All consultation shall be handled through the office of the Bishop.
- d. Resolved, that, with the goal of developing a process to achieve just and equitable compensation, the Bishop may appoint, or the Congregation Council or professional leader may request, specially trained consultants to facilitate continuing discussion.
- e. Resolved, that the Bishop and his/her associates raise the issue of compensation publicly (*i.e.*, at Synod Assemblies, Mission District meetings, etc.) and give testimony to it as a matter of economic justice for those who serve the church.
- f. Resolved, that the Professional Leadership Support Committee (through the Mentoring Program or in an existing event) provide an opportunity for education and discussion about compensation packages with new pastors and Associates in Ministry, emphasizing the leader's role in the process of compensation negotiation.
- g. Resolved, that all Congregation Councils and professional leaders develop an annual covenant of mutual goals, expectations, and responsibilities. The Mutual Ministry/Staff Support Committee will have, among its duties, the responsibility to review and evaluate the implementation of the covenant and to recommend appropriate compensation for professional leaders.
- h. Resolved, that, in arriving at a salary and benefits "package," additional consideration be given to (a) prior work experience, especially in the case of "second career" leaders; (b) size and complexity of the employing congregation; (c) cost of living in different areas of the Synod; and (d) performance and achievement factors.
- i. Resolved, that the Professional Leadership Support Committee remind Congregation Councils of the importance of the housing equity allowance as a benefit to pastors in parsonages.
- j. Resolved, that the Committee of Deans rewrite the current booklet used in the vacancy study process, so that it provides a more candid picture of the congregation, including a salary range for the professional leader(s), an overview of its financial health, and other factors which might influence a "happy marriage" between professional leader(s) and congregation(s). A candid summary of the "exit interview" of the preceding professional leader shall be prepared and included in information provided to a prospective candidate(s).
- k. Resolved, that every candidate considering a call to a congregation in this Synod shall be given a copy of the last annual meeting report of that congregation.
- l. Resolved, that a special fund be established in this Synod, to which congregations or individuals be encouraged to contribute, to supplement the support of professional leaders in viable ministries where congregations are genuinely unable to meet the minimum base salary and benefit guidelines for professional leaders. Congregations applying for and receiving grants from this fund would need to demonstrate annually what steps they are taking to reduce and/or eliminate the amount needed. Congregations are encouraged to work toward the goal of an annual contribution of one per cent of the "defined compensation" (ELCA Board of Pensions definition) of their professional leader(s) to this fund. A special committee shall be formed to propose to the Synod Council how this fund would operate and to make recommendations for disbursement of funds to the Synod Council. (*N.B.*, the model of the program in use in the New Jersey Synod could be adapted for use in this Synod).
- m. Resolved, that, in 1995, the Professional Leadership Support Committee conduct a pilot program in at least ten congregations of the Synod in different settings, or in one Mission District with diverse congregations, that would make use of a compensation workbook to assist Mutual Ministry/Staff Support Committees or Congregation Councils in arriving at compensation levels for professional leaders for 1996. (*N.B.*, such a booklet is in use in the New England Synod.) Based on the results of that pilot

- program, a workbook shall be distributed to all congregations on an annual basis. (1995)
35. Resolved, that, in order that we may more fully be the body of Christ, specialized ministries be given the opportunity to share their story with the Assembly in a brief manner; and, be it further
- Resolved, that all those specialized ministries that wish to make a report be divided into three groups and that each group be given the opportunity to report in successive assemblies on a rotating basis; and, be it further
- Resolved, that each specialized ministry, in the year that it is selected to report, work with the Synod Communications Committee to produce a videotaped presentation no longer than five minutes, and that the videotape shall comprise the report to be shown at Assembly, and that there be an opportunity for questions after the presentation. (1996)
36. **Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, gathered in assembly, encourage its congregations to become Safe Havens for all children and their families and caregivers, by:**
- Building Christ-centered, positive trusting relationships that nurture the healthy growth of children and strengthen families.
 - Using our resources to provide a sanctuary for children.
 - Creating a Gospel-centered, faith-based teaching and learning environment of hospitality that welcomes all children with their families and caregivers.
 - Developing programs and places that help children to flourish.
 - Collaborating with other faith communities, agencies, and service organizations that work for the well-being of children in our community.
 - Working with the government for more public measures that support the well-being of children.
 - Supporting the efforts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to meet the basic needs of children through Lutheran social ministry organizations, as they provide caring services for children, and through the ELCA World Hunger Program, which carries our concerns for children through the world.
 - Encouraging all congregations to have adults working with children to undergo the background checks (Pennsylvania Act 34) regarding child abuse. (2000)
37. Resolved, that congregational leaders, including youth convo participants, be encouraged to educate members as to how mission support funds are used employing such resources as the ELCA's "Making Christ Known: Faith for a New Century," and that congregational leaders, including youth convo participants, provide more intentional informational sessions to their congregations about mission support and the programs thereby affected. (2000)
38. Resolved, that the Synod Assembly continue to entrust to the Synod Council the responsibility for scheduling and planning synod assemblies, as currently mandated by the Synod Constitution; and,
- Resolved, that the Synod Council will continue "to consider seriously alternatives to 'traditional' annual three-day assemblies, especially being sensitive to concerns about cost." (2001)
39. Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America make known its caring and concern for gays and lesbians and their families by affirming:
- that gay and lesbian people share with all others the worth that comes from being individuals created by God and for whom Christ died; and
 - that gay and lesbian people are welcome within the life and mission of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod; and
 - that as members of this Synod, gay and lesbian people are expected and encouraged to share in all aspects of this Synod's mission consistent with ELCA policy; and
- Be it further resolved, that the Synod encourage member congregations and related institutions of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to continue to study and discuss issues related to homosexuality and the church; and
- Be it further resolved, that the Assembly direct the Synodical Bishop and the Gay and Lesbian Ministry Task Force to continue to provide opportunities and resources to encourage the discussion of welcoming gays and lesbians in the Synod and its congregations.
- Be it further resolved, that the Assembly direct the Secretary of the Synod to forward a copy of this resolution to Lutherans Concerned/North America, requesting recognition as a Reconciling in Christ Synod. (2001)

40. Resolved, that this Synod, gathered in Assembly, reiterate its continuing opposition to the expansion of current and new gambling opportunities in PA.
- Therefore, be it further resolved that members of NEPS congregations be encouraged to contact their PA legislator and the Governor to express opposition to any expansion of gambling. (2003)
41. Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod in assembly affirms the objectives of the ELCA evangelism strategy, and urges its congregations to commit themselves to these objectives:
- Pray for the renewal of this church
 - Prepare and renew evangelical leaders
 - Teach discipleship
 - Start and renew congregations (2003)
42. Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod in assembly urges its Social Ministry Organizations to be in conversation with the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania, and
- Be it resolved, that the secretary of the synod write a letter to each Social Ministry Organization on the synod territory declaring its support for advocacy, and seeking a similar spirit in each of them, and
- Be it resolved, that the Bishop in either his annual consultation or special conversations with the Organizations, lift up the importance of advocacy, and
- Finally, be it resolved, that the Synod Council be encouraged to consider shifting funding to give adequate support to both Social Ministry Organizations and Advocacy. (2003)
43. Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod in assembly urges all of its congregations to review the wages and benefits provided to lay employees, seeking to ensure that
- Wages are commensurate with skills, expectations and responsibilities
 The possibility of offering health benefits is explored when needed and possible.
 Opportunities to gain new skills are provided
 A forum for addressing concerns or grievances is made available. (2004)
44. Resolved, that recognizing that we are all “blessed to be a blessing,” congregations of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod be strongly encouraged to make the ministry of stewardship a high priority; and be it further
- Resolved, that all congregations, but especially those in time of pastoral transition, be encouraged to review their current stewardship ministries, develop four-year stewardship plans and draw upon the resources offered by the ELCA and the synod to grow in the theology and practice of stewardship. (2004)
45. Resolved, that ELCA members, congregations, and related institutions of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod examine Augsburg Fortress resources for quality, price, and level of service whenever purchasing decisions are made, and be it further
- Resolved, that when such resources are equal in quality, price, and level of customer service, they will purchase resources from Augsburg Fortress in support of this ministry of the church. (2005)
46. Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod in assembly requests that the Division for Church in Society and the Division for Higher Education and Schools, or their successor units, to help the congregations of the ELCA to:
- Educate themselves about ADD, and
 - Support persons with ADD as they seek treatment, and
 - Encourage persons with ADD to share their gifts with the church. (2005)
47. Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod in assembly urges its congregations and members to:
- Lift up in prayer all those living in poverty and struggling for dignity,
 - Use ELCA study resources pertaining to these issues, including the Social Statement on Economic Justice, and
 - Exercise responsible consumerism as a way to live out our commitment to justice. (2005)
48. Resolved, that beginning with the 2006 Synod Assembly, the following Rule of Procedure be adopted:
- Resolutions received by the Committee of Reference and Counsel less than two weeks before the opening of the synod assembly will be brought before the assembly to decide whether or not they should be considered. Such resolutions will be considered only if the assembly votes by a simple majority to consider them. (2005)

49. Resolved that this assembly call upon every member and every congregation of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to join with all Christians in taking up political responsibility as their faith and conscience demand; and to work faithfully, with all persons of good will, as God has been faithful to us in Christ to seek human well-being on earth; and be it further

Resolved that every member and every congregation of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod be encouraged to learn the process by which our local, state, and federal governments operate; and determine how we can be involved in decision making in order to participate in the political process; and be it further

Resolved that every member of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod be urged to exercise his or her electoral privilege as a follower of Christ. (2006)

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Conference: 01 Bethlehem-Easton									
00386	Holy Cross	EN	2700 Jacksonville Rd	Bethlehem, PA	David L. Brown	1957	283	229	94
00387	Holy Trinity	EN	514 3rd Ave	Bethlehem, PA		1887	211	186	75
31257	Light Of Christ	EN	2020 Worthington Ave	Bethlehem, PA		2017	901	690	135
00407	* New Jerusalem	EN	3233 Apples Church Rd	Bethlehem, PA	Lauren M. Applegate	1783	396	396	85
00389	* Rosemont	EN	1705 W Broad St	Bethlehem, PA	Jack A. Staltzer	1920	302	250	73
00396	* Salem	EN	537 High St	Bethlehem, PA		1850	112	98	50
00390	St John Windish	EN	617 E 4th St	Bethlehem, PA	Suzanne M. Trump	1910	321	321	71
00391	St Mark	EN	3771 Easton Ave	Bethlehem, PA	Brandon M. Heavner	1888	272	219	76
00394	St Peter's Evangelical	EN	474 Vine St	Bethlehem, PA	Gerald S. Kulp	1863	420	295	97
00395	* St Stephen	EN	67 W Washington Ave	Bethlehem, PA	Werner M. Koch	1897	621	432	90
00383	* Zion (First Hungarian)	EN	938 E 4th St	Bethlehem, PA		1928	21	21	16
00482	Arndts	EN	1851 Arndt Rd	Easton, PA	Jean L. Huber	1826	475	347	78
00472	Good Shepherd	EN	2115 Washington Blvd	Easton, PA	Michael L. Reist	1902	505	222	65
00474	St John	EN	330 Ferry St	Easton, PA	Susan D. Ruggles	1740	238	159	85
00492	St John	EN	2745 Morgan Hill Rd	Easton, PA	Jeffrey S. Carstens	1844	261	188	47
00477	* St Paul	EN	610 W Berwick St	Easton, PA	Rebecca E. Middeke-Conlin	1862	218	186	42
00476	St Pauls Third	EN	2561 Newburg Rd	Easton, PA		1868	312	288	69
00473	St. Andrew	EN	3300 Freemansburg Ave	Easton, PA		1954	973	800	126
00393	St Paul Evangelical	EN	1059 Delaware Ave	Fountain Hill, PA	Daniel W. Brettell	1888	303	275	62
00405	Christ	EN	69 Main St	Hellertown, PA	Philip C. Spohn	1870	792	699	0
00406	St Luke	EN	20 Church Rd	Hellertown, PA	Jeffrey S. Carstens	1728	222	143	42
00490	Good Shepherd	EN	2304 Church Rd	Martins Creek, PA		1860	147	148	12
00348	Hope	EN	240 S 8th St	Tatamy, PA	Herbert C. Dolich	1970	453	410	84
Conference Totals:							8,759	7,002	1,574
Conference: 02 East Berks									
00555	Huffs	EN	540 Conrad Rd	Alburtis, PA		1760	817	660	132
00828	* Trinity Evangelical	EN	1749 S Main St	Bechtelsville, PA	Eugene C. Zaiser	1886	462	356	90
00554	Maidencreek Church	EN	261 Main St	Blandon, PA		1860	676	542	145
07200	Hope	EN	550 Fleetwood Rd	Bowers, PA		1969	116	103	50
00829	St John	EN	45 N Reading Ave	Boyertown, PA	Robert D. Machamer	1811	905	797	218
00562	* St Joseph (Hill)	EN	244 Koch Rd	Boyertown, PA	Jeffrey W. Odgren	1731	524	398	104
00553	St Paul	EN	548 Old Swede Rd	Douglasville, PA	Gregory W. Frey Joy V. Gerhart	1753	774	529	222
00558	* Christ	EN	16 Fleetwood Rd	Fleetwood, PA	Cheryl Meinschein Hausman	1747	581	499	124
00556	New Jerusalem	EN	27 Lyons Rd	Fleetwood, PA	Ruth E. Doty	1840	192	179	33
00575	Salem Shalter's	EN	2032 Mount Laurel Rd	Fleetwood, PA	Lesley J. Hand	1860	507	363	45
00559	St Paul's Evangelical	EN	117 E Arch St	Fleetwood, PA	Thomas M. Lang	1841	700	571	165
00573	St Peter	EN	265 Maidencreek Rd	Fleetwood, PA		1866	119	113	23
00859	St John's Evangelical	EN	99 Church St	Hamburg, PA	Mark D. Jensen	1790	1,021	946	120

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00860 *	St Michael	EN	529 Saint Michaels Rd	Hamburg, PA	Paul E. Buzzard	1769	561	442	107
00862	St Paul	EN	2613 Old Rt 22	Hamburg, PA	Elina M. Stratton	1756	42	108	42
00565 *	Friedens	EN	9727 Red Rd	Kempton, PA	Althea D. Albright	1770	211	191	40
00569 *	Jerusalem (Red)	EN	15 Red Church Rd	Kempton, PA		1747	50	49	32
00564	New Bethel	EN	135 New Bethel Church Rd	Kempton, PA		1750	280	233	67
00560	Mount Zion	EN	1343 Long Lane Rd	Kutztown, PA		1761	363	281	76
00566	St John	EN	201 E Main St	Kutztown, PA	MaryAnn Hamm	1752	401	401	81
00567	Trinity	EN	357 W Main St	Kutztown, PA		1876	755	777	103
00570	Zion	EN	329 Church Rd	Kutztown, PA	Jeffrey J. Butz	1826	509	416	154
00572	Zion Moselem	EN	340 Moselem Church Rd	Kutztown, PA		1734	281	279	30
30272	Holy Trinity	EN	102 Apple St	Leesport, PA		1865	281	246	50
00874 *	St John Gernants	EN	13 Gernants Church Rd	Leesport, PA		1794	137	93	40
00568	St Paul	EN	50 Luther Dr	Mertztown, PA	Jeremiah A. Sassaman	1963	402	379	76
00856	Salem-Belleman's	EN	3540 Bellemans Church Rd	Mohrsville, PA	David W. Blitch	1746	377	342	138
00577 *	Christ	EN	325 Covered Bridge Rd	Oley, PA		1820	631	430	103
01562	Friedens	EN	1076 Memorial Hwy	Oley, PA	Donna M. House Kathleen M. Schaeffer	1831	486	380	100
00563 *	St Paul	EN	Lobachsville Rd	Oley, PA		1833	282	220	35
00578	Zion Spies Evangelical	EN	310 Spies Church Rd	Reading, PA	Anja Nicole Stuckenberger	1774	303	292	80
00871	Friedens	EN	28 Wolf Creek Rd	Shartlesville, PA	Inge M. Williams	1870	522	422	81
00873 *	St Luke	EN	5th & Franklin Sts	Shoemakersville, PA		1853	405	395	75
00863	Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Perry Township	EN	354 Zions Church Rd	Shoemakersville, PA	Bruce G. Osterhout	1759	483	376	125
00580	Grace	EN	The Lutheran Home	Topton, PA		1897	42	42	64
00579	Trinity	EN	121 S. Home Ave.	Topton, PA		1872	654	501	83
							Conference Totals:		
							15,921	13,351	3,253
Conference: 03 Hazleton-Lehighton									
00584	Dinkey Memorial Evangelical	EN	1742 Dinkey Rd	Ashfield, PA	Anthony P. Pagotto	1851	509	396	65
00506 *	St Paul	EN	19-23 2nd St	Beaver Meadows, PA		1896	59	47	30
00583 *	Trinity	EN	500 Ore St	Bowmanstown, PA		1895	370	265	42
00751	St John	SI	15 W Park Ave	Brandonville, PA	Joseph A. Serafin	1929	215	149	44
00507	Christ	EN	470 Main St	Conyngham, PA	Carolyn K. Hetrick	1818	917	718	160
00508 *	St Luke	EN	627 Main St	Freeland, PA		1874	421	274	45
00510	Christ	EN	210 W Green St	Hazleton, PA	Wayne T. Lupole	1862	526	406	127
00505	Salem	EN	101 W Church St	Hazleton, PA		1891	47	38	9
00524	Trinity	EN	100 N Church St	Hazleton, PA		1874	185	151	53
00585 *	Christ	EN	189 Church Rd	Jim Thorpe, PA	John P. Hassler	1883	392	312	100
00586	St John	EN	611 North St	Jim Thorpe, PA		1878	312	156	39

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00587 *	St John Lutheran Church in the Heights	EN	319 South Ave	Jim Thorpe, PA		1857	406	311	80
00588	Trinity	EN	104 E Abbott St	Lansford, PA		1894	35	35	15
00589	Grace	EN	115 S 4th St	Lehighton, PA		1903	80	70	29
00592	St John's	EN	826 Mahoning Dr W	Lehighton, PA	Christopher DeForest	1850	503	503	61
00605	St Matthew	EN	222 Church St	Lehighton, PA		1878	567	425	65
00582 *	St Paul	EN	414 Old Mill Rd.	Lehighton, PA		1841	120	97	37
00590	Trinity Evangelical	EN	175 S 3rd St	Lehighton, PA	Nancy L. Moore	1872	1,090	766	114
00595	Zion	EN	34 Pine St	Lehighton, PA		1900	123	96	29
00739	Christ	EN	Main & Mahanoy Sts	Mahanoy City, PA		1863	313	225	34
00596	Zion	EN	2 E Catawissa St	Nesquehoning, PA		1912	34	34	15
00743	Friedens	EN	525 Church St.	New Ringgold, PA	Kenneth T. Melber	1756	148	120	64
00594	Zion's Stone Church Of West Penn Twp	EN	45 Cemetery Rd	New Ringgold, PA		1790	524	417	135
00515	Emmanuel	EN	260 Mahanoy St	Nuremberg, PA	Philip K. Smith	1876	163	163	0
00597	Holy Trinity	EN	502 Lafayette Ave	Palmerton, PA	Michael A. Frost	1911	224	185	46
00603	Jerusalem Evangelical	EN	500 Church Rd	Palmerton, PA	Brian R. Holben	1848	760	570	80
00604	St John	EN	2915 Fireline Rd	Palmerton, PA	Jody L. Neifert	1798	823	351	118
00750	St John	EN SI	106 W. Main St.	Ringtown, PA	Joseph A. Serafin	1810	492	365	86
00518	Christ	EN	2Mi E Barnesville Route 54	Rush Township, PA		1809	168	154	40
00521 *	St John Evangelical	EN	772 St Johns Rd	Saint Johns, PA		1791	199	174	54
00754	St John	EN	115 W Cherry St	Shenandoah, PA		1870	76	65	35
00602 *	St Paul	EN	123 W White St	Summit Hill, PA		1849	70	70	34
00755	St John	EN	200 Mauch Chunk St	Tamaqua, PA	Phyllis J. Wolford	1835	475	419	87
00593 *	St Peter's Lutheran Church Of Mantzville	EN	184 Saint Peters Rd	Tamaqua, PA		1845	392	290	125
00744	Zion	EN	101 N Greenwood St	Tamaqua, PA	Cindy L. White	1876	706	361	112
00741	Advent	EN	209 Seneca St	Tuscarora, PA	Kenneth T. Melber	1909	16	16	13
00522	St Matthew	EN	3153 Quakake Rd.	Weatherly, PA		1811	44	44	19
00523	Zions	EN	335 3rd St	Weatherly, PA		1866	282	170	30
00511	Trinity	EN	2 Jackson Ave	West Hazleton, PA		1892	543	394	35
00525	St Paul	EN	418 Berwick St	White Haven, PA		1864	217	186	53
00757	Mount Zion	EN	Faux Hill Rd	Zion Grove, PA	Philip K. Smith	1865	218	3	40
Conference Totals:							13,764	9,991	2,399

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Conference: 04 Lehigh									
00349 *	Zion Lehigh	EN	8269 Spring Creek Rd	Alburtis, PA		1745	408	322	40
00370	Cedar	EN	3419 Broadway	Allentown, PA		1855	478	385	100
00351	Christ Evangelical	SP EN	1245 W Hamilton St	Allentown, PA	William S. Maxon Maritza T. Dolich	1903	502	489	110
00354	Evangelical Lutheran Church Of The Redeemer	EN	802 N 19th St	Allentown, PA	Donna L. Deal	1925	445	305	95
00352	Grace Evangelical	EN	729 Saint John St	Allentown, PA		1894	216	134	30
00399	Jerusalem Evangelical	EN	1707 Church Rd	Allentown, PA		1759	556	362	45
00371 *	Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church	EN	3441 Devonshire Rd	Allentown, PA		1741	346	284	76
00377 *	St John	EN	37 S 5th St	Allentown, PA	Bradley T. Carroll	1855	918	692	133
00358 *	St Luke's	EN SP	417 N 7th St	Allentown, PA	John E. Lamb	1888	284	250	40
00359 *	St Mark	EN	201 E Juniata St	Allentown, PA		1885	470	366	76
30046 *	St Martin de Porres	SP	37 S 5th St	Allentown, PA		1989	81	81	10
00360 *	St Matthew Evangelical	EN	26 S 10th St	Allentown, PA		1890	401	180	40
30827	St Michael Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Nativity	EN	4004 W Tilghman St	Allentown, PA	John P. Minnich	2009	946	795	244
00362	St Paul	EN	36 S 8th St	Allentown, PA		1762	144	203	42
00363	St Peter (Hanover)	EN	1933 Hanover Ave	Allentown, PA	Elizabeth Langensiepen	1842	980	757	91
00364 *	St Peter (Ridge)	GE EN	114 N 10th St	Allentown, PA	John R. Kuschel	1866	1,023	730	133
00366	St Timothy	EN	140 S Ott St	Allentown, PA	Janet A. Stump	1953	150	140	55
00380	St. Andrew	EN	1024 S Pike Ave	Allentown, PA		1935	138	127	32
00367 *	Trinity Memorial	EN	535 W Emaus Ave	Allentown, PA		1921	919	817	84
00350	St Paul	EN	8227 Hamilton Blvd	Breinigsville, PA	Carey L. Miller	1784	353	279	101
00398	St James	EN	Rt 309 & Oxford St	Coopersburg, PA	John A. Hart	1890	503	373	115
00397	St Paul	EN	5900 Applebutter Hill Rd	Coopersburg, PA	James R. Hammond	1739	336	268	49
00373	Lutheran Church Of The Holy Spirit	EN	3461 S Cedar Crest Blvd	Emmaus, PA	Richard H. Elliott Spencer D. Steele Jane R. Elliott	1961	1,131	865	409
00372	St John	EN GE	501 Chestnut St	Emmaus, PA		1882	1,212	708	112
00613	St John	EN	1028 Church St	Fogelsville, PA	Nelson Quinones	1835	278	227	77
00402	Friedens	EN	3 Mi S of Bethlehem Route 378	Friedensville, PA		1793	129	115	45
00376	Grace	EN	28 W Main St	Macungie, PA	Samantha L. Drennan	1841	577	474	116
00381 *	St Peter's Union Church	EN	7863 Saint Peters Rd	Macungie, PA	Jerel W. Gade	1844	290	116	38
00378	Zion	EN	5901 King's Hwy S	Old Zionsville, PA	Martin A. Milne	1758	734	553	103
Conference Totals:							14,948	11,397	2,641

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Conference: 05 Northern Lehigh Valley									
00620	Emmanuel	EN	3175 Valley View Dr	Bath, PA	Barry L. Mitchell Elizabeth W. Mitchell	1723	1,134	838	208
00607	St John	EN	206 E Main St	Bath, PA	George W. Grubb	1833	627	418	103
00403 *	Trinity	EN	323 Nazareth Pike	Bethlehem, PA	Christian D. Eichorn	1763	689	583	145
00615	Ziegels	EN	9990 Ziegels Church Rd	Brethlehem, PA		1749	671	664	100
00368	Holy Trinity	EN	604 4th St	Catasauqua, PA	Brian S. Riedy	1873	444	266	63
00369	St Paul	EN	417 Howertown Rd	Catasauqua, PA	Scott J. Paradise	1852	455	326	82
07386	Hope	EN	4131 Lehigh Dr	Cherryville, PA	Jami L. Possinger Brian R. Rajcok	1973	1,230	974	222
00608 *	St John's	EN	18 S 3rd St	Coplay, PA	Timothy D. Boyer	1873	374	296	103
00466	Grace	EN	5907 Sullivan Trl	Nazareth, PA	Deborah J. Taylor	1828	288	288	62
00626	St John	EN	200 S Broad St	Nazareth, PA	Franklin S. Stinner Thomas D. Clayborne	1859	1,919	1,050	288
30078	New Life	EN	6804 Weiss Rd	New Tripoli, PA		1991	612	611	225
00614	Weisenberg	EN	7645 Weisenberg Church Rd	New Tripoli, PA	Raymond J. Hand	1749	722	571	164
00803 *	Good Shepherd	EN	1335 Old Carriage Rd	Northampton, PA	Gary L. Walbert	1771	380	352	89
00632	Holy Trinity	EN	1235 Main St	Northampton, PA		1897	385	385	30
05549	Holy Trinity Slovak	EN	1372 Washington Ave.	Northampton, PA		1905	35	33	15
00633	Zion	EN	1904 Main St	Northampton, PA		1896	214	5	47
00636	Jordan	EN	5103 Snowdrift Rd	Orefield, PA	Dody S. Siegfried	1734	745	629	150
30927 *	Morgenland Union Church	EN	3120 Weidasville Rd	Orefield, PA		2010	0	0	0
00627	Union	EN	5500 Route 873	Schnecksville, PA	Gordon A. Camp	1795	1,092	890	184
00617	Holy Trinity	EN	4118 Main St	Slatedale, PA		1888	168	126	25
00616	Heidelberg	EN	5187 Irvin Rd	Slatington, PA		1740	188	188	29
00634	St John	EN	40 2nd St	Slatington, PA	Russell F. Haab	1868	1,010	664	102
00356 *	Faith Evangelical	EN	3355 MacArthur Rd	Whitehall, PA	Michael J. Bodnyk	1849	1,402	956	263
00609	Shepherd Of The Hills	EN	4331 Main St	Whitehall, PA	James W. Schlegel	1759	593	380	130
00374 *	St John	EN	835 3rd St	Whitehall, PA	Martha S. Sipe	1902	398	324	127
Conference Totals:							15,775	11,817	2,956

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Conference: 06 Pocono									
00581	St Paul	EN	Old Stage Rd	Albrightsville, PA		1883	178	178	39
00888	Prince Of Peace	EN	2445 Lake Minsi Dr	Bangor, PA	Michael J. Scholtes	1971	401	341	116
00465 *	Trinity	EN	404 Broadway	Bangor, PA	Larry D. Laine	1878	519	405	102
07632	Faith	EN	Route 940	Blakeslee, PA		1983	185	185	76
00486	Zion United	EN	Route 209 1.5 Mi N of Route Brodheads ville, PA	Blakeslee, PA	Elizabeth A. Melot	1972	343	321	85
16029	Holy Trinity	EN	115 Delaware Crest Dr	Dingmans Ferry, PA	Niels H. Nielsen	1974	882	548	166
00468	St Paul Lutheran Church of Smithfield	EN	139 Craigs Meadow Rd	East Stroudsburg, PA		1854	561	561	108
00599	St John	EN	164 Merwinsburg Rd	Effort, PA		1872	191	187	36
00798 *	Grace	EN	515 Main St.	Gouldsboro, PA		1875	124	83	18
00800 *	St Luke	EN	Route 590	Greeley, PA		1917	91	91	35
00801	St Paul	EN	405 Church St	Hawley, PA	Colleen E. Cox	1857	224	217	50
00806 *	St John	EN	107 7th St	Honesdale, PA		1846	353	1	75
00601	Salem-St Paul	EN	138 Trach Rd	Kresgeville, PA	Deborah K. Scheffey	1870	326	251	77
00488	St Mark	EN	104 Academy Dr	Minisink Hills, PA		1892	71	58	26
00499	Christ Evangelical	EN	703 S Delaware Dr	Mount Bethel, PA		1774	206	134	33
00494	St John	EN	12 N Westbrook Ave	Pen Argyl, PA		1884	89	78	26
00496	St Peter	EN	1422 Church Rd	Pen Argyl, PA	Chris A. Druckenmiller	1805	1,317	967	150
00502 *	St John	EN	Scotrun Ave	Scotrun, PA		1927	98	81	31
00819 *	St Jacobi	EN	1 Glen Dr	Shohola, PA		1856	121	87	25
00483	Christ Hamilton United	EN	419 Bossardsville Rd	Stroudsburg, PA	Fred V. Robertson	1755	1,269	1,269	119
00500	St John	EN	9 N 9th St	Stroudsburg, PA	Eric R. Moser	1866	253	1	65
00501	St Mark Community	EN	242 Miller Rd	Stroudsburg, PA		1830	194	186	46
00503	St Paul	EN	158 Fish Hill Rd	Tannersville, PA	Carl W. Filer	1834	551	545	57
Conference Totals:							8,547	6,775	1,561

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Conference: 07 Schuylkill									
00551	Christ's United	EN	437 Airport Rd	Ashland, PA	Kim L. Lengert Laura A. Cselliak	1969	612	440	100
07521	Good Shepherd	EN	35 N 9th St	Ashland, PA	Dana D. Heckman-Beil	1857	428	430	95
00734	St John	EN	2nd and Pearson St	Auburn, PA	Walter W. Breiner	1845	111	87	25
00737	St Paul	EN SI	1185 Summer Hill Rd	Auburn, PA	Kathleen A. Ash-Flashner	1784	550	454	94
00735	Shankweiler	EN	48 S Nice St	Frackville, PA		1873	262	83	37
00736	St John	EN	24 Church Rd	Friedensburg, PA	Peggy S. Pfeiffer	1791	500	398	113
00529	Friedens Evangelical	EN	510 E Main St	Hegins, PA	Mark E. Swanson	1816	327	327	46
00534	Friedens	EN	54 Church Rd	Llewellyn, PA		1856	215	174	53
00747	St Paul	EN	Shade & Willow Sts	Middleport, PA		1858	26	24	11
00537	English	EN	142 Lewis St	Minersville, PA		1851	46	42	25
00539	Zion	EN	4th and Lewis Sts	Minersville, PA		1841	183	171	39
00745	St Paul	EN	215 N Warren St	Orwigsburg, PA		1844	644	490	116
00738	Zion's Red Church	EN	1287 Centre Tpke	Orwigsburg, PA		1755	143	142	24
00543	Jacobs	EN	316 Suedberg Rd	Pine Grove, PA	Barry L. Spatz	1780	293	235	46
00544	Outwood	EN	934 Oak Grove Rd.	Pine Grove, PA	Barry L. Spatz	1902	314	185	35
00542	Salem-Hetzels	EN	233 Hetzels Church Rd	Pine Grove, PA		1780	495	1	47
00540	St John	EN	222 S Tulpehocken St	Pine Grove, PA		1845	228	117	32
00536	St Matthew	EN	221 Tremont Rd	Pine Grove, PA		1891	86	86	21
00541	St Peter	EN	312 S Tulpehocken St	Pine Grove, PA	Richard W. Schoenleber	1815	1,185	739	106
00530	St James	EN	153 Main Rd	Pittman, PA	Mark E. Swanson	1803	150	121	34
00746	St Paul's Evangelical	EN	23 Pike St	Port Carbon, PA		1840	207	205	11
00749	Trinity	SI EN	300 W Arch St	Pottsville, PA	Harold L. Hand Chris A. Rothharp	1834	3,741	2,471	245
00538	Trinity	EN	71 Upper Beechwood Rd	Pottsville, PA		1902	81	76	27
30196	Jerusalem	EN	252 Dock St	Schuylkill Haven, PA	David R. Rowe Beverly E. Kriner	1821	693	632	114
00546	St Paul	EN	415 E. Grand Ave.	Tower City, PA	Lauren A. Blatt	1888	229	202	65
00545	St Peter	EN	1931 Wiconisco St	Tower City, PA		1857	123	123	36
00547	St John	EN	6 W Main St	Tremont, PA		1853	392	298	29
00550	Trinity	EN	1220 W Maple St	Valley View, PA	Brian E. Beissel	1907	405	360	72
Conference Totals:							12,669	9,113	1,698

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Conference: 08 Scranton-Wilkes-Barre									
00792	St Luke	EN	435 N Main St	Archbald, PA		1848	66	71	25
00794	Trinity	EN	205 W Grove St	Clarks Summit, PA	Jeffrey G. Bohan	1926	303	270	68
00818	St Paul's	EN	474 Yalick Rd	Dallas, PA	Charles H. Grube	1925	611	482	158
07385	* Shepherd of the Hills	EN	116 Carpenter St.	Dushore, PA		1973	165	139	55
00812	St Peter	EN	100 Rock St	Hughstown, PA	David A. Newman	1863	181	130	30
00807	Holy Trinity	EN	813 Wyoming Ave	Kingston, PA	Paul W. Metzloff	1921	274	243	78
00826	* St Paul	EN	316 S Mountain Blvd	Mountain Top, PA	Michele D. Kaufman	1912	597	460	129
00809	St John	EN	231 State St	Nanticoke, PA	Debra A. North	1882	220	178	60
30610	Faith United Evangelical	EN	801 3rd St	Nescopeck, PA	Jessica A. Kingsborough	2003	239	191	60
00513	* St James	EN	1488 Zenith Rd	Nescopeck, PA		1861	313	228	80
00811	St Luke Reformation	EN	196 Main St	Noxen, PA		1894	20	20	15
00813	St John	EN	207 S Hopkins St	Sayre, PA		1890	352	6	46
30654	* St Matthew United Evangelical	EN	425 Jefferson Ave	Scranton, PA	Mary K. Owens	2005	271	242	55
00817	* Trinity St Peter's	EN	1000 Taylor Ave	Scranton, PA	David A. Searing	1868	189	183	60
00820	Trinity Evangelical	EN	908 S Main St	Towanda, PA	Jira A. Albers	1956	222	180	39
00804	St James	EN	827 E County Rd	Wapwallopen, PA	Oliver E. Brown	1826	335	234	40
00805	St Mark	EN	285 Pond Hill Mountain Rd	Wapwallopen, PA	Debra A. North	1892	41	32	15
00830	Good Shepherd	EN	190 S Main St	Wilkes Barre, PA		1972	609	367	94
00823	St John	EN	410 S River St	Wilkes Barre, PA		1872	301	146	18
00824	St Mark	EN	56 S Hancock St	Wilkes Barre, PA	Mary E. Laufer	1891	71	39	9
Conference Totals:							5,380	3,841	1,134

Conference: 09 West Berks

00864	Evangelical Lutheran Friedens Church	EN	537 N Main St	Bernville, PA		1730	256	236	42
00867	* Salem	EN	Lancaster Ave	Bethel, PA		1852	153	153	31
00760	St Mark	EN	5 Brooke Mnr	Birdsboro, PA	James T. Farnsworth	1873	390	294	78
00761	St James	EN	1337 Geigertown Rd	Geigertown, PA	Beverly K. Wenrich	1850	404	237	40
00764	Calvary	EN	1009 Elizabeth Ave	Laureldale, PA		1921	705	560	124
00854	Bern	EN	820 W Leesport Rd	Leesport, PA	Phyllis M. Wolkenhauer	1836	263	221	70
00758	Allegheny	EN	1327 Alleghenyville Rd	Mohnton, PA	Robert Z. Labagh	1767	564	514	132
00766	Robeson	EN	3520 Plow Rd	Mohnton, PA	Michael W. Ware	1770	651	408	83
00861	St John	EN	35 S. Church St.	Mohnton, PA	Rachael C. Dietz	1900	361	350	74
00765	* Faith	EN	210 N 25th St	Mount Penn, PA	Thomas F. Irwin	1887	515	375	45
00787	Bethany	EN	1375 Friedensburg Rd	Reading, PA		1914	168	167	34
00768	Christ	EN SP	1301 Luzerne St	Reading, PA	Katie E. Lyon	1915	244	183	57
00759	* Christ	EN	840 Philadelphia Ave	Reading, PA		1823	136	136	38
00788	Good Shepherd	EN	4201 Stoudts Ferry Bridge Rd	Reading, PA	Denise E. Keltz	1845	562	448	95
00769	Grace	EN	33 S 11th St	Reading, PA		1878	163	137	34
00771	Holy Spirit	EN	421 Windsor St	Reading, PA	Robert G. Argot	1911	259	245	50

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00772	Hope	EN	601 N Front St	Reading, PA	Mary E. Wolfe	1887	244	232	60
07203	Incarnation	EN	1101 Lancaster Ave	Reading, PA		1969	22	21	15
00773	Nativity	EN	1501 N 13th St	Reading, PA		1927	335	307	40
00782	Peace	EN	1728 Centre Ave	Reading, PA	Robin L. Henry	1890	146	116	42
00781	Reformation	EN	3670 Perkiomen Ave	Reading, PA	Steven C. Claycomb	1948	654	619	161
00763	Schwarzwald	EN	250 Church Lane Rd	Reading, PA	Scott A. Staub	1737	1,079	569	146
00775	St John	EN GE	521 Walnut St	Reading, PA	Sonja Ware Kathleen A. Yenser	1860	107	97	43
00776	St Luke	EN	449 N 9th St	Reading, PA		1871	288	248	28
00777	St Mark	EN	1015 Windsor St	Reading, PA		1890	134	130	30
00779	St Paul	EN	1559 Perkiomen Ave	Reading, PA	Carol B. Kehler	1900	183	127	60
00780	Trinity	EN SI	527 Washington St	Reading, PA	Alan J. Wolkenhauer Deborah C. Graf	1751	391	350	124
00858	Trinity	EN	19 Vermont Rd	Reading, PA		1850	182	145	30
00866 *	Altalaha	EN	Airport Rd	Rehobersburg, PA		1757	204	168	27
00868 *	St Daniel	EN	480 Big Spring Rd	Robeson, PA		1751	777	579	107
00869	Trinity	EN	108 S Robeson St	Robeson, PA	Jennifer Dee William H. Weiser	1917	1,217	871	438
00784	Grace Evangelical	EN	30 Liberty St	Shillington, PA	Jacqueline M. Grauel	1900	495	406	138
00785 *	St John	EN	4125 Penn Ave	Sinking Spring, PA	Richard L. Moore	1812	746	746	198
00876 *	Zion's St Johns (Reeds)	EN	38 Main St	Stouchsburg, PA		1723	149	112	32
00878	Trinity	EN	130 S Walnut St	Wernersville, PA	Julie A. Osterhout Carol A. Koch	1895	345	274	100
00789	Advent	EN	16 Telford Ave	West Lawn, PA	Mark R. Rigg	1925	609	496	148
00790	Bethany	EN	336 Franklin St	West Reading, PA		1897	172	121	25
00875 *	Christ	EN	27 Longs Church Ln	Womelsdorf, PA		1743	104	102	36
00879 *	Zion	EN	300 W High St	Womelsdorf, PA	June E. Bair	1792	350	262	79
00791	Atonement	EN	5 Wyomissing Blvd	Wyomissing, PA	Ryan M. Hersch Julie P. Recher Thomas R. Yenser	1910	1,588	1,207	295
Conference Totals:						16,315	12,969	3,429	
Synod Totals:						112,078	86,256	20,645	

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Conference: 01 Bethlehem-Easton								
00386	Holy Cross, Bethlehem	183,326	365,189	0	180,962	1,500	61,565	293,643
00387	Holy Trinity, Bethlehem	75,144	254,612	64,503	142,190	5,735	3,082	257,744
31257	Light Of Christ, Bethlehem	326,713	408,787	3,089	329,379	11,000	5,815	369,978
00407 *	New Jerusalem, Bethlehem	127,206	136,206	0	134,704	4,000	2,220	140,924
00389 *	Rosemont, Bethlehem	95,861	168,862	0	211,181	1,835	9,061	243,896
00396 *	Salem, Bethlehem	81,142	100,686	0	104,916	6,000	1,066	111,982
00390	St John Windiah, Bethlehem	102,734	152,754	152,754	210,085	9,000	6,168	225,253
00391	St Mark, Bethlehem	130,331	172,052	0	145,782	9,350	3,388	163,468
00394	St Peter's Evangelical, Bethlehem	223,007	329,464	0	268,504	11,319	6,251	305,357
00395 *	St Stephen, Bethlehem	152,841	260,635	107,075	205,457	3,000	4,621	289,239
00383 *	Zion (First Hungarian), Bethlehem	10,661	17,260	0	20,972	0	0	20,972
00482	Arndts, Easton	117,038	167,871	0	150,313	3,252	929	154,494
00472	Good Shepherd, Easton	119,262	330,684	0	187,962	10,442	8,349	345,612
00474	St John, Easton	119,375	335,140	19,000	286,637	12,600	7,849	321,841
00492	St John, Easton	75,444	93,691	0	74,700	2,000	3,939	86,505
00477 *	St Paul, Easton	64,806	687,173	0	97,864	3,000	0	140,738
00476	St Pauls Third, Easton	133,123	162,126	0	128,716	8,240	4,050	166,283
00473	St. Andrew, Easton	214,250	235,445	0	211,373	21,500	600	233,473
00393	St Paul Evangelical, Fountain Hill	105,822	141,168	32,000	127,423	1,665	2,592	137,480
00405	Christ, Hellertown	390,223	986,420	0	948,541	18,000	0	966,541
00406	St Luke, Hellertown	62,823	68,313	0	59,665	3,320	126	63,111
00490	Good Shepherd, Martins Creek	23,375	49,247	0	29,641	0	1,050	30,691
00348	Hope, Tatamy	98,574	236,974	0	97,634	7,273	6,820	2,249,851
Conference Totals			\$5,860,759	\$378,421	\$4,354,601	\$154,031	\$139,541	\$7,319,076
Conference: 02 East Berks								
00555	Ruffs, Albutis	192,937	299,385	0	258,435	12,250	27,371	299,385
00828 *	Trinity Evangelical, Bechtelsville	178,688	246,090	0	199,082	7,544	4,837	215,285
00554	Maidencreek Church, Blandon	169,921	267,469	0	215,037	4,250	33,122	264,628
07200	Hope, Bowers	95,140	124,827	0	92,042	1,866	1,796	96,869
00829	St John, Boyertown	281,237	1,701,151	1,199,991	1,011,565	32,000	73,753	2,629,389
00562 *	St Joseph (Hill), Boyertown	198,931	376,892	57,954	180,989	15,450	5,893	367,302
00553	St Paul, Douglassville	374,808	1,353,870	545,628	1,144,099	46,200	1,932	1,359,283
00558 *	Christ, Fleetwood	823,370	872,066	0	236,669	14,500	6,721	639,739
00556	New Jerusalem, Fleetwood	56,704	139,605	0	103,557	2,565	12,772	124,428

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00575	Salem Shalter's, Fleetwood	105,807	148,841	0	146,072	3,867	1,400	151,339
00559	St Paul's Evangelical, Fleetwood	356,559	389,020	0	341,122	27,887	18,029	412,723
00573	St Peter, Fleetwood	93,882	58,195	0	50,958	1,560	1,655	54,173
00859	St John's Evangelical, Hamburg	232,529	291,525	0	279,212	21,389	6,354	307,697
00860 *	St Michael, Hamburg	122,448	122,448	0	141,187	0	0	141,187
00862	St Paul, Hamburg	58,292	92,990	0	66,847	3,600	5,011	78,341
00565 *	Friedens, Kempton	70,363	80,132	0	71,512	5,200	5,413	82,125
00569 *	Jerusalem (Red), Kempton	11,986	24,441	0	18,648	2,363	975	21,986
00564	New Bethel, Kempton	93,526	106,275	0	106,559	15,000	250	121,809
00560	Mount Zion, Kutztown	147,994	163,916	0	134,792	4,440	9,049	159,118
00566	St John, Kutztown	188,954	552,036	0	238,446	7,625	2,132	472,486
00567	Trinity, Kutztown	290,273	307,937	0	242,389	22,000	14,733	279,122
00570	Zion, Kutztown	180,273	201,330	0	142,401	18,960	9,246	170,607
00572	Zion Moselem, Kutztown	52,205	77,338	0	85,391	0	2,482	89,417
30272	Holy Trinity, Leesport	121,166	247,901	0	178,394	6,000	2,896	192,235
00874 *	St John German's, Leesport	11,000	11,100	0	10,500	650	0	15,650
00568	St Paul, Meritown	157,888	157,888	0	157,537	0	0	157,537
00856	Salem-Belleman's, Mohrsville	178,708	274,053	282,000	230,088	3,166	8,795	292,725
00577 *	Christ, Oley	137,511	158,411	0	125,000	6,000	4,500	192,500
01562	Friedens, Oley	363,334	1,192,075	339,344	275,945	21,427	59,345	1,158,406
00563 *	St Paul, Oley	39,268	51,800	0	56,152	3,600	1,745	85,669
00578	Zion Spies Evangelical, Reading	183,017	186,475	0	192,950	9,500	3,929	230,379
00871	Friedens, Shartlesville	159,624	230,873	146,299	242,708	6,975	1,719	289,658
00873 *	St Luke, Shoemaker'sville	84,749	101,709	0	164,280	4,014	10,023	178,317
00863	Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Perry Township, Shoemaker'sville	200,360	221,345	0	203,471	16,000	7,150	226,621
00580	Grace, Topton	23,053	48,506	0	37,181	8,000	10,775	64,825
00579	Trinity, Topton	146,744	176,538	0	184,934	2,139	3,726	191,231
Conference Totals		\$6,143,349	\$11,056,453	\$2,684,453	\$7,566,151	\$357,987	\$359,529	\$11,814,191
Conference: 03 Hazleton-Lehighton								
00584	Dinkley Memorial Evangelical, Ashfield	140,948	193,040	0	140,598	3,058	9,877	188,123
00506 *	St Paul, Beaver Meadows	9,642	13,392	0	9,862	2,911	0	16,523
00583 *	Trinity, Bowmanstown	66,800	91,758	0	83,528	3,658	1,375	88,561
00751	St John, Brandonville	24,504	33,157	0	33,889	6,843	110	40,842
00507	Christ, Conyngham	273,596	419,521	163,270	279,341	52,903	70,946	436,204
00508 *	St Luke, Freeland	85,645	96,021	0	77,127	3,000	0	82,762

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00510	Christ, Hazleton	113,101	309,753	0	297,078	20,376	7,156	357,080
00505	Salem, Hazleton	3,271	13,651	0	11,433	829	725	12,987
00524	Trinity, Hazleton	58,484	181,174	80,000	178,579	2,575	170	261,324
00585 *	Christ, Jim Thorpe	113,775	173,433	0	127,069	3,000	4,572	145,053
00586	St John, Jim Thorpe	59,152	92,339	0	85,594	6,175	4,131	95,900
00587 *	St John Lutheran Church in the Heights, Jim Thorpe	109,594	154,462	62,534	124,456	2,500	0	148,548
00588	Trinity, Lansford	5,822	45,475	0	67,783	2,000	14,529	84,312
00589	Grace, Lehighton	26,537	30,010	0	24,410	2,254	2,146	28,810
00592	St John's, Lehighton	82,614	152,299	0	177,681	8,843	1,228	187,752
00605	St Matthew, Lehighton	103,891	115,945	0	97,282	6,609	1,370	149,148
00582 *	St Paul, Lehighton	12,720	14,811	0	14,035	3,000	0	18,485
00590	Trinity Evangelical, Lehighton	145,103	374,816	0	294,975	13,057	62,946	407,285
00595	Zion, Lehighton	31,145	43,225	0	21,386	4,706	977	31,976
00739	Christ, Mahanoy City	35,829	106,012	0	103,084	2,695	562	106,341
00596	Zion, Nesquehoning	24,146	26,269	0	20,353	2,138	220	22,711
00743	Friedens, New Ringgold	70,240	103,893	0	85,071	3,319	5,824	97,355
00594	Zion's Stone Church of West Penn Twp, New Ringgold	177,238	203,470	0	136,700	3,000	8,837	188,237
00515	Emmanuel, Nuremberg	40,714	99,086	0	68,574	6,000	1,526	82,000
00597	Holy Trinity, Palmerton	103,193	137,098	0	131,798	2,201	776	135,150
00603	Jerusalem Evangelical, Palmerton	274,933	506,480	0	158,278	2,700	6,411	343,259
00604 *	St John, Palmerton	392,713	396,110	0	218,890	15,000	2,691	396,110
00750	St John, Ringtown	121,680	189,773	0	117,204	8,951	3,779	154,995
00518 *	Christ, Rush Township	23,695	23,695	0	24,454	500	0	24,954
00521 *	St John Evangelical, Saint Johns	104,781	128,076	0	117,009	2,500	6,186	131,740
00754 *	St John, Shenandoah	25,890	33,359	0	30,060	3,500	0	34,888
00602 *	St Paul, Summit Hill	29,447	36,709	0	47,693	1,919	183	49,795
00755	St John, Tamaqua	121,563	177,370	0	163,002	10,960	2,689	191,844
00593 *	St Peter's Lutheran Church Of Mantzville, Tamaqua	59,158	85,255	12,000	88,990	7,766	440	105,196
00744	Zion, Tamaqua	139,408	365,033	0	139,071	6,438	2,784	188,706
00741	Advent, Tuscarora	14,800	14,800	0	22,000	0	0	22,000
00522	St Matthew, Weatherly	15,005	15,714	16,728	15,538	1,000	190	16,728
00523	Zions, Weatherly	62,868	117,226	0	108,926	1,200	0	110,126
00511	Trinity, West Hazleton	61,490	342,732	0	69,717	0	7,208	76,925
00525	St Paul, White Haven	107,861	107,861	0	92,738	5,500	280	133,518

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00757	Mount Zion, Zion Grove	0	0	0	59,723	0	0	59,723
	Conference Totals	\$3,473,196	\$5,764,303	\$334,532	\$4,164,979	\$235,584	\$232,844	\$5,453,976
Conference: 04 Lehigh								
00349 *	Zion Lehigh, Alburtis	101,476	119,101	0	102,413	0	0	115,855
00370	Cedar, Allentown	143,714	182,166	0	165,139	14,804	5,971	207,261
00351	Christ Evangelical, Allentown	271,300	723,417	150,000	575,188	45,000	11,972	798,188
00354	Evangelical Lutheran Church Of The Redeemer, Allentown	275,900	322,303	0	271,072	7,725	27,600	327,496
00352	Grace Evangelical, Allentown	71,066	95,166	0	101,385	5,000	2,250	119,948
00399	Jerusalem Evangelical, Allentown	71,393	73,343	0	52,057	1,000	1,942	71,344
00371 *	Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church, Allentown	141,868	160,020	0	168,340	6,000	2,981	177,321
00377 *	St John, Allentown	187,995	329,014	0	402,034	42,210	700	444,944
00358 *	St Luke's, Allentown	69,613	77,981	0	226,673	8,800	7,064	242,537
00359 *	St Mark, Allentown	75,061	87,061	0	113,145	700	0	145,129
30046 *	St Martin de Porres, Allentown	33,086	33,086	0	31,622	100	50	31,772
00360 *	St Matthew Evangelical, Allentown	40,214	61,098	0	52,268	5,000	0	62,013
30827	St Michael Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Nativity, Allentown	470,701	641,198	320,563	496,918	45,178	9,042	644,486
00362	St Paul, Allentown	88,000	318,700	0	37,300	0	11,500	48,800
00363	St Peter (Hanover), Allentown	121,864	319,857	39,415	232,420	10,800	4,305	277,819
00364 *	St Peter (Ridge), Allentown	127,673	644,470	493,875	126,643	25,600	0	673,117
00366	St Timothy, Allentown	148,716	189,970	0	169,031	5,500	4,150	178,681
00380	St. Andrew, Allentown	42,243	66,781	6,397	53,151	1,298	222	79,372
00367 *	Trinity Memorial, Allentown	129,300	292,001	13,000	174,786	1,000	72	193,857
00350	St Paul, Breinigsville	186,508	354,474	0	168,805	19,620	9,456	205,657
00398	St James, Coopersburg	301,629	485,306	0	302,701	18,752	27,328	449,651
00397	St Paul, Coopersburg	104,438	113,363	0	140,047	5,000	3,807	148,854
00373	Lutheran Church Of The Holy Spirit, Emmaus	831,160	938,918	0	768,615	33,000	94,367	895,982
00372	St John, Emmaus	274,094	383,495	3,435	229,212	0	28,492	276,606
00613	St John, Fogelsville	189,168	208,077	33,775	167,493	7,883	7,411	195,980
00402	Friedens, Friedensville	85,527	127,226	0	117,934	2,490	2,620	126,714
00376	Grace, Macungie	204,177	267,298	150,400	196,066	16,100	7,024	262,569
00381 *	St Peter's Union Church, Macungie	53,125	123,497	0	122,756	0	723	123,479

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00378	Zion, Old Zionsville	163,858	169,265	0	171,205	17,283	75	188,563
	Conference Totals	\$5,004,867	\$7,876,652	\$1,210,860	\$5,936,419	\$345,843	\$271,124	\$7,713,995
Conference: 05 Northern Lehigh Valley								
00620	Emmanuel, Bath	336,719	434,570	522,124	325,484	37,000	18,128	451,639
00607	St John, Bath	159,692	261,088	6,750	192,194	4,997	1,092	261,088
00403 *	Trinity, Bethlehem	258,303	282,005	53,227	210,130	5,000	0	270,823
00615	Ziegels, Breinigsville	205,184	224,021	0	194,149	17,000	9,643	220,792
00368	Holy Trinity, Catasauqua	121,815	143,828	0	121,122	6,800	2,765	134,887
00369	St Paul, Catasauqua	85,247	590,559	0	241,920	9,300	7,237	686,163
07386	Hope, Cherryville	431,273	533,449	0	382,112	35,375	8,540	484,434
00608 *	St John's, Coplay	139,114	261,174	0	241,460	12,500	3,101	262,049
00466	Grace, Nazareth	85,101	154,057	200,232	91,213	4,400	3,516	154,057
00626	St John, Nazareth	399,882	841,429	0	508,326	30,000	25,753	989,326
30078	New Life, New Tripoli	0	0	0	220,616	0	0	220,616
00614	Weisenberg, New Tripoli	242,612	306,218	0	202,715	21,673	13,893	298,434
00803 *	Good Shepherd, Northampton	119,500	128,035	0	144,145	2,500	940	147,585
00632	Holy Trinity, Northampton	22,198	71,678	0	51,454	0	324	51,778
05549	Holy Trinity Slovaks, Northampton	20,585	24,158	0	31,574	1,200	1,467	34,480
00633	Zion, Northampton	100,770	128,703	0	100,268	11,400	9,904	128,215
00636	Jordan, Orefield	352,504	490,487	0	342,948	20,000	29,301	437,870
30927 *	Morgenland Union Church, Orefield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
00627	Union, Schneeksville	319,981	440,401	220,113	323,257	10,000	26,756	422,060
00617	Holy Trinity, Slatedale	52,739	86,606	0	45,640	3,500	500	49,640
00616	Heidelberg, Slatington	59,313	87,516	142,840	66,825	1,000	3,599	73,584
00634	St John, Slatington	155,200	313,713	0	164,000	1,156	7,535	172,691
00356 *	Faith Evangelical, Whitehall	297,924	405,481	0	375,639	20,000	0	410,058
00609	Shepherd Of The Hills, Whitehall	233,029	243,029	0	189,726	14,250	1,050	205,026
00374 *	St John, Whitehall	183,012	183,012	0	171,250	0	0	171,250
	Conference Totals	\$4,381,697	\$6,635,217	\$1,145,286	\$4,938,167	\$269,051	\$175,044	\$6,738,545
Conference: 06 Pocono								
00581	St Paul, Albrightsville	78,846	82,214	0	74,374	5,380	1,395	97,149
00888	Prince Of Peace, Bangor	216,365	292,109	2,495	215,143	17,400	5,929	253,058
00465 *	Trinity, Bangor	117,352	157,247	0	153,838	5,870	2,248	181,956
07632	Faith, Blakeslee	198,219	198,323	0	133,413	10,800	4,782	178,185

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00486	Zion United, Brodheadsville	195,169	229,335	177,551	169,930	6,200	5,431	216,965
16029	Holy Trinity, Dingmans Ferry	214,260	362,643	0	214,009	3,600	55,475	281,241
00468	St Paul Lutheran Church of Smithfield, East Stroudsburg	188,187	213,092	217,820	125,605	7,290	11,804	168,591
00599	St John, Effort	43,774	84,744	0	81,090	1,275	2,447	87,412
00798 *	Grace, Gouldsboro	30,585	33,395	0	65,287	2,950	2,255	70,492
00800 *	St Luke, Greeley	30,000	30,000	0	29,000	0	0	29,000
00801	St Paul, Hawley	138,724	142,339	0	140,519	3,000	781	144,300
00806 *	St John, Honesdale	107,787	107,787	0	83,972	0	0	83,972
00601	Salem-St Paul, Kresgeville	125,393	259,373	0	123,981	9,823	9,451	143,255
00488	St Mark, Minisink Hills	14,300	17,235	0	15,245	0	2,295	17,540
00499	Christ Evangelical, Mount Bethel	38,883	88,035	0	55,994	1,000	650	108,411
00494	St John, Pen Argyl	31,079	80,773	0	78,876	1,800	2,032	82,708
00496	St Peter, Pen Argyl	188,849	297,487	0	143,076	15,000	14,110	228,777
00502 *	St John, Scotrun	26,571	28,098	0	29,998	2,750	0	108,682
00819 *	St Jacob, Shohola	30,992	30,992	0	35,592	747	0	39,876
00483	Christ Hamilton United, Stroudsburg	343,723	355,406	0	330,379	0	30,767	493,263
00500	St John, Stroudsburg	130,311	278,725	0	217,848	7,200	6,399	241,261
00501	St Mark Community, Stroudsburg	112,535	119,475	0	82,184	5,303	228	87,715
00503	St Paul, Tannersville	150,652	150,652	150,326	115,027	1,500	150	166,321
Conference Totals		\$2,752,556	\$3,639,479	\$548,192	\$2,714,380	\$108,888	\$158,629	\$3,510,130
Conference: 07 Schuylkill								
00551	Christ's United, Ashland	157,929	186,338	62,255	153,641	11,698	3,556	185,699
07521	Good Shepherd, Ashland	128,286	155,011	0	148,082	2,411	1,025	156,037
00734	St John, Auburn	52,538	287,941	0	130,038	1,578	3,500	135,116
00737	St Paul, Auburn	127,295	233,559	0	201,015	5,696	17,171	223,882
00735	Shankweiler, Frackville	56,075	84,563	0	54,778	4,902	250	94,095
00736 *	St John, Friedensburg	279,998	448,700	0	313,065	9,330	6,552	331,653
00529	Friedens Evangelical, Hegins	78,887	84,819	25,784	79,882	1,500	531	96,176
00534 *	Friedens, Llewellyn	29,697	29,877	0	37,780	1,058	0	40,762
00747 *	St Paul, Middleport	10,472	21,366	0	18,845	480	0	35,039
00537 *	English, Minersville	22,078	47,238	0	41,618	5,303	0	49,081
00539 *	Zion, Minersville	27,793	27,793	0	74,297	0	0	74,297
00745 *	St Paul, Orwigsburg	184,397	303,236	0	213,858	10,221	14,493	319,722
00738	Zion's Red Church, Orwigsburg	33,754	36,703	0	84,037	500	1,315	104,675
00543	Jacobs, Pine Grove	56,533	153,001	0	61,145	2,240	2,769	146,624
00544	Outwood, Pine Grove	40,809	90,069	0	47,922	1,850	2,538	70,783

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00542 *	Salem-Hetzels, Pine Grove	52,606	58,682	0	56,498	4,000	468	70,833
00540 *	St John, Pine Grove	66,370	95,127	0	58,701	2,136	1,266	91,366
00536 *	St Matthew, Pine Grove	33,770	33,770	0	23,122	4,122	2,497	29,741
00541	St Peter, Pine Grove	160,307	199,360	0	158,536	0	10,834	176,229
00530	St James, Pitman	68,058	90,948	0	52,512	7,320	12,132	96,205
00746	St Paul's Evangelical, Port Carbon	18,830	20,236	0	19,095	1,000	200	20,295
00749	Trinity, Pottsville	256,079	863,989	0	339,973	18,358	2,078	360,409
00538 *	Trinity, Pottsville	22,925	35,173	0	22,806	1,500	0	24,808
30196	Jerusalem, Schuylkill Haven	178,682	815,830	0	277,836	13,922	13,694	809,075
00546 *	St Paul, Tower City	113,446	121,734	0	125,373	0	3,323	129,096
00545	St Peter, Tower City	54,401	70,614	0	69,151	270	1,074	75,745
00547	St John, Tremont	49,322	72,183	0	64,430	800	2,815	75,730
00550 *	Trinity, Valley View	155,000	192,000	0	159,000	6,000	1,100	166,100
Conference Totals		\$2,516,337	\$4,861,860	\$88,039	\$3,087,036	\$118,195	\$105,181	\$4,189,273
Conference: 08 Scranton-Wilkes-Barre								
00792	St Luke, Archbald	14,174	40,384	0	30,261	725	0	30,986
00794	Trinity, Clarks Summit	151,718	195,443	0	199,198	4,096	2,708	206,002
00818	St Paul's, Dallas	450,365	506,764	65,091	246,507	17,617	11,918	504,356
07385 *	Shepherd of the Hills, Dushore	93,979	120,790	0	73,130	16,096	5,240	108,307
00812	St Peter, Hughestown	19,593	69,542	0	49,334	1,906	0	51,240
00807	Holy Trinity, Kingston	122,703	140,253	0	139,889	1,200	639	141,728
00826 *	St Paul, Mountain Top	182,385	209,636	0	168,000	7,000	20,997	221,837
00809	St John, Nanticoke	88,644	109,196	0	118,650	4,507	2,107	125,264
30610	Faith United Evangelical, Nescopeck	81,082	149,876	0	101,280	5,852	6,225	114,857
00513 *	St James, Nescopeck	68,232	76,419	0	73,349	5,500	0	85,391
00811	St Luke Reformation, Noxen	6,284	6,943	0	13,918	200	0	14,118
00813	St John, Sayre	82,066	124,579	0	112,032	2,719	13,701	139,378
30654 *	St Matthew United Evangelical, Scranton	62,354	188,256	0	200,522	8,000	827	209,349
00817 *	St Peter's, Scranton	65,000	107,500	0	87,373	6,500	0	168,136
00820	Trinity Evangelical, Towanda	83,417	161,089	165,984	142,476	2,000	500	159,773
00804	St James, Wapwallopen	58,455	98,114	0	78,467	4,587	6,109	97,955
00805	St Mark, Wapwallopen	13,281	48,346	0	40,816	3,650	4,172	48,638
00890	Good Shepherd, Wilkes Barre	0	0	0	195,065	0	0	195,065
00823	St John, Wilkes Barre	24,611	25,556	0	101,803	2,200	208	104,211

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00824	St Mark, Wilkes Barre	17,470	34,668	0	32,601	0	600	40,131
	Conference Totals	\$1,685,913	\$2,413,354	\$231,075	\$2,204,671	\$94,355	\$75,951	\$2,766,722
Conference: 09 West Berks								
00864	Evangelical Lutheran Friedens Church, Bernville	72,839	178,511	0	154,523	1,200	2,343	209,887
00867 *	Salem, Bethel	29,361	45,878	0	44,389	5,155	0	49,544
00760	St Mark, Birdsboro	113,479	211,983	0	176,080	7,238	14,019	197,687
00761	St James, Geigertown	115,524	160,137	0	133,614	5,210	14,614	154,800
00764	Calvary, Laureldale	253,099	551,560	0	335,577	12,300	42,886	499,860
00854	Bern, Leesport	166,221	225,067	0	162,512	4,570	7,589	174,671
00758	Allegheny, Mohnton	258,336	306,484	187,013	219,593	15,000	25,016	287,913
00766	Robeson, Mohnton	276,536	304,137	0	245,790	6,000	14,314	266,104
00861	St John, Mohnton	141,368	238,360	158,711	193,509	8,535	8,118	254,176
00765 *	Faith, Mount Penn	125,552	150,472	0	85,202	13,500	5,833	121,127
00787	Bethany, Reading	50,918	71,732	0	62,057	921	61,422	124,400
00768	Christ, Reading	2,042	137,411	0	110,654	5,000	1,150	116,804
00759 *	Christ, Reading	52,870	63,817	0	59,731	600	400	60,731
00788	Good Shepherd, Reading	253,769	282,112	219,696	219,696	4,910	1,094	293,526
00769	Grace, Reading	64,670	104,236	0	142,556	3,200	3,183	148,939
00771	Holy Spirit, Reading	153,247	237,166	9,873	211,746	3,500	6,142	228,124
00772	Hope, Reading	75,725	153,584	0	141,619	3,595	2,074	151,552
00703	Incarnation, Reading	20,908	25,908	0	24,767	1,100	250	45,534
00773	Nativity, Reading	151,087	205,229	140,783	134,788	5,264	4,578	183,930
00782	Peace, Reading	42,404	72,855	0	84,631	2,200	475	106,008
00781	Reformation, Reading	308,121	336,907	60,975	206,481	30,047	50,476	324,084
00763	Schwarzwald, Reading	244,315	301,595	0	276,774	10,868	19,033	306,675
00775	St John, Reading	49,585	338,169	0	276,243	25,000	20,712	324,237
00776	St Luke, Reading	42,352	613,029	0	211,611	2,400	2,386	216,397
00777	St Mark, Reading	33,569	92,160	0	85,747	3,461	680	89,888
00779	St Paul, Reading	118,491	152,555	0	151,230	4,940	3,312	159,482
00780	Trinity, Reading	565,327	971,512	43,980	638,989	56,000	30,032	845,861
00858	Trinity, Reading	58,409	137,512	28,533	90,010	650	1,668	133,828
00866 *	Altalaha, Rehersburg	33,944	42,335	0	45,141	500	0	46,644
00868 *	St Daniel, Robeson	296,852	401,344	199,601	315,812	19,300	10,407	396,832
00869	Trinity, Robeson	716,019	791,137	0	662,848	59,000	17,290	761,078
00784	Grace Evangelical, Shillington	301,300	368,250	0	330,400	11,300	11,000	352,700

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Cong ID	Congregation Name and City	Regular Giving	Total Receipts	Total Indebtedness	Current Operating Expenses	Mission Support	Non-Mission Support	Total Disbursements
00785 *	St John, Sinking Spring	333,417	505,618	0	354,829	14,650	15,759	655,782
00876 *	Zion's St Johns (Reeds), Stroudsburg	38,777	75,282	0	68,757	2,700	0	72,099
00878	Trinity, Wernersville	189,952	234,181	30,959	145,852	14,554	15,350	214,555
00789	Advent, West Lawn	511,411	560,895	1,011,956	295,371	24,514	21,073	416,138
00790	Bethany, West Reading	56,058	116,129	0	111,736	1,500	3,900	123,474
00875 *	Christ, Womelsdorf	61,486	78,264	18,096	72,370	700	5,037	111,713
00879 *	Zion, Womelsdorf	114,080	201,470	396,255	123,448	4,900	2,200	199,622
00791	Atonement, Wyomissing	847,718	1,360,780	78,814	1,042,648	53,976	7,285	1,291,582
	Conference Totals	\$7,341,138	\$11,405,763	\$2,585,255	\$8,449,331	\$449,958	\$453,100	\$10,717,988
	Synod Totals	\$36,331,934	\$59,513,840	\$9,206,113	\$43,415,735	\$2,133,892	\$1,970,943	\$60,223,896

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BETHLEHEM-EASTON MISSION DISTRICT TREASURER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS 2017

Location, Congregation	World	Homes &	Other	2017	2017	2018
	Hunger	Agencies	Desig.	Commit	Response	Commit
	2017	2017	2017			
BETHLEHEM, HOLY CROSS-2002	731.00				1,500.00	
BETHLEHEM, HOLY TRINITY-2003	315.00	1,650.00	620.03	5,735.00	5,735.00	4,000.00
BETHLEHEM, MESSIAH-2004	1,947.00		1,364.00	9,680.00	8,873.26	
BETHLEHEM, ROSEMONT-2005	552.00		750.00	1,835.00	1,835.00	1,200.00
BETHLEHEM, SALEM-2006					4,000.00	
BETHLEHEM, ST. JOHN WINDISH-2007	500.00			9,000.00	8,250.00	9,000.00
BETHLEHEM, ST. MARK-2008		1,008.37		8,250.00	7,562.50	
BETHLEHEM, ST. MATTHEW-2009	3,050.00	750.00	1,340.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	
BETHLEHEM, ST. PAUL-2010	398.00		1,434.00	4,000.00	1,665.00	
BETHLEHEM, ST. PETER-2011	1,149.17		2,285.50	9,905.00	10,578.02	
BETHLEHEM, ST. STEPHEN-2012	906.00			3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
BETHLEHEM, ZION/HUNGARIAN-2013						
EASTON, ARNDTS (FORKS TWP)-2015			183.00	3,000.00	3,051.00	3,000.00
EASTON, GOOD SHEPHERD-2017	171.90	1,700.04	10.00	11,000.00	10,442.40	
EASTON, ST. ANDREW-2018				21,500.00	21,500.04	21,500.00
EASTON, ST. JOHN-2019	686.75		2,430.10	12,600.00	11,550.00	15,000.00
EASTON, ST. PAUL-2020	436.00	587.00	102.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
EASTON, ST. PAUL THIRD-2021			384.00	8,240.00	8,240.04	9,000.00
HELLERTOWN, CHRIST-2025	1,022.00			18,000.00	17,416.67	10,000.00
LOWER SAUCON, CHRIST-2026	936.00			6,000.00	6,027.00	
MARTINS CREEK, GOOD SHEPHERD-2027			471.00		483.00	
WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP, ST. JOHN-2028				2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
SAUCON VALLEY, NEW JERUSALEM-2030			1,500.00	4,000.00	2,500.00	4,000.00
TATAMY, HOPE-2031	4,422.50	1,200.00	400.00		5,674.68	
WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP, ST. LUKE.-2032			90.00	3,600.00	3,296.00	
BETHLEHEM, LIGHT OF CHRIST-2033	360.00		110.00		806.66	15,000.00
BETHLEHEM-EASTON DIST. MISC.						
DISTRICT TOTALS	17,583.32	6,895.41	13,473.63	146,345.00	151,486.27	99,700.00

Total churches responding

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EAST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT TREASURER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS 2017

Location, Congregation	World	Homes &	Other	2017	2017	2018
	Hunger	Agencies	Desig.	Commit	Response	Commit
	2017	2017	2017			
BECHTELSVILLE, TRINITY-3001	3,953.35		594.23	4,000.00	8,245.00	4,000.00
BLANDON, MAIDENCREEK-3002	4,637.32		12,112.00	4,250.00	4,250.00	4,500.00
BOWERS, HOPE-3003	676.21		370.60	2,500.00	1,705.50	2,500.00
BOYERTOWN, ST. JOHN-3004	2,423.57	11,929.26	6,379.98	32,000.00	32,001.00	
MOHRSVILLE, (SALEM) BELLEMAN'S-3005				3,000.00	3,166.75	3,000.00
DOUGLASSVILLE, ST. PAUL-3007	5,006.00		1,925.00	46,200.00	46,200.00	46,200.00
DRYVILLE, CHRIST-3008	1,600.00		1,960.88	15,500.00	11,574.97	16,500.00
FLEETWOOD, ST. PAUL-3009	2,370.00		200.00	27,887.00	25,563.01	19,008.00
HAMBURG, ST. JOHN.-3010	1,361.97	325.00		20,000.00	21,389.25	20,000.00
HAMBURG, ST. MICHAEL-3011	52.00	330.00	513.04	2,500.00	3,245.00	2,500.00
HAMBURG, ST. PAUL-3012	85.00			3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
BOYERTOWN, ST. JOSEPH (HILL) - 3013	1,144.30		9.00		12,056.00	
ALBURTIS, HUFFS, - 3014	135.00	115.00	1,319.50	12,250.00	12,250.00	12,250.00
FLEETWOOD, NEW JERUSALEM-3015	30.00	330.33	50.00	2,000.00	2,565.00	2,000.00
KEMPTON, JERUSALEM (RED)-3016			300.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	
KEMPTON, NEW BETHEL-3017				750.00	1,415.00	
STONY RUN, FRIEDENS-3018	250.00			5,200.00	5,990.00	
KRUMSVILLE, MT. ZION-3019	497.00		1,091.67	2,500.00	861.00	2,500.00
KUTZTOWN, ST. JOHN-3020				7,625.00	7,625.04	7,625.00
KUTZTOWN, TRINITY-3021	2,340.26		1,896.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	
OLEY, ST. PAUL (LOBACHSVILLE)-3023				850.00	811.00	
FLEETWOOD, SALEM.(SHALTERS)-3024				3,400.00	3,794.00	3,000.00
MAXATAWNY, ZION-3025			3,324.00	10,500.00	9,760.75	10,000.00
MERTZTOWN, ST. PAUL-3026		446.92	1,634.79	500.00	478.76	
KUTZTOWN, ZION MOSELEM-3027						
FLEETWOOD, ST. PETER (BECKERS)-3028			480.00	1,560.00	1,560.00	1,800.00
OLEY, FRIEDENS-3029	2,875.00		187.00	23,000.00	21,427.42	25,000.00
SHOEMAKERSVILLE, ZION -3030	3,679.00		276.00	16,000.00	17,500.00	
SHOEMAKERSVILLE, ST. LUKE-3031				1,500.00		0.00
LEESPORT, ST. JOHN. (GERNANTS)-3032				600.00	799.98	1,000.00
OLEY, CHRIST (SPANGSVILLE)-3033				1,800.00	900.00	
READING, ZION SPIES-3034	713.00		585.00	9,600.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
TOPTON, TRINITY-3035			61.00	500.00	1,950.44	
TOPTON HOME, GRACE-3036	775.00		1,075.00	8,000.00	8,400.00	8,000.00
LEESPORT, HOLY TRINITY-3037	238.07		1,123.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
SHARTLESVILLE, FRIEDENS-3038				7,500.00	6,255.24	7,000.00
EAST BERKS DISTRICT						
DISTRICT TOTALS	34,842.05	13,476.51	37,467.69	307,472.00	317,240.11	211,483.00

Total churches responding

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HAZLETON-LEHIGHTON MISSION DISTRICT TREASURER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS 2017

Location, Congregation	World	Homes &	Other	2017	2017	2018
	Hunger	Agencies	Desig.	Commit	Response	Commit
	2017	2017	2017			
ASHFIELD, DINKEY MEMORIAL-4001	2,099.00			2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
BIG CREEK, ST. PAUL-4002					500.00	
AUDENRIED, SALEM-4003	425.00			1,000.00	829.00	
BEAVER MEADOWS, ST. PAUL-4004	138.00			3,000.00	3,125.00	
BOWMANSTOWN, TRINITY-4005	318.00		1135.54		3,954.00	
PENN FOREST, TWP, CHRIST-4006				3,500.00	2,625.00	3,500.00
CONYNGHAM, CHRIST-4007	9,040.00		51056.00	50,000.00	48,736.00	52,000.00
MAHONING, ST. JOHN-4008		35.00	40.00	8,843.00	8,843.00	
FREELAND, ST. LUKE-4009						
HAZLETON, CHRIST-4011	3,503.00		1475.00	20,500.00	20,376.00	20,500.00
HAZLETON, TRINITY-4012	40.00				4,878.96	
JIM THORPE EAST, ST. JOHN-4013	1,131.50		185.00	5,000.00	4,130.00	5,000.00
JIM THORPE HGHTS, ST. JOHN-4014	692.00			7,608.00	7,608.00	
LANSFORD, TRINITY-4015	280.00			2,000.00	2,346.00	2,000.00
LEHIGHTON, TRINITY-4016	3,787.55		555.00	11,000.00	13,056.84	
LEHIGHTON, GRACE-4017	1,219.00	50.00		3,600.00	2,304.50	3,600.00
PACKERTON, ZION-4018			1,650.00	3,250.00	4,855.49	3,500.00
MAHANOEY CITY, CHRIST-4019	302.00	136.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
NEW RINGGOLD, ADVENT-4021						
NEW RINGGOLD, FRIEDENS-4022	1,129.00			3,000.00	3,319.00	3,100.00
N WEISSPORT, ST. MATTHEW-4023	972.00	397.00	480.00	4,554.00	4,554.05	
NUREMBERG, EMMANUEL-4024	100.00		200.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
ZION GROVE, MT ZION-4025				8,200.00	8,200.04	8,200.00
PALMERTON, HOLY TRINITY-4026				2,000.00	2,286.00	2,000.00
BARNESVILLE, CHRIST-4028						
RINGTOWN, ST. JOHN-4029	1,604.76		1,635.00	8,500.00	8,114.00	8,600.00
BRANDONVILLE, ST. JOHN-4030	61.00		100.00	6,600.00	6,682.00	6,600.00
SAINT JOHNS, ST. JOHN-4031	2,313.00		1,225.00	5,000.00	5,100.00	5,500.00
SHENANDOAH, ST. JOHN-4032						
SUMMIT HILL, ST. PAUL-4033	140.00	235.00			4,242.50	
NESQUEHONING, ZION-4034				3,600.00	2,138.00	2,600.00
TAMAQUA, ST. JOHN-4035	672.00		1,280.00	8,500.00	12,352.35	8,500.00
TAMAQUA, ZION-4036	1,298.00	226.00			6,549.00	
TOWAMENSING, ST. JOHN-4037	100.00			7,500.00	6,250.00	5,000.00
TRACHSVILLE, JERUSALEM-4038				3,600.00	3,300.00	3,600.00
WEATHERLY, ST. MATTHEW-4039	150.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
WEATHERLY, ZION-4040						1,200.00
WEST HAZLETON, TRINITY-4042	343.73				6,864.00	
MANTZVILLE, ST. PETER-4043		279.50	478.00	7,500.00	8,545.00	7,500.00
WEST PENN, ZION STONE-4044	750.00	750.00	1,403.50	1,000.00	750.00	750.00
WHITE HAVEN, ST. PAUL-4045				5,500.00	5,500.00	
HAZLETON-LEHIGHTON MISC						
DISTRICT TOTALS	32,608.54	2,108.50	62,898.04	206,655.00	235,213.73	165,550.00

Total churches responding

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LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT TREASURER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS 2017

Location, Congregation	World	Homes &	Other	2017	2017	2018
	Hunger	Agencies	Desig.	Commit	Response	Commit
	2017	2017	2017			
ALBURTIS, ZION LEHIGH-1001				1,200.00		
ALLENTOWN, CHRIST-1002	677.00		5,876.00	45,000.00	41,250.00	45,000.00
ALLENTOWN, GRACE-1003	161.00			5,000.00	5,981.00	5,000.00
ALLENTOWN, REDEEMER-1005	3,268.50	1,313.50	3,098.10	13,600.00	7,954.00	5,000.00
ALLENTOWN, ST. JOHN-1007		600.00		41,300.00	30,000.00	
ALLENTOWN, ST. LUKE-1009		500.00		6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
ALLENTOWN, ST. MARK-1010	50.00		560.00		4,200.00	
ALLENTOWN, ST. MATTHEW-1011						
ALLENTOWN, ST. PAUL-1013				8,190.00	2,730.00	
ALLENTOWN, ST. PETER/HANOVER-1014	125.00		1,637.26	10,800.00	10,800.00	
ALLENTOWN, ST. PETER/TENTH-1015						
ALLENTOWN, ST. TIMOTHY-1017	2,988.44				5,500.00	
ALLENTOWN, TRINITY MEMORIAL-1018	80.00			1,250.00	750.00	
CETRONIA, CEDAR-1019	490.00			16,128.00	14,803.97	
COOPERSBURG, ST. JAMES-1020	1,445.92		2,145.00		18,835.00	21,000.00
COOPERSBURG, ST. PAUL-1021					5,000.00	
EMMAUS, HOLY SPIRIT-1022	6,547.00		14,847.00	33,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00
EMMAUS, ST. JOHN-1023	5,976.57		1270.00		14,482.19	
FOGELSVILLE, ST. JOHN-1024	495.00	2,518.27	1,093.00	6,500.00	7,883.28	6,500.00
FRIEDENSVILLE, FRIEDENS-1025	1,230.00		420.00	1,760.00	2,040.00	
MACUNGIE, GRACE-1027	779.00	750.00	500.00	16,100.00	16,100.00	12,000.00
OLD ZIONSVILLE, ZION-1028	80.00				15,279.14	16,165.00
EAST SALISBURY, JERUSALEM-1030						
SUMMIT LAWN, ST. ANDREW-1031		115.45		1,140.00	1,298.00	1,200.00
BREINIGSVILLE, ST. PAUL-1032	20.00	2,004.00	2,020.00	19,620.00	19,620.00	20,100.00
MACUNGIE R. D., ST. PETER-1033						
WEST SALISBURY, JERUSALEM-1034	269.61	200.00	469.63	6,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00
ALTWN, SAN MARTIN DE PORRES-1036				115.00	115.00	115.00
ALLENTOWN, ST. MICHAEL/NATIVITY-1037	3,938.00		4,592.17	42,420.00	43,125.48	42,925.00
LEHIGH DISTRICT, MISC.						
DISTRICT TOTALS	28,621.04	8,001.22	38,528.16	275,123.00	313,747.06	220,005.00

Total churches responding

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NORTHERN LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT TREASURER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS 2017

Location, Congregation	World	Homes &	Other	2017	2017	2018
	Hunger	Agencies	Desig.	Commit	Response	Commit
	2017	2017	2017			
BATH, ST. JOHN-5001	200.00			5,500.00	4,997.00	5,000.00
CATASAUQUA, HOLY TRINITY-5002				6,800.00	6,233.37	7,200.00
CATASAUQUA, ST. PAUL-5003	494.00			9,300.00	8,525.00	
CHERRYVILLE, HOPE-5004	1,063.00		900.00	35,375.00	32,427.00	36,085.00
COPLAY, ST. JOHN-5005	1,285.00	2,291.74		10,500.00	9,625.00	10,700.00
EMANUELSVILLE, EMMANUEL-5006	3,430.00		1,092.00	37,000.00	28,910.00	37,000.00
HEIDELBERG, HEIDELBERG-5007	692.00	567.00	57.00	500.00	1,000.00	500.00
SLATEDALE, HOLY TRINITY-5008		200.00		3,500.00	3,500.00	
KREIDERSVILLE, GOOD SHEPHERD-5010				3,750.00	3,750.00	4,000.00
LOWHILL TWNSP, MORGENLAND-5011					1,000.00	1,000.00
NAZARETH, ST. JOHN-5013					30,000.00	30,000.00
SCHNECKSVILLE, UNION-5014	1,220.12	250.00		10,000.00	8,333.34	10,000.00
NEW TRIPOLI, NEW LIFE-5015				34,000.00	30,995.77	
NORTHAMPTON, HOLY TRINITY-5016		100.00				
NORTHAMPTON, ZION-5017	3,667.00		84.00		11,400.00	11,400.00
NORTHAMP HOLY TRINITY SLOVAK-5018	149.00		2,500.00		1,200.00	1,200.00
SLATINGTON, ST. JOHN-5019	485.00		180.00	2,500.00	986.00	
OREFIELD, JORDAN-5020	4,035.64	1,900.00	1,796.00		20,000.04	
WEISENBERG TWP, WEISENBERG-5021	1,058.00	3,840.00	2,225.00		23,121.50	
WEISENBERG TWP, ZIEGELS-5022	1,638.00	4,026.00		17,000.00	15,583.00	
WHITEHALL, FAITH-5023	2,555.00	2,500.00	2,550.00	22,800.00	22,800.00	22,800.00
WHITEHALL, SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS-5024	2,521.00		1,140.24	14,250.00	10,686.75	13,425.00
BELFAST, GRACE-5026	1,210.00	600.00	951.00		4,400.00	
WHITEHALL, ST. JOHN-5027	1,144.29	366.34	375.00	19,672.00	18,032.63	
HECKTOWN, TRINITY-5028	978.45	450.00		10,200.00	10,830.18	
NORTHERN LEHGH VALLEY MISC.						
DISTRICT TOTALS	27,825.50	17,091.08	13,850.24	242,647.00	308,336.58	190,310.00

Total churches responding

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POCONO MISSION DISTRICT TREASURER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS 2017

Location, Congregation	World	Homes &	Other	2017	2017	2018
	Hunger	Agencies	Desig.	Commit	Response	Commit
	2017	2017	2017			
ALBRIGHTSVILLE, ST. PAUL-6001	391.12	825.00			4,766.67	
APPENZELL, ST. MARK-6002			228.00		4,005.00	4,000.00
BANGOR, TRINITY-6003	1,050.00				3,215.00	6,000.00
BLAKESLEE, FAITH-6005	1,720.10		1,205.00	11,100.00	10,175.00	11,400.00
BRODHEADSVILLE, ZION UNITED-6006	680.83	296.03	229.00	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,200.00
SMITHFIELD, ST. PAUL-6007	21.05		445.00	7,000.00	7,430.00	7,000.00
DINGMANS FERRY, HOLY TRINITY-6008				3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
EFFORT, ST. JOHN-6010	10.00			1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
GOULDSBORO, GRACE-6011				2,900.00	2,900.00	2,900.00
GREELEY, ST. LUKE-6012					954.00	
HAMILTON SQUARE, CHRIST-6013			956.50	4,228.00	3,271.50	
HAWLEY, ST. PAUL-6014	405.00			3,000.00	2,750.00	
HONESDALE, ST. JOHN-6015	194.57		1,220.00		4,875.00	
JOHNSONVILLE/PRINCE OF PEACE-6016				17,400.00	15,950.00	18,000.00
KRESGEVILLE, SALEM-ST. PAUL-6017	975.00		1,033.48	9,000.00	9,823.00	8,500.00
MINISINK HILLS, ST. MARK-6019				1,000.00	600.00	
PEN ARGYL, ST. JOHN-6020	252.00	200.00	300.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
PLAINFIELD, ST. PETER-6021	2,109.25		316.36	15,000.00	12,500.00	
SCOTRUN, ST. JOHN-6023	601.75			2,600.00	2,600.00	2,600.00
SHOHOLA, ST. JACOBI-6024	26.00		555.00		850.00	1,020.00
STONE CHURCH, CHRIST-6025				1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
STROUDSBURG, ST. JOHN-6026	2,516.00	320.00	2,177.01	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,600.00
TANNERSVILLE, ST. PAUL-6027	1,310.00			1,500.00	3,600.00	2,100.00
POCONO DISTRICT						
DISTRICT TOTALS	12,262.67	1,641.03	8,665.35	95,728.00	111,265.17	84,920.00

Total churches responding

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SCHUYLKILL MISSION DISTRICT TREASURER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS 2017

Location, Congregation	World	Homes &	Other	2017	2017	2018
	Hunger	Agencies	Desig.	Commit	Response	Commit
	2017	2017	2017			
ASHLAND, GOOD SHEPHERD-7001				3,500.00	2,533.25	3,500.00
AUBURN, ST. JOHN-7002				1,500.00	1,193.00	1,600.00
FRACKVILLE, ZION-7003				3,000.00	4,518.00	
FRIEDENSBURG, ST. JOHN-7004	730.75	155.00	664.53	9,000.00	5,767.00	
ASHLAND, CHRIST. UNITED-7005	160.02				11,698.73	
HEGINS, FRIEDENS-7006				1,500.00	1,500.00	
PITMAN, ST. JAMES-7007	4,810.00			8,000.00	7,320.25	8,000.00
LLEWELLYN, FRIEDENS-7009	195.00			800.00	663.00	800.00
MINERSVILLE, ZION-7010	737.00		1,200.00		1,779.00	
MINERSVILLE, ENGLISH-7011					180.00	
BUCK RUN, TRINITY-7012				600.00		600.00
ORWIGSBURG, ST. PAUL-7013	200.00		1,055.00	8,500.00	10,580.25	
ORWIGSBURG RD, ZION-7014				500.00	450.00	500.00
PINE GROVE, ST. JOHN-7015	540.00		1,060.00	2,000.00	1,603.00	
PINE GROVE, ST. PETER-7016	2,641.53		1,210.00	3,600.00	3,660.00	3,600.00
PINE GROVE RD 1, JACOBS-7017				2,420.00	2,420.00	2,420.00
PINE GROVE RD 1, OUTWOOD-7018				1,815.00	1,815.00	1,815.00
PINE GROVE, SALEM-HETZELS-7019	149.00	25.00		4,000.00	1,532.00	4,000.00
PORT CARBON, ST. PAUL-7020				1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
MIDDLEPORT, ST. PAUL-7021						
POTTSVILLE, TRINITY-7022	165.00				13,162.30	
RAVINE, ST. MATTHEW-7023	3,294.00			3,074.00	5,206.50	
REINERTON, ST. PETER-7024	675.00				1,065.00	1,200.00
SUMMER HILL, ST. PAUL-7027	2,600.00				5,606.15	
TOWER CITY, ST. PAUL-7028	513.00			5,000.00		5,000.00
TREMONT, ST. JOHN-7029	300.00			800.00	800.00	800.00
VALLEY VIEW, TRINITY-7030	1,298.00	1,066.00	262.00		4,122.00	
SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, JERUSALEM-7033	1,820.00		1,350.00	14,000.00	12,921.50	14,000.00
SCHUYLKILL DISTRICT MISC.						
DISTRICT TOTALS	20,828.30	1,246.00	6,801.53	74,609.00	103,095.93	48,835.00

Total churches responding

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Note: Amounts above do not include benevolences sent directly to agencies.

SCRANTON-WILKES BARRE MISSION DISTRICT TREASURER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS 2017

Location, Congregation	World	Homes &	Other	2017	2017	2018
	Hunger	Agencies	Desig.	Commit	Response	Commit
	2017	2017	2017			
ARCHBALD, ST. LUKE-8001						
CLARKS SUMMIT, TRINITY-8002	103.25		1,240.00		3,400.00	4,096.00
DUSHORE, SHEPHERD OF HILLS-8003	766.00	489.00	400.00	9,555.00	8,599.68	8,582.00
HOBBIIE, ST. JAMES-8004	866.00				4,587.00	
POND HILL, ST. MARK-8005	40.00		182.00	3,650.00	3,650.00	3,650.00
KINGSTON, HOLY TRINITY-8006	490.00		700.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
MOUNTAINTOP, ST. PAUL-8007	2,875.00	112.50	549.96		2,749.98	5,500.00
NANTICOKE, ST. JOHN-8008	312.31		72.98	4,300.00	4,122.00	4,300.00
ZENITH, ST. JAMES-8011	127.50		353.61	1,500.00	1,715.75	1,500.00
HUGHESTOWN, ST. PETER-8012				1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
SAYRE, ST. JOHN-8013	2,102.00		4,110.00	5,000.00	2,478.00	
NESCOPECK, FAITH UNITED-8016	1,187.50			5,000.00	5,852.00	5,000.00
SCRANTON, ST. PETER-8017				7,000.00	5,000.00	
DALLAS, ST. PAUL-8018	3,163.38	200.00	5,193.24	17,616.00	17,617.00	17,994.00
TOWANDA, TRINITY-8019	200.00			14,780.00	2,000.00	
WILKES-BARRE, GOOD SHEPHERD-8020	188.02		883.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
WILKES-BARRE, ST. JOHN-8022			110.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
WILKES-BARRE HGTS, ST. MARK-8023				2,500.00		
NOXEN, ST. LUKE-8024					200.00	400.00
SCRANTON, ST. MATTHEW UNITED-8025	254.74	91.00	198.00	8,200.00	7,380.00	
SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE MISC.						
DISTRICT TOTALS	12,675.70	892.50	13,992.79	94,501.00	84,551.41	66,722.00

Total churches responding

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Note: Amounts above do not include benevolences sent directly to agenices.

WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT TREASURER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS 2017

Location, Congregation	World	Homes &	Other	2016	2016	2017
	Hunger	Agencies	Desig.	Commit	Response	Commit
	2016	2016	2016			
KNAUERS, ALLEGHENY-9001	1,348.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
BERN TOWNSHIP, BERN-9002	2,768.14	0.00	1,249.50	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
BERNVILLE, FRIEDENS-9003	1,412.00	0.00	359.14	1,200.00	1,100.00	1,200.00
BIRDSBORO, ST. MARK-9004	1,965.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	8,499.50	5,500.00
GEIGERTOWN, ST. JAMES-9005	4,518.11	200.00	1,179.00	7,500.00	5,760.80	5,000.00
GIBRALTER, ST. JOHN-9006	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GOUGLERSVILLE, TRINITY-9007	0.00	0.00	643.00	1,200.00	1,150.00	600.00
GRILL, CHRIST-9008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00
JACKSONWALD, SCHWARZWALD-9009	728.00	0.00	64.00	10,868.00	10,868.00	10,868.00
LAURELDALE, CALVARY-9010	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,250.00	0.00	9,250.00
MOHNTON, ST. JOHN-9011	50.00	500.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,950.00
MT PENN, FAITH-9012	378.00	0.00	1,904.50	11,400.00	13,900.00	10,000.00
PLOWVILLE, ROBESON-9013	4,595.00	0.00	520.00	6,000.00	5,500.00	6,000.00
READING, CHRIST-9015	755.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	4,583.37	5,000.00
READING, GOOD SHEPHERD-9016	320.40	0.00	0.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
READING, GRACE-9017	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
READING, HOLY SPIRIT-9018	440.00	0.00	275.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
READING, HOPE-9019	2,049.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,309.00	0.00
READING, INCARNATION-9020	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
READING, NATIVITY-9021	905.00	0.00	1,840.00	3,000.00	4,803.00	3,000.00
READING, PEACE-9022	984.00	0.00	0.00	3,108.00	2,849.00	3,300.00
READING, ST. JOHN-9024	127.00	0.00	1,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
READING, ST. LUKE-9025	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,225.00	3,000.00
READING, ST. MARK-9026	142.00	0.00	100.00	3,700.00	2,129.50	3,500.00
READING, ST. PAUL-9027	770.00	0.00	328.85	2,490.00	2,490.00	2,510.00
READING, TRINITY-9028	2,552.04	0.00	0.00	56,000.00	51,332.67	56,000.00
REHRERSBURG, ALTALAH-9029	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BETHEL, SALEM-9030	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	3,322.86	0.00
REIFFTON, REFORMATION-9031	4,218.00	0.00	1,090.00	22,432.00	23,417.29	23,120.00
ROBESONIA, ST. DANIEL-9032	1,876.70	0.00	1,519.00	20,000.00	17,200.00	18,000.00
ROBESONIA, TRINITY-9033	1,527.00	0.00	3,000.00	58,000.00	58,000.00	59,000.00
SHILLINGTON, GRACE-9035	1,299.00	0.00	250.00	12,100.00	19,487.00	0.00
SINKING SPRING, ST. JOHN-9036	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,068.00	12,068.00	6,361.81
STONY CREEK MILLS, BETHANY-9037	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	415.50	150.00
STOUCHSBURG, CHRIST-9038	937.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
STOUCHSBURG, ZION-ST. JOHN-9039	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,291.67	2,500.00
WERNERSVILLE, TRINITY-9042	1,406.46	0.00	0.00	29,551.00	23,435.72	26,000.00
WEST LAWN, ADVENT-9043	6,538.00	0.00	0.00	23,800.00	23,800.00	24,600.00
WEST READING, BETHANY-9044	250.00	0.00	700.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
WOMELSDORF, ZION-9045	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00	0.00
WYOMISSING, ATONEMENT-9046	3,132.50	1,200.00	2,944.00	54,000.00	49,051.00	53,000.00
WYOMISSING, COMMON GROUND MINISTRIES-9047	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	2,025.00	2,700.00
READING, HOPE'S TABLE - 9050	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
WEST. BERKS MISC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL WEST. BERKS	47,991.35	1,900.00	19,365.99	446,117.00	419,713.88	405,109.81

Total churches responding

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7E Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Summary of Membership Statistics				Statistical Analysis	
Totals -- End of Year				Averages per Congregation Reporting	
Congregations	268	265	-3	-1.12	
Congregations - Organized	268	265	-3	-1.12	
Congregations - Under Development	0	0	0	---	
Congregations - Filed Form A	190	189	-1	-0.53	
Baptized Members	114,934	112,078	-2,856	-2.48	425
Confirmed Members	86,438	86,256	-182	-0.21	327

Analysis of Membership Gains and Losses

Baptized Members -- Received

By Baptism - Children Under Age 16	1,105	1,026	-79	-7.15	4.40
By Baptism - Adults Age 16 and Older	58	55	-3	-5.17	3.72
By Affirmation of Faith	862	674	-188	-21.81	3.55
By Transfer	650	474	-176	-27.08	4.07
From Other Sources and Stat Adjs	1,291	416	-875	-67.78	3.43
Baptized Members -- Total Received	3,966	2,645	-1,321	-33.31	2.97

Baptized Members -- Removed

By Death	1,546	1,615	69	4.46	
By Transfer	537	482	-55	-10.24	
For Other Reasons and Stat Adjs	4,827	2,934	-1,893	-39.22	
Baptized Members -- Total Removed	6,910	5,031	-1,881	-27.21	3.90

Baptized Members Confirmed

Active Participants

Analysis of Membership Gains and Losses

Total Weekly Worship Attendance	21,936	20,645	-1,291	-5.89	3.61
Avg Attendance per Cong	82	78	-4	-4.88	4.02
PCT Bapt Mbrs Attending Worship	19.09	18.42	-0.67	-3.51	3.84

* Congregation Description Averages Range: Hardly at All(1) - Very Well(5); Congregation Strengths Averages Range: Poor(1) - Great(5)

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Summary of Financial Statistics

Totals -- End of Year	2016	2017	Change	Percent	Statistical Analysis		
Total Receipts	60,281,043	59,513,840	-767,203	-1.27	Averages per Congregation Reporting		
Total Disbursements	58,646,476	60,223,896	1,577,420	2.69	Total Receipts (/261)	228,022.38	
Total Indebtedness on Dec 31	11,270,923	9,206,113	-2,064,810	-18.32	Total Disburse (/264)	228,120.82	
Projected Mission Support	2,093,342	2,273,506	180,164	8.61	Total Indebtedness (/55)	167,383.87	
Average Total Giving / Bapt Member	361.57	367.04	5.47	1.51	Percent Congs With No Debt	79.55	
Average Total Giving / Conf Member	480.77	476.92	-3.85	-0.80			

Detail of Financial Statistics - Receipts

Regular Giving by Members	36,282,922	36,331,934	49,012	0.14
Designated Giving by Members	5,274,278	4,805,094	-469,184	-8.90
Earned Income (any source)	9,458,297	9,671,725	213,428	2.26
Grants (any source)	427,267	266,954	-160,313	-37.52
All Other Receipts	8,838,279	8,438,133	-400,146	-4.53

Detail of Financial Statistics - Disbursements

Current Operating Expenses	43,904,815	43,415,735	-489,080	-1.11	Percent of Total Disbursements		
Capital Improvements	5,184,277	6,654,484	1,470,207	28.36	Current Operating Expenses	72.16	
Payments on Debts	2,666,702	2,847,957	181,255	6.80	Capital Improvements	11.06	
Mission Support	2,237,713	2,133,892	-103,821	-4.64	Payments on Debts	4.73	
Other Synod Benevolence	424,994	620,712	195,718	46.05	Mission Support	3.55	
Other CWO Benevolence	105,141	168,913	63,772	60.65	Other Synod Benevolence	1.03	
Benevolence - Another Country	171,261	210,874	39,613	23.13	Other CWO Benevolence	0.28	
Benevolence - Camps	24,504	44,667	20,163	82.28	Benevolence - Another Country	0.35	
Benevolence - Colleges	7,893	4,500	-3,393	-42.99	Benevolence - Camps	0.07	
Benevolence - Seminaries	13,996	20,269	6,273	44.82	Benevolence - Colleges	0.01	
Benevolence - Social Service	232,685	166,605	-66,080	-28.40	Benevolence - Seminaries	0.03	
Benevolence - Campus Ministry	11,797	6,269	-5,528	-46.86	Benevolence - Social Service	0.28	
Benevolence - Other Direct Recipient	724,499	728,134	3,635	0.50	Benevolence - Campus Ministry	0.01	
Subtotal Non-Mission Supt Benev	1,716,770	1,970,943	254,173	14.81	Benevolence - Direct Recipient	1.21	
Other Expenses & Realized Losses	2,870,960	3,143,630	272,670	9.50	Subtotal Non-Mission Supt Benev	3.28	

Congregations Reporting Ethnic Active Participants *

	2017	Percent of Congregations Reporting Ethnic Active Participants
African American/Black	69	26.04
African National/African-Caribbean	14	5.28
American Indian/Alaska Native	11	4.15
Arab/Middle Eastern	8	3.02
Asian/Pacific Islander	64	24.15
Latino/Hispanic	68	25.66
Multi-racial	58	21.89
White/Caucasian	234	88.30
Other	12	4.53

Total Ethnic Active Participants

		Percent Ethnic Active Participants
African American/Black	332	0.62
African National/African-Caribbean	52	0.10
American Indian/Alaska Native	22	0.04
Arab/Middle Eastern	16	0.03
Asian/Pacific Islander	152	0.29
Latino/Hispanic	487	0.91
Multi-racial	548	1.03
White/Caucasian	51,023	95.75
Other	657	1.23

* Racial/ethnic data was not collected in 2016.

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(185 Congs Filled)

C30 Educational Ministry Provided

Christian Education
Yes 174 No 9 No Resp 2
Students..... 5,557

C33 Number of Households Giving

Giving Units..... 27,105
No Response Provided..... 18

C36 Congregation Offers Organized Women's Activities or Ministries

Yes 99 No 82 No Resp 4

Vacation Bible School

Yes 117 No 65 No Resp 3
Students..... 4,999

C34 Participated in "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, The Day of Service in September

Yes 72 No 109 No Resp 4

C37 Congregation Engaged in Advocacy for Migrants

Yes 7 No 171 No Resp 7

C32 Disability Assistance Provided

Building Wheelchair Access..... 152
Braille Worship Materials..... 3
Large Print Worship Materials... 120
Assistive Hearing Devices..... 80
Sign Language Interpreters..... 5
Mental Health Ministries..... 5
Developmental Disabilities..... 10
No Assistance Provided..... 6
No Response to Any..... 2

C35 Congregation Management Software/Service Used

ACS Technologies..... 2
Church Windows..... 44
Concordia Technology Solutions... 12
Icon Systems..... 12
Other..... 74
No Software Used..... 36
No Response to Any..... 9

C38 Advocacy Types Engaged

Education and Conversation..... 83
Voter Registration Drives..... 7
Letters to Elected Decision-Makers.. 12
Regional/Natl Advocacy Network..... 21
No Response to Any..... 90

C31 Languages in which Liturgies are Regularly Conducted

Amharic.....	0	English.....	185	Lakotah.....	0	Slovak.....	0
Anyuak.....	0	Finnish.....	0	Lao.....	0	Spanish.....	3
Arabic.....	0	French.....	0	Latvian.....	0	Swahili.....	0
Batak.....	0	German.....	2	Maban.....	0	Swedish.....	0
Burmese.....	0	Hmong.....	0	Mandarin.....	0	Tagalog.....	0
Cambodian.....	0	Indonesian.....	0	Norwegian.....	0	Taiwanese.....	0
Cantonese.....	0	Inupiat.....	0	Nuer.....	0	Tamil.....	0
Cherokee.....	0	Japanese.....	0	Oromo.....	0	Telugu.....	0
Creole.....	0	Kiswahili.....	0	Palute.....	0	Thai.....	0
Danish.....	0	Korean.....	0	Portuguese.....	0	Tigrinya.....	0
Dinka.....	0		0	Sign.....	5	Vietnamese.....	0

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Summary of Congregations That Did Not File 2017 Report Form A

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7E Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Last Year Filed	Cong ID	Cong Status	Cong Baptized Members	Congregation Name	City, State	Minister	Phone
1991	00364	Org	1,023	St Peter (Ridge)	Allentown, PA	John R. Kuschel	(610)437-5064
1997	00754	Org	76	St John	Shenandoah, PA		(570)462-0332
2000	00537	Org	46	English	Minersville, PA		(570)628-5922
2000	00538	Org	81	Trinity	Pottsville, PA		(570)544-5240
2001	00360	Org	401	St Matthew Evangelical	Allentown, PA		(610)435-8134
2002	00518	Org	168	Christ	Rush Township, PA		(570)467-2842
2003	00506	Org	59	St Paul	Beaver Meadows, PA		(570)455-5782
2003	00866	Org	204	Altalaha	Rehrersburg, PA		(610)488-7173
2003	00876	Org	149	Zion's St Johns (Reeds)	Stouchsburg, PA		(610)589-4853
2004	00817	Org	189	St Peter's	Scranton, PA	David A. Searing	(570)344-2701
2005	00747	Org	26	St Paul	Middleport, PA		
2006	00356	Org	1,402	Faith Evangelical	Whitehall, PA	Michael J. Bodnyk	(610)435-0451
2006	00359	Org	470	St Mark	Allentown, PA		(610)797-6440
2006	00819	Org	121	St Jacobi	Shohola, PA		(570)559-7676
2007	00508	Org	421	St Luke	Freeland, PA		(570)636-1241
2007	00582	Org	120	St Paul	Lehighton, PA		(610)377-0382
2008	00403	Org	689	Trinity	Bethlehem, PA	Christian D. Eichorn	(610)759-6377
2008	00502	Org	98	St John	Scotrun, PA		(570)629-3727
2008	00513	Org	313	St James	Nescopeck, PA		(570)379-2662
2008	00534	Org	215	Friedens	Llewellyn, PA		(570)294-6802
2008	00587	Org	406	St John Lutheran Church in the Heights	Jim Thorpe, PA		(570)325-4255
2009	00383	Org	21	Zion (First Hungarian)	Bethlehem, PA		(610)360-0946
2009	00583	Org	370	Trinity	Bowmansville, PA		(610)852-2202
2010	00563	Org	282	St Paul	Oley, PA		(610)987-3321
2010	00873	Org	405	St Luke	Shoemakersville, PA		(610)562-4152
2010	30046	Org	81	St Martin de Porres	Allentown, PA		(610)432-3248
2011	00860	Org	561	St Michael	Hamburg, PA	Paul E. Buzzard	(610)488-1783
2012	00377	Org	918	St John	Allentown, PA	Bradley T. Carroll	(610)435-1587
2012	00465	Org	519	Trinity	Bangor, PA	Larry D. Laine	(610)588-2023
2012	00536	Org	86	St Matthew	Pine Grove, PA		(570)345-4319
2012	00569	Org	50	Jerusalem (Red)	Kepton, PA		(610)756-6478
2012	00745	Org	644	St Paul	Orwigsburg, PA		(570)366-2316
2012	00875	Org	104	Christ	Womelsdorf, PA		(610)589-2202
2013	00374	Org	398	St John	Whitehall, PA	Martha S. Sipe	(610)264-3762
2013	00389	Org	302	Rosemont	Bethlehem, PA	Jack A. Steltzer	(610)867-3705
2013	00540	Org	228	St John	Pine Grove, PA		(570)345-2300
2013	00562	Org	524	St Joseph (Hill)	Boyetown, PA	Jeffrey W. Odgren	(610)369-0990
2013	00867	Org	153	Salem	Bethel, PA		(717)933-5451
2013	00874	Org	137	St John Gernants	Leesport, PA		(610)926-3491

Congregation Status Key: Org = Organized, CUD = Congregation Under Development (filing optional)

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2014	00550	Org	405	Trinity	Valley View, PA	Brian E. Beissel	(570)682-9373
2014	00577	Org	631	Christ	Oley, PA		(610)689-5424
2014	00602	Org	70	St Paul	Summit Hill, PA		(570)645-3469
2014	00806	Org	353	St John	Honesdale, PA		(570)253-1444
2014	00826	Org	597	St Paul	Mountain Top, PA	Michele D. Kaufman	(570)474-6616
2015	00381	Org	290	St Peter's Union Church	Macungie, PA	Jerel W. Gade	(610)966-3030
2015	00396	Org	112	Salem	Bethlehem, PA		(610)866-8019
2015	00521	Org	199	St John Evangelical	Saint Johns, PA		(570)788-2685
2015	00542	Org	495	Salem-Hetzels	Pine Grove, PA		(570)345-8774
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2015	00785	Org	746	St John	Sinking Spring, PA	Richard L. Moore	(610)678-1088
2015	00800	Org	91	St Luke	Greeley, PA		(570)685-4221
2015	00879	Org	350	Zion	Womelsdorf, PA	June E. Bair	(610)589-4130
2015	30654	Org	271	St Matthew United Evangelical	Scranton, PA	Mary K. Owens	(570)342-1000
2015	30927	Org	0	Morgenland Union Church	Orefield, PA		(610)395-0067
2016	00349	Org	408	Zion Lehigh	Alburtis, PA		(610)395-1215
2016	00358	Org	284	St Luke's	Allentown, PA	John E. Lamb	(610)434-3943
2016	00367	Org	919	Trinity Memorial	Allentown, PA		(610)797-4774
2016	00371	Org	346	Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church	Allentown, PA		(610)797-4242
2016	00395	Org	621	St Stephen	Bethlehem, PA	Werner M. Koch	(610)865-0601
2016	00407	Org	396	New Jerusalem	Bethlehem, PA	Lauren M. Applegate	(610)838-0731
2016	00477	Org	218	St Paul	Easton, PA	Rebecca E. Middeke-Conlin	(610)258-2612
2016	00539	Org	183	Zion	Minersville, PA		(570)544-6725
2016	00558	Org	581	Christ	Fleetwood, PA	Cheryl Meinschein Hausman	(610)682-7664
2016	00565	Org	211	Friedens	Kepton, PA	Althea D. Albright	(610)756-6875
2016	00585	Org	392	Christ	Jim Thorpe, PA	John P. Hassler	(570)325-3757
2016	00593	Org	392	St Peter's Lutheran Church Of Mantzville	Tamaqua, PA		(570)386-4388
2016	00608	Org	374	St John's	Coplay, PA	Timothy D. Boyer	(610)262-6171
2016	00736	Org	500	St John	Friedensburg, PA	Peggy S. Pfeiffer	(570)739-4787
2016	00765	Org	515	Faith	Mount Penn, PA	Thomas F. Irwin	(610)779-2889
2016	00798	Org	124	Grace	Gouldsboro, PA		(570)842-6409
2016	00803	Org	380	Good Shepherd	Northampton, PA	Gary L. Walbert	(610)262-9517
2016	00828	Org	462	Trinity Evangelical	Rechtelville, PA	Eugene C. Zaiser	(610)369-1281
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2016	07385	Org	165	Shepherd of the Hills	Dushore, PA		(570)928-8253

Synod Total: 76 Congregation(s)

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PART IV

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Marlane Druckenmiller (chair), Deborah Scheffey, Charles Grube, June Bair, Louise McCloughan, Jessica Kingsborough, Lauren Blatt

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MISSION DISTRICT COUNCILS

Bethlehem-Easton

Dean: The Rev. Dan Brettell 2021 **Secretary:** *Sue Doll 2020
Chair: *Jim Marra 2020 **Treasurer:** Thomas Young 2018

The Rev. Jeffrey Carstens
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The Rev. Jenny Heavner

Yvonne Osmun
Mark Stana

Synod Council Liaison: Victor Unks

Staff Liaison: The Rev. Jean Huber

East Berks

Dean: The Rev. Anja Stuckenberg 2019 **Secretary:** *Laila Sunday 2021
Chair: *Linda Zawalski 2019 **Treasurer:** The Rev. Dennis Ritter 2019

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Dean: The Rev. Anthony Pagotto 2020 **Secretary:** The Rev. Carolyn Hetrick 2019
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Hazleton-Lehigh

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Synod Council Liaison: The Rev. Nelson Quiñones

Staff Liaison: The Rev. Kurt Garbe

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Dean: *The Rev. Scott Paradise 2021 **Secretary:** *Shirley Schleicher 2019
Chair: *Wayne Weidner 2019 **Treasurer:** *Kim Lapp 2019
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Synod Council Liaison: The Rev. Gary Walbert

Synod Staff Liaison: The Rev. Peggy Wuertele

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Pocono

Dean: *The Rev. Colleen Cox2021 Secretary: The Rev. Michael Scholtes2020
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Dean: The Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flasher2021 Synod Council Liaison: Dr. Donald Boyer
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Chair: Blake Hammebacker2021 **Treasurer:** Wayne Getz 2019

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*The Rev. Sonja Ware.....2019	The Rev. Brian Riedy 2021
Linda Zawaski 2019	*The Rev. Inge Williams 2021
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Synod Staff Liaison: The Rev. D. Michael Bennethum

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Lauren Applegate, Co-Convener2019	Colleen Hall 2021
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Faith Formation Resource Team

The Rev. Samantha Drennan 2018	Tina Johns.....2019
The Rev. Roger Timm 2018	The Rev. Scott Paradise2019
*Deacon Joy Gerhart 2019	*Cheryl Statham, Convenor2019
Marlane Druckenmiller.....2019	*Marlene Werkheiser2019

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SUPPORT COMMITTEES

Candidacy

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Topton, PA 19562

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BERKS COUNTY-BASED SERVICES

The Lutheran Home at Topton

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Continuing Care Retirement Community
One South Home Avenue
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610-682-1400

Diakon Adoption & Foster Care
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610-682-1351

SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice (home health, hospice, non-medical in-home support program; joint venture with SpiriTrust Lutheran, York)

1030 Reed Avenue, Suite 102
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1-800-840-9081

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-BASED SERVICES

Manatawny Manor

A Diakon Lutheran Senior Living Community
Old Schuylkill Road at Rte. #724
Pottstown, PA 19465
Diakon Adult Day Services at Manatawny
Nursing Care/Personal Care (both with Memory-Enhancement Services)
All at 610-705-3700

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A Diakon Lutheran Senior Living Community
Continuing Care Retirement Community
800 Hausman Road
Allentown, PA 18104
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SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice (home health, hospice, non-medical in-home support program; joint venture with SpiriTrust Lutheran, York)

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SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice (home health, hospice, non-medical in-home support program; joint venture with SpiriTrust Lutheran, York)

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Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
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Boiling Springs, PA 17007
717-960-6700

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Bethlehem, PA 18017
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601 Park Street
Honesdale, PA 18431
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Stroudsburg, PA 18360
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Bethlehem

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South Entrance, 3rd & 4th Floors
Bethlehem, PA 18017
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Bethlehem

Good Shepherd Home – Bethlehem
2855 Schoenersville Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017
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OUTPATIENT CENTERS

Allentown

Good Shepherd Health & Technology Center
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Allentown, PA 18103
610-778-1000

Good Shepherd Outpatient Rehabilitation – CedarPointe
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Allentown, PA 18104
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Bethlehem

Good Shepherd Physical Therapy – Bethlehem/
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Good Shepherd Physical Therapy – Center Valley
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Hamburg, PA 19526
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Kutztown

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Northampton

Good Shepherd Physical Therapy – Northampton
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Northampton, PA 18067
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Palmer Township

Good Shepherd Physical Therapy – Palmer Township
Palmer Town Center
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Palmer Township, PA 18045
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Palmerton

Good Shepherd Physical Therapy – Palmerton
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Palmerton, PA 18071
610-824-7440

Pottsville

Pottsville Area Physical Therapy, A Service of Good
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Pottsville, PA 17901
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Good Shepherd Physical Therapy – Quakertown
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Schnecksville, PA 18078
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Souderton

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Ash-Flashner, Kathleen A. 215 Aspen DR Auburn PA 17922 revash@wildblue.net 570-977-4189	1999 2005 S O	Pastor St. Paul, SUMMER HILL- 737-7027 1185 Summer Hill RD Auburn 17922 570-754-7350 sntpauls@wildblue.net revash@wildblue.net
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Bair, June E. 37 S. Front ST Womelsdorf PA 19567 610-621-8982 junebug462@yahoo.com	2006 2011 WB O	Pastor Zion, WOMELSDORF- 879-9045 300 W. High ST Womelsdorf 19567 610-589-4130 <FAX same as telephone zionspastor@comcast.net zion-info@comcast.net
Bartlett, Paul E. (RuthAnn) PO BOX 446 731 Cherry ST Bally PA 19503-0446 610-845-8580 prbartlett@pbartlett.com	1975 L H	Retired 07/31/2015
Baumann, Richard B. (Janice) 701 Harrison ST Apt. 204 Allentown PA 18103 610-821-1999 rbaumann@entermail.net	1995 L H	Special Call (Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania) Christ Church (Old Swedes) Upper Merion 740 River Road Bridgeport PA 19405
Beck, Donald P. (Margaret) 250 Brook RD Honesdale PA 18431 570-253-0242 revdonbeck@verizon.net	1964 P H	Retired 07/01/1995 St. Luke, GREELEY- 800-6012 PO BOX 66 Greeley 18425 570-685-4221
Beissel, Brian E. (Michelle) 135 W. Mulberry ST Shamokin PA 17872 570-509-2108 brianthepastor@gmail.com 570-516-1787	2008 2011 S O	Pastor Trinity, VALLEY VIEW- 550-7030 PO BOX 153 1220 W. Maple ST Valley View 17983 570-682-9373 <FAX call first trinityvv@gmail.com
Bennethum, D. Michael (Diane) Mission 108 Elm ST 1060 Reading PA 19606-2838 dbennethum@aol.com 610-781-2583	1979 2014 L O	Exec. Assoc. of the Bishop & Director for Evangelical Northeastern PA Synod-ELCA, ALLENTOWN 10- 2354 Grove Road Allentown 18109-3044 610-266-5101 610-266-5106 mike@nepsynod.org
Billeck, Donald R. (Joyce) 2217 Buck Horn DR East Stroudsburg PA 18302-7898 570-223-9229 djbilleck@verizon.net	1970 P H	Retired 08/01/2007 St. John, PEN ARGYL 494-6020 12 N Westbrook AVE Pen Argyl 18072-1535 610-863-4332 610-863-3941 stjohnelc@epix.net
Biniek, Virginia M. 238 Spirit CT Blandon PA 19510 610-926-5422 froggin1@frontier.com	1978 EB H	Retired 12/27/2013
Birchmeier, Sandra W. (Theodore) 1432 Westgate DR Bethlehem PA 18017 610-867-2352 birchmeit@ptd.net	2001 BE H	Retired 10/01/2011
Blatt, Lauren A. 449 E. Grand Avenue Tower City, PA 17980 610-568-8397	2017 2017 S O	Pastor St. Paul, TOWER CITY -546-7028 415 E. Grand AVE [Locn: 449 E. Grand AVE] Tower City 17980 717-647-4700 mr201@comcast.net

Blatt, Lauren A. 449 E. Grand Avenue Tower City, PA 17980 610-568-8397	2017 2017 S O	Purchase of Services St. Peter, REINERTON -545-7024 1931 Wiconisco ST Reinerton 17980 717-647-2598
Blitch, David W. (Karen) 174 South View RD Fleetwood PA 19522 610-944-5819 revblitch@msn.com	1986 2017 EB O	Pastor Salem Belleman's, MOHRSVILLE-856-3005 3540 Belleman's Church Road Mohrsville 19541 610-926-0461 610-916-1044 salembellemans@frontiernet.net
Bodnyk, Michael J. Sr. (Sandra) 3838 McIntosh DR Orefield PA 18069-2015 610-216-7364 mbodn@aol.com	1976 1995 NLV O	Pastor Faith, WHITEHALL- 356-5023 3355 MacArthur RD Whitehall 18052 610-435-0451 610-437-6591 faithlutheranwhitehall@rcn.com
Bohan, Jeffrey G. (Karen Beth) 304 Riverside DR Binghamton NY 13905	1994 2017 SWB O	Pastor-2 year term call Trinity, CLARKS SUMMIT -794-8002 205 W. Grove ST Clarks Summit 18411 570-587-1088 office@TrinityLutheranCS.com
Bohn, Harry S. Jr. (Carole) 895 North Penn Drive Wernersville PA 19565 610-670-1502 bohn46hc@comcast.net	1973 WB H	Retired 12/31/2012
Bonfiglio, Linda L. (Donald Boyer) 870 Bunting ST Pottsville PA 17901 570-399-5675 revl2b2@comcast.net	 S H	1984 Retired 08/31/2016
Borrell, Lisa K. 8902 Cedar RD Breinigsville PA 18031-1601 610-530-4446 MizLKB@aol.com	1990 BE H	Pastor Friedensville, Friedens-402-1025 2451 Saucon Valley RD Center Valley 18034-9422 610-865-4144 610-865-4645 friedens@ptd.net
Bowers, James W. (Mary) 416 Stones Crossing Easton PA 18045 Unlisted	1981 2008 BE H	Retired 07/01/2018
Boyer, Brenda J. PO BOX 8694 Allentown PA 18105 610-437-1893 boyerb@diakon.org	1984 L H	Retired 01/01/2009
Boyer, Richard R. (Emily) 901 Centre AVE Reading PA 19601 610-373-2993 =	1955 WB H	Retired 07/31/1999

Boyer, Timothy D. (Catherine) 305 Coplay ST Coplay PA 18037-1318 610-261-2003 crosstrain@ptd.net	1983 1997 NLV H	Pastor St. John, COPLAY- 608-5005 18 S. Third ST Coplay 18037-1032 610-262-6171 stjohnscoplay@verizon.net
Braden, Paul D. (Paula) 2886 Hope Ridge DR Easton PA 18045-8144 610-253-9055 pbraden@rcn.com	1972 BE H	Retired 06/30/2012-PT Communicator
Breiner, Walter W. Jr. (Hannah Bobbie) 348 W. White Bear DR Summit Hill PA 18250 570-645-5212 breiner@ptd.net	2001 2018 S H	Pastor St. John, AUBURN-734-7002 2 nd & Pearson STs. Auburn 17922 570-754-7722 officestjohn@verizon.net
Brettell, Daniel W. (Patricia) 2000 Hillcrest DR Easton PA 18045 610-253-7331 pastordanbrettell@ptd.net 610-428-7701	2011 2011 BE H	Pastor St. Paul, BETHLEHEM- 393-2010 1059 Delaware AVE Bethlehem 18015 610-866-0135 stpaulselc@rcn.com www.stpaulsfountainhill.org
Brown, David L. (Karen) 518 N. Saint Lucas ST Allentown PA 18104 610-437-2946 david.karen.brown@juno.com	2007 2007 BE H	Pastor Holy Cross, BETHLEHEM- 386-2002 2700 Jacksonville RD Bethlehem 18017-3621 610-867-6231 holycrossoffice@verizon.net holycrosspastor@verizon.net
Brown, Oliver E. (Mary) 592 Zenith RD Nescopeck PA 18635 570-379-2899 bskindeer@aol.com 570-582-6639	1985 2014 SWB H	Pastor St. James, HOBBIE-804-8004 827 E. County RD Wapwallopen 18660 570-379-3878 stjames@epix.net
Brown, Oliver E. (Mary) 592 Zenith RD Nescopeck PA 18635 570-379-2899 bskindeer@aol.com 570-582-6639	1985 2014 SWB O	Purchase of Services St. James, ZENITH-513-8011 1488 Zenith RD Nescopeck 18635 570-379-2662 stjames@towermicro.net
Buckwalter, Kenneth L. (Geri) 639 Park Street Honesdale, PA 18431 570-352-3023 rabbikenb@aol.com	1990 P H	OLC-Disability
Buehrle, Paul L. (Betty) 800 Hausman RD Apt. 294 Allentown PA 18104 610-391-2302 buehrle@diakonliving.net	1955 L H	Retired 06/30/1995

Burdick, Raymond C. (Susan) PO BOX 4376 Philadelphia PA 19118-8376 215-836-1242 raybur2@yahoo.com	1985 OS H	Retired 10/01/2001
Butz, Jeffrey J. (Katherine) 2208 Fuller ST Whitehall PA 18052 610-266-1413 revjeff2000@juno.com	1996 2014 EB O	Pastor Zion's Union, MAXATAWNY-570-3025 329 Church RD Kutztown 19530 610-683-7485 zionsunion@verizon.net
Buzzard, Paul E. (Deborah) 107 Holly RD Orwigsburg PA 17961 484-220-1104 pachieffan@mac.com	1985 2006 EB H	Pastor St. Michael, HAMBURG RD 1- 860-3011 529 St. Michael's RD Hamburg 19526 610-488-1783 stmichaels529@gmail.com
Camp, Cindy G. (Gordon) 515 N. 27th ST Allentown PA 18104-4716 610-439-1161 gaccamp@gmail.com	1995 2004 L H	Church Relations Associate DLSM, ALLENTOWN- 47-1074 798 Hausman RD Suite 300 Allentown 18104 610-682-1237 campc@diakon.org
Camp, Gordon A. (Cindy) 515 N. 27th ST Allentown PA 18104-4716 610-439-1161 gaccamp@gmail.com	1995 2018 NLV O	Pastor Union Evangelical, SCHNECKSVILLE-627-5014 5500 RT 873 Schnecksville 18078-2105 610-767-6884 610-767-9611 office@ulelv.org pastor@ulelv.org
Carroll, Bradley T. Sharon) 716 N. 23 rd ST Allentown, PA 18104 610-508-4701	1993 2018 L O	St. John, ALLENTOWN-377-1007 37 S. Fifth ST Allentown 18101 610-435-1587 610-821-6929 office@stjohnsallentown.org bcarroll@stjohnsallentown.org
Carroll, Dennis J. (Susan) 820 W. Burke ST Easton PA 18042-1440 drdc820@yahoo.com 610-573-8001	1970 L H	Retired 04/30/2014
Carstens, Jeffrey S. (Sandra) 2242 Toursdale DR Easton PA 18044-6114 610-829-0996 jscarstens1@yahoo.com 484-544-9403	2013 2013 BE O	Pastor St. John, WILLIAMS TWP – 492-2028 2745 Morgan Hill RD Easton 18042-7060 610-252-3571 <FAX same as telephone stjohnswilliams@rcn.com stjohnspastor@gmail.com
Carstens, Jeffrey S. (Sandra) 2242 Toursdale DR Easton PA 18045-6114 610-829-0996 jscarstens1@yahoo.com 484-544-9403	2013 2013 BE O	Pastor St. Luke, WILLIAMS TWP – 406-2032 20 Church RD Hellertown 18055 610-838-0897 Stlukesoldwms@hotmail.com stlukespastorjeff@gmail.com

Charles, Charles J. (Elizabeth) The Highlands of Wyomissing 2000 Cambridge AVE Apt. 252 Wyomissing PA 19610 610-775-4484 candlditto@aol.com	1962	Retired 08/01/2000
	WB H	
Chaveas, Richard W. (Debra) 60 Rim View LA Shillington PA 19607 610-777-2904 chaveas1@verizon.net	1989	Retired 05/01/2010
	WB H	
Christy, Mark C. (Kelley) 1040 Old Mill RD 9061 Wyomissing PA 19610 610-478-8281 crozierchristy@yahoo.com	1988 2003	Chaplain Reading Hospital & Medical CTR, READING- 95-
	WB O	PO BOX 16052 Reading 19612-6052 484-628-8210 484-628-4332 mark.crozier-christy@readinghealth.org
Clayborne, T. Daniel 220 S. Broad ST Nazareth PA 18064 610-759-1571 tdclayborne@gmail.com 774-239-6397	2017 NLV O	Transition Pastor St. John, NAZARETH-626-5013 200 S. Broad ST Nazareth 18064 610-759-3090 stjohnschurch@rcn.com
Claycomb, Steven C. (Bonnie) 505 Edison CT Reading PA 19605 484-824-9628 revclay111@comcast.net	1996 2007 WB O	Pastor Reformation, REIFFTON- 781-9031 3670 Perkiomen AVE Reading 19606 610-779-0534 <same as phone mail@reformationlutheran.org
Cloughen, Edward W. (Ethel Mae) 3 Fallowfield CIR Reading PA 19607 610-775-3030 EWC4PAR@aol.com	1967	Retired 10/01/2004
	WB H	
Coleman, Kathleen G. (Charles) 3413 Searfoss ST Bethlehem PA 18020 610-419-3343 sutlcole59@gmail.com 717-512-9652	1999	Retired 01/01/2014 Jerusalem, WESTERN SALISBURY – 399-1030 1707 Chruch RD Allentown 18101 610-797-6933 =
	EB H	
Covert, James C. (Linda) 35 Jack & Jill DR Schuylkill Haven PA 17972-9732 570-385-5977 jimm5@comcast.net	1981	Retired 04/01/2011
	S H	
Cox, Colleen E. 76 Aspen Ridge DR Hawley PA 18428 acre100@aol.com 215-264-5274	2005 2010 P H	Pastor St. Paul, HAWLEY- 801-6014 405 Chruch ST Hawley 18428 570-226-2411 spelc@ptd.net

Crawford, Fred T. III (Cheryl) the Bishop 193 Lake DR Nesquehoning PA 18240-2110 570-645-7009 ftc3@ptd.net 570-778-0243	1970 HL H	Retired "under contract" 09/01/2006 & PT Assoc. of Christ, MAHANoy CITY- 739-4019 PO BOX 4 Main ST & Mahanoy AVE Mahanoy City 17948 570-773-1981 christlc@ptd.net
Criste, Patricia B. (Vincent Gianetta Jr.) 51 Eaton AVE Woburn MA 01801 pcris4@aol.com 781-608-2954	1977 OS H	Retired 03/01/2015
Csellak, Laura A. (Mark Swanson) 509 E. Main ST Hegins, PA 17938 215-808-0323 pastorlaura@rcn.com	1986 2018 S O	Pastor Christ's United, ASHLAND-551-7005 437 Airport Road Ashland 17921 570-875-1591 office@christsunited.org
Cvammen, Thomas N. (Joelyn) PO BOX 1213 9 Willow ST Conyngham PA 18219 570-788-4584 tcvammen@ptd.net	1977 HL H	Disability 10/01/2017
David, Rudolph K. (Connie) 9 Price DR Topton PA 19562 610-641-9006 =	1966 EB H	Retired 07/01/2001
Deal, Donna T. (David) PO BOX 339 3202 Main ST Springtown PA 18081 ST] 610-346-8314 donnatdeal@yahoo.com	1995 2007 L H	Pastor Redeemer, ALLENTOWN- 354-1005 822 N. 19th ST <office/mailling [Locn.: 802 N. 19th Allentown 18104-4019 610-434-1291 redeemer1@rcn.com
Dean, Marjorie A. 1209 Knollbrook DR Lansdale PA 19446 215-205-3161 revexmarge@gmail.com	2009 L H	Retired 05/31/2013
Dee, Jennifer (William) 100 S. Robeson ST Robesonia PA 19551 610-693-5551 revdee@comcast.net 812-699-2575	2008 2011 WB O	Assistant Pastor Trinity, ROBESONIA- 869-9033 108 S. Robeson ST Robesonia 19551-1510 610-693-6062 610-693-6126 trinityoffice@comcast.net revdee@comcast.net
deForest, Allison R. (Christopher) 313 Iron ST 1590 Lehighon PA 18235 610-379-4369 =	2013 2018 HL O	Dir. Grad. Sch., Inst. Assement, Dist. Learning United Lutheran Seminary, PHILADELPHIA-130- 7301 Germantown AVE Philadelphia 19119-1794 800-286-4616 adeforest@ulsp.edu

deForest, Christopher (Allison) 313 Iron ST Lehighon PA 18235 610-379-4369 cdeforest@mac.com 563-663-5315	2011 2011 HL O	Co-Pastor St. John, MAHONING- 592-4008 826 Mahoning DR West Lehighon 18235-9736 570-386-9960 570-386-8466 stjohns@ptd.net
Deisinger, John J. (Diane Kareha) 800 Hausman RD Apt. 475 Allentown PA 18104 610-706-0168 <FAX sat jdeisinger@ptd.net	1964 L H	Retired 02/01/1999
Delp, Lawrence P. 16 Williamson DR Topton PA 19562-1613 610-641-1136 =	1951 EB H	Retired 12/31/1993
Denton-Borhaug, Kelly (Gunnr Borhaug) 5554 Nina Circle Coopersburg PA 18036 443-386-8077 denton-borhaugk@moravian.edu	1989 2005 BE H	Assistant Prof Rel. Studies Moravian College, BETHLEHEM- 97-2060 1200 Main ST Bethlehem 18018 610-625-7104 610-625-7919
Dewalt, Marvin E. (Gloria) 2000 Cambridge AVE APT 54 Wyomissing PA 19610-2722 610-777-5366 RevDew27@aol.com	1953 WB H	Retired 05/31/1992
Diefenderfer, Lee A. 1295 Reddale RD Orwigsburg PA 17961 = 610-858-4136	1978 S H	On Leave from Call 11/12/2017
Dietz, Rachael C. (Travis Woodfield) 33 S. Church ST Mohnton PA 19540 610-370-7171 rcdiet@yahoo.com	2006 2013 SWB O	Pastor St. John, MOHNTON-861-9011 PO BOX 5 1 Front Street Plaza Mohnton PA 19540 610-777-9985 610-777-8725 office@stjohnsmohnton.org pastor@stjohnsmohnton.org
Dolich, Herbert C. (Maritza) 4031 Ettorina DR Walnutport PA 18088-9527 610-767-6604 hcdmari@msn.com	2002 2007 BE O	Pastor Hope, TATAMY- 348-2031 BOX 237 240 S. 8th ST Tatamy 18085-0237 610-252-5181 610-438-0005 hopetatamy@rcn.com
Dolich, Maritza Torres (Herbert) 4031 Ettorina DR Walnutport PA 18088-9527 610-767-6604 maritzatdolich@gmail.com	2004 2012 L O	Outreach Pastor Christ, ALLENTOWN- 351-1002 1245 W. Hamilton ST Allentown 18102 610-433-4271 610-433-9832 info@christ-atown.org
Doty, Ruth F. (Richard) 6164 Shepherd Hills AVE Wescosville PA 18106 610-398-2029 rdmsmdiv@gmail.com 484-553-1162	2015 2015 EB O	Pastor New Jerusalem, NEW JERUSALEM-556-3015 27 Lyons RD Fleetwood 19522 610-682-6064 njelchurch@dejazzd.com

Drennan, Samantha L. 110 Macungie AVE 2 nd Floor Emmaus PA 18049 610-442-3641 sldrennan1@gmail.com	2011 2016 L O	Pastor Grace, Macungie-376-1027 28 W. Main ST Macungie 18062-1121 610-966-3325 gracemacungie@verizon.net
Dresher, Norman E. (Nancy) 140 Valley RD Hamburg PA 19526 610-562-3794 nedresher@juno.com	1975 EB H	Retired 07/01/2013
Dreyman, E. Wayne (Ann) 2255 Rising Hill RD Whitehall PA 18052-3984 973-590-8307 wdreyman@gmail.com	1978 L H	Retired 05/26/2018
Druckenmiller, Chris A. (Stephanie) 361 Adams Lane Bath PA 18014 610-837-2457 cdrucken1@gmail.com 610-331-6717	2012 2017 P O	Pastor St. Peter, PLAINFIELD-496-6021 1422 Church RD Pen Argyl 18072 610-863-6859 <FAX same as phone stpeterplainfield@ptd.net
Egebo, Warren I. (Holly) 3201 S. Webster Avenue Green Bay WI 54301 klon@epix.net 215-200-1680	1976 OS H	Retired 02/01/2018
Eichorn, Christian D. (Pamela) 1151 Bellair DR Allentown PA 18103 610-434-6259 pceichorn@gmail.com	1986 2007 NLV O	Pastor Trinity, HECKTOWN- 403-5028 323 Nazareth PK Bethlehem 18020 610-759-6377 610-759-6875 trinityhecktown@gmail.com
Elliott, Richard H. (Jane) 1857 Valley Forge RD Allentown PA 18104 610-351-7976	1979 2004 L O	Sr. Pastor L C of the Holy Spirit, EMMAUS- 373-1022 3461 Cedar Crest BLVD Emmaus 18049-1599 610-967-2220 610-966-3021 info@holyspirit-emmaus.org PrElliott@holyspirit-emmaus.org
Ennis, William W. (Lily) 109 Hogan DR RR1 Auburn PA 17922 570-739-4849 =	1958 S H	Retired 03/21/1997
Fairchild, William W. (Sandra) 112 Valley View Drive Sugarloaf PA 18249 570-788-1367 chipfair@ptd.net	1974 HL H	Retired 05/31/2013
Farnsworth, James T. (MaryAnn) 1089 Laurelwood Road Pottstown PA 19465 610-246-4278	2017 2017 WB O	Pastor St. Mark, BIRDSBORO-760-9004 5 Brooke Manor Birdsboro 19508 610-582-8167 stmarkbirdsboro@dejazzd.com

Feinour, Kenneth C. Jr. (Roselee) 369 Beaver Hollow RD Jenkintown PA 19046-3803 215-572-8405 kennethfeinour@gmail.com	1969 OS H	Retired 11/30/2006
Filer, Carl W. (Barbara) 2970 Linda LA Sinking Springs PA 19608-1022 610-678-7099 carlwfiler@verizon.net	1978 2018 P H	Interim Pastor-Called by Synod Council St. Paul, TANNERSVILLE-503-6027 PO BOX 196 Tannersville 18372 570-629-1992 stpaultannersville@verizon.net
Fisher, Frederick I. (Janet) 7 Ursinus DR Wernersville PA 19565 610-927-6624 ffisher7@comcast.net	1966 WB H	Retired 11/01/2004
Fisher, Paul S. 2410 Memorial DR Apt. A204 Bryan TX 77802-2857 979-485-1250 =	1952 OS	Retired 12/31/1993
Foerster, Frederick S. (Mary(Mimi)) 407 Cherokee ST Emmaus PA 18049-1712 610-967-4678 =	1961 L H	Retired 06/30/2001
Forsman, Allen L. (Harriet) 7 Weber Drive Topton PA 19562 610-682-7028 aforsman@dejazzd.com 610-562-6063	1973 1985 EB H	Assistant Chaplain Hamburg State School, HAMBURG- 58-3060 Hamburg Center Hamburg 19526
Fox, Susan F. (David) 1313 Orchard Road Reading PA 19611 610-378-5790 Sue2sun@gmail.com	1992 WB H	Retired 08/01/2009
Frey, Gregory W. (Wendy) 121 Russell AVE Douglassville PA 19518 610-385-6074 gregwfreya@aol.com	1995 2000 EB O	Pastor St. Paul, DOUGLASSVILLE- 553-3007 548 Old Swede RD Douglassville 19518 610-385-6616 610-385-6445 info@stpaulsdouglassville.com gfreya@stpaulsdouglassville.com
Fritch, John P. (Kathleen) 454 Grange RD Wescosville PA 18106-9537 610-366-9559 jokafritch@ptd.net	1983 L H	Retired 04/30/2015
Frost, Michael A. (Ginny Lee) 184 Bernies Drive Kunkletown PA 18058 frostypastor@yahoo.com 570-620-8189	1982 2017 HL O	Pastor Holy Trinity, PALMERTON-597-4026 502 Lafayette AVE Palmerton 18071 610-826-2524 htlcoppa@ptd.net htpastor@ptd.net

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Furst, Gilbert B. (Fern) 2853 Fremont CT Towne Place West Schaumburg IL 60193-5707 847-798-8124 gilfurst@hotmail.com	1966 OS H	Retired 07/01/2004
Gade, Jerel W. 2758 Sequoia DR Macungie PA 18062-8439 610-967-5309 JWG111898@aol.com	1981 1995 L O	Pastor St. Peter's Union Church, MACUNGIE- 381-1033 PO BOX 147 7863 St. Peter's RD Macungie 18062-0147 610-966-3030 <FAX same as telephone stpeters@ptd.net
Gade, Mary W. 2033 Kingsview RD Macungie PA 18062 marywgade@msn.com 610-428-3800	1981 2009 L O	Associate of the Bishop Northeastern PA Synod, NEPA SYNOD- 10-1060 2354 Grove RD Allentown 18109-3044 610-266-5101 610-266-5106 maryg@nepsynod.org
Garbe, Kurt E. 555 Vera Circle #A Bethlehem PA 18017 prkeg@epix.net 570-401-0122	1984 1996 L O	Associate of the Bishop Northeastern PA Synod, NEPA SYNOD – 10-1060 2354 Grove RD Allentown 18109-3044 610-266-5101 610-266-5106 kurt@nepsynod.org
Gardner, Richard G. (Patricia) 1320 Russett RD Allentown PA 18104 610-395-0339 610-395-7984 prgardner@ptd.net	1972 L H	Retired 07/01/2011
Garman, Timothy R. 15 Kenny DR Mohnton PA 19540-1210 tbrg27@gmail.com 484-794-0418	2011 WB H	On Leave from Call 11/26/2014
Geiger, Sterling R. (Jean) 4446 Grey Wolf LA Orefield PA 18069 610-769-7243 sterling2mp@gmail.com	1967 NLV H	Retired 03/01/2007
Gifford, Hartland H. (Judith) PO BOX 400 Schnecksville PA 18078-0400 610-767-0372 hggiff@ptd.net	1960 NLV H	Retired 04/30/1999
Glass Perez, Kristen	2018 L O	Chaplain Muhlenberg College, ALLENTOWN-52-1062 2400 Chew ST Allentown 18104 484-664-3120

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Goodwin, Virginia A. 7200 Pioneer DR Macungie PA 18062 610-928-3494 vgoodwin@ptd.net	2004 NLV H	Retired 10/01/2014 Heidelberg-Slatedale Pastoral Charge Heidelberg, HEIDELBERG-Slatedale P.C.-616-5007 5187 Irvin RD Slatington 18080 610-767-1526 <Sec's tele & e-mail luthruthk@gmail.com
Goodwin, Virginia A. 7200 Pioneer DR Macungie PA 18062 610-928-3494 vgoodwin@ptd.net	2004 NLV H	Retired 10/01/2014 Heidelberg-Slatedale Pastoral Charge Holy Trinity, SLATEDALE-Heidelberg P.C.-617-5008 4118 Main ST Slatedale 08079 610-767-1526 <Sec's tele & e-mail luthruthk@gmail.com
Goos, Harry J. (Ruth) 920 N. Penn DR Wernersville PA 19565-2036 610-678-5064 rhgoos@comcast.net	1964 WB H	Retired 01/01/2005
Gould, Kenneth A. (Carol Ann) 307 Sunshine RD Reading PA 19601-1021 610-376-6545 kego@comcast.net	1975 WB H	Retired 01/01/2014
Grimes, Peter P. 2038 Huntington ST Bethlehem PA 18017-4935 610-868-4874	1957 BE H	Retired 10/01/1995
Grubb, George W. 1600 Lehigh Parkway East Apt.9F Allentown PA 18103 grubbg1018@gmail.com 610-823-0622	1977 L H	On Leave from Call 08/23/2015 St. John, BATH-607-5001 206 E. Main ST Bath 18014 610-837-1061 secretary.stjohns2@gmail.com Grubbg1018@gmail.com
Grube, Charles H. (Jean) 6 Orchard ST Trucksville PA 18708 570-696-2688 grubes@epix.net	1988 1997 SWB O	Pastor St. Paul, DALLAS- 818-8018 PO BOX 802 474 Yalick RD Dallas 18612 570-675-3859 570-675-5646 stpaul@epix.net pastorg@epix.net
Grube, Guy R. (Norma) 4055 Rhoads RD Kempton PA 19529 610-285-6335 opagrube1@aol.com	1975 EB H	Retired 09/01/2001

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Hager, Joseph W. (Judith) 139 Winfield Village RD SugarLoaf PA 18249-3805 570-384-4517 jhagertwo@epix.net	1963 HL H	Retired 12/31/2001
Hahn, Arthur L. Jr. (Nancy) 15 E. Keller ST Topton PA 19562-1209 610-682-2060 610-682-2795 nanart15@aol.com	1964 EB H	Retired 08/31/2001
Haines, Elizabeth A. 126 N. 37th ST Allentown PA 18104-5106 610-395-4074	2008 L H	On Leave from Call-07/31/2018
Hamm, MaryAnn (Alton) 1810 Lakeside LN Macungie PA 18062 610-841-3479 mahamm@ptd.net	2005 2014 EB H	Pastor St. John, KUTZTOWN – 566-3020 201 E. Main ST Kutztown 19530 610-689-3140 stjohns@hometownnu.com pastorstjohns@hometownnu.com
Hammel, Phyllis M. 4164 Elizabeth Lane Annandale VA 22003 703-425-1425 phyllishammel@aol.com	1993 OS H	Retired 01/01/2009
Hammond, James R. (Janet) 319 S. 17th ST Allentown PA 18104 610-437-1960 revjim1@gmail.com 610-216-1486	1992 2017 L H	Pastor St. Paul RD2, COOPERSBURG-397-1021 5900 Applebutter Hill RD Coopersburg 18036 610-965-9500 bluechch@ptd.net
Hand, Harold L. Jr. (Chris) 63 Red Horse RD Pottsville PA 17901-8724 570-622-5384 revhhand@aol.com	1978 2005 S O	Pastor Trinity, POTTSVILLE- 749-7022 300 W. Arch ST Pottsville 17901-2944 570-622-9910 570-622-7451 tlccares@trinitypottsville.org revhand@trinitypottsville.org
Hand, Lesley J. 1535 Cortland AVE Reading PA 19607 610-777-4834 lesleyjhand@yahoo.com	1985 1994 EB O	Pastor Salem, SHALTERS- 575-3024 2032 Mt. Laurel RD Fleetwood 19522 610-929-8156 shalterschurch@comcast.net
Hand, Raymond J. (Gail) 7634 Weisenberg Church Rd New Tripoli PA 18066 610-298-2515 rghand@ptd.net	1978 1984 NLV O	Pastor Weisenberg, WEISENBERG TWP- 614-5021 7645 Weisenberg Church RD New Tripoli 18066 610-298-2437 <FAX same pastoratwlc@gmail.com

Handwerk, Gene E. (Lenore) 7667 Hilltop Court New Tripoli PA 18066-9759 610-298-2878 gehandwerk@gmail.com	1977 NLV H	Retired 02/01/2015
Hansen, Arnold (Mary Ellen) 2704 Craig AVE West Lawn PA 19609 610-678-5342 908-216-2941	2008 WB H	Retired 07/01/2017 Christ, GRILL-759-9008 840 E. Philadelphia AVE Reading 19607 610-777-5790 610-777-6708 christ-grill@verizon.net
Harding, John W. (Deborah Scheffey) PO BOX 91 Kresgeville PA 18333 610-681-6691 pastorh@ptd.net	1975 P H	Retired 06/11/2017
Haring, Lynda R. (Neil) PO BOX 56 9 Tulpehocken CT Womelsdorf PA 19567-0056 610-589-4242 kydharing@aol.com	1981 WB H	Retired 07/01/2008
Hart, John A. (Tia) 175 Hillside DR Coopersburg PA 18036-1324 610-349-1514 pstrhart@gmail.com	1998 2016 L H	Pastor St. James, COOPERSBURG-398-1020 333 E. Oxford ST Coopersburg 18036 610-282-3290 610-282-0423 stjames@stjamescoopersburg.org
Hassler, John P. (Tracey Lynne) 79 Indian Trail Jim Thorpe PA 18229 revjp@ptd.net 570-778-3898	1997 1997 HL O	Pastor Christ, PENN FOREST TWP- 585-4006 189 Church RD Jim Thorpe 18229 570-325-3757 903clcoffice@gmail.com
Hassler, Larry R. (Peggy) 112 Shoreline DR Pine Grove PA 17963 570-345-0305 =	1965 S H	Retired 05/01/1999
Hayn, Donald W. (Margaret) 3441 S. Second AVE Whitehall PA 18052-3028 610-432-1174 dwhayn1@gmail.com 610-657-8451	1976 NLV H	Retired 12/01/2012
Hazel, John F. Jr. (Mary Ann) 495 Briar ST Palmerton PA 18071 610-844-5821 haze73@ptd.net	1981 HL H	Retired 08/01/2013
Heavner, Brandon M. (Jennifer) 216 N. Oak ST Freemansburg PA 18017 484-735-5924 pbandjheavner@gmail.com	2017 2017 BE O	Pastor St. Mark, BETHLEHEM 18020-391-2008 3771 Easton AVE Bethlehem 18020 610-694-0212 office@stmarksbethlehem.com pastor@stmarksbethlehem.com

Heavner, Jennifer C. (Brandon) 216 N. Oak ST Freemansburg PA 18017 pbandjheavner@gmail.com 484-735-5924	2015 2018 BE O	Pastor Star of Bethlehem, BETHLEHEM-31277-2034 514 Third AVE Bethlehem 18018-5599 610-865-2684 610-865-1853
Heckert, Rodney R. 4 Birch ST Sugarloaf PA 18249 570-788-2202 =	1960 HL H	Retired 03/01/2001
Heckman-Beil, Dana D. (David Beil) 1407 Market ST Ashland PA 17921 570-875-0792 PastorDana@ptd.net	2004 2004 S H	Pastor Good Shepherd, ASHLAND- 7521-7001 35 N 9th ST Ashland 17921-1267 570-875-2581 goodshep@ptd.net
Heffelfinger, Harry L. (Annette) 178 Wilttrout RD Kutztown PA 19530 610-683-8482 revheffelfinger@ptd.net	1995 L H	Retired 05/01/2014
Hein, George E. Jr. (Loretta) 650 Poplar ST Lebanon PA 17046-4330 717-389-6087 gehein33@gmail.com	1958 OS H	Retired 09/30/1995
Heintzelman, Wayne A. (Elsa) 263 N. Fifth ST Womelsdorf PA 19567 610-589-9538 WAHX@aol.com 610-780-5696	1973 WB H	Retired 08/31/2013 Calvary, LAURELDALE-764-9010 1009 Elizabeth AVE Laureldale 19605 610-292-9606 contactcalvary@verizon.net www.calvarylutheranlaureldale.com/
Henderschedt, James L. Jr. (Elizabeth) 3408 Musselman Court Whitehall PA 18052 610-437-6916 jimbet1219@ptd.net	1960 L H	Retired 06/01/1996
Henry, Robin L. 438 Forest LA PO BOX 294 Shoemakersville PA 19555 610-562-7772 =	1986 1986 WB O	Pastor Peace, READING- 782-9022 1728 Centre AVE Reading 19601 610-374-7911 Peace1251@verizon.net
Heppe, Melinda R. 119 W. Cherry ST Shenandoah PA 17976 570-462-0332 prmheppe@yahoo.com	1985 1992 HL H	Part-time Pastor St. John, SHENANDOAH- 754-4032 115 W. Cherry ST Shenandoah 17976 570-462-0332 =
Hersch, Ryan M. 100 N. Park Road #1168 Wyomissing PA 19610 623-239-9276	2003 2017 WB O	Sr. Pastor Atonement, WYOMISSION-791-9046 5 Wyomissing BLVD Wyomissing 19610-2081 610-375-3512 atonement@atonementwyo.org rhersch@atonementwyo.org

Hess, David L. (Linda) 666 W. Franklin ST Slatington PA 18080-1609 610-767-9513 pdlhess@gmail.com	1973 NLV H	Retired 01/01/2016
Hetrick, Carolyn K. (Michael) PO BOX 772 Conyngham PA 18219 570-751-8055 revhetrick@gmail.com 484-345-8832	2011 2014 HL H	Pastor Christ, CONYNGHAM – 507-4007 PO BOX 494 467 Main ST Conyngham 18219 570-788-1572 570-788-2686 clcony@frontier.com
Hill, David F. (Susan) 4626 Glasgow ST Center Valley PA 18034-0253 610-797-4960 selhill4626@gmail.com	1968 L H	Retired 12/01/2005
Hinkle, Richard L. (Gladys) 4709 Quakake RD Weatherly PA 18255-3513 570-427-8601 rlhinkle@pa.metrocast.net	1961 HL H	Retired 05/28/1999
Hittinger, Raymond C. (Joyce) 1848 Ridgelawn AVE Bethlehem PA 18018-1636 610-866-1931 rchittinger@gmail.com	1968 BE H	Retired 10/01/2004
Hoenich, Robert F. (Nan) 11 Ridge View LA Pine Grove PA 17963 570-345-8706 nhoenich@gmail.com	1973 S H	Retired 02/28/2010
Hoh, Paul J. II (Mary) 1610 Hampden BLVD Reading PA 19604-1602 610-375-1087 pjmkhoh@aol.com	1959 WB H	Retired 07/31/1997
Holben, Brian R. (Diane) 7685 George RD New Tripoli PA 18066 610-704-1201 lilbroho@ptd.net	2008 2008 HL H	Pastor Jerusalem, TRACHSVILLE- 603-4038 500 Church DR Palmerton 18071 610-681-5200 610-681-4444 RevNRev@ptd.net
Holst, E. Frederick (Barbara) PO BOX 67 2902 Old Bethlehem PK Zion Hill PA 18981-0067 215-536-3426 efhbac@ptd.net	1958 OS H	Retired 04/30/1999
Horn, Walton R. 2420 Paper Mill RD Wyomissing PA 19610 610-678-3543 w3okx.wrh@comcast.net	1966 WB H	Retired 05/01/1984

Horn, William M. (Lorraine) 3027 Fernor ST Allentown PA 18103 610-797-6019 h3027@ptd.net	1970 L H	Retired 02/28/2010
Horst, Susan M. 1040 Dunkels Church RD 1301 Kutztown PA 19530 shortst126@gmail.com 717-201-6048	2003 2014 EB H	Synodically Called Chaplain Life Choice Hospice, SHOEMAKERSVILLE – 133- 10 Zions Church RD Ste. 204 Shoemakersville 19555
Houck, John E. (Sandra) 712 Sandberg Street Surfside Beach SC 29575 revhouck@juno.com 610-451-3082	1981 OS H	Retired 07/01/2017
House, Donna M. (Christopher) 414 E. 4th ST Boyertown PA 19512 610-369-1723 dmhouse@dejazzd.com 484-948-0308	2010 2014 EB O	Pastor Friedens, Oley – 1562-3029 1076 Memorial Highway Oley 19547 610-987-6021 610-987-0142 dhouse@friedenslutheran.org
Huber, Jean L. (Douglas) 693 Grand Central RD Pen Argyl PA 18072 610-863-4964 jlhuber@ptd.net	2004 2004 BE O	Pastor & PT Associate of the Bishop Arndts, EASTON- 482-2015 1851 Arndt RD Easton 18040-8147 610-253-3732 610-253-6695 arndts.lutheranchurch@rcn.com pastorjean@rcn.com
Huwiler, Elizabeth F. 14995 Gebhardt RD Elm Grove WI 53122-1516 414-426-1638 ehuwiler@gmail.com	1980 OS H	Retired 07/01/2013
Irwin, Thomas F. (Suzanne) 1129 Tuckerton Road Reading PA 19605 610-779-5696 PastorIrwin@comcast.net	1979 2017 WB H	Pastor Faith, Mt. Penn – 765-3012 210 N. 25 th ST Reading 19606 610-779-2889 flchurch1@comcast.net
Irwin, Thomas F. (Suzanne) 1129 Tuckerton Road Reading PA 19605 610-779-19605 PastorIrwin@comcast.net	1979 2017 WB H	Purchase of Services Stony Creek Mills, Bethany-787-9037 1375 Friedensburg RD Reading 19606 610-779-4620 bethanyluthch-scm@comcast.net
Jaskiewicz Sipe, Tricia (Martha Sipe) 704 S. Lynn ST Bethlehem PA 18015 610-419-0599 triciaj223@yahoo.com	1998 BE H	Disability 07/11/2001

Jensen, Mark D. [Karla] 228 N. 4 th ST Hamburg PA 19526 920-318-9593 revjensen@comcast.net	2017 EB O	Pastor St. John, HAMBURG-859-3010 99 Church ST Hamburg 19526 610-562-3808 secretarydonna@comcast.net revmarkjensen@comcast.net
Johnson, Louise N. 484-941-1425 louise.johnson1@gmail.com	2002 2015 OS O	President Wartburg Theological Seminary, DUBUQUE 333 Wartburg PL Dubuque IA 52004-5004
Johnsten, Christina (Trina) (Dennis Trotter) 281 A Hermitage ST Philadelphia PA 19127 tjohnsten@msn.com (preferred) 402-984-4306	2005 2017 OS O	V.P. of Student Services & Enrollment United Luth. Sem.at Philadelphia, PHILADELPHIA-79-1590 7301 Germantown AVE. Philadelphia 19119 215-248-6380 tjohnsten@ulsp.edu
Kaffine, Helmut H. (Frances) 526 Wood Street Apt.206 Bethlehem PA 18018 610-867-7931 kaffineh@gmail.com	1956 BE H	Retired 02/01/1995
Kaufman, Michele D. (Wayne) 9 S. Woodhaven DR White Haven PA 18661 570-443-0832 kaufman19@verizon.net 570-881-2371	1989 2002 SWB H	Pastor St. Paul, MOUNTAIN TOP- 826-8007 316 S. Mountain BLVD Mountain Top 18707 570-474-6616 stpauls@stpaulsmttop.com pastorK@stpaulsmttop.com
Kaufman, Wayne R. (Michele) 9 S. Woodhaven DR White Haven PA 18661 570-443-0832 kaufman19@verizon.net 570-954-4430	1977 P H	Retired 01/01/2017 Trinity, HAZLETON-524-4012 100 n. Church ST Hazleton 18201 570-454-3492 570-454-1014 tlchazleton@verizon.net
Keener, Thomas J. (Barbara) 2029 Pennsylvania AVE Allentown PA 18109 610-868-7794 hermenes@ptd.net	1964 L H	Retired 02/01/2003
Kees, Denton R. (Gail) 2228 Ramegwa Ridge RD Stroudsburg PA 18360 570-424-2485 drkees@ptd.net	1972 P H	Retired 12/31/2003
Kees, Gail H. (Denton) 2228 Ramegwa Ridge RD Stroudsburg PA 18360 570-424-2485 gailkees@ptd.net	1987 P H	Retired 11/01/2013

Kehler, Carol B. 1532 Perkiomen AVE Reading PA 19602 610-372-0527 610-373-9572 pastorkehrler@verizon.net	1997 1997 WB O	Pastor St. Paul, READING- 779-9027 1559 Perkiomen AVE Reading 19602 610-373-3135 610-373-9572 stpaulcreading@verizon.net
Kehrli, J. Robert (Janet) 18 Norma LA Richland PA 17087 717-866-6726 revbob18@comcast.net	1963 WB H	Retired 08/01/1999
Keltz, Denise E. 521 Oak Hill Lane Wyomissing PA 19610 610-750-6432 denise.keltz@gmail.com	2017 WB O	Pastor Good Shepherd, READING – 788-9016 4201 Stoudts Ferry Bridge RD Reading 19605 610-926-4201 =
Kennett, Cynthia S. (Walter) 613 Stoney Run RD Pottsville PA 17901 570-385-2378 waltk1@aol.com	1997 S H	Retired 01/31/2008
Kidd, David P. (Patrice) 1330 Stones Throw RD Bethlehem PA 18015 610-867-1330 capdavekidd@gmail.com	1973 L H	Retired 07/01/2012
Kingsborough, Jessica A. (David) 825 First ST Nescopeck PA 18635 570-752-7401 Jmaske.fuel@gmail.com 402-430-2066	2013 2013 SWB O	Pastor Faith United, NESCOPECK-30610-SWB-8016 PO BOX 335 801 E. Third ST Nescopeck 18635 570-759-2469 <FAX same as telephone fuelchurchnescopeck@gmail.com
Kinney, George G. P.O. Box 185 Mt. Gretna PA 17064 geokinney@yahoo.com 610-568-0407	1968 OS H	Retired 04/01/2005 WINTER ADDRESS: 12 Naugatuck Ave., 15A Milford CT 06460
Kistler, David N. (Delores) 45 Tower DR Topton PA 19562 717-933-8802 davedeek@gmail.com	1957 EB H	Retired 07/06/1996
Klick, Laura L. 800 Hausman RD Apt. 128 Allentown PA 18104 610-821-0262 llklick@verizon.net	1987 L H	Retired 09/01/2004
Knox, Rebecca W. (William) 900 Bedford AVE Reading PA 19607 610-775-0154 revknox@comcast.net 610-823-8343	2000 WB H	On Leave from Call-05/20/2018

Koch, Gary F. Sr. 4851 Saucon Creek Road #215 Center Valley PA 18035 724-602-1576 garykoch@gmail.com	1976 L	Retired 01/01/2007
Koch, Werner M. 400 Bridle Path RD APT C-4 Bethlehem PA 18017-3145 610-866-7166 =	1978 1987 BE O	Pastor St. Stephen, BETHLEHEM- 395-2012 67 W. Washington AVE Bethlehem 18018-2433 610-865-0601 610-865-0883 ststephensoffice@ptd.net
Koehler, Roy H. (Roseann) 3368 Crestview LN Walnutport PA 18088 610-760-1006 twobytwo@ptd.net	1979 OS H	Retired 10/01/2005
Kramp, Paul F. Jr. (Barbara) 800 Hausman RD Apt. 330 Allentown PA 18104-9398 610-481-9866 pkramp176@aol.com	 L H	1950 Retired 06/30/1992
Krause, Rodger A. 2152 Mayo DR Reading PA 19601-1018 610-373-1401 krauserodg@aol.com	1958 WB H	Retired 09/01/1998
Kringle, Roxanne M. (Richard Waldraff) 1120 Elm ST Bethlehem PA 18018 roxikringle@gmail.com 610-442-6857	1988 2015 BE H	Synodically Called Chaplain Manatawny Manor, POTTSTOWN 30 Old Schuylkill RD Pottstown 19465 610-705-3700 kringler@diakon.org
Kroninger, Victor A. Jr. (Jeanean) 100 Independence CT Blandon PA 19510-9674 610-926-0841 tremba@ptd.net	1956 EB H	Retired 08/31/1994
Kulp, Gerald S. (Shirley) 635 Springhouse Road Apt. 5 Allentown PA 18104-4635 484-333-0433 pastor.jerry.kulp@comcast.net	2003 2014 BE H	Pastor St. Peter, BETHLEHEM -394-2011 474 Vine ST Bethlehem PA 18015 610-867-0519 610-867-1249 church@stpetersbethlehem.org
Kulp, Gerald S. (Shirely) 635 Springhouse Road Apt. 5 Allentown PA 18104-4635 484-333-0433 pastor.jerry.kulp@comcast.net	2003 2017 BE O	Purchase of Services Light of Christ, BETHLEHEM-31257-2033 2020 Worthington Avenue Bethlehem 18017 610-691-2321 lightofchrist18017@gmail.cm
Kuntz, Clark W. II (Maureen) 14 Jennings Run Northampton PA 18067-9066 610-248-7147 cwkuntz@gmail.com	1971 NLV H	Retired 09/01/2008

Kuritz, Peter D. (Janell Wigen) 144 Hillcrest ST Shavertown PA 18708 570-696-0299 pkuritz@comcast.net	1982 SWB O	Retired 09/01/2018 & PT Associate of the Bishop
Kuschel, John R. (Lois) 7926 Woodsbluff Run Fogelsville PA 18051 610-366-8389 =	1979 1979 L O	Pastor St. Peter (10th), ALLENTOWN- 364-1015 114 N. 10th ST Allentown 18102-3906 610-437-5064 =
Labagh, Zach 507 Sycamore Road Mohnton PA 19540	2007 2017 WB O	Pastor Knauers, Allegheny-758-9001 1327 Alleghenywille Road Mohnton 19540 610-777-2520 office@aelc.org
LaFauci, Diane M. (Douglas) 1321 Pineland RD Birdsboro PA 19508-8666 610-404-0672 dilafauci@comcast.net	1993 WB H	Retired 09/30/2015 Christ, SPANGSVILLE – 577-3033 325 Covered Bridge RD Oley 19547 610-689-5424 celc325@aol.com
Laine, Larry D. (Diane) 1031 Upper Pennsylvania AVE Bangor PA 18013 757-613-7126 laineparallel@gmail.com	1973 2016 P O	Pastor Trinity, BANGOR-465-6003 404 Broadway Bangor 18013 610-588-2023 610-588-8904 telcbangor@frontier.com
Lamb, John E. 1600 Lehigh Parkway East Apt. 10N Allentown PA 18103 johnericlamb@entermail.net 717-645-0042 =	1990 2007 L O	Pastor St. Luke, ALLENTOWN- 358-1009 417 N. 7th ST Allentown 18102-2835 610-434-3943 610-434-2372 stluke@enter.net johnericlamb@entermail.net
Lang, Thomas M. (Susan) 1720 Lakeshore Drive Pennsburg PA 18073 215-527-4213 pastor@spelcfleetwood.com	2017 EB O	Pastor St. Paul, FLEETWOOD-559-3009 117 East Arch ST Fleetwood 19522 office@spelcfleetwood.com pastor@spelcfleetwood.com
Langensiepen, Elizabeth C. (Gary) 4113 Pine Hurst DR Northampton PA 18067-9794 610-262-6189 ec_langensiepen@yahoo.com	1994 2001 L H	Pastor St. Peter (Hanover), ALLENTOWN- 363-1014 1933 Hanover AVE Allentown 18109 610-432-8762 610-432-5281 churchoffice@stpetersallentown.com pastor@stpetersallentown.com
Langensiepen, Gary J. (Elizabeth) 4113 Pine Hurst DR Northampton PA 18067-9794 610-262-6189 gary_langensiepen@yahoo.com	1974 L H	Retired 12/31/2012 "under contract"

Langkamer, Lyn L. (Martha) 431 W. Walnut ST Allentown PA 18102 610-782-9691 lynmarti@enter.net	1973 L H	Retired 12/31/2009
Laubach, Harry M. Jr. (Eloise) 3124 S. Wheeling Way #407 Aurora, CO 80014 570-350-0847 ashen@ptd.net	1988 OS H	Retired 03/01/2017
Laufer, Mary E. 161 N. Gates AVE Kingston PA 18704 570-288-7764 laufer@juno.com	1987 1996 SWB H	Pastor St. Mark, WILKES BARRE - 824-8023 56 S. Hancock ST Wilkes-Barre 18702 570-822-0892 laufer@juno.com
Lengert, Kim L. 280 Germanville RD Ashland PA 17921 610-823-1960 <pref rev.dr.kim@gmail.com 484-525-6408	 S H	1990 On Leve from Call 05/15/2017
Lichner, F. Thomas (Cheryl) 6210 Sauterne DR Macungie PA 18062-8800 610-533-9362 tclichner@rcn.com	1977 L H	Retired 02/01/2012
Lingenfelter, Scott W. (Nanette) 6974 Lochland RD New Tripoli PA 18066 610-298-2349 slingenfelter@hotmail.com	1993 NLV H	On Leave from Call 07/01/2017
Lupole, Wayne T. (Georgia) 5 Endwood CIR Sugarloaf PA 18249 570-708-1690 lupole2@ptd.net	1982 2006 HL H	Pastor Christ, HAZLETON- 510-4011 210 W. Green ST Hazleton 18201-5806 570-454-3542 570-454-5158 cloffice@ptd.net wlupole@ptd.net
Lyon, Katie E. (Anthony Arana) 335 Pine ST Wernersville PA 19565 katielyon@comcast.net 610-858-6239	2004 2014 WB H	Pastor Christ, READING -768-9015 1301 Luzerne ST Reading 19601 610-376-0311 610-685-0873 christluthrdg@comcast.net
Machamer, Robert D. Jr. (Jean) 2001 Kingsview RD Macungie PA 18062 610-395-3884 bobmachamer@gmail.com	1987 2015 EB H	Sr. Pastor St. John, BOYERTOWN-829-3004 45 N. Reading AVE Boyertown 19512-1039 610-369-1024 610-369-1463 bmachamer@stjohnsboyertown.org parishadmin@stjohnsboyertown.org
MacLaughlin, Bruce D. (Dorothea) 4243 Main ST Egypt Whitehall PA 18052-1627 610-262-7191 prbrucedml@rcn.com	1981 NLV H	Retired 01/01/2016

Manrodt, Paul T. 28 Old West Penn AVE Wernersville PA 19565-9690 610-589-4358 =	1948 WB H	Retired 09/30/1990
Mathews, George J. Jr. (Kathryn) 1219 Audubon DR Clarks Summit PA 18411 570-586-0761 GerogeJMathews@gmail.com	1971 SWB H	Retired 02/01/2015
Matthy, Christian P. 105 Dietrich Lane Cresco PA 18326-8001 570-730-4130 cmatthy@ptd.net	1979 P H	Retired 05/01/2016
Maxon, William S. (Linda) 6357 Larch Lane Macungie PA 18062 610-965-5439 trimax6200@aol.com	1984 2009 L O	Sr. Pastor Christ, ALLENTOWN- 351-1002 1245 W. Hamilton ST Allentown 18102-4373 610-433-4271 610-433-9832 info@christ-atown.org
McKeeby, Douglas S. (Daniella) dmckeeby@ptd.net	1992	Disability 03/28/2014
Meinschein, Cheryl F. (Richard Hausman) 7756 Claussville RD Orefield PA 18069 610-395-2777 cheryl.meinschein@gmail.com	1981 2008 EB O	Pastor Christ, DRYVILLE- 558-3008 16 Fleetwood RD Fleetwood 19522 610-682-7664 610-682-0763 pastor.meinschein@gmail.com
Melber Jr., Kenneth T. (Amanda) 21 Mill Mountain RD New Ringgold PA 17960 570-943-2835 pastorken86@gmail.com 484-629-2812	2013 2013 HL H	Pastor Advent, NEW RINGGOLD P.C.-741-HL-4021 c/o 21 Mill Mountain RD [Locn: 209 Seneca ST, Tuscarora 17982] New Ringgold 17960-0012 570-943-2835 <Pastor's phone/address pastorken86@gmail.com
Melber Jr., Kenneth T. (Amanda) 21 Mill Mountain RD New Ringgold PA 17960 570-943-2835 pastorken86@gmail.com 484-629-2812	2013 2013 HL H	Pastor Friedens, NEW RINGGOLD P.C.-743-HL-4022 c/o 21 Mill Mountain RD [Locn: 525 Church RD, New Ringgold 17960] New Ringgold 17960 570-943-2835 <Pastor's phone/address pastorken86@gmail.com
Melot, Elizabeth Ann 1929 Route 209 Brodheadsville PA 18322 570-402-3980 amelot@ptd.net	2000 2004 P O	Pastor Zion United, BRODHEADSVILLE- 486-6006 1919 Route 209 Brodheadsville 18322 570-992-6988 zionulc@ptd.net
Metzloff, Paul W. (Sally) 26 Saddle Ridge DR Dallas PA 18612-8716 570-706-1330 pwmetzloff@gmail.com	2009 2009 SWB H	Pastor Holy Trinity, KINGSTON- 807-8006 813 Wyoming AVE Kingston 18704-3904 570-287-9067 570-287-5187 htlckington@gmail.com

Michel, Herbert H. 8766 Turkey Ridge RD Breinigsville PA 18031 610-336-4325 hmmichel60@gmail.com	1976 NLV H	Retired 09/30/2008
Middeke-Conlin, Becca E. (Robert) 346 N. 8 th ST Allentown PA 18102 pastorbeccamc@gmail.com 203-915-7303	2016 L H	2009 Pastor St. Paul, Easton – 477-2019 610 W. Berwick ST Easton 18042 610-258-2612 stpauls2799@aol.com pastorbeccamc@gmail.com
Miller, Carey L. (Nancy) 2025 W. Tilghman ST Allentown PA 18104 610-351-1070 cnsjk@rcn.com	1982 2017 L H	Synodically Called Pastor – 2 year term St. Paul, Breinigsville-350-1032 8227 Hamilton Blvd. Breinigsville 18031 610-398-7000 office@stpaulsbbville.org
Miller, James B. (Mary) 200 B North Ridge RD Reinholds PA 17569-9504 717-336-3188 =	1949 WB H	Retired 07/01/1996
Miller, Richard A. (Carolyn) 8 Weber Drive Topton PA 19562-1610 610-641-9245 cmmram@gmail.com	1962 EB H	Retired 6/18/2003
Milne, Martin A. (Anne) 339 W. Second ST Alburtis PA 18011 mamilne@gmail.com 484-505-0987	1992 2006 L O	Pastor Zion, OLD ZIONSVILLE- 378-1028 PO BOX 200 5901 Old King's HWY South Old Zionsville 18068-0200 610-966-3834 zions@ptd.net mamilne@gmail.com www.oldzions.com
Minnich, John P. 523 Hillside CT 30827-1037 Hamburg PA 19526 610-562-0131 jminnich007@yahoo.com	1974 2004 L O	Pastor St. Michael EV LC of the Nativity, ALLENTOWN- 4004 W. Tilghman ST Allentown 18104 610-395-5062 610-395-6491 nativity4004@ptd.net
Mitchell, Barry L. (Elizabeth) 445 Temptation Circle Bath PA 18014-9268 610-837-9024 pastorbarrymitchell@gmail.com	1980 1989 NLV O	Co Pastor Emmanuel, EMANUELSVILLE- 620-5006 3175 Valley View DR Bath 18014-9465 610-837-1741 610-837-8267 emmanuelchurch@gmail.com
Mitchell, Elizabeth M. (Barry) 445 Temptation Circle Bath PA 18014-9268 610-837-9024 emitchell445@gmail.com	1980 1989 NLV O	Co Pastor Emmanuel, EMANUELSVILLE- 620-5006 3175 Valley View DR Bath 18014-9465 610-837-1741 610-837-8267 emmanuelchurch@gmail.com

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Moore, Dennis W. (Patricia) PO BOX 1271 853 Old Stage RD Albrightsville PA 18210 610-533-5479 dwmsr@ptd.net	1977 P H	Retired 08/01/2016
Moore, Nancy L. (Robert) 82 Forest Lake DR Jim Thorpe PA 18229 570-325-8666 nlmoore91157@gmail.com	2006 2016 HL H	Pastor Trinity, LEHIGHTON – 590-4016 175 S. Third ST Lehighton 18235 610-377-4303 610-377-0706 telc1872@ptd.net
Moore, Richard L. (Danielle) 113 Ivy Hill Cir Reading PA 19606 610-401-5602 revrichm@gmail.com	2001 2014 WB O	Pastor St. John, SINKING SPRING -785-9036 4125 Penn AVE Sinking Spring 19608 610-678-1088 610-678-3484 stjohnsec@saintjohnss.com pastor@saintjohnss.com
Moser, Eric R. 1760 Honeysuckle Lane Stroudsburg PA 18211 eric132@gmail.com 484-366-3013	2010 2015 P O	Pastor St. John, STROUDSBURG – 500-6026 9 North 9 th ST Stroudsburg 18630 570-421-8520 stjohnsstroudsburg@earthlink.net
Mowery, Richard A. 106 Baxter RD Pleasant Mont PA 18453 716-913-7771	1968 P O	Retired St. John, HONESDALE-806-6015 107 Seventh ST Honesdale 18431 570-253-1444 lutheransinhonesdale@verizon.net
Mraz, Jerry 1370 Washington AVE Northampton PA 18067 farar@ptd.net 610-442-3435	1960 NLV H	Retired 10/01/1998
Muhr, F. Peter (Shirley) 1035 N. Cedar Crest BLVD Allentown PA 18104 610-432-5111 samfpm@aol.com	1967 L H	Retired 02/09/2006 St. John, JIM THORPE HGTS- 587-4014 319 South AVE Jim Thorpe 18229 570-325-4255
Neel, Thomas A. 1683 Victoria Circle Allentown PA 18103 610-791-0195 pastorneel@gmail.com	1984 L H	Retired 07/01/2014
Neidig, Drew J. (Sara)	2018 2018 WB	Pastor Calvary, LAURELDALE-764-9010 1009 Elizabeth AVE Laureldale 19605 610-929-9606 contactcalvary@verizon.net

Neifert, Jody L. (Kim) 34 Penn ST Lehighton PA 18235 610-377-9181 revjody@ptd.net	1983 1983 HL H	Pastor St. John, TOWAMENSING- 604-4037 2915 Fireline RD Palmerton 18071 610-826-7766 godtalk@ptd.net
Newhart, David C. 2823 Sequoia DR Macungie PA 18062 610-966-0504 dnewhart44@gmail.com	1970 L H	Retired 02/28/2010 St. John, EMMAUS-372-1023 501 Chestnut ST Emmaus 18049 610-365-9885 610-965-6065 info@stjohnsemmaus.org
Newman, David A. (Jane) 136 Park AVE Wilkes-Barre PA 18702-4927 18640] 484-788-2626 pugnewman@hotmail.com	2001 2015 SWB H	Pastor, Non-Stipendiary Call St. Peter, HUGHESTOWN – 812-8012 PO BOX 357 [Loc: 100 Rock Street, Hughestown, Pittston 18640-0357 570-654-1008
Nielsen, Niels H. (Andrea) 15 Trinity CT Dingmans Ferry PA 18328 570-828-7127 pr.niels.nielsen@gmail.com	1982 1982 P O	Pastor & PT Assoc. of Bishop Holy Trinity, DINGMANS FERRY- 16029-6008 103 Delaware Crest Dingmans Ferry 18328 570-828-7411 570-828-2346 htlc@ptd.net pr.niels.nielsen@gmail.com
Nilsen, Eddie A. (Randi) 212 Rowland RD Greeley PA 18425-9783 570-685-5454 <FAX sat eanilsen@ptd.net	1971 P	Retired 01/31/2006 Eddie is living at: Twin Cedars Senior Living 364 Little Walker RD Shohola PA 18458
North, Debra A. (Edward R.) 132 Legion DR Cresco PA 18326 570-481-4474 debn615@yahoo.com 973-600-7191	2011 2018 P O	Pastor Faith, BLAKESLEE-7632-6005 PO BOX 228 550 Rt. 940 Blakeslee 18610 570-646-0309 faithlut@epix.net
Obrecht, Paulette K. (John L.) 8488 Airport RD Northampton PA 18067 610-837-9256 pkobrecht@gmail.com	2009 NLV H	Retired 07/01/2016 St. Mark Community, APPENZELL-501-6002 PO BOX 146 [Locn: 242 Miller RD, Stroudsburg, PA] Reeders 18352-0146 570-629-4142 <FAX same as phone stmarkscommmluth@gmail.com
Odgren, Jeffrey W. (Ann Louise) 407 E. 2nd ST Boyertown PA 19512 610-367-2661 jd9576@gmail.com 610-393-9713	1995 2006 EB H	Pastor St. Joseph, HILL CHURCH- 562-3013 244 Koch RD Boyertown 19512 610-369-0990 610-369-0912 stjoehill@ptd.net jwodgren@dejazzd.com
Oldland, Charles H. III (Sanya) 539 West RD Millersburg PA 17061-8784 717-497-2582 chold@epix.net	1974 OS H	Retired 07/01/2015

Olson, Curtis L. (MariAn) 10 Devon DR Easton PA 18045-2502 610-250-6450 olsonsmc@gmail.com	1961 BE H	Retired 01/31/1998
Olson, Grace C. (Royal) 800 Hausman RD Apt. 197 Allentown PA 18104 gracecameronolson@gmail.com 610-533-3527	1984 L H	Retired 07/01/2005 Grace, ALLENTOWN – 352-1003 729 St. John ST Allentown 18103 610-434-7014 610-434-4846 gracestj729@verizon.net
Olson, Royal L. (Grace) 800 Hausman RD Apt. 197 Allentown PA 18104 610-703-3681	1962 L H	Retired 02/01/1993
Opalinski, Fred S. (Janet) 1506 Eckert AVE Reading PA 19602-1401 610-374-3210 fsopal@gmail.com 412-215-1132	1974 WB O	Retired 07/31/2014
Orem, Charles J. (Sylvia) 1020 Cornwallis DR Easton PA 18040 610-258-5031	1963 BE H	Retired 12/31/2004
Osterhout, Bruce G. (Julie) 131 E. Gaul ST Wernersville PA 19565 610-396-5106 bgosterhout@gmail.com	1986 2014 EB O	Pastor Zion, PERRY TWP. – 863-3030 354 Zion Church RD Shoemakersville 19555 610-562-3112 610-562-0461 zionchurch@juno.com pastorbruce@zionslutheran.org
Osterhout, Julie G. (Bruce) 131 E. Gaul ST Wernersville PA 19565 610-396-5106 k25music@aol.com 717-687-8682	2015 2015 WB O	Pastor Trinity, WERNERSVILLE-878-9042 130 S. Walnut ST Wernersville 19565 610-678-1782 610-678-0120 tlcworship@aol.com
Owens, Mary K. (Thomas Neuville) 1152 Bentley Ridge Boulevard Lancaster PA 17602 prmowens@hotmail.com	1996 2017 OS H	Pastor St. Matthew United, SCRANTON-30654-8025 425 Jefferson AVE Scranton 18510 570-342-1000 lutherangels@epix.net
Pagotto, Anthony P. (Erica Lee) 1825 Dinkey RD Lehigh PA 18235 apagotto14@hotmail.com 570-778-3491	2004 2008 HL O	Pastor Dinkey Memorial, ASHFIELD- 584-4001 PO BOX 250 1742 Dinkey RD Ashfield 18212-0250 610-377-4242 610-377-3758 prdinklc@ptd.net
Papada, James C. (Ann) 155 Castleton DR Shillington PA 19607-3257 610-775-4815 =	1964 WB H	Retired 10/01/2003

Paradise, Scott J. (Christine) 407 Bridge ST Catasauqua PA 18032 610-443-2121	1999 2016 NLV O	Pastor St. Paul, CATASAUQUA – 369-5003 417 Howertown RD Catasauqua 18032-1820 610-264-3221 stpaulschurch@rcn.com
Parker, Gene A. (Kathleen) 5112 Church DR Coplay PA 18037 darev@localnet.com 484-553-0625	1976 NLV H	Retired 01/01/2014
Pelletier, Phyllis A. 7642 Route 487 Mildred PA 18362 570-314-3054 pastorpa@ptd.net	1993 SWB H	Retired 05/01/2009 Shepherd of the Hills, DUSHORE 7385-8003 PO BOX 460 116 Carpenter ST Dushore 18614 570-928-8253 shlc18614@yahoo.com
Pettit, Peter A. (Lynn) 42 S. West ST 1067 Allentown PA 18102-4458 610-434-4552 =	1990 1999 L O	Director Jewish-Christian Understanding, ALLENTOWN- 85- 2400 W. Chew ST Allentown 18104-5564 484-664-3470 484-664-5627 PAPettit@muhlenberg.edu
Pfeffer, Peggy Sue 109 B Josephine ST Minersville PA 17954 pfefferps128@outlook.com 570-582-3635	1983 2015 S H	Pastor St. John, Friedensburg – 736-7004 PO BOX 86 24 Church RD Friedensburg 17933-0086 570-739-4787 <FAX call first =
Possinger, Jami L. (Mitchell) 4847 Hilton RD Schnecksville PA 18078 610-799-2449 jamipossinger@yahoo.com	2002 2010 NLV H	Sr. Pastor Hope, CHERRYVILLE- 7386-5004 PO BOX 1030 4131 Lehigh DR Cherryville 18035 610-767-7203 <FAX same as telephone office@hopecherryville.org pastor@hopecherryville.org
Potteiger, Bruce W. (Anna) 38 Schweitz RD Fleetwood PA 19522 610-987-9127 thepotteigers@dejazzd.com	1975 EB H	Retired 04/30/2015
Quinones, Nelson (Jessica) 1331 Adams ST Northampton PA 18067-8716 nlsqns@gmail.com 610-653-5858	2002 2013 L O	Pastor St. John, FOGELSVILLE-613-1024 PO BOX 966 1028 Church ST Fogelsville 18051 610-395-5535 610-395-7191 stjohns.lutheran@verizon.net
Rajcok, Brian R. 4460 Parkview DR, Apt. W7 Schnecksville PA 18078 203-525-4698	2015 2015 NLV O	Assistant Pastor Hope, CHERRYVILLE-7386-5004 PO BOX 1030 4131 Lehigh DR Cherryville 18035 610-767-7203 <FAX same as telephone office@hopecherryville.org asstpastor@hopecherryville.org

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Reier, Robert C. (Susan) 10 Crestview DR Pottsville PA 17901 570-622-7611 reiersml@comcast.net	1981 S H	Retired 09/12/2017
Reinhold, Valerie K. PO BOX 204 Limeport PA 18060 484-634-2985 4revmomm@gmail.com	1980 OS H	Retired 04/01/2006
Reinsel, Thomas H. (Amy) 3101 Pine Tree Lane Wyomissing PA 19610 610-670-1505 reinselta@comcast.net	1964 WB H	Retired 02/01/2007 Grace, SHILLINGTON-784-9035 30 Liberty ST Shillington 19607-1802 610-777-7885 610-777-3841 graceshillington@graceshillington.org pastor@graceshillington.org
Reist, Michael L. 11 Boonetown RD Birdsboro PA 19508 Revmike@ptd.net 610-698-0311	2004 2013 BE O	Pastor Good Shepherd, Easton 472-2017 2115 Washington BLVD Easton 18042 610-258-0081 610-258-4592 goodshepherd@rcn.com
Richards, Elton P. (Anne) 2000 Cambridge AVE APT 116 Wyomissing PA 19610 610-775-3924 eltonanne@aol.com	1959 WB H	Retired 12/31/1997
Richards, Thomas E. Jr. (Sandra) BOX 274 Tannersville PA 18372 570-629-1773 masterpastor@verizon.net	1975 P H	Retired 01/01/2017
Richie, Dawn R. (Robert) 51 Majestic Court Canfield, OH 570-401-9537 dawnrichie@outlook.com	2003 OS H	Retired 06/30/2018
Richter, John C. (Patricia) 5 Lark LA Sinking Spring PA 19608 johnrichter929@gmail.com 610-781-5455	1975 WB H	Retired 05/31/2014 PT Associate of the Bishop

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Rigg, Mark R. (Suzanne) 2950 Grandview BLVD West Lawn PA 19609 610-898-4291 galatians1967@gmail.com	2011 2011 WB H	Pastor Advent, WEST LAWN- 789-9043 16 Telford AVE West Lawn 19609 610-678-2411 610-678-0727 advluth@verizon.net pastorrigg@adventonline.org
Ritter, Dennis S. (Susan) PO BOX 133 117 S. Main ST Lyons PA 19536-0133 610-682-1875 dsritter@ptd.net	1977 EB H	Retired 10/01/2013 Luth. Ch. Of Holy Trinity, LEESPORT-30272-3037 102 Apple ST Leesport 19533-0221 610-926-7176 610-926-7273 pastor@lcht.org
Rivera Garcia, Nelson 246 W. Upsal ST Apt. F403 2063 Philadelphia PA 19119-3250 215-982-0725 professor.n.rivera@gmail.com	1987 2017 OS O	Associate Professor of Theology Moravian Theological Seminary, BETHLEHEM-101- 1200 Main ST Bethlehem 18018 610-625-7868 rivera02@moravian.edu
Roberts, Edith B. (John) 1829 Markham DR Bethlehem PA 18017-2721 610-882-0418 Ebr50@aol.com	1979 BE H	Retired 07/01/2012
Rohrbach, Keith K. (Debra) PO BOX 69 Bowers PA 19511 610-682-2090 prkroh@dejazzd.com	1984 EB H	Retired 06/30/2017
Roper, David L. 605 S. Temple Blvd. Temple PA 19560-1934 610-929-4755 roperd1517@icloud.com	1975 WB H	Retired 08/31/2015
Rothharpt, Chris A. (Lori) 538 West Second ST Birdsboro PA 19508 610-404-4791 crothharpt1@juno.com	2015 2015 S O	Assistant Pastor Trinity, POTTSVILLE-749-7022 300 West Arch ST Pottsville 17901 570-622-9910 570-622-7451 tlccares@trinitypottsville.org
Rothrock, Lynn H. (Glenda) 231 Overbrook RD Dallas PA 18612 570-310-1171 wilroc@comcast.net	1968 SWB H	Retired 04/01/2000
Route', Luther H. (Rosemary) 9 Cherrywood RD Wyomissing PA 19610-1911 610-207-3574	1988 WB H	Retired 01/07/2007

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Ruggiero, Alfred A. 3056-A West Boulevard Bethlehem PA 18017 610-419-4755 zuniman@rcn.com	1998 BE H	Retired 05/01/2008
Ruggles, Susan D. (Roger) 1160 W. Lafayette ST Easton PA 18042 610-253-7878 suerugs@gmail.com	2002 2006 BE H	Pastor St. John, EASTON- 474-2019 330 Ferry ST Easton 18042 610-258-6119 610-258-9258 stjohnseaston@gmail.com stjohnseastonpastor@gmail.com
Sandstrom, Dale E. (Lillian) 211 Teedyuskung Turn Hawley PA 18428-7814 570-994-4742 sandstromdale@yahoo.com	1959 P H	Retired 01/01/1998
Santiago, Rashion V. 142 N. 9 th ST Apt. 1 Allentown PA 18102 woodynug@aol.com 484-735-9838	2012 L H	On Leave from Call – 11/01/2014
Sassaman, Jeremiah A. (Beth Ann) 9635 Longswamp RD Mertztown PA 19539 610-657-0269 revjr3@ptd.net	2002 2006 EB O	Pastor St. Paul, MERTZTOWN- 568-3026 PO BOX 117 50 Luther DR Mertztown 19539 610-682-6229 stpaulmlutheranpastor@dejazzd.com
Sauers, Robert F. 50 E. Saylor AVE Plains TWP Wilkes-Barre PA 18702 570-829-2288	1954 SWB H	Retired 05/01/1992
Saylor, Rodney H. (Donna) 112 Pelfair Place Athens GA 30606 706-521-5751 rhsaylor119@yahoo.com	1975 OS H	Retired 08/01/2010
Schaeffer, David B. (Carol) 220 S. Broad ST Nazareth PA 18064-2801 610-759-1571 dschaeffer@rnc.com	1977 NLV H	Retire 08/06/2017
Scheffey, Deborah K. (John Harding) PO BOX 91 Kresgeville PA 18333 610-681-6691 scheffey@ptd.net	1986 1995 P H	Pastor Salem-St. Paul, KRESGEVILLE- 601-6017 BOX 168 Trach DR Kresgeville 18333 610-681-5191 610-681-8526 ssplc@ptd.net

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Schlegel, James W. (Cynthia) 727 Seem DR Kutztown PA 19530 610-894-9891 pastorschlegel@me.com	1995 1999 NLV O	Pastor Shepherd of the Hills, WHITEHALL- 609-5024 4331 Main ST Egypt Whitehall 18052 610-262-1600 610-262-1610 shepegypt@sothlc-egypt.org pastor@sothlc-egypt.org
Schmoyer, Carl R. (Muriel) 53 Reinert DR Luther Haven Topton PA 19562-1609 610-641-0672 crschmoyer@juno.com	1958 EB H	Retired 05/19/1998 Grace, TOPTON HOME- 580-3036 1 S. Home AVE Topton 19562 610-641-0672 610-682-1581 <ch tel is pastor's h #
Schoenleber, Richard W. (Ruth) 308 S. Tulpehocken ST Pine Grove PA 17963 570-345-0494 schoenleberr@yahoo.com	1983 2002 S H	Pastor St. Peter, PINE GROVE- 541-7016 312 S. Tulpehocken ST Pine Grove 17963 570-345-3306 stpeters312@verizon.net
Schoffstall, Paul L. (Sally) 5329 Bluebird DR New Tripoli PA 18066 610-767-0599 paulschoffstall1950@gmail.com	1977 NLV H	Retired 08/31/2014
Scholtes, Michael J. (Heather) 2397 Lake Minsi DR Bangor PA 18013 610-588-2314 scholtes309@gmail.com	2007 2012 P O	Pastor Prince of Peace, JOHNSONVILLE – 888-6016 2445 Lake Minsi DR Bangor 18013 610-588-2355 610-588-9150 poplcbangor@gmail.com pastorMJS@gmail.com www.popbangor.org
Scholtes Jr., Joseph J. (Bonita (Bonnie)) 680 Whitmarsh DR Easton PA 18040 570-640-9433 eaglejoe48@live.com	1974 BE H	Retired 12/01/2013
Schwartz, Donald J. (Nancy) 2308 Woodmont Circle Macungie PA 18062 610-967-2729 =	1979 L H	Retired 07/01/2012 St. Andrew, SUMMIT LAWN-380-1031 1024 S. Pike AVE Allentown 18103 610-797-9575 standrewssummit@aol.com
Scornavacchi, Thomas J. (Christina) 401 Epsilon DR Wernersville PA 19565 610-207-4889 pastortom@cgrcommunity.org	2013 2013 WB O	Pastor Common Ground Ministry, WYOMISSING-31024-WB-9047 5 Wyomissing BLVD Wyomissing 19610 610-375-3512 610-375-3511 pastortom@cgrcommunity.org

Scornavacchi, Thomas J. (Christina) 401 Epsilon DR 31215-9051 Wernersville PA 19565 610-207-4889 pastortom@cgrcommunity.org	2013 2017 WB H	Pastor Common Ground Recovery Comm. -Reading- 527 Washington ST Reading 19601 610-207-4889 pastortom@cgrcommunity.org
Searing, David A. (Mary Lou) 1020 Taylor AVE Scranton PA 18510-1350 570-344-9094 mapasearing@hotmail.com	1978 2005 SWB H	Pastor St. Peter, SCRANTON- 817-8017 1000 Taylor AVE Scranton 18510 570-344-2701 St.peterslutheran1@verizon.net
Second, Glen T. (Hannelore) 2256 Campanile CT 6062 E. Stroudsburg PA 18301 570-424-2388 glents@ptd.net	1974 P O	Pastoral Counselor Family Treatment Associates, STROUDSBURG- 98- 117 Broad ST Stroudsburg 18360 570-424-6049 570-424-0917
Seifert, James W. (Bernadette) 1756 Oak CT Orwigsburg PA 17961 570-366-2635 bjseif66@aol.com	1967 S H	Retired 07/01/2007
Seip, Durrell J. (Lois) 145 Musmanno St Nesquehoning PA 18240 570-669-9494 dseip81@gmail.com	1957 HL H	Retired 03/01/1998
Seip, Joyce A. 7 Rosemont AVE Reading PA 19607 610-370-7673	1982 WB H	Retired 05/01/2013
Serafin, Joseph A. PO BOX 261 120 W. Main ST Ringtown PA 17967 570-889-3993 =	1989 1995 HL H	Ringtown-Brandonville Pastoral Charge Pastor St. John, RINGTOWN-Brandonville P.C.- 750-4029 PO BOX 261 106 W. Main ST Ringtown 17967 570-889-5203 ringtownlutheran@gmail.com
Serafin, Joseph A. PO BOX 261 120 W. Main ST Ringtown PA 17967 570-889-3993 =	1989 1995 HL H	Ringtown-Brandonville Pastoral Charge Pastor St. John, BRANDONVILLE-Ringtown P.C.- 751-4030 PO BOX 261 15 W. Park AVE Ringtown 17967 570-889-5203 ringtownlutheran@gmail.com
Shankweiler, Carl D. (Cynthia) PO BOX 744 1444 W. Maple ST Valley View PA 17983 570-682-9834 <pref number carl@nepsynod.org	1973 2015 L H	PT Assoc. of Bishop Northeastern PA Synod, NEPA SYNOD -10-1060 2354 Grove RD Allentown 18109-3044 570-682-9834 <pref number carl@nepsynod.org

Shankweiler, Carl D. (Cynthia) PO BOX 744 144 W. Maple ST Valley View PA 17983 570-682-9834 <pref number carl@nepsynod.org	1973 S	Appointed by the Bishop Trinity (Chapel), BUCK RUN-538-7012 71 Upper Beechwood RD Pottsville 17901
Shankweiler, Carl D. (Cynthia) PO BOX 744 144 W. Maple ST Valley View PA 17983 570-682-9834 <pref number carl@nepsynod.org	1973 S	Appointed by the Bishop Zion, FRACKVILLE – 735-7003 48 S. Nice ST Frackville 17931 570-874-0255
Sharkey, Eugene F. 1621 Oakland ST Bethlehem PA 18017-5924 610-691-2371 =	1977 BE H	Retired 08/31/2015
Sherman, Franklin (Loreen) 5413 Carriage Path DR Schnecksville PA 18078 610-799-5191 shermanfr@aol.com	1956 NLV H	Retired 08/31/1996
Siegfried, Dody S. (James) 523 Cold Spring Road Andreas PA 18211 570-818-4167 prdody@gmail.com	2002 2017 NLV H	Pastor Jordan, OREFIELD-636-5020 5103 Snowdrift Road Orefield 18069 610-395-5912 jordanlutheran@verizon.net
Simmons, Donald C. (Marian) 432 Riviera DR Blandon PA 19510 610-916-3399 opaps@hotmail.com	1963 EB H	Retired 02/01/2001
Simmons, Glenn L. (Mary) 2445 Steeplechase DR Macungie PA 18062-8301 610-928-0125 glsim@ptd.net	1974 L H	Retired 12/31/2014
Sipe, Martha S. (Tricia Jaskiewicz Sipe) 704 S. Lynn ST Bethlehem PA 18015 610-419-0599 =	1998 2003 NLV O	Pastor St. John, WHITEHALL- 374-5027 835 3rd ST Fullerton Whitehall 18052-6632 610-264-3762 610-266-1409 <FAX call first info@stjohn-whitehall.org pastor@stjohn-whitehall.org
Smith, Philip K. (Beverly) PO BOX 33 264 Mahanoy ST Nuremburg PA 18241-0033 570-384-3645 revphilbevsmith@aol.com	1981 2007 HL H	Nuremberg-Zion Grove Pastoral Charge Pastor Emmanuel, NUREMBERG-Zion Grove P.C.- 515-4024 BOX 33 260 Mahanoy ST Nuremberg 18241-0033 570-384-3851 <parish office revphilbevsmith@aol.com

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Sneed, Sherrie L. 145 Sportsmen DR Cresco PA 18326 570-595-2253 sedaka17@gmail.com	1979 1991 P O	Director Pastoral Care Pocono Medical Center, E. STROUDSBURG- 92-6063 206 E. Brown ST E. Stroudsburg 18301 570-476-3329 570-476-3469 ssneed@poconomedicalcenter.org
Spatz, Barry L. (Carol) 406 Musselman RD Fredericksburg PA 17026 717-304-3932 pastorb10@verizon.net 484-332-0258	2010 2010 S H	Pine Grove Pastoral Charge Pastor Jacobs, PINE GROVE (P.C.)- 543-7017 316 Suedberg RD Pine Grove 17963 570-345-8216 pastorb10@verizon.net
Spatz, Barry L. (Carol) 406 Musselman RD Fredericksburg PA 17026 717-304-3932 pastorb10@verizon.net 484-332-0258	2010 2010 S O	Pine Grove Pastoral Charge Pastor Outwood, PINE GROVE (P.C.)- 544-7018 316 Suedberg RD [Locn: 934 Oak Grove RD] Pine Grove 17963 570-345-8216 pastorb10@verizon.net
Spieker, George F. (Rebecca) 1091 7th ST N. Catasauqua PA 18032-2214 610-266-1310 woofandtweat@enter.net	1957 NLV H	Retired 01/31/1993
Spohn, Paul H. (Jane Ann) 800 Hausman Road #130 Allentown PA 18104 610-530-5727 pspo4@aol.com	1958 L H	Retired 07/01/1998
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