

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

May 17-19, 2018

Messiah Lutheran Church and
Northern Michigan University
Marquette, Michigan

Theme: Equipping the Saints for Ministry

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

2:00 p.m.	Registration	Messiah Lutheran Church
2:00 p.m.	Refreshments (hosted by Prince of Peace)	Messiah Lutheran Church
3:00 p.m.	Synod Council Meeting	Messiah Lutheran Church
4:30 p.m.	Orientation for Voting Members	Messiah Lutheran Church
5:00 p.m.	Resolutions Committee Meeting	Messiah Lutheran Church
6:30 p.m.	Opening Worship Service	Messiah Lutheran Church

**LAY SCHOOL
FOR MISSION
GRADUATES**

During the opening worship service, Bishop Finegan introduced Rev. Warren Geier who serves as the Dean of the Lay School for Mission. Rev. Geier introduced the campus coordinators for each of the sites. The five graduating from the Lay School for Mission are Bruce Anderson, Linda Stoetzer, Elaine Hendrickson, Rosemary McPherson and Steve Bergdahl. The campus coordinators presented the diplomas. The graduates were congratulated with applause.

**CONGREGATION
ANNIVERSARY**

Bishop Finegan announced that St. James, Marinette, is celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2018. She invited Interim Pastor Rev. Keith Kolstad of Zion, Marinette, and voting members from St. James to come forward and accept their certificate. The Assembly recognized this anniversary with their applause.

**DECEASED
CLERGY**

Bishop Finegan announced that the following clergy passed away since our last Assembly: Rev. Marcia Solberg, Rev. Fred Hallanger, Rev. Robert Sutherland and Rev. John West. Their information is found on pages 45-47 of the Pre-Assembly Report.

**CLERGY
CELEBRATING
ANNIVERSARIES
AND
RETIREMENT**

Bishop Finegan recognized the following clergy celebrating ordination anniversaries:

- Rev. Mary Weinkauff - 25 years (unable to be present)
- Rev. Margaret Johnson - 25 years (unable to be present)
- Rev. Judith Kirchoff - 25 years (unable to be present)
- Rev. Matt Lamb - 25 years (present with spouse, Alison)
- Rev. John Kuziej - 40 years (unable to be present)
- Rev. Tom Otis - 40 years (present with spouse, Carlene)
- Rev. Doug Pohlman - 55 years (unable to be present)
- Rev. Robert Langseth - 60 years (present with spouse, Deloris. He addressed the Assembly)

The following deacon and clergy are celebrating retirement since the last Synod Assembly:

- Deacon Darrel Diers (unable to be present)
- Bishop Emeritus Thomas Skrenes (unable to be present)
- Rev. David Jensen (unable to be present)
- Rev. Peter Vorhes (present with his spouse, Liz Siivola. He addressed the Assembly)
- Rev. David Van Kley (present with his spouse, Arlene. He addressed the Assembly)

Biographical information for the anniversaries and retirements is included in the Pre-Assembly Report on pages 36-44.

RECEPTION

Bethany Lutheran Church in Ishpeming, with financial support from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund, hosted a reception in Magnuson Hall in honor of Lay School for Mission Graduates and deacon and clergy celebrating ordination anniversaries and retirement.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

7:00 - 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast at Messiah Lutheran Church or on your own

7:00 – 8:15 a.m.

Registration at Northern Michigan University - Synod Assembly Office

8:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Chapel – Chapel Room on Lower Level of University Center

8:30 a.m.

PLENARY I – Great Lakes Rooms at NMU

HYMN AND WELCOME

Bishop Finegan welcomed everyone to the 31st Assembly of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She invited the Assembly to sing a hymn and welcomed Rev. Doug Norquist at the piano.

OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY

Bishop Finegan invited the Assembly to join with her for the Opening of the Assembly as printed on page 3 of the hymn booklet. She then commented briefly on the Assembly theme “Equipping the Saints for Ministry”.

INTRODUCTIONS

The following persons representing our partnerships were introduced to the Assembly by Bishop Finegan: Linda Bobbitt (ELCA Representative and keynote speaker); Rev. James Holmberg (Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan); Ervin Sparapani (ELCA Church Council member from Bethany, Norway); Rev. Cindy Crane (Lutheran Office for Public Policy of Wisconsin); Karen Anne Hanson (Chaplain at Northland Lutheran Retirement Community); Sara Jonasen (Interim Director at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp); and Tim Knutson (ELCA Foundation, Fund for Leaders, Lutheran Planned Giving and Endowment Ministry). The Assembly welcomed our partners with their applause.

INTRODUCTIONS
continued)

Bishop Finegan introduced the head table: Rev. Douglas Johnson (Bethlehem, Florence), Synod Secretary; Susan Anderson (Trinity, Rhinelander) serving as Assembly Parliamentarian; Pam Long (Grace, South Range), Synod Vice President; and Karen Kolstad (Zion, Marinette) serving as Assembly Recording Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop Finegan made some general announcements about nametags and voting and then introduced Rev. Melinda Shriner, Chair of the Synod Assembly Planning Committee, for some announcements.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 1
RULES AND
ORDER FOR
PROCEDURE

Bishop Finegan announced that it was time to move the adoption of the Rules and Order of Procedure for this Synod Assembly. She reminded the Assembly of Rule 6 on page 30 of the Pre-Assembly Report and read a portion of this rule.

Bishop Finegan read the resolution and reported the Synod Council recommends adoption of Resolution Number 1, who has moved and seconded it.

RESOLVED, that the Proposed Rules and Order of Procedure as printed in the Pre-Assembly Report be adopted by the Northern Great Lakes Synod for the 2018 Assembly.

SA18.05.01

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2
AGENDA AND
PROGRAM

Bishop Finegan announced that it was now in order to move the adoption of the Assembly Agenda. She read the resolution and reported the Synod Council recommends adoption of Resolution Number 2, who has moved and seconded it.

RESOLVED, that the Agenda and Program as printed in the Pre-Assembly Report be adopted by the Northern Great Lakes Synod for the 2018 Assembly.

SA18.05.02

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2 WAS ADOPTED.

EXCUSED
ABSENCES

Bishop Finegan read Synod Constitutional Provision S14.21 regarding required attendance at Synod Assemblies by rostered persons. The following rostered persons requested excused absences for the 2018 Assembly: Rev Tammy Barthels; Rev. Rich Likeness; Rev. Devon Barrix; Rev. John Shallow; Rev. Margaret Johnson; Rev. Philip Johnson; Rev. Jennifer Johnson Wrege; Rev. Dean Marin; Rev. Norm Peterson; Rev. Fran Strong; Rev. Joe Daiker; Rev. Mary Weinkauff; Rev. David Jensen; Rev. Paul Holmstrom; Rev. Dave Christenson; Rev. LaVonne Stephenson; Rev. George Olson, Rev. John Kuziej; Rev. Matt Lamb (second half); Rev. Ingmar Levin; Rev. Kay Richter; and Bishop Emeritus Thomas Skrenes.

ON LEAVE
FROM CALL

Bishop Finegan also reported on other rostered persons. Pastors who are currently on Leave from Call are: Rev. Greg Mileski and Rev. Corinne Johnson (disability).

NOMINATING
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Bishop Finegan announced that there is one position on the Synod Consultation Committee and several positions for the Churchwide Assembly in 2019 that need to be filled by elections. Bishop Finegan introduced Rev. Douglas Johnson, Synod Secretary, to present the committee's report. The updated list of the nominees was included in the packet received at registration. The nominees are as follows:

Synod Consultation Committee-Clergy – 6-year term (2024)

Rev. Terry Frankenstein, Rev. David Murphy, Rev. Kay Richter, Rev. Soren Schmidt, Rev. Diane Srutowski (three positions)

No additional nominations were received from the floor. It was moved and seconded to close nominations for Synod Consultation Committee – Clergy

SA18.05.03

THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

2019 Churchwide Assembly – Clergy

Rev. Terry Frankenstein, Rev. Douglas Johnson

No additional nominations were received from the floor. It was moved and seconded to close nominations for 2019 Churchwide Assembly – Clergy and cast a unanimous ballot for all those nominated.

SA18.05.04

THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

REV. TERRY FRANKENSTEIN AND REV. DOUGLAS
JOHNSON WERE DECLARED ELECTED AS
2019 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY-CLERGY

2019 Churchwide Assembly – Lay Female

Mary Lou Blomquist, Anna Hill, Pamela Long, Jean Sovey, Marsha Wainio

2019 Churchwide Assembly – Lay Male

Gregory Markkanen, Rick Pink, Chuck Thomas

2019 Churchwide Assembly – Young Adult

Zane Ozzello, Evan Rein, Charlotte Strom

No additional nominations were received from the floor. It was moved and seconded to close nominations for 2019 Churchwide Assembly – Lay Female, Lay Male and Young Adult.

SA18.05.05

THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Bishop Finegan introduced Jill Lemke, Assembly Registrar and Chair of the Credentials Committee, who presented this report as of 8:45 a.m. May 18, 2018:

Registered Voting Members.....	214
Clergy (44 under call and 18 retired).....	62
Lay Voting Members (58 male/94 female).....	152
Registered Visitors	38
TOTAL REGISTERED PERSONS	252

SYNOD
TREASURER

Bishop Finegan read from the Synod Constitution regarding the Synod Treasurer. She announced that the Synod Council, in accordance with the Constitution, has appointed the Synod Treasurer. Dr. Larry Pagel has agreed to serve another term. She invited the Assembly to affirm his appointment with their applause. Applause and a heartfelt thanks from Bishop Finegan followed.

ELECTIONS
COMMITTEE

Bishop Finegan introduced the Elections Committee, chaired by Rev. Melinda Shriner. They were recognized by the Assembly.

PAROCHIAL
REPORTS
AND
PASTORS'
REPORTS

Bishop Finegan reported that congregations are required, by their own constitutions, to submit an annual parochial report to the synod. She announced that as of Tuesday of this week, all congregations have submitted their reports!

Bishop Finegan also announced that every year, every pastor, rostered minister and licensed lay minister is expected to submit a pastor's report. She presented prizes to the first and second pastor to submit their reports as well as the pastor of the congregation to submit the first parochial report.

RESOLUTIONS
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Bishop Finegan introduced Rev. David Murphy, Chair of the Resolutions Committee. She also introduced the members of the committee. Bishop Finegan reported that at this time no additional resolutions have been submitted. Bishop Finegan read bylaw S711.60 and announced the deadline for resolutions is 1:00 p.m. today.

SYNOD
ASSEMBLY
PLANNING
TEAM

Bishop Finegan introduced the 2018 Synod Assembly Planning Team: Rev. Melinda Shriner, Chair; Rev. Erik Heskin; Jean Hannemann; Jennifer Dodge; Larry Pagel; Lucas Wickstrom; Kathy Geier; Rev. George Kaiser; and Synod Staff Louise Ingalls; Betsy Koski; Rev. Jim Duehring; and Bishop Katherine Finegan. The Assembly thanked them with their applause.

WORLD
HUNGER

Bishop Finegan introduced Don Schutt from Zion, Marinette and a member of the Synod World Hunger Committee. Don presented information about hunger to the Assembly. He also talked about the

WORLD
HUNGER
OFFERING

Bread Basket and Big Bear awards and read the nominations received for those awards. The winners of those awards will be announced later. On behalf of the committee, Mary Lou Blomquist, out-going chair, was presented with flowers and thanked by the Assembly with their applause. The offering for World Hunger was collected.

NEW TO
SYNOD

Bishop Finegan recognized those pastors who are new to the Northern Great Lakes Synod. They are Pastor Elect Stacy Pethke who will be ordained on June 16 and begin her call at Trinity and Faith, Ishpeming on May 23. She graduates from Luther Seminary tomorrow. Rev. Don Ludemann is serving as a full time interim at Messiah, Marquette. The Assembly welcomed these pastors with their applause.

INSTALLATIONS

Bishop Finegan announced the installations that were performed under the authority of the synod during May 2017-May 2018:

8/13/2017	Linda Forray	Installed at Peace United Church of Christ, Marinette, WI
2/18/2018	LLM Micah Cavaleri	Installed at First, Dollar Bay and Grace, South Range, MI
5/10/2018	LLM Karen Anne Hanson	Installed at Northland Lutheran Retirement Community, Marinette, WI
5/19/2018	James Duehring	Installed as Assistant to the Bishop, Northern Great Lakes Synod, ELCA
10/23/2017	Katherine Finegan	Installed as Bishop Northern Great Lakes Synod, ELCA

SEMINARIANS

Bishop Finegan also announced seminarians present at the Assembly: Vicar Micah Cavaleri, serving as LLM at First, Dollar Bay and Grace, South Range, and Kelly Ylitalo from First, Dollar Bay and employed at Gloria Dei in Hancock. The Assembly recognized all those mentioned with their applause

INSTALLATION
OF SYNOD
MISSIONERS

Bishop Finegan introduced Rev. Doug Norquist and Rev. Matt Lamb who were installed as Synod Missioners. Pastor Norquist takes on the work previously done by Rev. Jim Duehring. Pastor Norquist will visit and evaluate our Synod's Licensed Lay Ministers. Pastor Lamb began as a Synod Missioners several years ago. With the geographic challenges of our synod, Pastor Lamb provides interim work, mentoring, and a more visible Synod partnership connection to our East End congregations. The Assembly thanked them with their applause.

REPORT OF
THE BISHOP

Bishop Finegan announced that her report is on pages 3 to 8 of the Pre-Assembly Report. She presented highlights of that report to the Assembly and concluded with a prayer.

KEYNOTE
EAKER Bishop Finegan introduced Linda Bobbitt, representing the Congregational Vitality Project for the ELCA, who presented the keynote address.

FIRST
BALLOT Bishop Finegan thanked all those who have accepted nomination to various positions and offered themselves to serve. She offered a prayer and then called upon the Elections Committee to distribute the first ballot. An Elections Committee Report will be given as soon as possible.

TOOL
TIME #2
DRY BONES
RETREAT Bishop Finegan asked the Assembly to reference a brochure in their folders called Building Vitality: Breathing Life into Dry Bones. The Transformational Ministry team is Bishop Finegan, Karen Carter, Rev. Jim Duehring, Rev. Linda Forray and Rev. Chris Johnson. A retreat was held at Sharon, Bessemer along with the members of All Saints, Wakefield. Bishop Finegan introduced Rev. Bill Jacobson to address the Assembly regarding this retreat.

REPORT OF THE
SYNOD VICE
PRESIDENT Bishop Finegan introduced Pam Long who presented her report as Synod Vice President. As part of her report, she introduced and thanked the members of the Synod Council. The Assembly thanked her for her work with their applause.

TOOL TIME #3
MISSION SUPPORT Bishop Finegan introduced Rev. Jim Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop, to discuss Mission Support in the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

TREASURER'S
REPORT Bishop Finegan introduced Dr. Larry Pagel, Synod Treasurer, who presented his report as printed in the Pre-Assembly Report. The Assembly thanked him for his work with their applause.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Bishop Finegan made a few announcements. The Assembly broke for lunch and will reconvene at 1:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church.

1:30 p.m.

PLENARY II – Messiah Lutheran Church

WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS Bishop Finegan welcomed everyone back after lunch and, after a few announcements, led the Assembly in a hymn and prayer. Offering totals were announced – Thursday evening total - \$2,926.33; World Hunger offering (so far) \$39,675.37. Hunger offerings will still be accepted!

CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE
REPORT Bishop Finegan introduced Jill Lemke, Assembly Registrar and Chair of the Credentials Committee, who presented this report as of 11:30 a.m. May 18, 2018:

Registered Voting Members.....	216
Clergy (44 under call and 18 retired).....	62
Lay Voting Members (58 male/96 female).....	154
Registered Visitors	38
TOTAL REGISTERED PERSONS	254

TOOL
TIME #4
ELCA CAMPAIGN,
FLLC AND
ENDOWMENT

Bishop Finegan summarized the Always Being Made New Campaign. She then introduced Mike Coyne from the Always Being Made New Task Force who addressed the Assembly. Sara Jonasen, Interim Director of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, was introduced by Bishop Finegan. Sara addressed the Assembly. Bishop Finegan then introduced Tim Knutson, Planned Giving Coordinator, to speak to the Assembly regarding Endowment planning and ministry.

ELECTIONS
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Bishop Finegan introduced Rev. Melinda Shriner, Chair of the Elections Committee, who presented the following results for the first ballot:

Synod Consultation Committee – Clergy – Six-Year Term:

Number of Ballots	207
Number of Invalid Ballots	0
Number of Valid Ballots	207
Needed to Elect	104
Soren Schmidt.....	164
Diane Srutowski.....	132
Terry Frankenstein.....	114
David Murphy	99
Kay Richter	96

SA18.05.06

REV. SOREN SCHMIDT, REV. DIANE SRUTOWSKI AND
REV. TERRY FRANKENSTEIN WERE DECLARED ELECTED
AS SYNOD CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

2019 Churchwide Assembly – Lay Female:

Number of Ballots	206
Number of Invalid Ballots	0
Number of Valid Ballots	206
Needed to Elect	104
Mary Lou Blomquist.....	111
Pam Long.....	96
Anna Hill	94
Jean Sovey	52
Marsha Wainio	47

SA18.05.07

MARY LOU BLOMQUIST WAS DECLARED ELECTED AS 2019
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER – LAY FEMALE.
The names of Pam Long and Anna Hill will appear on the second ballot.

2019 Churchwide Assembly – Lay Male:

Number of Ballots	203
Number of Invalid Ballots	0
Number of Valid Ballots	203
Needed to Elect	102

Chuck Thomas	151
Greg Markkanen	124
Rick Pink.....	117

SA18.05.08

**CHUCK THOMAS AND GREG MARKKANEN
WERE DECLARED ELECTED AS 2019
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER – LAY MALE.**

2019 Churchwide Assembly – Young Adult:

Number of Ballots	204
Number of Invalid Ballots	9
Number of Valid Ballots	195
Needed to Elect	98

Charlotte Strom.....	86
Evan Rein.....	80
Zane Ozello	29

It was announced that Charlotte Strom is disqualified as Chuck Thomas is from the same congregation and Chuck received more votes than Charlotte. Only one person from a congregation can be a Churchwide Assembly voting member. There was no election. The names of Evan Rein and Zane Ozello will appear on the second ballot.

Bishop Finegan announced that the second ballot for 2019 Churchwide Assembly – Lay Female and 2019 Churchwide Assembly – Young Adult will be completed tomorrow morning.

**TOOL TIME #5
MISSION
INTERPRETERS
INITIATIVE**

Bishop Finegan introduced Rev. Erik Heskin to the Assembly. He has received training through the national expression of the church to equip him to train leaders in each area of the synod to tell the story of who we are together.

It was announced by Bishop Finegan that Pastor Heskin is also serving as our Synod Day Director for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston.

The Assembly thanked Pastor Heskin for his work with their applause.

T-12 REPORT

Bishop Finegan introduced Rev. DJ Rasner who gave a report on the T-12 visit to Tanzania in 2017. He announced there were plans underway for another trip in 2020.

**SYNODICAL
WOMEN'S
ORGANIZATION**

Bishop Finegan introduced Melzee Jacobson, President of the NGLS Synodical Women's Organization. She addressed the Assembly with her report.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 3
CLERGY
COMPENSATION
GUIDELINES

Bishop Finegan presented Resolution Number 3, submitted by the Synod Council. The Synod Council recommends adoption. Rev. Doug Johnson read the resolved.

RESOLVED, that the Clergy Compensation Guidelines for 2019 as approved by the Synod Council hereby be adopted and recommended to this Synod’s congregations.

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt the resolution. Discussion followed.

SA18.05.09

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 4
SYNOD
COUNCIL

Resolution Number 4, Synod Council, submitted by the Conferences, was presented by Bishop Finegan. The Synod Council recommends adoption. Rev. Doug Johnson explained the resolution and read the resolved portion.

RESOLVED, that the following persons nominated by the Conferences be hereby elected to the Synod Council with terms expiring at the conclusion of the Synod Assembly in the year indicated herein.

Copper Country Conference (Two)	Brian Jarvis (2021)
Headwaters Conference (Three)	Karen Carter (2021)
Headwaters Conference (Three)	Doug Tarkowski (2021)
Four Rivers Conference (Four)	Ervin Sparapani (2021)
Delta Conference (Six)	Dawn Holmgren (2021)
Three Lakes Conference (Seven)	Rev. David Tielbar (2021)

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt the resolution.

SA18.05.10

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4 WAS ADOPTED.

BIBLE STUDY

Bishop Finegan presented a Bible Study entitled “Equipping the Saints”.

HYMN AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Assembly joined in singing “What a Fellowship” followed by several announcements regarding the workshops.

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Workshops – Messiah Lutheran Church
Banquet and Program – Northern Michigan University
Holden Evening Prayer

SATURDAY, MAY 19

7:00 – 8:15 a.m.
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast at Messiah Lutheran Church or on your own
Registration at Northern Michigan University - Synod Assembly Office

8:30 a.m.

Worship and Installation of Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Jim Duehring
– Great Lakes Rooms, Northern Michigan University

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES Bishop Finegan introduced Mr. Hector Colon, newly elected leader of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Mr. Colon presented his report on behalf of LSS.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT Bishop Finegan introduced Jill Lemke, Assembly Registrar and Chair of the Credentials Committee, who presented this report as of 9:45 a.m. May 19, 2018:

Registered Voting Members.....	217
Clergy (45 under call and 18 retired).....	63
Lay Voting Members (58 male/96 female).....	154
Registered Visitors	41
TOTAL REGISTERED PERSONS	258

SECOND BALLOT Bishop Finegan offered a prayer and then called upon the Elections Committee to distribute the second ballot. An Elections Committee Report will be given as soon as possible.

WORLD HUNGER AWARDS Bishop Finegan introduced Don Schutt, Member of the Synod World Hunger Committee, to bestow the Bread Basket and Big Bear awards. Don presented the Bread Basket Award to Rev. Soren Schmidt of Finlandia University. The Big Bear Awards were presented to the Confirmation Class of 2017-2018 of Zion Lutheran Church, Manistique and to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Peshtigo. The Assembly acknowledged these award winners with their applause.

TASK FORCE REPORT Bishop Finegan introduced Rev. Ann Gonyea, who presented the report from the Task Force for an Inclusive and Welcoming Church.

HOUSTON UPDATE Lisa Bouche was introduced by Bishop Finegan. Lisa is serving as our Synod Gathering Coordinator for the ELCA Youth Gathering. She provided an update of the event to the Assembly who thanked her for her work with their applause.

ELCA REPORT Bishop Finegan introduced Linda Bobbitt who presented the report from the ELCA. Linda was presented with gifts from the Synod.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT Bishop Finegan introduced Rev. Melinda Shriner, Chair of the Elections Committee, who presented the following results for the second ballot:

2019 Churchwide Assembly – Lay Female:

Number of Ballots	179
Number of Invalid Ballots	0
Number of Valid Ballots.....	179
Needed to Elect	90
Pam Long.....	96
Anna Hill	83

SA18.05.11

PAM LONG WAS DECLARED ELECTED AS 2019
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER – LAY FEMALE.

2019 Churchwide Assembly – Young Adult:

Number of Ballots	179
Number of Invalid Ballots.....	0
Number of Valid Ballots.....	179
Needed to Elect	90
Evan Rein.....	132
Zane Ozello	47

SA18.05.12

EVAN REIN WAS DECLARED ELECTED AS 2019
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER – YOUNG ADULT.

MOTION TO
DESTROY
BALLOTS

A motion was made and seconded to destroy all the ballots. Bishop Finegan also expressed thanks to Rev. Melinda Shriner and the Elections Committee for their work.

SA18.05.13

THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 5
AMENDED
FISCAL YEAR
2018 BUDGET

Bishop Finegan announced that it was time to deal with the budget resolutions and introduced Dr. Larry Pagel, Synod Treasurer. Bishop Finegan presented Resolution Number 5 and Dr. Pagel read it. The Synod Council recommends adoption.

RESOLVED, that the amended Fiscal Year 2018 budget in the amount of \$1,229,471.00 as printed in the Pre-Assembly Report be hereby adopted by the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt Resolution Number 5.

SA18.05.14

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5 WAS ADOPTED.

Bishop Finegan presented Resolution Number 6, Fiscal Year 2019 Budget and Dr. Pagel read it. The Synod Council recommends adoption.

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2019 budget in the amount of \$1,228,961.00 as printed in the Pre-Assembly Report be hereby adopted by the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt Resolution Number 6.

SA18.05.15

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6 WAS ADOPTED.

Bishop Finegan expressed thanks to Synod Treasurer Dr. Larry Pagel and Synod Bookkeeper Betsy Koski for their work. The assembly thanked them with their applause.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 7
AMENDING
THE SYNOD
CONSTITUTION

Bishop Finegan introduced Resolution Number 7. This resolution comes to the Assembly from Zion, Manistique and the Synod Council. Rev. Doug Johnson read the resolved portion of the Resolution.

RESOLVED, that the constitution of the Northern Great Lakes Synod be amended as follows to redefine the geographical boundaries of Delta Conference (Conference 6) and Three Lakes Conference (Conference 7) (proposed changes are highlighted in grey with additions noted by underline and deletions noted by ~~strikethrough~~):

S12.01.11. The names and boundaries of the conferences shall be:

Iron-Gogebic-Ontonagon Conference (Conference 1): The county of Gogebic and the southern half of Ontonagon County in the state of Michigan; the county of Iron in the state of Wisconsin.

Copper Country Conference (Conference 2): The counties of Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and the northern half of Ontonagon County in the state of Michigan.

Headwaters Conference (Conference 3): The counties of Forest, Oneida, and Vilas, in the state of Wisconsin.

Four Rivers Conference (Conference 4): The counties of Dickinson and Iron in the state of Michigan; the county of Florence, and that portion of the county of Marinette north of a line running west to east along County Highways C, V, and K in the state of Wisconsin.

Menominee Valley Conference (Conference 5): The county of Menominee in the state of Michigan; that portion of the county of Marinette south of a line running west to east along County Highways C, V, and K in the state of Wisconsin.

~~Delta Conference (Conference 6): That portion of the county of Delta west of County Highway H13~~ The counties of Delta and Schoolcraft in the state of Michigan and Mathias Township in the County of Alger in the state of Michigan.

~~Three Lakes Conference (Conference 7): That portion of the county of Delta east of County Highway H13, Burt Township in Alger County, and the counties of Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac, and Schoolcraft in the state of Michigan.~~

Superior Central Conference (Conference 8): The county of Marquette and all of Alger County excluding Burt Township and Mathias Township in the state of Michigan.

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt Resolution Number 7.

SA18.05.16

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Rev. Doug Johnson presented the report of the Resolutions Committee in the absence of Rev. David Murphy, Chair of the Committee. Rev. Johnson reported that one resolution was submitted prior to the deadline. He read that portion of the Synod Bylaws relating to the new resolution and explained the timeliness of the resolution. The Resolution was submitted by the Synod's World Hunger Committee.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 8
SUPPORT OF
A ROBUST
FARM BILL

RESOLVED, that the congregations of the Northern Great Lakes Synod educate themselves and advocate to keep programs such as SNAP¹ effective and efficient, and that Synod congregations work to protect the vulnerable so that all people may have enough to eat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northern Great Lakes Synod World Hunger Committee assist congregations of the Synod in carrying out this ministry.

¹SNAP = the federal government program Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program which was formerly known as Food Stamps.

The Resolutions Committee recommends adoption of the resolution.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution Number 8. Discussion followed.

SA18.05.17

RESOLUTION NUMBER 8 WAS ADOPTED.

Rev. Johnson reported that this concludes the report of the Resolutions Committee.

PORTICO
VIDEO

Bishop Finegan introduced a video presentation from Portico featuring comments by Portico President Rev. Jeff Thiemann.

FINAL
COMMENTS
AND
THANKS

Bishop Finegan presented her summary comments about being equipped for ministry. Bishop Finegan also introduced Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Jim Duehring, and synod office staff, Betsy Koski and Louise Ingalls. The Assembly thanked all of them with their applause.

Bishop Finegan then called upon Rev. Douglas Johnson, Secretary of the Synod to announce the next Synod Assembly. The 32nd Annual Assembly of the Northern Great Lakes Synod will be May 19-20, 2019 at a location to be determined.

THANKS

Bishop Finegan thanked Karen Kolstad, Recording Secretary, Rev. Doug Johnson, Synod Secretary, Susan Anderson, Parliamentarian, and Pam Long, Synod Vice President. She also thanked Rev. Melinda Shriner, the staff and the Synod Assembly Planning Team for their work preparing and executing this Assembly. The Assembly thanked these people with their applause.

Rev. Doug Johnson thanked Bishop Finegan for doing a great job in her first Assembly. The Assembly sang a hymn.

ORDER FOR
CLOSING OF
ASSEMBLY

Bishop Finegan led the Assembly in the Order for Closing of the Assembly. The 31st Assembly of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was declared adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

CS-29-2018

Date

Rev Douglas Johnson

Rev. Douglas Johnson, Secretary

Ka Kolstad

Karen Kolstad, Recording Secretary

Pamela C. Long

Pam Long, Vice President

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