



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Summary of the 2018 Synod Assembly

June 2-3, 2018

**UW-Davies Center
 Eau Claire**



Growing Young was the theme of the 2018 assembly. We kicked the synod assembly format off with worship led by friends from the Heart of the North Conference and a wonderful painting from Rev. Paul Oman (Drawn to the Word).



Old friendships were renewed, new connections made, and conversations abounded during the short breaks from plenary sessions.



Report of Elections to Synod Council
 The following were elected at this assembly:

- Apple River Conference Clergy:
Rev. Marilyn Crossfield* (unopposed)
- Chequamegon Conference Lay Male:
Lyle Roe (unopposed)
- Chippewa Valley Conference Lay Male:
Arvin Solsaa (unopposed)
- Dairyland Conference Lay Female:
Kathy Boe* (unopposed)
- Heart of the North Clergy
Rev. Luci Sesvold (unopposed)
- Lake Superior Lay Female:
Magge Ericson* (unopposed)
- St. Croix Valley Conference Lay Female:
Marcia Lindseth (unopposed)
- Youth Representative:
Savannah Small
Sarah Buchli

Report of Elections to Discipline Committee
 The following were elected at this assembly:

- Clergy Representatives (elect two)
Rev. Ned Lenhart
Rev. Sandy Johnson
- Lay Representatives (elect two)
Renelle Gill
Lyle Roe

Report of Elections to Consultation Committee
 The following were elected at this assembly:

- Clergy Representatives (elect four)
Rev. Keith Ruehlow
Rev. Mary Eide
Rev. Peter Ruggles
Rev. Christine Iverson
- Lay Representatives (elect four)
Barbara Solsaa
Trina Groen
Michael Joosten
Gerry Olson

Report of Elections to Churchwide Assembly
 The following were elected at this assembly:

- Apple River Conference Clergy:
Rev. Angie Kutney
- Apple River Conference Lay Female:
Tina Kuesel
- Chequamegon Conference Lay Male:
Alan Jincinsky
- Chequamegon Conference Clergy:
Rev. Amy Heinz

Chippewa Valley Conference Lay Male:

Arvin Solsaa

Chippewa Valley Conference Clergy:

Rev. Sarah Semmler Smith*

Rev. Josh Toufar

Chippewa Valley Conference Lay ale:

Annie Halloin

Dairyland Conference Lay Male:

Kevin Anderson

Arnie Rongstad*

Dairyland Conference Clergy:

Rev. Rolf Morck*

Rev. Mike Vetsch

Heart of the North Clergy

Rev. Luci Sesvold*

Rev. Christopher Sesvold

Rev. Timothy Vettrus

Heart of the North Conference Lay Male:

Ted Hakala*

Ed Peteres

Dave Tindell

Lake Superior Lay Female:

Bonnie Wentzel

Lake Superior Conference Lay Male:

Michael Kinney

Lake Superior Conference Clergy:

Rev. Jason Clifton

St. Croix Valley Conference Lay Female:

Kathy Erneson

St. Croix Valley Conference Clergy:

Rev. Annie Ladnier*

Rev. Kirstin Kellaheer

Youth Representative:

Savannah Small

Report of Bishop Election

On the fifth ballot the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin elected Rev. Laurie Skow Anderson as Bishop.



Report of Fifth Ballot for Bishop: 415 Votes Cast

	Votes Received
Rev Laurie Skow Anderson	228
Rev John Sutherland	187

Resolutions

#1: Operating Mission Plan for 2019-20 that the financial mission plan for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin be adopted. **Approved**

#2: Amended-2019 Minimum Standards for Compensation and Benefits that the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin approve the salary guidelines standards as provided in the online preassembly materials. **Approved**

Celebrations!

Ordination: 25 years—

**Rev. Joel Bacon and
Rev. Michael Vetsch**



Ordination: 50 years—

Rev. Michael Carlson, Rev. Curtis Rohland, Rev. William Stewart, Rev. Calvin Thoreson, Rev. Paul Tobiason, and Rev. Eric Zingelman



RETIREES: Rev. Loren Barker, Rev. Thomas Engesser, Rev. Gary Garnatz, Rev. Gail George, Rev. Dale Moe, Rev. Tom McShannock, and Rev. Robert Schoenknecht



Offering

Service of Worship offering of \$9,063.83 and was designated to 2018 Malawi Pastors' Academy.
Quarter Offering for World Hunger was collected prior to assembly in the amount of \$9,603.78

Thank you for your generous support!

Thank You

A huge thank you to:

- Bishop Hoyme for his leadership of the synod for the past five years!
- The Heart of the North Conference for planning the worship
- The green-shirted synod council members and volunteers who helped with everything from worship, to registration, to greeting, ballot distribution, ballot counting, voting device retrieval. You all are awesome!
- Luther Park Bible Camp— Chetek for providing child care for two days!
- Rev. Carl Heidel our synod photographer. Great Work!
- Our registration volunteers...we appreciate your willingness to serve EVERY year!
- Our short keynoters...Rev. Aaron Sturgis, Mindy Spencer Dykes, Rev. Angie Kutney, and Rev. Darrell Kyle.

