

A Resolution of Thanks

Whereas, at the 2017 Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod Assembly God has richly blessed us through the efforts of many individuals and groups, and

Whereas, each person who has so graciously given of their time, energy, and ability deserves our appreciation; t

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod gathered in Assembly express our thanks to the following for their respective contributions to our Assembly:

To our Bishop, Mike Girlinghouse, for his caring and concern for the people, congregations, and rostered leaders of our Synod; for making Christ known through his leadership of our synod; and for his wife Terrie and her support for our Bishop.

To our Synod Staff, including Laura Bunch, Ida McAllister, Bill McAllister, Liz Albertson and Carl Hoffman, and the members of the Executive Committee and Synod Council.

To Bishop Guy Erwin for his keynote presentations and helping us think about the meaning of the Reformation for today.

To William Horne II, for sharing the Gospel with us on Friday evening, leading us through the Bishop's election process, and sharing the work of the Churchwide expression of the ELCA.

To Jeremy Fowler-Lindemulder and Trey Davis for leading the music for the beer and hymns celebration on Saturday evening.

To all those who participated in leading worship, especially those who led us through music: the United Lutheran Church Bluegrass Band, Trey Davis, and Eileen Miller and Liz Albertson for presiding on Sunday morning.

To Comunidad de Esperanza, Via de Cristo, Servant's Table, and the Cluster 5 Quilting Group for preparing and serving our meals and to Carol Rowe and Catherine King for providing our break time.

To Ida McAllister, Katherine Tooley and Jean Dearhammer who helped with registration.

To all those who contributed art for the art show.

To all the exhibitors, ministry partners, youth participants, voting members and guests.

To the members of the Elections Committee and the Reference and Counsel Committee for their service.

For all these gifts we offer God our thanks and praise. To God be the Glory!

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