

A Resolution of Thanks

Whereas, at the 2018 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;

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 Cynthia Nance and Judith Roberts for their keynote presentations and helping us think about Building Bridges in our communities, and we pray for healing for D'Andre Jones, who was not able to be with us because of illness.

To Heather Pratt, Ava Fisher, and Hannah DiPasquale for the Grace Notes and Pastor Rob Martin for the morning devotion. To Pastor Lynne O'Shea, Lisa Milzarek, Pat Garling and LYO for table prayers.

To Horace Pratt, Heather Pratt, Judith Roberts, Sally Houck, Ava Fisher and Jenny Pratt for leading workshops.

To all those who participated in leading worship, especially those who led us through music: Catherine Ratliff and her group, Pastor Liz and Bishop Mike for Friday night worship; and Pastor Alvaro Nova Ochoa, Judith Roberts, Eileen Miller for worship on Sunday morning.

To Comunidad de Esperanza, Via de Cristo, Fellowship Lutheran Youth, and the AR-OK Synod LYO for preparing and serving our meals and to Cindy Perkins, Ida McAllister and Catherine King for providing our break time. To all the wonderful cookie makers and snack providers in the synod.

To Ida McAllister, Katherine Tooley and Vernetta Wilson who helped with registration.

To the Building Bridges Team and Racial Justice Team for helping with the planning and execution of the assembly.

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 and much more, we offer God our thanks and praise. To God be the Glory!

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