



## **Report to the 2019 ELCA Southeastern Synod Assembly**

*The Rev. Randy Jones*

*Synod Secretary*

My duties are defined by the Synod Constitution and are as follows:

- 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 four months before the Churchwide Assembly a certified list of the regular and alternate voting members elected by the Synod Assembly.

Most of my activities this past year have been keeping up with all the minutes of the Synod Council and Synod Assembly. I have not worked on archiving any documents this past year. I am grateful to Carolyn Davis for taking care of sending the list of our voting members to the secretary of the Church.

I accepted a call to First United Lutheran Church this past November and have been here in Atlanta since then. My wife Kelly and I have spent a good deal of time since then doing what has been necessary to effect our move to Atlanta. We finally sold our house in Montgomery and are in the process of buying a house in Woodstock, GA. This move will allow me to spend time at the Synod Offices working on doing the task of archiving those documents that need to be archived.

We can expect changes to the Synod Constitution as a result of the actions of the Churchwide Assembly this August. These will be mandatory changes that we will vote to approve next year at Synod Assembly.

It is an honor to serve the Southeastern Synod as secretary and I am looking forward with excitement to see who this Synod Assembly will elect as our new bishop. I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide the assembly in this very important task. I have been very fortunate to have worked with Bp. Gordy during his tenure as bishop and I will miss his great leadership. Our new bishop has some big shoes to fill.

I pray for God's blessing upon our synod and this assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

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