



Metropolitan Chicago Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Report on the Twenty-Eighth Annual Assembly Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA

The Metropolitan Chicago Synod met in assembly May 29 to 30, 2015, at the Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, Illinois. This year's theme was "...and a little child shall lead them" from Isaiah 11:6. The focus of the assembly was how the church responds to the needs of children, youth, and families—and how the church can reach out to new generations.

After devotions and the Order for the Opening of an Assembly, the parliamentarian was appointed, the agenda approved, and committees appointed. There were elections for treasurer, synod council, committee on consultation, the discipline committee, and voting members to the 2016 Churchwide Assembly. Results of the elections are included at the end of this report. Synod officers, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, gave reports updating the assembly on items that had occurred in the past year.

Feature presentations dealing with children, youth, and families were given Friday and Saturday. Organizations presenting were:

- Campus Ministry
- Concordia Place
- Holy Family Ministries
- ELCA Malaria Campaign
- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
- Kid's Hope USA

After lunch and conference meetings, the balance of the afternoon included two sessions of hearings and workshops. Including a session on Saturday, four resolutions were debated and passed:

- RES. 01-15 Criminal Justice
- RES. 02-15 Bread for the World
- RES. 03-15 Hunger
- RES. 04-15 US Government Aid to the State of Israel

A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist to which all were invited concluded the day's events. The offering of \$1,840 was given to ELCA Nepal Disaster Response.

Throughout the plenary sessions, participants heard eight mission moments, coordinated by the synod's Mission Interpreter Network, telling the story of congregations and partner ministries making a difference in their local communities, nationally, and around the world.

After devotions on Saturday morning, Bishop Miller gave his report where he shared updates on Affiliated Mission Communities, and Open Hands, Open Hearts, the synod strategic stewardship campaign—a partnership between the Metropolitan Chicago Synod and Design Group International. A video, *New Church Rising*, the first in a series of short

video presentations for use in congregational settings that looks at the future of the church and possible responses concluded the bishop's report.

The 2016 budget and updates to the synod constitution were adopted as presented.

The day ended with a closing prayer and the Order for the Closing of an Assembly.

Final resolutions, photographs, links to videos, and a copy of the bishop's PowerPoint used during his report are all available at www.mtselca.org/assembly.

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Report of the First General Ballot

Synod Treasurer:

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	351		351	176
1 a	Yvette NewberryWhite*		351	
b				

Synod Council:

North Conference:

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	328	1	327	164
2 a	Rev. Dennis Kelly		327	
b				

Northwest Conference:

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	339	1	338	170
3 a	Marlene Daubert		338	
b				

West Conference:

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	338		338	170
4 a	Jim Hiepler Hartwig		188	
b	Farrell Benefield*		150	

Southwest Conference:

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	337	1	336	169
5 a	Charles Willett, Jr.*		336	
b				

South Conference (completing term):

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	335		335	168
6 a	Myrtis Brown*		335	
b				

Other Nominees:

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	342	1	341	171
7 a	Rev. Larry Clark*		341	
b				

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	344		344	173
8 a	Rev. Erin Clausen		191	
b	Rev. Joanne Fitzgerald		153	

Youth Member:

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	0	0	0	
9 a				
b				

Bold Type - person received majority vote

Consultation Committee:

Laypersons:

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	338	1	337	169
10 a	Joan Church		337	
b				

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	333		333	167
11 a	Mark Witt		333	
b				

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	334		334	168
12 a	Renee Gust		334	
b				

Ordained Ministers:

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	335		335	168
13 a	Rev. Ellen Arthur		335	
b				

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	321	1	320	161
14 a	Rev. Lester White*		320	
b				

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	0	0	0	
15 a				
b				

Discipline Committee:

Laypersons:

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	333	1	332	167
16 a	Ivan Perez*		332	
b				

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	0	0	0	
17 a				
b				

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	0	0	0	
18 a				
b				

Ordained Ministers:

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	328	1	327	164
19 a	Rev. Michael Sparby		327	
b				

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	335		335	168
20 a	Rev. Darryl Thompson Powell*		335	
b				

	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>
	334	1	333	167
21 a	Rev. Mary Appelt-Graves		333	
b				

* Person of Color or language other than English

METROPOLITAN CHICAGO SYNOD 2015 ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS – GENERAL BALLOT
VOTING MEMBERS TO THE 2016 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

<u>1st</u>					<u>1st</u>						
<u>Lay Voting Members (Male)</u>					<u>Ordained Voting Members (Male)</u>						
22	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>	32	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>		
	333	1	332	167		325		325	163		
a	Ken Church (N)				332	a	Rev. Jason Glombicki (C)				182
b					0	b	<u>Rev. Lester White (C)*</u>				143
23	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>	33	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>		
	338		338	170		324	1	323	162		
a	Terry Henderson I (SW)*				338	a	Rev. John Roberts (NE)				323
b					0	b					0
24	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>	34	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>		
	330	1	329	165		329		329	165		
a	Dan Dorman				329	a	Rev. Darryl Thompson Powell (S)*				170
b					0	b	Rev. Michael Russell (SW)*				159
25	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>		<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>		
	333	1	332	167	35	323		323	162		
a	Ken Olson				332	a	Rev. Steve Srock (W)				323
b					0	b					0
					36	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>		
						325		325	163		
					a	Rev. Alex LaChapelle (NE)*				325	
					b					0	
<u>Lay Voting Members (Female)</u>					<u>Ordained Voting Members (Female)</u>						
26	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>	37	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>		
	333		333	167		337		337	169		
a	Shirley Moore (S)*				210	A)	Rev. Rhonda Kral (NRW)				215
b	Yvette NewberryWhite (S)*				123	B)	Rev. Julie Boleyn (NRW)				122
27	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>	38	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>		
	333		333	167		329	2	327	164		
a	Tara Shilts (NW)				229	A)	Rev. Sandra Jones (W)				327
b	Dixie Downes (NE)				104	B)					
28	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>	39	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>		
	319		319	160		326	2	324	163		
a	Patricia Gerber Bornholt (W)				176	A)	Rev. Rhonda Pruitt (NE)*				324
b	Patricia Colson (SW)				143	B)					0
29	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>	40	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>		
	325		325	163		329		329	165		
a	Betty Birner (NW)				186	A)	Rev. Caroline Satre (N)				163
b	Beverly Moody (NW)				139	B)	Rev. Carla Thompson Powell (S)				166
30	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>							
	312		312	157							
a	Judy Nuehring (NRW)				174						
b	SandReback (NRW)				138						
31	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>	<u>Majority</u>							
	322		322	162							
a	Alyssa Dahlke (Young Adult)				322						
b					0						

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