

**Present:** Dean Alan Knoke, Pastor Don Karger, Paula Caso, Tom White, Pastor Paul Larson, Don Karger, Pastor Amy Little, Ethel Briggs.

**Absent:** Pastor Lisa Peterson.

Dean Alan Knoke began our meeting with a reflection from John 14. "I will prepare a place and I will take you to myself."

**Question to ponder:** What do you do when you know someone is in trouble?

Tom proposed a brochure to say what the OMD is all about. How to communicate that in an effective way?

### **Two main goals for today:**

#### **1) Work on the Convocation in May**

An idea for the Convocation, a workshop on "hospitality, warmth, and greeting visitors." Dean Alan had a conversation with Bishop Bradosky about the model we have for the NALC and the Mission Districts. What happens in Ohio is going to be important for the rest of the church as we figure out how to structure the church in the future. Our proposal to the Bishop is in his hands and we have been given the task to continue to work on it.

**Location and Date:** First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio: May 3, 2014  
(Trying to decide if we will have anything on Friday.)

Theme: Need for Relationships, Health in the Body (Body of Christ)

1 Corinthians 12: 12-27 "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." (verses 12 & 27)

Prayer time with emphasis on how to do "corporate discernment" in the parish.

### **Workshop Ideas:**

Pathway to Mission: Move Beyond Writing a Check

What's your mission?— (Alan will check with potential speaker.) Paul Larson will facilitate the practical application of corporate discernment (stay tuned).

Stephens Ministry/Parish Nurse Program/Health Ministries- folks of FELC, Mansfield  
Family Systems- Amy Little (ask Bob Groenke?)

Report on Navigators during meeting and workshop: (ask Don Allman/Warren Reichert/  
Dan Powell/Eric Waters/Scott Ness and ?)

Potluck Power! It's in the breaking of the bread that they recognized Jesus. (Paula Caso)

Malawi Orphan Care Project: (Ask Andy and Joy Jones)

We're a Friendly Congregation: Alan Knoke

What is the dream God has given you: **corporate discernment.**

What are your local missions? How do you get started? What do you do besides writing a check? Where is the personal investment? How are you building relationships?



Provide: Connection time with Assistants to the Deans.

**Elections this year:**

Secretary (Amy Little's term will expire, can run for another term) Need another name.  
Clergy Member (Paul Larson's term will expire, can run for another term) need another name, Paul will run.  
Lay Member (Tom White's term will expire, can run for another term) Two names needed.

**Elected in 2012:**

Secretary, Amy Little (1st year of 2 year term, 1st term)  
Lay Member, Ethel Briggs (1st year of 3 year term; 1st term)  
Clergy Member, Lisa Peterson (1st year of 3 year term; 1st term)

**Elected in 2013:**

Dean, Alan Knoke, (1st year of 2 year term, 1st term)  
Treasurer, Don Karger (1st year of 2 year term, 1st term)  
Lay Member, Paula Caso (1st year of 3 year term; 1st term)  
Clergy Member, Don Allman (1st year of 3 year term, 1st term)

Nominating Committee: Ask Dan Powell to chair the nominating committee.

2) Looking at the division of the Mission District

Dividing Ohio: First year as we are starting a new way of being structured, we propose the assistants to the Deans would be appointed to be Deans of the area they have been serving. Some would be appointed for two years and some for three years until we have a structure set and functioning.

Executive Committee Proposal

One of the Deans one would be a convener for the Executive Committee Meetings, elected by the deans.  
Five Deans, one lay person for each new district. Elected convener will be the chair for the meetings of the Executive Committee of ten; Treasurer will be elected; At Large Lay Person; At Large Clergy Person. Total: 13 persons.

North Eastern Ohio Mission District  
North Western Ohio Mission District  
North Central Ohio Mission District  
South Eastern Ohio Mission District  
South Western Ohio Mission District

Dean Alan will present this to the Bishop and send it back to us with amendments.

Ohio Mission District Executive Council Meeting: January 20, 2014  
First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio

Come May: We need in our schedule for the three positions for the

Plan A: Move into the new plan that is presented. Assistant becomes Dean of new District;

Plan B: continue working on it and keep moving forward.

Plan C: A Transition Year; Dean would be appointed. Come up with Constitution and structure. We will help you with that. Next year we would move forward with the plan.

Pr. Sandy Mitchell is willing to lead another preaching workshop at Trinity, Ashland. October or November. He will pick the date. Ask Pastor Mitchell to email the information to Amy and she will distribute it.

Certification of lay preachers, outside of their own congregations. The Dean will chair the task force. Vetting process to be offered by the Ohio Mission District to be allowed to preach in congregations other than their own parishes. Amy Little will be on task force. Alan will find others to ask.

March 14, 2014 NEXT MEETING! 10-2 @ First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio

Save the date cards.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Amy Little, Secretary