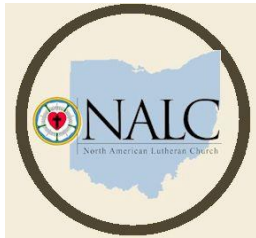


Ohio Region NALC – Executive Council meeting September 23, 2017



Present:	Unable to Attend:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dean Bill Maki• Dean Paul Larson• Dean Jeff Morlock• Dean Bob Quaintance• Dean Dan Powell• Don Karger• Paula Caso• Jack Walker	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ethel Briggs (ill)• Elizabeth Ridenour (unable)

Minutes

Meeting @ Pastor Dan Powell's cottage in Port Clinton, OH: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

- I. Call to Order & Prayer/Devotion – Pr. Bill Maki – 10:13 Pastor Bill opened in prayer. Pastor Dan introduced Jack as the lay rep today for the South West district.
- II. Minutes of July 29, 2017 – Don motioned and Pastor Bob seconded accepting the minutes as printed and posted. All voted in favor of acceptance.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Don reviewed the financial report for all present. The Oromo Evangelical church did cash the donation check from the convocation and a thank you note was passed around from Journey of Faith LC in North Ridgeville. Pastor Dan moved and Pastor Bob seconded accepting the report as presented. All voted in favor.
- IV. To Do List from Last Meeting – See Minutes from July 29, 2017 –
 - i. *Pastor Bob is going to contact the Bishop to get his PowerPoint.* This was emailed to Paula this morning.
 - ii. *Paula will post the Bishop's PowerPoint online once she receives it.* Will be done later today.
 - iii. *Each dean will (before our next meeting) update the information on the congregations and leadership in their respective districts and forward those updates to Paula so she can update them on the OMR website.* Pastor Bill said nothing has changed in his district and three others have already sent their updates. The only remaining information to be added is the council president from each congregation.
 - iv. *The deans will arrange to get the information on choir participants for the Celebration from their district's congregations, compile it, and get it to Ron Marenchin by August 31st.* This was completed.
 - v. *Make arrangements for video-taping Jim Nestingen's keynotes so they can be shared out later. (Unassigned... who should do?)* Pastor Paul will check with Jim about his approval of the video and will make arrangements if approved by Jim.
 - vi. *Pastor Dan suggested bringing information on what is being done in the congregations in the districts to celebrate the Reformation and sharing that. (Unassigned... who should do?)* This was never solidified and was just an idea. I was decided that each dean will email-survey congregations about what they are planning to do to celebrate the 500th anniversary (to make disciples and strengthen the church - suggested by Jack). Pastor Bob will compile the results and print copies to bring to the celebration and send to Paula to post on the web.

Pastor Dan shared some of the activities Grace has planned to celebrate the 500th anniversary. Then the other pastors shared what their congregations are doing as well.

- vii. *Note cards could be provided for people before the keynotes and collected by ushers during the keynotes to be addressed during the Q&A. (Need to be purchased and people chosen to collect)* Pastor Paul will take care of this.
- viii. *Paula will create the flyer and send it to Pastor Bill to be mailed out and posted online.* This has been completed, but the site needs to be fixed to show well on cell phones (Making it a responsive site will require a major overhaul, but can be done).
- ix. *Pastor Bill will email the completed brochure to the other deans so they can forward it by email to their congregations.* This was completed.
- x. *The deans will email a copy of the brochure to each congregation in their respective districts.* This was completed.
- xi. *Pastor Bill will snail-mail the printed brochures to all of the congregations as he did with the Convocation brochures.* This was completed.
- xii. *Paula will update the OMR map of districts and all the congregational information on the website once she has the necessary information from the deans. (Still waiting for information)* Paula needs new congregations or those who have left/closed to update the map. Redesigning the website to make it a responsive site is also something that needs to be done.
- xiii. *Pastor Paul will call Jenny Brockman to see what to give Jim Nestingen as an honorarium. (Left over from last meeting)* Pastor Jeff motioned that we pay Jim \$1500 over and above the expenses for travel and lodging provided for Jim and his wife, pending more information from Anne Gleason. With the information from Anne Gleason, Pastor Bill will email out the new information and request a yes/no vote. Pastor Dan seconded. All votes were in favor of the motion.
- xiv. *Paula needs to send a reminder to the deans in January to update the addresses and Pastors for the congregations in their districts prior to the OMR Convocation. (To be done in January)*

V. 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Event –

- a. Pastor Bob mentioned that he thought he would suggest that Ron Marenchin change his plan for the choir to practice during the second keynote in favor of having them leave during the Q & A time to eat lunch quickly and go practice while the rest eat lunch. (12:15 – 1:15)
- b. A clergy asked about clergy vesting and choir robing for the service and it was decided that we would stick with the original decision to not vest or robe for the service.

VI. Mission District Sharing –

- a. SWOMD: Almost 25% of the congregations have new pastors. Two pastors retired. Pastor Dan will be facilitating workshops leading to a new call in one congregation and the other is looking at utilizing supply pastors for now. The pastors have been meeting for study, prayer and mutual support. They will be deciding whether they will have another leadership event in the coming year.
- b. NCOMD: There is one who has an interim and is comfortable. Another is in the call process. Pastor Paul has been working with others who need assistance in resolving issues.
- c. NEOMD: The clergy continue to meet. They met for an hour with Eric Riesen about how to advance the Life to Life initiative in our district and beyond. They are looking for a skeleton to provide each congregation who can then flesh it out in their own model. One component is to read the word and share with another and share what they discern and grow from there. Building relationships to support through life's struggles is another component.

- d. SEOMD: Pastor Jeff had some questions about Navigators as a “program” and the ability to customize discipleship for the needs of a congregation. Pastor Paul talked about the track record of Navigators and how they talk/work today as opposed to decades ago. Also, two trucks have made deliveries to Texas and Florida in conjunction with NALC Disaster Response. Mary Bates is the coordinator if anyone is interested. There are 3 congregations in the district in the call process. Three or four pastors have been in the district under a year. Pastor Jeff shared that there is a movement among many diverse congregations for revival and renewal in ecumenical unity in the Columbus area. There are prayer meetings that are invigorating going on as well. The district is also looking for a space for the Oromo church which could serve as an Oromo Center or hub in their community where they can reach out to their Muslim neighbors.
- e. NWOMD: Last Sunday a vote at Jackson Center resulted in a limited call being issued to Kathy Braasch while they look for a longer-term call pastor. St. John’s in Montpelier has a seminarian interning with them and there is another in the district studying through ILT. Pastor Bill’s church sent water, and other supplied to the flood victims... 2 truckloads.

VII. Planning May 2018 Convocation –

- a. Date: May 5, 2018.
- b. Location: Pastor Jeff suggested asking Grace in Westerville to host the convocation. Pastor Jeff will check with Pastor Will Hartfelder about hosting us.
- c. Theme:
 - i. Pastor Bob suggested that we continue with the idea of having a day long youth meeting (or something like that) while other things are going on at the convocation.
 - ii. Paula suggested Embracing Diversity - Building Unity
 - iii. Jack mentioned teaching why we do infant baptism in the Lutheran church. Evangelizing the baptized.
 - iv. Pastor Bill talked about the hurricane and other disasters... how do we use disaster response to reach out and share Jesus as we help in the human response.
 - v. Pastor Paul mentioned reaching out to anyone in crisis... bring a casserole.
 - vi. Pastor Jeff: How do we get our people out of the church to reach out meeting the needs of our communities and sharing Christ. Building discipling relationships with those outside the church family.
 - vii. Pastor Bill: How can we motivate people to get involved in helping others in need even if they can’t go to the site of the disaster... such as organizing collections, helping pack trucks, prayer groups for those who are going. NOT just sending money. Speaking Jesus in the midst of helping those in need.
 - viii. Apply spiritual gifts. Cultivating relationships. Exalting God through the church.
 - ix. Growing in the ability to do what Jesus did and say what Jesus said is the basics of discipleship.
 - x. “Equipping the Saints” was put forth by Pastor Dan. Teach several ways to begin discipling and sharing your faith.
 - xi. Pastor Jeff suggested a workshop about “how to become comfortable praying with others and for others.”
 - xii. Jack suggested a theme around support, prayer and encouragement.
 - xiii. Pastor Paul reiterated the idea of “Equipping the Saints” and Ephesians 4.
 - xiv. Make the theme a multi-year theme with smaller focuses each year.

- xv. Workshops: Approaches to discipleship based on the chapters/topics in the Navigators materials.
- xvi. "I'm just not comfortable..." as a title for a workshop on prayer.
- xvii. Jack: Relationship Discipleship: Bridging the Gap (added by Paula as a suggestion). 1 John 1:3 was proposed by Pastor Bob as the scripture.
- xviii.
- d. Keynote speaker:
 - i. Gemechis Buba? Pastor Paul will contact Jenny Brockman right now. Her response was asking for an email and promised to respond within a week.
 - ii. Bob Benne?

VIII. Next Meeting Date and Location – 12/9/17 10-2 FELC Mansfield.

Action Items:

1. *Each dean will (before our next meeting) update the information on the congregations and leadership in their respective districts and forward those updates to Paula so she can update them on the OMR website... the only things remaining here unless changes have occurred are listings for Council presidents.*
2. *Note cards could be provided for people before the keynotes and collected by ushers during the keynotes to be addressed during the Q&A. (Need to be purchased and people chosen to collect) Pastor Paul will take care of this.*
3. *Paula will redesign the website to make it responsive (so it appears in a better format on cell phones) as time allows. This requires a complete overhaul to the coding, so it will take time to do.*
 - a. *From the deans, Paula needs new congregations or those who have left/closed to update the map.*
4. *Paula needs to send a reminder to the deans in January to update the addresses and Pastors for the congregations in their districts prior to the OMR Convocation. (To be done in January)*
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