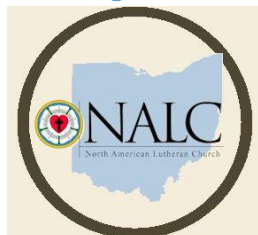


Ohio Region NALC – Executive Council meeting October 14, 2016



Present:	Unable to Attend:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dean Paul Larson• Dean Don Allman• Dean Dan Powell• Jim Patrick• Dean Bob Quaintance• Don Karger• Dean Bill Maki• Paula Caso	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sherry Shaffer• Molly King• Elizabeth Ridenour• Ethel Briggs

Minutes

Meeting @ St. Paul's Lutheran, 130 South Walnut Street, Bucyrus, OH 44820

1. Pastor Bill introduced the council to the goals of "Revive Ohio" (www.reviveOH.com) and their activities in Ohio. Activities include reaching out to young people in Ohio and reaching them through their schools. Part of the outreach includes discipling the young people for a year. The Deans discussed the details and ramifications of this process. Some concern for the proper leading of these young people was expressed, but a general support for the concept seemed to be agreed upon. The concerns seemed to focus around the mechanics of the process. A reflective approach was agreed upon.
2. Reports
 - a. Minutes – Paula Caso / meeting 7/8/16 : Pastor Don moved and Pastor Dan seconded the acceptance of the minutes. All approved.
 - b. Treasurer's – Don Karger : Report was presented and Pastor Bob moved to accept and was seconded by Pastor Don. All approved.
 - i. Jim asked about the Navigators program continuance and accountability for progress/outcomes. Pastor Don addressed what they are doing in his congregation. Pastor Dan reminded us to avoid the term "program" and to remember that it is a way to change our culture in the church to reflect our commitment to disciple making.
 - c. Mission Districts
 - i. SWOMD: 25% of congregations are in the call process or moving that direction. Christ the King in Centerville (Dona Johnson is Pastor) joined the NALC. SWOMD is planning a district-wide weekend HS youth retreat and planning meetings for church infrastructure groups to discuss best practices and what help is available. SWOMD clergy in 2017 will be meeting about 5 times a year for the district to build relationships. The SWOMD council is very active.
 - ii. SEOMD: The council has not been as active. Pastor Don is meeting with/interviewing an individual for a call. Grace in Westerville is voting to leave the ELCA and joining us in the NALC. Molly King is now on their staff. They passed their first vote and are planning to vote again at the end of the month.
 - iii. NEOMD: The clergy are meeting regularly. The council has not met yet. Trinity in Ashland has called Eric Reisen and he has accepted. Harrison Gapter left Ohio and is now in Fort Wayne, IN. He is in need of prayer for physical healing. Taking

his place for 6 months at his previous congregations is Heidi Holst. Pastor Amy Little and her P-CAT team have been working with them. Salem and Zion in Stone Creek have gotten back into the call process and have met with Pastor Wendel after having some paperwork issues.

- iv. NWOMD: They meet bi-monthly as clergy and rotate sites. The meetings are more relational in style and may include mission presenters. They meet to discuss concerns and pray together. The attendance is good for full-time clergy, but not so for part-time. The executive committee has not met since July, but will be meeting next month by Skype. They tend to meet quarterly for an hour or so. They have a seminary student in their district and the council is discussing scholarship support. They are doing a bi-monthly newsletter and a FB page. They are looking to promote a mobile app created by Pastor Bill. The app combines NALC produced materials and district information such as church addresses, contact info, map directions and FB connection, twitter, mp3 sermons, etc. The app is available on Google Play and iTunes.
- v. NCOMD: Pastor Jeanette Thorp was installed in Good Shepherd in Vickery.

3. Pastoral Care and Transition (P-CAT) Teams

- a. Discussion/Issues-Discussed the mileage reimbursement responsibility. General meetings and training mileage were already approved as an OMR expense, but mileage for P-CAT teams going to a congregation is ambiguous. Pastor Dan motioned that for the case of Amy Little's most recent trips (240 miles) be covered by the OMR. Pastor Bob seconded and the motion carried. For future mileage of P-CAT teams, it was suggested that the individual mission districts cover the mileage expenses for congregations within their district. Notification of a P-CAT meeting needs to be sent to the dean of that district so they are aware of the situation as well as the expense.
- b. Teams Formed-Two from NEOMD with a possible 3rd were offered. Two from NWOMD have gone through the online training. SEOMD has not sent anyone yet. NCOMD has asked Pastor Amy and she accepted the leadership role for the OMR. Three were sent from the SWOMD.
- c. Motion (later withdrawn for now) for P-CAT operations proposed by Pastor Dan:
 - i. Communication needs to be made to Pastor Wendel and the dean of the district.
 - ii. Expenses to be handled by the respective district.
 - iii. Always 2 members present on a P-CAT team visitation.
- d. Team Training- TBD

4. OMR Confirmation Camp-Suggestion was sent in by Pastor Amy Little to "come up with a strategy for creating some youth ministry opportunities for the Mission Region, especially since many small churches do not have youth directors/resources to invest in this all on their own." Questions were raised about confirmation curriculum differences at different ages in different congregations. The concept of faith building in the camp style suggested was appealing. The length of time was suggested to be less than a full week, but the opportunity to build relationships between youth from congregations across Ohio sounded good. Details and vision would need to be discussed with Pastor Amy. Suggestion was made to have her meet with us.

5. 2017 Convocation Theme- The usual first week in May: 5/6/2017 was proposed for the date. Pastor Dan motioned and Pastor Paul seconded that the 2017 OMR be held on 5/6/2017 at St. John's in Grove City. No discussion was needed and the motion passed. Suggestions made and discussed:
 - a. "Reformation Continued" since it's the 500th anniversary of the Reformation was suggested.
 - b. Look at how the world was in Luther's day and how it is now. What's changed and what's stayed the same in people's spiritual lives.
 - c. Workshops were well received last time, so perhaps workshops followed by a Reformation Celebration service with communion?
 - d. "Lutheran: What does this mean?" was proposed as a title/theme.
 - e. Workshop suggestions:
 - i. Ask Gary Pecuch to do a workshop on teaching the reformation and Lutheran theology to our youth.
 - ii. Music from the reformation and how it has/can influence/enhance our faith.
 - f. Person to lead closing worship? Bishop Bradosky or Gemechis Buba? Have that person also do a workshop also? Other names were suggested.
 - g. Scripture: TBD
6. Other questions or concerns:
 - a. Do a OMR Reformation Celebration Service? Not practical for a regional service, but maybe district-wide services. Have those doing these services let us know so they can be publicized on the website and FaceBook.
 - b. Journey of Faith, North Ridgeville presented a letter addressing its needs and asked for help. Many issues were discussed and a conclusion is pending further contact between Pastor Bob and Pastor Traci at JoF.
7. Mission, vision, and long range planning – Tabled for this meeting.
8. Next Meeting Date and Location: 1/7/2016 and either Trinity, Monroeville or First English, Mansfield. Location to be determined.
9. Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer.