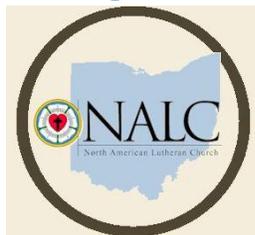


Ohio Region NALC – Executive Council meeting July 8, 2016



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

Minutes

- A. Devotions by Pastor Don Allman: Revelation 5: 11-14 followed by great discussion and relationship to our lives and the world as it stands now.
- B. Approval of the agenda: Added introductions to what was printed
- C. Introductions proceeded and all got acquainted. Pastor Bob provided an updated list for our Regional council members and will send out another update with some changes. Some discussions of current events in congregations and families ensued.
- D. Election of convener: Some discussion of who could not serve at this time lead to Pastor Bob and Pastor Bill as being potential conveners. Pastor Bob suggested Pastor Bill and Pastor Bill was elected by unanimous acclamation.
- E. Reports:
 1. Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting (April) and convocation (May) were reviewed and unanimously approved. See the documents page of the website for actual documents.
 2. Treasurer's Report: The report was reviewed by Don Karger with added discussion on the Convocation proceeds and expenses. Some expenses have not yet been invoiced, so a final "net" cannot be determined yet. Budgetary expenses currently exceed income, but that was expected as the regional council has funds in the account that can be used before it needs to ask the districts for funds. Pastor Bill motioned to accept the reports, Jim seconded and all approved the reports as reviewed.
 3. Mission Districts Reports:
 - a. Southwest OMD: One congregation in the area has passed a first vote to leave the ELCA. 7/27/16 is the next meeting of the SOMD Executive Council.
 - b. North Eastern OMD: Pastor Heidi Holst is doing pulpit supply in the north central district and lives in the north eastern district. She is seeking another call, but is willing to do pulpit supply in the meantime. An anonymous ELCA pastor approached Pastor Bob for information about the NALC and is in need of prayer for discernment before taking any further action. A question arose on how mission congregations should reach out for support. Suggestion was to have them go through Jenny Brockman.
 - c. North West OMD: Met yesterday and will meet again in September. A pastor from a different denomination has been authorized by the NALC to serve a small congregation in the district. Pastor Bill's church had a Water Walk and raised double what they had set out to raise and has done more since. The district now has a Facebook page as well as a Twitter account to announce district wide

opportunities and pass along information. Adam Poe is working on his candidacy and the district is financially supporting him. Zion has filled out paperwork for a mission partnership with Pastor Dennis Di Mauro and Trinity in Warrenton, VA and that is proceeding.

- d. North Central OMD: Good Shepherd in Vickery has called a new pastor. Pastors Amy Little and Andy Jones are forming a missions team for the district and the district is financially supporting this endeavor. Pr. Amy Little is putting together a team of 4 persons for a P-CAT team in the district. The formation process is still in flux.
- e. Southeast OMD: the district has sponsored Kensa Deresa as pastor for an Oromo church in Columbus as he works toward ordination.

F. Pastoral Care and Transition (P-CAT) Teams:

- a. Pastor Dan suggested that we form a regional team with Pastor Amy Little serving as a convener and guide for a team. He suggested that we have a team of 12 or more with members from each mission district. Pr. Paul Larson agreed with having people located and trained throughout the state and able to travel more easily. Several names were submitted of pastors trained in family systems who could be approached and asked to serve on the P-CAT teams. It was suggested that having at least 2 from each district to be recommended by the deans to the P-CAT teams was best. The teams would focus on their own geographical area, but could cross-district lines. Having one convener/coordinator for a larger team would make organizing and communicating easier. Pastors Amy Little, Bob Groenke, Patty Morlock, and Bob Quaintance are all trained and may have an interest in serving on or coordinating the larger team.
- b. Proposal to form a OMR P-CAT team was moved by Pastor Dan and seconded by Pastor Paul. Discussion added that we call the convener a "coordinator" (as that reflects the responsibility of the position) and at least 2 people from each district be recommended by the deans. Pr. Don Allman added that the regional council will financially support the team and then the question was called. Final motion is that we form a regional P-Cat team with one coordinator and at least 2 members from each district recommended (and approached) by the respective deans and the OMR will financially support the travel expenses of the team members. The motion was summarized and passed by consensus.

i. *Action items: Pastor Paul to ask Pastor Amy Little to serve as the coordinator. (Done before the meeting ended and she accepted.)*

ii. *Action items: each dean submit contact information of at least 2 willing participants (who have been asked) to the coordinator by August 21, 2016.*

G. 2016 Convocation review: Many positive remarks were made over lunch about how:

- a. well the registration was organized
- b. well the facilities were managed with the help from the congregation
- c. outstanding the food was
- d. the workshop variety was well received
- e. the number attending each workshop was manageable
- f. the displays were well set and how overall the convocation went well.

It was decided that the worship time and district business times were sufficient. Having the communion at the closing worship with both services shorter was well received.

Details to attend to next time include:

- *instructions for the host on invoicing for the meal (and snacks)*

- *instructions for display and presenter people to be there early to setup and provide advance notice for equipment needs*
- *have one person on the OMR council act as the coordinator for setups between the presenter/display people and the host congregation.*

104 people attended the convocation representing 34 congregations and almost half were guests (non-voting). The next convocation will be May 6th, 2017 and some sites were discussed. Pastor Dan motioned to set the date and Pastor Bill seconded the date and it was unanimously passed.

- H. Web page: Paula updated and then set many parts of the site to use embedded files through Google Docs. These can be easily edited by another person. The council was appreciative of the ease with which these updates can now be made (especially Pastor Bill who already started!).
- I. Pulpit Supply compensation: It was agreed in the discussion that the structure of the compensation should be based on mileage and number of services. First English pays \$150 for one service and \$50 per additional service. Pastor Dan suggested \$135 for one service and \$75 for a second and \$50 for each additional service and round-trip mileage at the IRS rate when all services are on the same day. Pastor Bob moved to agree to Pastor Dan's proposal and Pastor Dan seconded. The following discussion centered on the difference between a lay minister and an ordained pastor and if there should be a difference in compensation. The consensus was that they should be paid the same. The pay would include leading the liturgy. Other negotiated expenses need to be discussed for those who have to spend a night in a hotel or have special situations. The motion was unanimously approved.
- J. 'Guideline' for congregational giving to our Mission Districts: The OMR council agreed that this is a district decision. Suggestions were made by each dean. Paula suggested that these guidelines be posted on the individual district websites. Paula also mentioned that *perception* of "having to give" what a congregation may not have could be a problem. No action was taken as a region as more discussion through the districts needs to take place.
- K. Mission, vision, and long range planning: further discussion postponed to next meeting.
- L. Other questions or concerns: Date for next meeting was set as Friday 10/14/16 @ 9:30-2:00 in Bucyrus if they are able to host us. Motion to adjourn was made by Pastor Bill and seconded by Pastor Paul and was unanimously accepted.