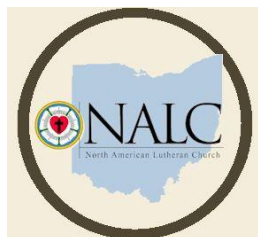


## Ohio Mission Region NALC – Executive Council meeting August 10, 2018



Present:	Unable to Attend:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dean Bill Maki</li><li>• Dean Paul Larson</li><li>• Dean Mark Daniels</li><li>• Don Karger</li><li>• Paula Caso</li><li>• Elizabeth Ridenour</li><li>• Ethel Briggs</li><li>• Sherry Shaffer</li><li>• Jack Walker</li><li>• Karen Bentley</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dean Jeff Morlock</li><li>• Dean Bob Quaintance</li></ul>

### Minutes

Meeting @First English Lutheran Church – Mansfield, OH: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

- I. **Call to Order, Devotion & Prayer** – Pr. Bill Maki – 1 Kings 19: 1-8 Story of Elijah after being threatened by Jezebel. It's amazing how Elijah got scared from Jezebel's threat even though he had just seen God destroy the prophets of Baal. Why do we still fear when we know that God has already redeemed us? We need to remember that He is infinitely more powerful than any problem in our lives.
- II. **Welcome to New Members** – Karen Bentley, SEOMD lay representative and Pastor Mark Daniels, SWOMD Dean
- III. **Election of Convener** – Pastor Bob expressed a willingness to serve as convener for the coming year. Pastor Bill motioned to nominate Pastor Bob as convener, Pastor Paul seconded and the deans present voted in favor. Pastor Bob Quaintance will be the convener for the OMR council for the coming year.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – Don Karger – The reports were reviewed by Don. Jack motioned and Ethel seconded the acceptance of the reports as reviewed. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion was added regarding Thornville in SEOMD and Youngstown in NEOMD sending checks to OMR for Oromo. It was decided that the respective representatives for those districts (or their Deans) will contact those congregations and ask them to send their donations directly to Oromo.
- V. **Email Check/Update** – The list that was most recently sent was correct. One phone number needed adjusted on the document sent by Pastor Bob. Some have had problems getting attachments and Paula will work with them when that occurs. She just needs to be notified.
- VI. **Review of May 2018 Convocation** – Registration went well. Sherry helped with the process. The only problems were illegible registrations.
  - a. For next year, we can eliminate the personal address lines (which aren't needed) and add directions to write legibly.
  - b. Don suggested that we do an online registration where they print out the registration form afterward (or a confirmation email) and send it with a check. This was enthusiastically accepted!
  - c. The form could also be made to allow for multiple people from a given congregation to register together on one form. Doing this would make it easier for a church to send one check for a group if the church is paying for the registrations.
  - d. The brochure can still have a form for those who cannot register online, but with the online registration being marked as preferred.
  - e. The number of guests almost equaled the number of clergy & laity.
  - f. The location in Columbus was ideal for people coming from all parts of the state.
  - g. Don mentioned that the Oromo capital drive and Reformation Celebration has brought more awareness of the OMR to congregations in Ohio.
  - h. It was suggested to have the deans send out an email soliciting ideas of what their congregations would like to see for workshops. Pastor Paul suggested having the convener talk to the bishop about a topic before seeking ideas from the congregations so they all fit a common theme. Pastor Bill said that he would approach Bishop John about this.

- i. All other feedback was positive (except one comment).
  - j. Jack suggested that we pass along the expectation for all church council members to attend the OMR convocation as part of their spiritual growth. (revisit this again later?)
  - k. We might also look at offering a gluten-free option for those who need that option for both communion and meals. (revisit this again later?)
- VII. **What to do with Oromo Trophy** – Some discussion was had on what to do with the physical object when we don't have a physical location for the OMR. The suggestion was made to have the convener be the keeper of the trophy. Some discussion was added to obtain a processional cross in honor of Pastor Dan Powell, but again the lack of a physical location was problematic. It was agreed that the convener will keep the trophy and bring it to the annual convocation to share with the region at that time. Paula will take the trophy today and get to Pastor Bob.
- VIII. **Thoughts About Next Year** –
- a. May 4, 2019 will be the date for the next convocation.
  - b. Bishop John Bradosky will be the keynote speaker.
  - c. Jack brought up the topic of the Lutheran understanding of baptism and being bold in reaching out to people.
  - d. Pastor Bill read Acts 28:31 " He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!"
  - e. Pastor Mark brought up the story of the Ethiopian eunuch and the idea of "what is to prevent me from being baptized."
  - f. Be ready to make a defense could be a breakout session.
  - g. A long discussion ensued about the Lutheran understanding of baptism and how it is God's work coming to us and not our work going to him.
  - h. Pastor Bill will discuss these ideas with Bishop John as potential topics for the 2019 Convocation.
- IX. **Old Business** – Contact information (email & phone) from members was obtained from Pastor Bob and verified or updated. Liz provided a picture for the website and Paula verified that everyone was willing to have their phone numbers and email addresses posted.
- X. **New Business** –
- a. Pastor Bill had notecards made for the OMR which were distributed to the 5 deans and the secretary. These can be used for thank you notes and other communications from the OMR.
  - b. NALC Stewardship team is having a presentation on September 15<sup>th</sup> @ Christ the King in Centerville. \$10 includes dinner. Information and flyer will be sent to Paula to be posted on the web and Facebook.
  - c. Everyone needs to be thinking about workshops for the Convocation in May after Pastor Bill relays the results of his conversation with Bishop John.
- XI. **Mission District Reports** –
- a. SWOMD: Note the item above. There have been some pastoral vacancies in the district. There were recipients of the grant to send laity to the NALC Convocation in the SWOMD.
  - b. NCOMD: There is nothing new to report.
  - c. NWOMD: Pastor Bill has spent time with one congregation in need of intervention and mediation. Pastor Bill had a discussion with the Bishop and others on the NALC Executive Council about pastors being on too many committees and unable to devote themselves to their congregations. There was one grant given for lay people to go to the NALC Convocation.
  - d. NEOMD: Pastor Bob sent a document with the contact information for the OMR. He was unable to attend the meeting due to a funeral.
  - e. SEOMD: Pastor Jeff was unable to attend the meeting due to a funeral.
- XII. **Next Meeting** – November 3, 2018, 10:00 – 2:00 @ FELC Mansfield.
- a. Pastor Larson will get a menu from Charley's so we can order early and just pick up at noon.
- XIII. **Adjournment** – Closed with the Lord's Prayer @ 2:05 pm.

## **Action Items:**

1. *Paula: Post a slide show of the pictures from the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration on the website.*
2. *Pastors Bob and Bill: Workshop leaders from the 2018 Convocation: Provide a leaders' guide that the attendees can take with them to share with their congregations*
  - a. *"I'm Just a ...: Beyond our fears" is the only one left to be added.*
3. *Paula: Post the workshop leader-guides after the convocation along with pictures... just waiting on the last one.*
4. *The respective representatives for those districts (or their Deans) will contact Thornville in SEOMD and Youngstown in NEOMD and ask them to send their donations directly to Oromo rather than through the OMR.*
5. *Paula: Create an online registration form with an email confirmation that will feed the information into a spreadsheet. It needs to specify that the email confirmation needs to be printed and sent in with the check and registration is not complete until the check is received.*
  - a. *The form could also be made to allow for multiple people from a given congregation to register together on one form. Doing this would make it easier for a church to send one check for a group if the church is paying for the registrations.*
6. *Paula: The brochure can still have a form for those who cannot register online, but with the online registration being marked as preferred. Personal address can be removed to make it easier to fill out.*
7. *Pastor Bill: talk to the bishop about a topic before seeking ideas from the congregations so they all fit a common theme. Share our discussion about boldly proclaiming and about baptism.*
8. *Paula: Take the trophy today and get to Pastor Bob.*
9. *Paula: store the extra notecards from Pastor Bill and get Pastor Bob's set to him along with the Oromo trophy.*
10. *Pastor Mark: get the flyer for the NALC Stewardship team presentation on September 15th to Paula to be posted on the web and Facebook.*
11. *Paula: Post the information from 11. above on the website and on Facebook.*
12. *Everyone: continue to think about workshops for the Convocation in May after Pastor Bill relays the results of his conversation with Bishop John.*
13. *Pastor Larson: Get a menu from Charley's so we can order early and just pick up at noon on 11/3/2018.*