

Ohio Mission Region NALC – Executive Council meeting January 18, 2019



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

Minutes

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

- I. **Call to Order & Opening Devotions** – We opened with sharing highs and lows in our lives. Several prayer needs were shared. The devotion was based on Acts 2:37-47. There were a few insights from the passage including the forgiveness offered, the togetherness of the fellowship and mutual support, the number of “and” statements, and the ongoing blessings. Pastor Bob pointed out that “none of the *and*’s happened without the reaching of the gospel.” We need to make sure people know what we are for and not just what we are against. We need to shine the HOPE of the gospel so brightly that they can’t miss it (my 2 cents). The conversation turned to reaching out without an agenda: being Christ in the world by being observant of His work and joining with Jesus in touching hearts. It’s not our job to transform people, but rather to be used by the Spirit when he chooses to use us. We don’t assist God, he blesses us by allowing us to partner with him. The devotional time ended with pair-prayer for the needs that had been raised and for expressing thanksgiving.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – Don Karger moved and Pastor Bill seconded acceptance of the minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor of accepting the minutes as they had been emailed the night before.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report** – Don went over the expenses for last year as the 2018 year was closed out and explained the items in the report. This will be presented at the convocation in addition to a current standing report. Don also went over the proposed budget for the convocation presentation. There was discussion about the need for support of the OMR by the five mission districts and it was noted that there is a line in the budget to indicate that. Pastor Bill motioned and Pastor Paul seconded the acceptance of the treasurer’s report. This was followed by a unanimous vote.
 - a. Pastor Bill motioned and Jack seconded to approve the budget proposal presented by Don Karger (with the one correction to change the wording of “OMD’s” to “the five Ohio Mission Districts”). Some discussion ensued about the expenses for lay leader training and if it should be a separate or increased line item in the budget. The concurrence was to increase the line item “OMR support to OMD’s for Lay Ministry Training” to \$1000. The vote to approve the change in value was unanimous. The vote to present the approved proposed budget for 2019-2020 at the 2019 Convocation was also unanimous.
 - b. Pastor Bob motioned and Ethel seconded the nomination of Don Karger for the position of OMR Treasurer. There was no discussion or further nominations and the nominations were closed. The vote was unanimous to put Don Karger forward as the nomination for OMR Treasurer.
- IV. **Unfinished Business: 2019 Convocation** –
 - a. **Date:** May 4, 2019
 - b. **Keynote Speaker:** Bishop Bradosky
 - c. **Location:** Upper Arlington Lutheran Church.
 - d. **Theme:** Baptized AND Living It!

- e. **Brochure Cover Quote:** “When Satan knocks on the door of my heart, ... the Lord Jesus goes to the door and says, 'Martin Luther used to live here but he has moved out. Now I live here!’ – Martin Luther.
 - f. **Scripture:** Single – Acts 2: 38. In whole passage – Acts 2: 36-47 (Emphasis in pointing out how receiving the Holy Spirit leads to all of the “ands” that follow.)
 - g. **Schedule:**
 - 7:30 – 8:00 Vendor Display setup
 - 8:15 – 9:00 Registration and Display Visits
 - 9:00 – 10:15 Greeting, Opening and Keynote (Theme Scripture focus)
(Pastor Bob and Bishop Bradosky to discuss)
 - 10:30 – 11:15 Workshop: Session 1
 - 11:20 – 12:00 District Meetings (with elections)
 - 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch and Display Visits
 - 1:00 – 1:45 OMR Meeting (and election of treasurer) – (in the sanctuary)
 - 2:00 – 2:45 Workshop: Session 2
 - 3:00 – 4:15 Closing Worship with Communion, Installations and Closing (Theme Scripture focus)
 - h. **Offering:** NALC Disaster Response was proposed as the recipient by motion from Liz and seconded by Pastor Jeff. The form of offering is to be cash/check, Lowes or Home Depot gift cards and Bibles. The vote was unanimous in favor. Paula will include this in the brochure.
 - i. **Worship Service:** The details of communion distribution, offering collection and seating were discussed among the deans and plans were made.
 - j. **Workshops:**
 - i. Title: (Pastor Paul) *Baptism: What do Lutherans believe?*
 - ii. Title: (Pastor Bill) *Living Wet (for Jesus): What does it look like to live out your baptism?*
 - iii. Title: (Paul Nordman) *Christ in me – Transformed from within.*
 - iv. Title: (Pastor Jeff & Jack) *Title to be determined later.*
 - v. Title: (Scott Ness?) *Pastor Jeff to approach for a workshop.*
 - k. **Brochure & Registration:** Paula and Ethel will continue to work on this. Adding “speaker” as an additional option after the others in the “attending as” list and include the workshop name. (Make a multiple option item).
- V. **Other Unfinished Business** – Pastor Jeff motioned and Pastor Paul seconded a decision to waive the vendor fee if a person is also conducting a workshop. The vote was unanimous to accept the motion.
- VI. **New Business** – none presented today.
- VII. **Reports – Mission Districts & P-CAT**
- a. **SWO-MD:** Had 2 installations. Christ the King in Centerville closed due to declining membership. Grace Springfield is in the call process.
 - b. **NCO-MD:** Don Karger shared how Crist Lutheran, Lexington closed and how God guided all the physical contents to be placed with people or other churches. Prayers were requested for Pastor Marylou Brook as she is now retired.
 - c. **NWO-MD:** Grace in Jackson Center is ready to submit their profile to begin the interview process. Pastor Paul Gruetter informed us that his church will apply to serve as a seminary internship site.
 - d. **NEO-MD:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clergy Meetings: Our pastors and lay professionals are meeting 7 times this year. Four of those times we meet in the Ashland area and the other times at congregations around the mission district. 2. Congregations: (currently 10 congregations, 1 house church, 1 potentially) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Executive Council approved Stone Lutheran to the NALC on January 3rd. <p style="text-align: center;">Stone Evangelical Lutheran Church 940 County Road 1754</p>
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Council President, Janene Yeater

3. **Clergy:** (currently 18 ordained NALC ministers[5 active full-time] and 1 AIM)

4. **Other:**

- The mission district will participate in next year's March for Life on Friday the 24th. Trinity in Ashland has offered to be a gathering spot and get a bus for the group.
- Trinity in Ashland will likely send a couple of youth to next year's NEXUS event and is willing to transport others.
- Pastor Bill Haggis has given me the name of another congregation (ELCA) that MIGHT have some interest in joining the NALC.

e. **SEO-MD:** In addition to the written report – *Christ is Lord* is no longer listed as a NALC congregation. UALC has given the building at the Hilltop location to the Veritas congregation which has been meeting there. Their congregation has been growing and the location has become problematic for UALC. This seemed to be the best solution for both congregations. Steve Turnbull is now the senior pastor at UALC.

1. Our mission district is hosting two gatherings to bring people from our congregations together for fellowship, mutual encouragement, and the possibility of future joint mission endeavors. The groups and times are as follows:

Youth and Family Ministry Leaders (including staff, volunteers, and student leaders) – Saturday, February 23, 9:30am--12:30pm at St. John's, Grove City.

Women's Ministry Leaders (including circle and bible study leaders) -
Saturday, March 9, 10:00am--1:00pm at Oromo Evangelical Church of Columbus.

2. We are in conversation with a group of 25-30 people who left their ELCA congregation in North Columbus about whether the NALC is a good fit for them and the possibility of what it might look like for us to partner with them.

3. After four clergy installations from April through August of 2018, we now have only two call processes happening:

Grace, Westerville – Senior Pastor

St. John's, Grove City – Associate Pastor

4. Also, the Oromo Church has stepped up to pay both of their pastors a half-time salary, so they are both truly tentmakers now.

f. **P-CAT Coordinator:** Not much has happened since the last meeting. A few confidential issues have been handled with individual pastors/churches. Others may be needed and were discussed confidentially.

VIII. **Next Meeting** – Friday February 15th, 2019 at FELC

IX. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and blessings at 2:20.

Action Items (new and ongoing):

1. *All 5 deans: Please email mission district reports to Paula for inclusion in the minutes if not already done.*
2. *Pastor Jeff: Talk to Paul Nordman about doing a workshop session and have him create a short description for the brochure and online registration form if he's willing and able.*
3. *Pastor Jeff & Jack: Come up with a viable title for a joint workshop and create a short description for the brochure and online registration form.*
4. *Pastor Jeff: Talk to Scott Ness about doing a workshop session and have him create a short description for the brochure and online registration form if he's willing and able.*
5. *Pastor Bill: create a short description of the workshop for the brochure and online registration form.*
6. *Pastor Paul: create a short description of the workshop for the brochure and online registration form.*
7. *Don: change the wording of "OMD's" to "the five Ohio Mission Districts" on the proposed budget.*
8. *Don: increase the line item "OMR support to OMD's for Lay Ministry Training" to \$1000 on the proposed budget.*
9. *Don: Create a short description of the duties of OMR Treasurer to include in the Convocation packet as we did last year for the position of Secretary. (Just a suggestion... and both descriptions can be put on the website too.)*
10. *Paula: Scan the thank you letter and post on the website.*
11. *Paula: Email Don the invoice for the website hosting.*
12. *Paula: Post a slide show of the pictures from the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration on the website.*
13. *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.*
14. *Paula: Post the workshop leader-guides after the convocation along with pictures... just waiting on the last one.*
15. *Paula: Finish the 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. *Multiple printouts can be put together in one envelope with a check from a church. Each form needs to specify the workshops for the individual registering as well as their voting status. Provide an option to pay online.*
16. *Paula & Don: Set up online payments for the registrations*
17. *Paula: Start creating the 2019 Convocation brochure including the cover quote, theme and scripture.*
18. *Paula: Include The form of offering as cash/check, Lowes or Home Depot gift cards and Bibles for NALC Disaster Response.*
19. *Paula: Finish the 2019 Convocation brochure once the workshop titles and descriptions have been received.*
20. *Pastor Bob: Print and snail mail brochures to Ohio congregations once received from Paula.*
21. *Paula: Add "speaker" as an additional option after the others in the "attending as" list and include the workshop name. (Make a multiple option item).*
22. *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.*
23. *Pastor Bob: talk to the bishop about our finalized theme when that is ready.*
24. *Paula: add "Lay Ministry Training" to be discussed as new business at a later time.*