

Ohio Mission Region NALC – Executive Council meeting February 15, 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• Ethel Briggs• Jack Walker	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sherry Shaffer• Elizabeth Ridenour

Minutes

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

- I. **Call to Order & Opening Devotions** – The devotion, led by Pastor Bob, was based on John 13:4 – 17, 33 – 35. At the end Jesus gave his first gift, even before the Holy Spirit, which is the gift of community. Pastor Bob told a story about a Jew surviving the Holocaust and one thing she said about resilience: If one person lost hope there would be someone nearby who would bolster them up, giving them hope and the ability to go on. We are put alongside others to be their hope and faith until they can regain their own. Pastor Bill reminded us that faith is a continuous revelation; things are revealed over time as we need the understanding. Always at the right time, God gives us more to strengthen our faith. Pastor Jeff shared about services in his church where the Spirit moved people to spontaneously go up front and invite someone in need to come forward to be prayed over and others joined in response. It was inspiring.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – Ethel moved and Pastor Bill seconded acceptance of the minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor of accepting the minutes as they had been updated and posted online.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report** – Don shared the current status of the account and went on to the proposed budget. Pastor Jeff motioned and Pastor Paul seconded the acceptance of the treasurer’s report. This was followed by a unanimous vote.
 - a. Discussion ensued regarding the budget proposal line for *Contributions Received from Ohio Mission Districts*. The determination after the discussion was to leave the amount as it stands and no motion was made to change it.
- IV. **Unfinished Business: 2019 Convocation – (already determined in previous meetings)**
 - 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.
Bishop Bradosky and Pastor Bob will be the main distributors for communion and they can touch base with Pastor Jeff before or after lunch on other logistics. Pastor Jeff or others will arrange for people to take up the offering.
- 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) *Our Baptism Identity: Christ in Me.*
 - iv. Title: (Pastor Bob) *Stories of Practical Discipleship.* (Afternoon only)
 - v. Title: (Pastor Jeff & Jack) *Joining Jesus in the Great Commission of Baptism.*
 - vi. Non-published: P-CAT Team meeting during the morning workshop times.
- k. Brochure & Registration:** Paula and Ethel will continue to work on this: adding options for dietary restrictions and those who will attend the P-CAT team meeting (making it clear it is for the existing team only).
- l. Displays:** There have been a few requests. Pastor Bob will be the contact point and will forward the information to Pastor Jeff to have tables available for them.

V. New Business – Don motioned and Pastor Paul seconded the official address of the treasurer of the OMR be changed to:

- a. 525 West Cook Road
Mansfield, OH 44907

VI. Reports – Mission Districts & P-CAT

a. SWO-MD:

- i. Having a youth gathering. Contact Trish 937-441-6876 if interested in sending any youth. More information will be coming by email.
- ii. Jan 11, 2020, there will be a Council retreat for councils in their district.

b. NCO-MD: Pastor Paul passed out flyers for “The Great Strengths of The Aging Church” which will be held in Mansfield on Saturday, March 30th. This was/will be emailed out as well.

c. NWO-MD:

Grace and peace to you from the North West Ohio Mission District,

It has been fairly quiet in the Mission District, but some things of note I’ve listed below.

Severe snow storms in January cancelled worship services and reduce attendance District wide. Severe cold also hampered some congregations worship midweek this month.

I understand from Pr. Paul Gruetter at St John’s, Montpelier, OH that at the end of their Congregational meeting there was a round of applause.

Pr. Cathi Braasch is recovering from her surgery and Grace, Jackson Center is continuing in it's call process.

Pr. Karen Tamorria (St John's-Hopewell Twp & Zion-Chattanooga) has a congregational member who is enrolling in ILT's Pastoral Ministry Program.

We, as a Mission District, provide some financial support for Adam Poe, seminarian at ILT. Additionally, as he is a member of Zion-St Marys, they also provide support with an annual fish fry the Friday after Ash Wednesday, which is coming up in a few weeks.

May God's gracious love continue to bless you all,
Pastor William E. Maki, Dean

d. NEO-MD:

- i. Had their first meeting last Saturday and have more planned before the OMR Convocation.
- ii. Will be working with Stone Lutheran to start a call process.

e. SEO-MD:

Most of the churches in this district will have turned over leadership within the last 2 years.

SOUTHEAST OHIO MISSION DISTRICT

Dean's Report to OMR Council
2/15/19

1. Two congregations continue in the call process: Grace, Westerville (Senior Pastor) and St. John's, Grove City (Associate Pastor).
2. We are gathering congregational leaders across our mission district for fellowship and common mission planning this month. Youth Leaders (adults and students) will meet on February 23 at St. John's, Grove City, led by Gary Pecuch. Women's Leaders will gather on March 9 at Oromo Evangelical Church in Columbus, led by Jan Bartel.
3. A retirement workshop entitled, "Following Jesus in the Second Half" will be held at UALC's Mill Run Campus on Saturday, March 2, with keynote speaker Pastor Beverly DeBord. Congregations in the Southeast and Southwest Ohio Mission Districts have been invited, but all are welcome. Cost of \$20 includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and a copy of Bev's 9-session Sola Bible Study, "Retirement: The Good, the Bad, the Blessings." Registration at ualc.org/adults.

f. P-CAT Coordinator: Nothing new this meeting.

VII. Next Meeting – Friday August 16th, 2019 at FELC

VIII. Adjournment –Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and blessings.

Action Items (new and ongoing):

1. *All workshop leaders: Send the blurbs to Paula for the workshops to be printed in the brochure by February 22, 2019.*
2. *All 5 deans: Please email mission district reports to Paula for inclusion in the minutes if not already done.*

3. *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.)*
4. *Paula: Email Don the invoice for the website hosting.*
5. *Paula: Post a slide show of the pictures from the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration on the website.*
6. *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.*
7. *Paula: Post the workshop leader-guides after the 2019 convocation along with pictures.*
8. *Paula & Don: Set up online payments for the registrations*
9. *Paula: Finish the 2019 Convocation brochure once the workshop titles and descriptions have been received.*
10. *Pastor Bob: Print and snail mail brochures to Ohio congregations once received from Paula.*
11. *Pastor Bob: talk to the bishop about our finalized theme.*
12. *Paula: add "Lay Ministry Training" to be discussed as new business at a later time.*