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The Atlantic District LC-MS
61st Regular Convention

Section Two: Office of the President

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Atlantic District, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Report of the District President

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Living Love

as we Engage the World with the Gospel of Hope

Part 1

It is always my honor to serve the Atlantic District as District President.

- I continue to thank you for entrusting me with this office. It is a humbling, challenging and often overwhelming honor.
- I thank my wife and family for their love, understanding and sacrifice as they allow me to serve the district.
- I thank the Atlantic District staff, Praesidium, Board of Directors, and all those who give of themselves to assist the Atlantic District in Living the Love of Christ as we Engage the World with the Gospel of Hope.
- And I thank you for your service and your prayers through these tumultuous times of change.

The theme of our 61st regular convention is Living Love.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Paul writes to a strife torn congregation in Corinth. He writes words of encouragement and shares this beautiful discourse on love. Chapter 13 gives a description of what love does and does not look like as we live our lives. So often we hear this passage as part of a wedding ceremony, but the fullness of this passage is lived out in our everyday lives as Christians on this earth.

We experience the perfect love of Jesus through his birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension. We experience the perfect love of Jesus in his daily interactions with people in the words of Holy Scripture. We experience the perfect love of Jesus as He shares himself with us in the waters of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. This living love of Jesus that we have experienced is not for us alone. We are to be "Living Love" as we go about our lives in this world so that others may encounter Jesus' love in us.

Each and every one of the words of description in 1 Corinthians 13 has been a challenge over the past four years as the church has experienced challenge, change, and turmoil. The challenges of a worldwide shut down including directives toward our congregations were not meant to silence the Word, but to protect the health of our neighbor. Challenges to overcome as congregations moved to a digital presentation of the Gospel. Challenges as anxiety and fear took hold of members hearts and minds with the fear of the



unknown. Challenges as our nation grappled with issues of social justice, race relations, polarized politics, and the anxiety of change. Wrestling with these issues and so many more brought change into each and everyone of our lives, corporately and individually. These changes often led to internal turmoil and stress.

Following the 2018 Convention we began working through the resolutions. Resolutions were sent to the 2019 LCMS National Convention as overtures to be considered by our national body and can be found in the 2019 LCMS Convention Workbook. These included:

- To Overrule CCM Opinion 14-2724; This became Ov. 2-04.
- To Forward Emphases to Synod for Next Triennium; submitted to the 2019 Convention
- To Modify the Governance of the Colleges and Universities of the Concordia University System; This became Ov. 7-03.
- To Decry Racism in the Church and Society; This became Ov. 11-13.
- To Overrule LCMS Board of Directors' May 2017 Resolution 12-14; re: Bylaw 7.1.2; This became Ov.10-18.
- To Give Thanks and Praise to God and Encourage Support for LIRS Ministry Welcoming Refugees and Displaced Persons; This became Ov. 3-07.
- To Expand the Mandate of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty; This became Ov.11-18.
- To Revise the Specific Ministry Pastor Limitations; This became Ov. 6-04.

These can be found at LCMS.org under the Conventions tab or <https://www.lcms.org/convention/national/publications>.

- The district also worked on the resolutions passed by the 60th Regular District Convention:
- To Encourage and Support Struggling Congregations
- Task Force 2 has continued to support the revitalization of congregations throughout the district as they provide resources that they find to be helpful in ministry. The district always remains open to conversations with struggling congregations as we seek to be “Living Love” in Jesus in our communities.
- To Explore New Mission Starts in the Atlantic District
- The Atlantic District has started a monthly prayer meeting to prayerfully come before the Lord as we seek laborers for the harvest. Task Force 1 seeks to identify and develop new mission opportunities. COVID-19 became a major stumbling block to our goal of six new missions. We did aid in starting five new missions including a food pantry, mask collection and distribution and 3 preaching stations.
- • To Support and Encourage Pastoral Development
- The district has long supported continuing education of all rostered workers as well as our laity. This remains an emphasis of the district. In the



past quadrennium we supported 18 workers financially.

- To Decry Racism in the Church and Society
- The Atlantic District continues to work toward racial reconciliation and equality within the Church and within society-at-large. A number of our workers and congregations remain active in local, national and global conversation. In the last quadrennium the District President has shared pastoral letters to the district as needed. Racism in Church and Society was also the topic of conversation for a pastors conference and zoom meeting.
- To Encourage the Expansion of the Atlantic District Lay Deacon Program
- The Atlantic District offers scholarships to any deacon who applies. The program is currently under review as we expand beyond the 10 core classes. This will allow for continuing education as required by the program. More than 40 individuals have taken classes in the Atlantic District Lay Deacon Program.
- Feast Day Worship Celebration in Congregations
- The Atlantic District fully supports and continues to encourage congregations to worship at feast day services. We are exploring how we can better share additional worship opportunities in which members may partake.

Instead of this being a triennial report, it is a quadrennial report due to the global pandemic from COVID-19 and a delay of the Atlantic District Convention.

Following the 2018 Convention the Atlantic District moved forward on a number of initiatives. These included worker wellness in partnership with Grace Place Ministries. Six pastors and wives attended wellness retreats. Congregational support through a partnership with Five Two Ministries and Dwelling 1:14. These were opportunities for congregations to look at starting something new within the congregation along with outreach to the surrounding community and beyond. Baptisms occurred in mission congregations in Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island.

It is difficult to remember back to 2018-2019 because March of 2020 looms large. In March of 2020 as COVID-19 took hold in our district and the world, many plans needed to pause and change as we began to understand what the COVID-19 pandemic really meant. The Festival of Workshops was held March 14, 2020, right after a “spreader event” had occurred at a party in New Rochelle. We were just outside the containment zone. We contacted local and state official and were encouraged to take precautions but move forward with the Festival of Workshops. We are now over two years later and COVID remains an ongoing concern as we live our lives.

As New York State began to shut down placing restrictions on public transportation, business, recreation and even houses of worship, it was necessary to respond. The district with support from Task Force 8 – Disaster Response endeavored to provide guidance and information for congregations as we continued to deal with the pandemic.

In the early days it was a challenge to provide appropriate guidance and information. There was so much to learn as congregations went from in person worship to online worship. The district provided resources



to assist in that transition and often sister congregations were called on to assist in meeting needs locally.

The district provided regular check-ins via zoom with pastors and congregations. It was challenging to provide appropriate guidance as each context is different and local rules at times varied throughout the state.

In early March we provided the first guidance as information began to be shared about proper cleaning protocols and how to deal with outbreaks of COVID. Over the next few weeks additional information was shared in print and via regular zoom calls as check-ins for pastors.

Circuit Visitors were asked to regularly reach out to each of the congregations of the district on an ongoing basis to inquire about particular struggles and needs. The Circuit Visitors also began meeting via zoom on a regular basis to share information and concerns.

The district provided guidance as COVID exposures were discovered in congregational settings. We published a guide to sacred acts, moving to online worship, communicating with the congregation, and a Return to Operations guide. These are some of the letters and information we shared with the pastors and congregations of the district.

When the Paycheck Protection Program became available, the district brought together partners from Capell, Barnett, Matalon and Schoenfeld; Lutheran Church Extension Fund and Concordia Plan Services to talk about the application process; provide guidance and assist as needed. When it was time to apply for loan forgiveness another meeting was held. These zoom meetings were for laity and church workers.

As Easter 2020 approached the challenge for some congregations to provide Holy Week Services in a digital format was identified. The Atlantic District planned and distributed Holy Week services involving congregations from throughout the district. Many people within the district and outside our district around the world participated in these services and expressed their gratitude.

There were many needs that surfaced. During the mask shortage as a spike of infections and accompanying deaths rose in Suffolk County an appeal for masks was made. Masks arrived from all over the country: Buffalo, NY; St. Louis, MO; Johnston, IA; King City, OR; Bishop, TX; Menomonee Falls, WI and so many more. 162 different individuals or groups from 18 states sent close to 20,000 masks which were distributed throughout the district to congregations, shelters, communities, the police and more. We asked and the church responded. Praise God for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

So many people were involved in those early days as we strived to better understand what was happening. Doctors and nurses from Stonybrook Hospital and throughout the district shared their knowledge with regards to transmission and current medical understandings. The Lutheran Counseling Center spoke as we looked at mental health stressors and decision fatigue. Our chaplains lead a discussion on appropriate responses to emergencies and working through different regulations in hospital settings. The Atlantic District Praesidium remained active as we dealt with this big unknown and everyday issues in our congregations. The Atlantic District staff prepared information for the website and in print to keep congregations informed. I thank each and every one of you for the work that you have done “Living Love” through this pandemic and seeking to live that love to our neighbor as we share the Gospel of Hope.

This was not an easy road. Many mistakes were made. Even as I write this report, I feel the hairs on my neck rising as the stress builds once again. Our response has exposed a number of issues that the dis-



trict has to work through and rectify in the coming months. I am sorry for the mistakes and slowness of response as things have piled up. These issues are being evaluated and worked through as we continue to move forward. The response and effects of COVID-19 remain. Our world has changed. People have changed. As we look forward we need to figure out this new normal together because the one thing that has not changed is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The need for Jesus and his atoning work is needed just as much in this new normal as it was before.

There are lessons that we must learn from our response. COVID-19 has changed many things in the world and amplified the fear and anxiety in our society. It has exposed a number of challenges. All congregations were touched by this pandemic. Some have navigated the challenges more quickly and effectively than others. Many congregations that were struggling prior to the pandemic find themselves in an even more challenging situation today.

This highlights the need for the district to evaluate the true effects of the pandemic on the worship life of our congregations. We are in a different place. The sharing of this new reality may lead to opportunities for collaboration among our sister congregations. We need to understand the situation we are facing as we seek to move forward in mission and ministry.

Another great challenge in the last quadrennium was the closing of Concordia College, New York. Concordia College held its last commencement on May 8, 2021. The last degrees were conferred in December 2021. The official information has been shared from the Board of Regents. Many factors went into making this decision including financial difficulties; low student enrollment; and challenges resulting from COVID-19. My heart continues to ache over this loss for our district, our region and the LCMS. This is a loss that impacted more than just the students who attended experiencing the love of Jesus possibly for the first time. This loss has impacted employees, our congregations, auxiliaries, district and beyond as a hub at which we gathered, learned, worshipped and planned. The Care and Comfort fund was developed by the district and other East Coast districts to support faculty and staff as they sought new jobs. The district will seek ways to continue to support Lutheran higher education endeavors for the Northeast and East Coast.

The closure of Concordia College created a number of immediate items to which we needed to attend. Concordia College had been the home of the Atlantic District Office and Archives. The timing of the closure presented a challenge to adequately determine needs and an overarching plan for the future of the district office.

Space was identified in Manhattan that was suitable for our immediate needs. The current two-year lease allows the district time to assess our needs for office and other space including meeting space and archives. What does the district need at this time? How can we best serve and support the needs of the district? What location or locations would serve the district into the future? These and many more questions will be dealt with in the coming year. We are blessed that the current space is well within our established budget.



This convention could not be held at the college. As the district searched for a new location, we faced tremendous difficulties to identify a location that could host the convention. Many could not accommodate appropriate space or time as we required. Often Friday evenings and Saturdays were already booked due to the back log of weddings created from the pandemic. Some locations would fill as we called back to reserve the location. We thank Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Colonie for their willingness to host us for the 61st Regular District Convention.

The visitation of congregations continues, but COVID presented a necessary shift from in person meetings for our district and individual parishes. Sunday morning congregational visitations have become more frequent in the last few months as congregations find a new "normal." These visitations will continue and grow to interact with the members of our district and share the work we are about.

Pastoral vacancies continue to be challenging. There are difficulties in identifying pastors who are willing to come to New York. We continue to build relationships and share the work of the Atlantic District as we seek those the Lord is calling to this field. It has been a blessing to see a number of home-grown leaders enter the seminary. There are students attending a seminary from 10 congregations either in residential programs or in distance education programs leading to ordination like: Specific Ministry Program (SMP); Ethnic Institute of Theology; Center for Hispanic Studies Institute (CHS); and the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center (CMC). In addition to those training to be pastors we also have people attending our Concordia's training to be Commissioned Ministers as Lutheran Teachers; Directors of Christian Education, Deaconesses and more.

The words of Jesus in Matthew, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." May your prayers be earnestly lifted to our Lord.

This is not to say that God hasn't already responded because He has. We continue to be blessed by those who do respond to the call to ministry. We have received candidates from the seminary and our colleges, individuals from the field, and graduates from our seminaries distance learning programs.

The Atlantic District Lay Deacon program is another way the Lord continues to provide workers in the field. This Lay Deacon program continues to provide trained lay people that work alongside our ordained and commissioned workers to "Engage the World with the Gospel of Hope." This is one more answer to prayer.

In the coming triennium we are seeking to provide additional resources and opportunities for collaboration among the elected lay leaders of our congregations. These will include training opportunities for presidents, treasurers, secretaries, and the like. They will also include opportunities for the sharing of ideas and conversation as we walk in faith together.

The Task Forces are retooling to be more effective as so much has changed. We are focusing on practical tasks to assist workers and ministries in being more effective in carrying out the work of mission. Task Force 1 – Missions has put together a plan to better equip our cultural missionaries in leadership development and the harvesting of stories to better share the wonderful things that are happening. They are also looking at what other opportunities God is opening for us around the district. Task Force 2 – Revitalization has been working to offer resources that assist local congregations. The Red Letter and Being challenges during Lent were resources shared by them. Task Force 8 – Disaster response was very active



early on in COVID providing guidance for congregations. All of the Task Forces are adapting as we look toward the future to determine what has changed and what this new normal means.

As we travel through this new season the district has formed partnerships providing services to congregations. We maintain our relationship with Capell, Barnett, Matalon and Scheonfeld (CBMS) who provide a wealth of information relating to a range of legal guidance including property issues, redevelopment, leases, and outside groups use of properties. CBMS will be working with us to provide a series of video conferences relating to property issues and leases to help protect congregations in this litigious world.

The district has been in ongoing conversations with Concordia Plan Services (CPS). One of the issues congregations face is the increasing difficulty to find volunteers to take care of the financial recordkeeping. This partnership with CPS seeks to provide bookkeeping services, payroll, human resources and more to local congregations. The details are being worked out and there will be more information forthcoming. There are already 3 churches that are providing the beta testing on this plan.

Finally, there is the ongoing partnership with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). The LCEF is a longtime partner who assists with loans, demographics and more.

LCEF also has a ministry department that assists congregations in the development of ministry plans, in areas of stewardship, and with capital projects and campaigns.

The ministry planning process guides congregations in discovering God's will for the congregation and creates plans with actionable goals to achieve it.

Rev. Billy Brath heads up the work in the Atlantic District with several churches currently working through this process. Rev. Brath is also guiding our district in master planning and will assist in its rollout through regional gatherings in the coming months.

In addition, we are collaborating with Rev. Brath on a new venture called Reimagining Workshops. These seminar-workshops gather multiple congregations together in a series of 4 Saturday mornings. They provide teaching in a large group setting

Pastors' Conferences, Pastors Wives' Retreats, Lay Deacon Retreats, Best Practices, Festival of Workshops, Disaster Response Trainings and more are just starting to come back on line. They are being evaluated and planned as we determine locations and needs.

It is still an honor to be part of anniversaries, installations, ordinations, leading worship, preaching, and simply being part of the lives of people.

There is still much work to be done. Very real challenges remain. District communication needs to be improved to share ongoing information, stories, opportunities, and more. This needs to be done regularly and intentionally. Also our churches face real challenges: aging populations; decline in membership; aging infrastructure; lack of volunteers; decreasing finances; challenges in preaching the Gospel contextually; reaching new people in the neighborhood; communities being hostile to the Gospel; and so much more. Looking at the mission field around us makes me excited to serve here in this place. How do we continue to be the church in the urban, suburban, rural, inner city, and everything in between? Our district is situated with millions of people who have yet to hear the Gospel of Hope.



How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? (Romans 10:14, ESV)

These last few years have been overwhelming. The constant barrage of living in the unknown and striving to lead through a pandemic not knowing what the next day would bring has caused fatigue. The emotional toll of losing loved ones to COVID and not being able to mourn in a way that we knew has forced adjustments to congregational care. Not being able to visit in a way that had become familiar through face-to-face visitation and many other stressors have all forced us to adapt. The physical and emotional toll of these last 2 years is not lost on me. We need to take time to reflect and learn as we take steps forward.

I still see the Atlantic District as one of the largest mission fields in the world. The ethnic diversity and population density continues to set our district apart. We have all of Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Oceania here in our neighborhoods. Overseas missions have crossed the seas and come to our doorstep. The challenges of biblical illiteracy, hostility to the Gospel, apathy and the “Nones” adds to the beautiful diverse mix of peoples and there leaves little doubt to the mission field around us.

For we are his [God’s] workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph 2:10, ESV)

This is not our work to do alone. It is the power of the Holy Spirit working through the means of grace that brings life and salvation to this world. Yet God uses us to do the good works of faith to share this message with the world around us. God uses us, our words and actions, to be a mechanism by which faith can spread. God uses us and the beautiful understanding of faith that we have as the Lutheran church in the Confessions.

This message of the love of Jesus who died for the sins of the world, all people everywhere, remains a message this world needs to hear because Jesus’ work is the one that saves people from their sins.

Once again, I am humbled. I am sorry for my mistakes, my failings, my cause of frustration. I know I am not perfect. I seek our Lord’s mercy each day and strive to do better. I remain committed to keeping each of you in my prayers as we walk these days ahead. I remain committed to seeking ways to revitalize the ministry that God has made us stewards of in the Atlantic District and share the Gospel of Hope with this world as we are Living Love.

This next triennium (or quadrennium) will be a time of discovery, planning and implementing. We need to understand what has occurred and what has changed. However, time is of the essence. We do not have the luxury of maintaining the status quo.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, I continue to pray for you. As part of my daily devotions, I pray through different parts of the district, her workers, her congregations, her leaders. I pray for you. This work we are about is the Lord’s work. It is the very stuff of life. I pray that the hope of the Gospel remains in you as you are living love in your daily life sharing the love of Jesus.



Heavenly Father, thank you for your constant presence in our lives over these last few years. Thank you for guiding and directing us that we might be Living Love in our words and actions as we seek to share your love with this world. Continue to guide us as we seek your wisdom in the days ahead. Move us Lord with a passion to seek, serve, and share your love with the lost of this world. Draw us all to the cross of Christ, to know your love and live in that love. Bless the Atlantic District and her churches as we strive to Engage the World with the Gospel of Hope.

In Jesus name, AMEN!



OFFICIAL ACTS

Initial Membership into the LCMS

NAME	ORDAINED	INSTALLED	AUTHORIZED CALLING BODY
Rev. Dr. Steven Ware		10-Jan-18	Colloquy
Rev. Stefan Gramenz	24-Jun-18	24-Jun-18	Christ the King - Pawling
Rev. Anthony Forgione (SMP)	27-Jan-19	27-Jan-19	Our Saviour New York - Rego Park
Rev. Christopher Grant (SMP)	20-Oct-19	20-Oct-19	Trinity Lutheran - Warwick
Rev. Anthony Giordano	1-Dec-19	1-Dec-19	Calvary Lutheran - East Meadow
Rev. Jordan Voges	27-Jun-20	27-Jun-20	Good Shepherd Lutheran - Warwick
Rev. James Dorner	12-Jul-20	12-Jul-20	""St. Paul Lutheran - Albany, St. Matthew Lutheran - Albany""
Rev. Nils Niemeier	9-Aug-20	9-Aug-20	Messiah Lutheran - East Setauket
Rev. Adam Schoepflin (SMP)	15-Nov-20	15-Nov-20	"The Life Lutheran Church - Old Westbury and Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School"
Rev. Erik Johnson (SMP)	10-Jan-21	10-Jan-21	True Light Lutheran Church - New York
Rev. Philip Bartelt	18-Jul-21	18-Jul-21	Atlantic District Missioanry at Large
Rev. Brian Criocitto (SMP)	5-Dec-21	5-Dec-21	The Life Lutheran Church - Old Westbury
Rev. Jessy Wilson (SMP)	5-Feb-22	5-Feb-22	Bethlehem Lutheran - Delmar
Rev. Peter Deberny	19-Jun-22	9-Jul-22	Grace Lutheran - Mastic Beach

NAME	COMMISSIONED	INSTALLED	AUTHORIZED CALLING BODY
Deaconess Phyllis Yee	24-Jan-18	24-Jan-18	Lutheran Friends of the Deaf
Mr. Denis Scannell	13-Dec-18	13-Dec-18	Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School
Mr. Harold Kennedy	13-Dec-18	13-Dec-18	Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School
Ms. Sharon Norelius	13-Dec-18	13-Dec-18	Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School
Ms. Emma Heidorn	11-Sep-19	11-Sep-19	Martin Luther Middle & High School
Mr. James Regan	11-Sep-19	11-Sep-19	Martin Luther Middle & High School
Ms. Katie Vogt	26-Sep-20	26-Sep-20	The Chapel School
Ms. Samantha Napize	26-Sep-20	26-Sep-20	The Chapel School
Mrs. Michelle Kollmeier	21-Nov-21	21-Nov-21	Resurrection Lutheran - Garden City

Transferred Into the Atlantic District

NAME	STATUS	FROM DISTRICT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Rev. David Grell	Emeritus	New Jersey	1-Jan-18
Ms. Karen Wiggins	Active	Pacific Southwest	9-Aug-18
Rev. Jean Gardy Cenat	Candidate	Partner Church	9-Sep-18
Rev. Thomas Fisher	Emeritus	Eastern	1-Jan-19
Mrs. Kathryn Fisher	Candidate	Eastern	29-May-19
Dr. Wilbert Stelzer	Active	Pacific Southwest	1-Aug-19



NAME	STATUS	FROM DISTRICT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Rev. Sean Chapman	Active	Nebraska	18-Aug-19
Rev. Shaun Daugherty	Candidate	Texas	16-Sep-19
Mrs. Rachel Eells	Active	Northern Illinois	1-Feb-20
Rev. William Yates	Emeritus	Michigan	31-Jan-21
Rev. William Wrede	Candidate	Missouri	9-Jun-21

Transferred out of the Atlantic District

NAME	STATUS	TO DISTRICT	EFFECTIVE
Rev. John March	Active	Michigan	1-Jul-18
Rev. Nathan Erb	Active	Indiana	1-Aug-18
Rev. Matthew Popovits	Active	Texas	15-Sep-18
Rev. Ethan Luhman	Active	South Wisconsin	30-Sep-18
Rev. Joshua Krepel	Active	Rocky Mountain	1-Nov-18
Rev Dr. Roy Minnix III	Active	Southeastern	1-Jan-19
Rev. Timothy Anderson	Active	Pacific Southwest	1-Jan-19
Rev. Norbert Folwaczny	Active	Southeastern	11-Jul-19
Rev. Keffie Deen II	Active	South Wisconsin	16-Aug-19
Rev. Alfred Thiagarajan	Active	English	19-Oct-19
Rev. Victor Belton	Candidate	Florida-Georgia	26-Nov-19
Rev. Jason Taber	Active	Indiana	23-Aug-20
Rev Shaun Daugherty	Candidate	Wyoming	28-Feb-21
Ms. Marlise Nagel	Active	Pacific Southwest	21-Mar-21
Mr. Ryan Howard	Active	Texas	11-Apr-21
Mrs. Julie Taylor	Candidate	New Jersey	30-Apr-21
Rev. Travis Scholl	Active	Missouri	23-Aug-21
Rev. Jonathan Hodges	Active	New Jersey	5-Sep-21
Rev. John Priest	Emeritus	Southeastern	31-Jan-22

Installations

NAME	INSTALLED	AUTHORIZED CALLING BODY
Rev. Sung Woo Leem	2-Jun-18	Grace Lutheran - Mastic Beach
Rev. Henry Albrechtsen	10-Jun-18	Good Shepherd Lutheran - Hurley, All Saints Lutheran - Lagrangeville"
Rev. Mark Budenholzer	1-Sep-19	Atlantic District Church Planter
Rev. Christopher Grant	20-Oct-19	
Rev. Shaun Daugherty	27-Oct-19	True Light Lutheran - New York
Rev. George Carstensen	1-Nov-19	Atlantic District
Rev. Kelly-Ray Merritt	1-Nov-19	The Lutheran Care Network



NAME	INSTALLED	AUTHORIZED CALLING BODY
Rev. Sean Chapman	9-Nov-19	Immanuel Lutheran - Whitestone, Martin Luther Middle and High School
Mrs. Rachel Eells	1-Feb-20	Concordia College - New York
Rev. Christopher Grant	16-Feb-20	St. Peter Lutheran - Pine Island
Rev. Dr. Paul Sauer	27-Sep-20	Chaplain - Military
Mrs. Jaquelyn Flynn	5-May-21	St. Luke Lutheran - Dix Hills
Rev. Robert Wilson	13-Jun-21	Immanuel Lutheran - Delhi, Trinity Lutheran - Stamford
Rev. Francis Rigobert	10-Jul-21	Zion Lutheran - Schenectady
Rev. William Wrede	12-Sep-21	Our Savior's Lutheran - Colonie
Deaconess Phyllis Yee	15-Sep-21	Martin Luther Middle and High School
Rev. Erik Johnson	3-Dec-21	Holy Trinity Lutheran, Yonkers
Rev. David Haberer	9-Jan-22	Trinity Lutheran - Locust Manor
Rev. Thomas Johnson	4-Jun-22	St. Luke Lutheran - Dix Hills
Rev. Derek G. Lecakes	5-Jun-22	Christ Lutheran, Woodside

Change of Status To Candidate Status

NAME	DATE	PREVIOUS POSITION
Mrs. Tracey Gove	1-Jul-18	Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School
Mrs. Julie Taylor	30-Apr-21	Reinstated to Roster
Rev. Gregory Sawyer	8-Aug-21	Candidate
Rev. Scott Geminn	5-Sep-21	Village Lutheran - Bronxville
Rev. Dr. Joshua Hollmann	5-Oct-21	Concordia College, New York Christ Lutheran, Woodside
Rev. Christopher Grant (SMP)	13-Jun-22	St. Peter Lutheran, Pine Island

To Emeritus

NAME	DATE	PREVIOUS POSITION
Rev. Dr. Leroy Leach, Jr.	30-Jun-18	Concordia College, New York
Rev. Ken Susskraut	1-Jul-18	Trinity Lutheran - Warwick
Rev. Russel Craig	1-Nov-18	Christ Lutheran - Albany
Rev. Sean Dugan	12-May-19	Zion Lutheran - Schenectady
Rev. David Demera	1-Oct-19	Risen Christ Lutheran - Brooklyn
Rev. David Anglin	30-Jul-20	St. Paul Lutheran - Amityville
Mr. Paul Schulz	31-Aug-20	Concordia College - NY
Rev. Gordon Rakow	1-Jan-21	Resurrection Lutheran - Latham
Rev. Sam Singh	28-Feb-21	Trinity Lutheran - Locust Manor
Mrs. Melinda Warnken	1-Jul-21	Candidate



NAME	DATE	PREVIOUS POSITION
Rev. Edward Thayer	13-Jul-21	Family of Faith - Middletown

Resigned from Roster

NAME	DATE	PREVIOUS POSITION
Rev. Morris Mayer (SMP)	20-Jul-22	Village Lutheran - Bronxville
Rev. Ejaz Abid	13-Dec-21	Atlantic District Missionary

Removed from Roster

NAME	DATE	PREVIOUS POSITION
Rev. Leong Wa Chu	1-Aug-2021	Pastor - True Light

Called to Glory

NAME	CALLED TO GLORY	PREVIOUS POSITION
Mr. Weldon Endorf	3-Jul-18	Emeritus
Rev. Dr. William Hempel III	29-Nov-18	Emeritus
Rev. Dr. Merlin Rehm	4-Feb-19	Emeritus
Rev. Thomas Green	10-Oct-19	Emeritus
Rev. Dwayne Mau	15-Jan-20	Emeritus
Rev. Arthur Downing	18-Dec-20	Chaplain - Lutheran Care Network
Rev. Dr. Henry Koepchen	12-Apr-21	Emeritus
Rev. Richard Niebanck	5-May-21	Emeritus

Congregation Activity

NAME	ACTION	EFFECTIVE DATE
St. Paul of Tremont Lutheran - The Bronx	Closed	5-Aug-18
Christ Lutheran Albany	Closed	12-May-19
St. Matthew Lutheran - Hastings-on-Hudson	Closed	21-Nov-20
Grace Lutheran - Queens Village	Closed	24-Jul-21
City to Come Lutheran - Manhattan	Closed	12-Jun-22



