

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD ASSEMBLY
May 20-21, 2012
Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan

Theme: Christ the Teacher!

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012

2:00 p.m.	Registration	Messiah Lutheran Church
3:00 p.m.	Church Communications Workshop	Messiah Lutheran Church
3:30 p.m.	Synod Council Meeting	Messiah Lutheran Church
4:45 p.m.	Voting Member and Visitor Orientation	Messiah Lutheran Church
6:30 pm.	Opening Worship	Messiah Lutheran Church

8:20 p.m. PLENARY I – Messiah Lutheran Church

ORDER FOR OPENING

Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes welcomed all in attendance to the 25th Annual Synod Assembly. The Assembly then participated in the Order for Opening of Assembly.

**INTRODUCTIONS,
GREETINGS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bishop Skrenes introduced Daniel J. Lehmann, Editor of “The Lutheran” magazine. He represents Bishop Mark Hanson and will be responsible for the keynote address tomorrow.

Also introduced by Bishop Skrenes were: Kim Charleston and Deborah Simonson-Smith, Mission Investment Fund; Amy Johnson, Lutheran Office of Public Policy in Wisconsin; Sarah Fogaroli and Rev. Jim Holmberg, Lutheran Social Services; Rachel Wind, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago; Deanna Jackson, Wartburg Theological Seminary; Rev. Larry Westfield, ELCA Foundation; and Ron Lawrence, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Bishop Skrenes announced that the synod’s Worship Committee is responsible for our worship services. The chair of the committee is Su Ann Ambuehl of Bethany, Republic. Rev. George Kaiser serves as Sacristan. Bishop Skrenes thanked them for their ministry and the assembly thanked them with their applause.

Bishop Skrenes announced that the offering from this evening’s service and from the service on Tuesday will be divided between the Lay School for Mission and the Dental Mission of our Synod this summer in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Bishop Skrenes thanked Lutheran Social Services for providing refreshments during registration. He also thanked Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for sponsoring tonight’s reception and Grace, Gwinn for coordinating the reception. Bishop Skrenes also thanked Elaine Johnson (Bethlehem, Florence) for generally helping with many different things at the Assembly.

INTRODUCTION
OF SYNOD
OFFICERS

Bishop Skrenes introduced the Synod Officers: Pauline Kiltinen (Messiah, Marquette), Vice President; Rev. Douglas Johnson (Bethlehem, Florence), Secretary; and Dr. Larry Pagel, (Messiah, Marquette), Treasurer. He also introduced Karen Kolstad (Zion, Marinette) serving as Assembly Recording Secretary and Assembly Parliamentarian Susan Anderson (Sharon, Bessemer).

CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Bishop Skrenes introduced Jill Lemke, Chair of the Credentials Committee, who presented the following report as of 7:30 p.m. May 20, 2012:

Registered Voting Members	218
Clergy (53 under call and 12 retired).....	65
Lay Voting Members (58 male/95 female).....	153
(includes 6 young adults)	
Registered Visitors.....	62
(includes 7 young adults)	
TOTAL REGISTERED PERSONS	280

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 1
RULES AND
ORDER FOR
PROCEDURE

Bishop Skrenes announced that it is time to move the adoption of the Rules and Order of Procedure for this Synod Assembly. Bishop Skrenes introduced Rev. Doug Johnson, to present the resolution. Pastor Johnson also reminded the Assembly of Rule 6 on page 44 of the Pre-Assembly Report and read a portion of this rule.

Pastor Johnson reported the Synod Council recommends adoption of Resolution Number 1.

RESOLVED, that the Proposed Rules and Order of Procedure as presented in the Pre-Assembly Report, be adopted by the Northern Great Lakes Synod for the 2012 Assembly.

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt the resolution.
RESOLUTION NUMBER 1 WAS ADOPTED.

SA12.05.01

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2
AGENDA AND
PROGRAM

Bishop Skrenes introduced Rev. Doug Johnson to present Resolution Number 2, submitted by the Synod Council.

Pastor Johnson reported the Synod Council recommends adoption of this resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Agenda and Program as presented in the Pre-Assembly Report, be adopted by the Northern Great Lakes Synod for the 2012 Assembly.

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt the resolution.
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2 WAS ADOPTED.

SA12.05.02

NOMINATING
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Bishop Skrenes introduced Ken Hoffmann, Immanuel, Rhinelander, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Hoffmann introduced the Nominating Committee and then presented their report as found on pages 16-23 of the Pre-Assembly Report.

Nominations were presented for the following positions:

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member - Clergy:

Rev. Erik Heskin, Rev. David Van Kley, Rev. Marcia Solberg, Rev. Greg Mileski, and Rev. Gerald Anderson.

No additional nominations were received from the floor.

It was moved and seconded to close nominations for Churchwide Assembly Voting Member – Clergy.

SA12.05.03

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member – Lay Female:

Lynn Lehto, Ruth Poutanen, Mary Hansen, Jenny Mileski, Barb Maines, Terry Frankenstein, and Pauline Kiltinen.

No additional nominations were received from the floor.

It was moved and seconded to close nominations for Churchwide Assembly Voting Member – Lay Female.

SA12.05.04

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member – Lay Male:

Blair Sauve, Chris C. Nelson, Steven Seidel, Lance Lindstrom and Daniel Laatsch.

No additional nominations were received from the floor.

It was moved and seconded to close nominations for Churchwide Assembly Voting Member – Lay Male.

SA12.05.05

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

Synod Consultation Committee – Clergy (6-year term):

Rev. Norman Peterson, Rev. David Johnson, Rev. Jon Magnuson, Rev. Maxine Gray, and Rev. Christopher Johnson.

No additional nominations were received from the floor.

It was moved and seconded to close nominations for Synod Consultation Committee – Clergy (6-year term).

SA12.05.06

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

Bishop Skrenes announced that the first ballot for all positions will take place tomorrow morning. The Assembly thanked the committee for their work with their applause.

RESOLUTIONS
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Bishop Skrenes introduced Rev. David Van Kley, Chair of the Resolutions Committee. Rev. Van Kley introduced the other members of the Resolutions Committee. He also read Rules Number 1 and 2 in the “Resolutions” section of the “Rules Governing Resolutions” from pages 48 and 49 of the Pre-Assembly Report. Rev. Van Kley reported that no additional resolutions have been received at this point. He also reminded

the Assembly that all resolutions are due by 10:00 a.m. on Monday to Rev. Van Kley, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, Rev. Douglas Johnson, Synod Secretary or Rev. Katherine Finegan, Assistant to the Bishop.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop Skrenes introduced Licensed Lay Minister Soren Schmidt, Chair of the Synod Assembly Planning Committee. Soren introduced the committee and gave a few announcements. The Assembly thanked the Synod Assembly Planning Committee with their applause.

LAY SCHOOL FOR MISSION GRADUATES

Bishop Skrenes announced that Rev. Jonathan Schmidt serves as the Dean of the Lay School for Mission. The Lay School for Mission meets on five campuses around the synod: Bethany, Ishpeming; Zion, St. Ignace; Calvary, Minocqua; First, Gladstone and the newest location, Emmanuel, Menominee. The campus coordinators were introduced by Bishop Skrenes: Rev. Warren Geier at Bethany, Ishpeming; Rev. Jeremy Winter at Zion, St. Ignace; Rev. Mary Weinkauff at Calvary, Minocqua (new campus coordinator Rev. Devon Barrix) and Rev. Lee Goodwin and Jerry Gentz from Emmanuel, Menominee. Bishop Skrenes read the names of those graduating from the Lay School for Mission and Rev. Schmidt presented the diplomas. The Assembly congratulated the graduates with their applause.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Skrenes announced congregations celebrating anniversaries in 2012. Representatives from each congregation were invited to receive certificates honoring the anniversaries.

- 25 years – First, Winona
- 100 years – Holy Trinity, Chassell
- 125 years – Salem, Ironwood
- 125 years – Bethel, Ishpeming
- 125 years – Immanuel, Negaunee
- 125 years – Bethany, Republic

ROSTERED PERSONS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES AND RETIREMENTS

Bishop Skrenes introduced Rev. James Duehring (and his spouse Gisele) and Rev. Barb Girod (and her spouse Paul) who are celebrating 25 years of ordained ministry.

Bishop Skrenes introduced Rev. Paul Holmstrom (and his spouse Carol) who is celebrating 50 years of ordained ministry. Pastor Holmstrom addressed the assembly.

Bishop Skrenes announced that Bishop Emeritus Harry Andersen, who was not present, is celebrating 60 years of ordained ministry.

Bishop Skrenes announced that two pastors are retiring from full time ministry: Rev. Jon Magnuson (spouse Diana) and Rev. Devon Barrix (spouse JoAnne). Pastor Magnuson was not present. Pastor Barrix addressed the assembly.

THRIVENT
FINANCIAL FOR
LUTHERANS

Bishop Skrenes introduced Ron Lawrence from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, sponsors of our reception this evening. Mr. Lawrence addressed the assembly who thanked Thrivent with their applause.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND CLOSING
PRAYER

Soren Schmidt, Chair of the Synod Assembly Planning Committee, made some announcements and led the assembly in prayer. The assembly is in recess until 8:15 a.m. Monday morning.

RECEPTION

Grace Lutheran Church, Gwinn, with financial support from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, hosted the reception honoring Rev. Katherine Finegan, newly installed Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Tracy Polzin, newly installed Fortune Lake Camp Director, Lay School for Mission graduates, and clergy celebrating anniversaries of ordination and retirement.

MONDAY, MAY 21

7:00 – 8:15 a.m.

Registration at Northern Michigan University – Assembly Office
Prayer Ministry Breakfast – Messiah Lutheran Church

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

8:20 a.m.

PLENARY II – Great Lakes Rooms, Northern Michigan University
Synod Council member Ann Christiansen from First, Gladstone, led the Assembly in a hymn and opening prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Soren Schmidt, Chair of the Synod Assembly Planning Committee, made some announcements.

INTRODUCTION
OF SYNOD
STAFF

Bishop Skrenes introduced and thanked the synod office staff: Rev. Katherine Finegan, Assistant to the Bishop; Kay Benedict, Office Manager; Louise Ingalls, Secretary; Betsy Koski, Bookkeeper and Wendy Black, Youth Work. The assembly thanked the staff with their applause.

KEYNOTE
ADDRESS

Daniel Lehmann, Editor of “The Lutheran” magazine and ELCA Churchwide Representative, presented the keynote address. Bishop Skrenes presented him with gifts from the synod upon the conclusion of his address and report.

CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Bishop Skrenes introduced Jill Lemke, Chair of the Credentials Committee, who presented the following report as of 9:00 a.m., May 21, 2012:

Registered Voting Members	227
Clergy (56 under call and 12 retired).....	68
Lay Voting Members (60 male/99 female).....	159
(includes 6 young adults)	
Registered Visitors.....	70
(includes 7 young adults)	
TOTAL REGISTERED PERSONS	297

EXCUSED
ABSENCES

Bishop Skrenes read Synod Bylaw S14.21 regarding required attendance at Synod Assemblies by rostered persons. The following rostered persons requested excused absences for the 2012 Assembly: Bishop Emeritus

EXCUSED
ABSENCES
(continued)

Harry Andersen, Rev. Bucky Beach, Rev. Kim Beckmann, Rev. Erik Heskin, Rev. David Jensen, Rev. Margaret Johnson, Rev. Rudolph Kempainen, Rev. Wallace Leno, Rev. Jon Magnuson, Rev. Robert Patrick, Rev. Daniel Piel, Rev. Paul Raappana, Bishop Emeritus Dale Skogman, Rev. LaVonne Stephenson, Rev. Francis Strong and Rev. Donald Wandersee.

RESIGNATION/
REMOVAL
FROM ROSTERS

Bishop Skrenes reported that the following clergy resigned from the clergy roster in the past year: Rev. Peter Gundersen, Rev. Jimalee Jones, Rev. Julie Summers, Rev. Gerald Wittmus, Rev. Nicholas Hopman. Bishop Skrenes also announced that Rev. Len Gilley was removed from the Roster of Ordained Ministers.

ON LEAVE
FROM CALL

Bishop Skrenes reported on other rostered persons. Pastors who are currently on Leave from Call are: Rev. Kim Beckmann, Rev. Jennifer Johnson Wrege, Rev. Melinda Quivik, Rev. LaVonne Stephenson and Rev. Arthur Weiss. Rev. David Christenson is currently On Leave from Call-Disability.

CONGREGATIONS
THAT HAVE LEFT
THE ELCA

The following congregations have left this synod and the ELCA since our 2011 Synod Assembly: Our Redeemer, Champion and Bethany, Covington. Wainola Lutheran, Wainola had a successful second vote to leave the ELCA and their petition for withdrawal was approved by the Synod Council yesterday. They will leave the ELCA effective May 31, 2012.

ANNUAL
PAROCHIAL
REPORTS

Bishop Skrenes announced that each year congregations are required by their own constitutions to send to the synod an annual parochial report, which is due by February 20. As of today, only three congregations have yet to submit this report. Conversation continues with those congregations, and their pastors, that have yet to submit reports.

FIRST BALLOT
FOR ALL
POSITIONS

Bishop Skrenes offered a prayer and then asked the Elections Committee, chaired by Rev. James Duehring (Prince of Peace, Harvey), to distribute the first ballot for all positions. After the balloting was completed, the balloting was declared closed. An Elections Committee Report will be given at the earliest convenience.

LAY SCHOOL
FOR MISSION
CLASSES

Bishop Skrenes introduced Rev. Jonathan Schmidt, First, Gladstone and Dean of the Lay School for Mission for some announcements. The assembly participated in Lay School classes.

HYMN AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Assembly reconvened still in Plenary II and began with singing a hymn. Wendy Black made some announcements regarding the synod's youth work. Rev. Katherine Finegan, representing the Worship Committee, introduced the worship survey found in the Assembly materials.

REPORT OF
THE BISHOP

Bishop Skrenes presented his Bishop’s report as printed on pages 3-6 of the Pre-Assembly Report.

TREASURER’S
REPORT

Bishop Skrenes introduced Synod Treasurer Larry Pagel who presented his report to the assembly.

ELECTIONS
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Rev. James Duehring, Chair of the Elections Committee, reported the following results on the first ballot for all positions:

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member – Clergy:

Number of Valid Ballots	223
Number of Invalid Ballots	0
Number of Valid Ballots	223
Needed to Elect	112
Rev. David Van Kley	136
Rev. Greg Mileski	93
Rev. Marcia Solberg	84
Rev. Gerald Anderson	79
Rev. Erik Heskin	46

SA12.05.07

REV. DAVID VAN KLEY WAS DECLARED ELECTED
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER – CLERGY.

The names of Rev. Greg Mileski and Rev. Marcia Solberg will appear on the second ballot.

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member – Lay Female:

Number of Valid Ballots	221
Number of Invalid Ballots	0
Number of Valid Ballots	221
Needed to Elect	111
Pauline Kiltinen	103
Jennifer Mileski	81
Mary Hansen	70
Ruth Poutanen	51
Terry Frankenstein	49
Barb Maines	45
Lynn Lehto	37

There was no election. The names of Pauline Kiltinen, Jennifer Mileski, Mary Hansen and Ruth Poutanen will appear on the second ballot.

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member – Lay Male:

Number of Valid Ballots	221
Number of Invalid Ballots	0
Number of Valid Ballots	221
Needed to Elect	111

ELECTIONS	Blair Suave.....	123
COMMITTEE	Steven Seidel.....	115
REPORT	Lance Lindstrom.....	83
(continued)	Chris C. Nelson.....	57
	Daniel Laatsch.....	42

SA12.05.08

BLAIR SUAVE AND STEVEN SEIDEL
WERE DECLARED ELECTED CHURCHWIDE
ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER – LAY MALE.

Synod Consultation Committee – Clergy (6-year term)

Number of Valid Ballots.....	219
Number of Invalid Ballots.....	0
Number of Valid Ballots.....	219
Needed to Elect.....	110
Rev. Jon Magnuson.....	120
Rev. Norman Peterson.....	93
Rev. Maxine Gray.....	81
Rev. David Johnson.....	79
Rev. Chris Johnson.....	57

SA12.05.09

REV. JON MAGNUSON WAS DECLARED ELECTED SYNOD
CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – CLERGY (6-YEAR TERM).

The names of Rev. Norman Peterson and Rev. Maxine Gray will appear on the second ballot.

SECOND
BALLOT

Bishop Skrenes offered a prayer and then asked the Elections Committee, chaired by Rev. James Duehring (Prince of Peace, Harvey), to distribute the second ballot. After the balloting was completed, the balloting was declared closed. An Elections Committee Report will be given at the earliest convenience.

ROSTERED
PERSONS NEW
TO SYNOD

Bishop Skrenes announced the following persons who are new to the Northern Great Lakes Synod: Rev. David Johnson (ordained June 26, 2011 and installed July 31, 2011 at Faith, Ishpeming); Rev. Amanda Kossow (ordained August 27, 2011 and installed October 15, 2011 at Messiah, Marquette); Rev. Greg Mileski (ordained and installed on September 24, 2011 at United, L’Anse); Licensed Lay Minister Julie Belew (installed on January 15, 2012 at Northern Lights Parish, Siloa, Ontonagon, St. Paul, Mass City and First, Winona); Rev. Jesse Brown (ordained January 22, 2012 and installed February 26, 2012 at Our Redeemer, Newberry); Rev. Breanne Johnson (ordained April 22, 2012 and installed May 6, 2012 at Bethel, Cedarville and Zion, Allenville); Rev. Corrine Johnson (installed on May 15, 2011 at St. Stephen’s, Stephenson and Gethsemane, Wallace); Rev. Chad Anderson (installed on June 5, 2011 at Beaver American, Pound and Porterfield, Porterfield); Licensed Lay Ministers Jon and Sharon Babbitt (installed June 25, 2011 at First,

ROSTERED
PERSONS NEW
TO SYNOD
(continued)

Grand Marais); Rev. Timothy Johnston (installed October 30, 2011 at Bethany, Mohawk and Shepherd of the Sea, Copper Harbor); Rev. Kate Schrubba (installed March 25, 2012 at Bethany, Norway and Calvary, Quinnesec); Rev. Scott Ehle (installed April 15, 2012 at Bethel, Menominee); Rev. Katherine Finegan (installed on May 20, 2012 as Assistant to the Bishop); Rev. Tracy Polzin (installed May 20, 2012 as Camp Director of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp); Rev. D.J. Rasner (will be installed June 3, 2012 as senior pastor at Gloria Dei, Hancock); Rev. Matthew Lamb (will be installed July 15, 2012 as Synod Missioner in Conference 7). Also, retired clergy Rev. Raymond Korry (member of Ascension, Minocqua) transferred from Greater Milwaukee Synod. The Assembly recognized these rostered persons with their applause.

SEMINARIANS

Bishop Skrenes also announced seminarians present at the Assembly: Julie Belew (Good Shepherd, Houghton); Tera Kossow (First, Gladstone); Mark St. Aubin (Immanuel, Escanaba); Jill Lenke (Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner); Linda Forray (Gethsemane, Wallace); Ann Gonyea (Bethany, Ishpeming); Soren Schmidt (Gloria Dei, Hancock); Zachary Shipman (St. Mark's, Marquette); and Diane Srutowski (First, Gladstone). The Assembly recognized these seminarians with their applause.

Bishop Skrenes announced that the following graduate seminarians assigned to this synod awaiting call are in attendance at the Assembly: Tamra Harder, Sally Wilke and Kristen Rice. The Assembly recognized these people with their applause as well.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 3
CLERGY
COMPENSATION
GUIDELINES

Bishop Skrenes presented Resolution Number 3, submitted by the Clergy Compensation Task Force. Synod Secretary Rev. Doug Johnson read the resolved portion of the resolution. The Synod Council recommends adoption.

RESOLVED, that the Clergy Compensation Guidelines for 2013 as approved by the Synod Council hereby be adopted and recommended to this Synod's congregations.

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt the resolution.

SA12.05.10

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 4
SYNOD
COUNCIL

Resolution Number 4, Synod Council, submitted by the Conferences, was presented by Synod Secretary Rev. Douglas Johnson. The Synod Council recommends adoption.

RESOLVED, that the following persons nominated by the Conferences be hereby elected to Synod Council with terms expiring at the conclusion of the Synod Assembly in the year indicated herein.

Copper Country Conference (Two)
Headwaters Conference (Three)

Pamela Long (2015)
Ken Hoffmann (2015)

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 4
(continued)

Headwaters Conference (Three)	Rev. Norman Peterson (2015)
Four Rivers Conference (Four)	Denise Laakko (2015)
Delta Conference (Six)	Roland Jacobson (2015)
Three Lakes Conference (Seven)	Rick Pink (2015)
Youth	Andrew Kroll (2014)

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt the resolution.
RESOLUTION NUMBER 4 WAS ADOPTED.

SA12.05.11

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 5
AMENDMENTS
MADE TO
SYNOD
CONSTITUTION

Bishop Skrenes introduced Resolution Number 5, Amendments made to Synod Constitution, submitted by the Synod Council, and asked Rev. Doug Johnson to read the resolved portion of the resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Constitution of the Northern Great Lakes Synod be amended as follows (proposed changes are highlighted in gray with additions being noted by underline and deletions being noted by ~~strikethrough~~):

S7.12 Special meetings of the Synod Assembly may be called by the Bishop with the consent of the Synod Council, and shall be called by the Bishop at the request of one-fifth of the voting members of the Synod Assembly.

- a. The notice of each special meeting shall define the purpose for which it is to be held. The scope of actions to be taken at such a special meeting shall be limited to the subject matter(s) described in the notice.
- b. If the special meeting of the Synod Assembly is required for the purpose of electing a successor bishop because of death, resignation, or inability to serve, the special meeting shall be called by the Synod Council after consultation with the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ~~in cooperation with the Synod Council~~.

S8.23 In the event of the death, resignation, or disability of the Bishop, the Vice President, after consultation with the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall convene the Synod Council to arrange for the conduct of the duties of the Bishop until a new Bishop shall be elected or, in the case of temporary disability, until the Bishop resumes full performance of the duties of the office.

S8.52 The term of the Bishop shall begin on September 1 of the year of election, and the terms of the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and members of committees elected by the Synod Assembly shall begin immediately following the adjournment of the Synod Assembly at which they were elected or, in special circumstances, at a time designated by the Synod Council.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 5
(continued)

S9.05 The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least ~~one~~ two persons for vice president; additional nominations may be made from the floor.

S9.06 The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least ~~one~~ two persons for secretary; additional nominations may be made from the floor.

~~SI10.07.01 To the extent permitted by state law, meetings of the Synod Council and its committees may be held electronically or by telephone conference, and notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.~~

SA12.05.12

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt the resolution.
RESOLUTION NUMBER 5 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 6
NORTHERN
GREAT LAKES
SYNOD
CHURCH
COFFEE

Bishop Skrenes introduced Resolution Number 6, Northern Great Lakes Synod Church Coffee, submitted by Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and asked Rev. Doug Johnson to read the resolved portion of the resolution.

WHEREAS, Micah 6:8 challenges God’s people to respond with action – doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with our God, and

WHEREAS, coffee is a long standing staple of Lutheran fellowship, and

WHEREAS, Lutheran World Relief, in partnership with Equal Exchange, a fair trade organization, invites Lutherans to purchase premium coffee grown by small farmers and purchased at fair prices; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project and Equal Exchange be designated the official coffee of the Northern Great Lakes Synod, and that individual members of our Synod and our congregations be encouraged to participate in this project.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.
RESOLUTION NUMBER 6 WAS ADOPTED.

SA12.05.13

STEWARDSHIP
MINUTE AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bonny Kinnunen shared a stewardship thought from her congregation in Iron River. Soren Schmidt, Chair of the Synod Assembly Planning Committee gave some announcements and led the Assembly in table grace. The Assembly is now in recess until 3:00 p.m.

11:45 a.m.
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Worship – NMU Great Lakes Rooms
Lunch
Lay School for Mission Classes

3:00 p.m.

PLENARY III – Great Lakes Rooms, Northern Michigan University
Synod Council member Jack Armstrong from Faith, Sault Ste. Marie, led the Assembly in a hymn and opening prayer.

**CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

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**ELECTIONS
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Rev. James Duchring, Chair of the Elections Committee, reported the following results on the second ballot:

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member – Clergy:

Number of Valid Ballots.....	222
Number of Invalid Ballots	0
Number of Valid Ballots.....	222
Needed to Elect.....	112
 Rev. Greg Mileski.....	 133
Rev. Marcia Solberg	89

SA12.05.14

**REV. GREG MILESKI WAS DECLARED ELECTED
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER – CLERGY.**

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member – Lay Female:

Number of Valid Ballots.....	221
Number of Invalid Ballots	0
Number of Valid Ballots.....	221
Needed to Elect.....	111
 Pauline Kiltinen	 149
Jennifer Mileski	130
Mary Hansen.....	88
Ruth Poutanen.....	61

SA12.05.15

**PAULINE KILTINEN WAS DECLARED ELECTED
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER – LAY FEMALE.**

Synod Secretary Rev. Doug Johnson explained that since Greg Mileski was elected, the Synod Constitution prevents Jennifer Mileski, who is from the same congregation, from continuing in the election process. The names of Mary Hansen and Ruth Poutanen will appear on the third ballot.

Synod Consultation Committee – Clergy (6-year term):

Number of Valid Ballots.....	222
Number of Invalid Ballots	0

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ELECTIONS	Number of Valid Ballots.....	222
COMMITTEE	Needed to Elect.....	112
REPORT		
(continued)	Rev. Norman Peterson	124
	Rev. Maxine Gray.....	98

SA12.05.16 **REV. NORMAN PETERSON WAS DECLARED ELECTED
SYNOD CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – CLERGY.**

**THIRD
BALLOT** Bishop Skrenes offered a prayer and then asked the Elections Committee, chaired by Rev. James Duehring (Prince of Peace, Harvey), to distribute the third ballot. After the balloting was completed, the balloting was declared closed. An Elections Committee Report will be given at the earliest convenience.

**SYNOD
ENDOWMENT
PLANNER** Bishop Skrenes announced that the Synod Council, upon the recommendation of the Synod Endowment Committee, called Rev. J. Lee Goodwin as our Synod Endowment Planner. Rev. Goodwin brought greetings to the Assembly.

**VICE
PRESIDENT’S
REPORT** Pauline Kiltinen, Synod Vice President, presented her report to the Assembly. As part of her report, Pauline introduced the members of the Synod Council and thanked them for their ministry.

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 7
GROWING
MISSION
SUPPORT IN** Bishop Skrenes introduced Resolution Number 7, Growing Mission Support in the Northern Great Lakes Synod, submitted by the Synod Stewardship Committee and asked Rev. Doug Johnson to read the resolved portion of the resolution.

**THE NORTHERN
GREAT LAKES
SYNOD** WHEREAS, our congregations have generously shared God’s resources with the work of the Synod and the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

WHEREAS, generosity is a mark of discipleship; and

WHEREAS, this Synod and the Churchwide organization serves God’s mission in the world by sharing the message of Jesus, developing new congregations, sending out missionaries, building bridges with God’s people throughout the world, ministering to human needs and preparing pastoral leaders for our churches; and

WHEREAS, the last years have seen declining financial support for the work of the whole Church even as the need has increased; and

WHEREAS, growth is a sign of life; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that each congregation of this Synod be encouraged to do one thing to improve stewardship education, and

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 7
(continued)

RESOLVED, that the eight conferences of our Synod be encouraged and challenged to share good stewardship practices that are working in the congregations and to report these practices which are making a positive difference to the whole Synod, and

RESOLVED, that this Assembly encourages our congregations to increase their percentage of giving to the work of this Synod and the ELCA, and

RESOLVED, that this Synod Assembly recommend a budget for fiscal year 2013 that increases mission support from 50% of unrestricted income to 50.5%, and to encourage further growth in the coming years.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.

SA12.05.17

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7 WAS ADOPTED.

SYNODICAL
WOMEN'S
ORGANIZATION

Catherine Sanborn, President of the Synodical Women's Organization, presented their report. She also introduced the board members for the organization. Bishop Skrenes thanked her for her report.

COMMUNICATIONS
SURVEY

Bishop Skrenes introduced the survey on communicating found in the assembly materials. The Assembly took a few moments to complete the surveys and they were collected.

ELECTIONS
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Rev. James Duehring, Chair of the Elections Committee, reported the following results on the third ballot:

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member – Lay Female:

Number of Valid Ballots.....	195
Number of Invalid Ballots	1
Number of Valid Ballots.....	194
Needed to Elect.....	98
 Mary Hansen.....	 128
Ruth Poutanen.....	66

SA12.05.18

**MARY HANSEN WAS DECLARED ELECTED
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER – LAY FEMALE.**

Rev. James Duehring expressed his thanks to the Elections Committee for all their work. The Assembly thanked the committee with their applause.

A motion was made and seconded to destroy all ballots.

SA12.05.19

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

SYNOD
STATISTICIAN

Bishop Skrenes introduced Rev. James Duehring, Prince of Peace, Harvey, who presented the report of the Synod Statistician.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 9
AMENDED
FISCAL YEAR
2012 BUDGET

Bishop Skrenes announced that it was time to deal with the budget resolutions. He presented Resolution Number 9 and asked Synod Treasurer Larry Pagel to read it. The Synod Council recommends adoption.

RESOLVED, that the amended Fiscal Year 2012 budget in the amount of \$1,353,499 as printed in the Pre-Assembly Report be hereby adopted by the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt Resolution Number 9.

SA12.05.20

RESOLUTION NUMBER 9 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 10
FISCAL YEAR
2012 BUDGET

Bishop Skrenes presented Resolution Number 10, Fiscal Year 2013 Budget and asked Synod Treasurer Larry Pagel to read it. The Synod Council recommends adoption.

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2013 budget in the amount of \$1,310,209 as printed in the Pre-Assembly Report be hereby adopted by the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt Resolution Number 10.

SA12.05.21

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10 WAS ADOPTED.

THANKS
EXPRESSED

Bishop Skrenes expressed thanks to Synod Treasurer Larry Pagel and Synod Bookkeeper Betsy Koski for their work. The assembly thanked them with their applause.

RESOLUTIONS
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Bishop Skrenes introduced Rev. David Van Kley, Chair of the Resolutions Committee. Rev. Van Kley reported that no additional resolutions had been submitted. The Assembly thanked the Resolutions Committee with their applause.

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 8
THANKS TO
NORTHERN
GREAT LAKES
ASSEMBLY
LEADERS

Bishop Skrenes introduced Resolution Number 8, Thanks to Northern Great Lakes Assembly Leaders, submitted by Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI and asked Rev. Doug Johnson to read the resolved portion of the resolution.

WHEREAS, members of the Northern Great Lakes Synod Office staff have spent many hours preparing for the Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly; and

WHEREAS, members of the Synod Council, Assembly Planning Committee, and other synodical committees have also dedicated a great deal of effort, both prior to and during the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas Skrenes and Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Katherine Finegan have provided the Northern Great Lakes Synod

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 8
(continued)

Assembly with their leadership both prior to and during the Assembly;
therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the voting members of and visitors to the Northern
Great Lakes Synod Assembly express their appreciation with a rising vote
of applause.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.

SA12.05.22

RESOLUTION NUMBER 8 WAS ADOPTED WITH APPLAUSE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop Skrenes made some announcements, including the total of the
offerings for the worship services, the offering of quarters, and the Third
World Shop sales. He then introduced Soren Schmidt, Chair of the Synod
Assembly Planning Committee, for the final announcements. The
Assembly thanked the Synod Assembly Planning Committee with their
applause.

2013 SYNOD
ASSEMBLY

Bishop Skrenes called upon Rev. Douglas Johnson, Secretary of the
Synod. Rev. Johnson announced that the 26th Annual Assembly of the
Northern Great Lakes Synod will be Thursday, May 16 through Saturday,
May 18, 2013 at Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan.

ORDER FOR
CLOSING OF
ASSEMBLY

Bishop Skrenes led the Assembly in a hymn and the Order for Closing of
Assembly. The 25th Assembly of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was declared adjourned at
approximately 4:20 p.m.

July 19, 2012
Date

Rev. Douglas Johnson
Rev. Douglas Johnson, Secretary

Karen Kolstad
Karen Kolstad, Recording Secretary

Pauline Kiltinen
Pauline Kiltinen, Vice President

Approved by the Synod Executive Committee per S11.01.11.f