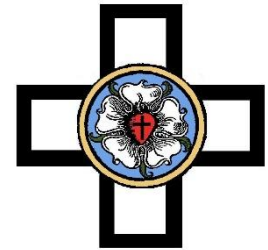




The Lutheran Church - International *and* World Lutheran Parish

BULLETIN July, 2016



LUTHERAN CHURCH – INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL SYNOD *July 26-28, 2016 at Lyons NY*

Be sure to attend the **LC-I Annual Synod** to be held at First Church, Lyons NY on **Tuesday lunch through Thursday morning of the last week in July 2016**. Registration for the Annual Synod (should have been sent to First Lutheran Church, Lyons NY) is **\$60 per person payable to First Church and includes meals** at the church; the newly refurbished Newark Garden Hotel (formerly the Quality Inn) will be the best hotel for those attending Synod with special room rates available for those attending. Room reservations include an all-you-can-eat hot breakfast each morning. Make reservations directly with the motel at **1-315-331-9500**; mention the LC-I and the room will be state tax exempt.

Very important items for discussion at the Synod:

**revisions to the LC-I Constitution and Bylaws,
the scope and directions of LC-I ministries,
our outreach through social media.**

Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws have been sent to all ministerial members and to the congregations of the LC-I and on our webpage for review before voting at the Annual Synod.



We Lift Up In Prayer:

- for guidance of the Holy Spirit as we consider the Call to Pastor Richard Horn to serve as Missionary Bishop and for the episcopal nominee and his family
- for healing and the strength of recuperation for Lynn Hotes undergoing surgery on July 14
- for Deacon Norbert and his family upon the death of his brother, William Mayer
- for Bishop Jeffrey Bischoff and his family
- for all the victims of violence in Minnesota, Louisiana and Texas this month and for their families
- in thanksgiving to God for the ordination of Pastor William Wigmore as a Pastor of the Church and his installation as Associate Pastor of First Lutheran Church, Lyons NY
- for Pastor Mark Dankof
- for Pastor Courtney Fleenor and Bishop Douglas Pieper
- for Pastor Gene Fortune as he travels
- for Pastor Ordice Gallups
- in thanksgiving for Bishop Aubrey Bougher's ten years of ministry as a bishop in the ILF/LC-I
- in thanksgiving to God for the life and ministry of Pastor Scott Christensen
- for all victims of natural disasters; for victims of the flooding in Texas; for those affected by storms and floods in the U.S., Canada and Europe; for the victims of earthquakes in Japan, Ecuador, Chile, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nepal and India
- for those who provide aid and bring assistance following natural disasters throughout the world
- for all of the LC-I ministries in South America and Asia and especially for Bishop Juan Cepero and for Pastor Prasad Tanuku
- for all victims of terrorism in the USA, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Yemen, Belgium, France, Mali, Tunisia, Nigeria, Cameroon, and wherever terrorists plan and attack
- for world peace in the name of Christ and especially for Christians in Iraq, Syria and in all countries threatened by terrorists; for all refugees from conflicts; for the dedicated Christians who are aiding the refugees of all faiths; and for those who struggle to cope with hosting refugees
- for those who bring protecting care to those in danger and order out of chaos
- for all the lay members, candidates, lay ministers, deacons, pastors and bishops of the LC-I
- for Pastors James Townsend and Donald Schedler, serving an outreach ministry of the LC-I in the Sacramento CA area
- for all ministry and mission outreaches of the LC-I
- for dynamic international and domestic congregational opportunities and for candidates for diaconal and pastoral ministries in North America; **please let us know of candidates and opportunities**
- for the congregation and parochial school of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ in Rosedale NY, one of the few remaining Lutheran parochial ministries in the New York City area; for those who contribute to benefit the school through the LC-I: Treasurer@LutheranChurchInternational.org
- for those who provide gifts, contributions and endowments to the LC-I (tax deductible in the U.S.)
- for Pastor Kenneth Keenan and the Bible Study on our Facebook page starting at 8 p.m. EDT: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LutheranChurchInternational/>
- for the World Lutheran Parish, a non-geographic parish outreach of the LC-I
- **for those who do not live near or belong to an LC-I parish and would like to be a part of this ministry** (contact the Archbishop at: Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org)
- for those known to you and known to God who need our prayers.



ANNUAL SYNOD

OUTREACH of the LC-I

The mission of the Lutheran Church – International is one of outreach, and this was a major concern addressed at the last Annual Synod for action at this Synod. On the unanimous recommendation of the House of Bishops and concurring vote of the House of Clergy and the House of Delegates, Pastor Richard W. Horn was nominated to serve as a Missionary Bishop in the LC-I. Following the year of discernment ending with this Synod, the LC-I will vote on extending a Call to Service to Pastor Horn (currently also serving a four-year term as Secretary of the LC-I). His responsibilities will be coordinated through the Office of the Archbishop and will include outreach to areas not currently served by diocesan bishops and the encouragement of new mission growth and specialized ministries (as in chaplaincy). If elected, Pastor Horn will be consecrated at the Synod on Wednesday, July 27.

YOUR attendance and participation as congregational representatives, members and pastors (along with visiting guests) is essential within Christ's Universal Church.

2017: 

In 2017 we will celebrate **500 years of the Lutheran Reformation** of the Church. We will also be celebrating the **50th anniversary of the Lutheran Church – International**, founded in 1967 as the International Lutheran Fellowship (ILF). Suggestions for commemorating both events, with special gratitude for God's grace shown to the LC-I, should be sent to the Archbishop at:

Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org or call 217-691-3090.



Congratulations to Pastor Walton R. Horn (father of LC-I Secretary Horn) upon celebration of his 50 years of pastoral ministry – at age 97!

photo from *Reading Times Eagle* article:

<http://www.readingeagle.com/life/article/carol-balinski-marking-50-years-as-a-pastor-at-the-age-of-97#.V4BILzXodPb>

***May God bless + you and your ministries and all of the LC-I
as we prepare for the 2016 Annual Synod.***

++Robert W. Hotes, President and Archbishop, LC-I



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Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org



2016 Synod of the LC-I
Tuesday – Thursday, July 26 – 28
First Lutheran Church
35 Broad Street
Lyons NY



2016 ANNUAL SYNOD – TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Monday, July 25

6:00 p.m. Executive Board Dinner

7:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 26

9:30 a.m. Executive Board Meeting

12 Noon Lunch (at First Church)

1:30 p.m. Opening Mass, Opening of Synod

2:30 p.m. First Session of Synod possible Meetings of House of Delegates, House of Clergy, House of Bishops

6:00 p.m. Supper (at First Church)

7:30 p.m. Second Session of Synod possible Meetings of House of Delegates, House of Clergy, House of Bishops

8:30 or 9 p.m. Closing Prayer

Wednesday, July 27

9:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting if needed

9:30 a.m. Third Session of Synod

12 Noon Lunch (at First Church)

1:30 p.m. Presentation by The Rev. Mark Dankof

2:30 p.m. Preparation and rehearsal for, Consecration of Bishop Service

4:00 p.m. Holy Communion, Consecration of Bishop Service

6:00 p.m. Supper/Banquet Celebration (at First Church)

Thursday, July 28

9:15 a.m. Fourth Session of Synod if needed

10:30 a.m. Matins with Reception of Members, Installation of Officers

11:00 a.m. Closing of Synod