



The Lutheran Church – International and the World Lutheran Parish BULLETIN - January 2017



Celebrating the OUTREACH of the LC-I in 2017:

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LC-I [ILF] / Lutheran Reformation

In 2017, we celebrate the **50th anniversary of the Lutheran Church – International**, founded in 1967 as the International Lutheran Fellowship (ILF); and we are also commemorating **500 years of the Lutheran Reformation** of the Church (1517). Announcements of special events and suggestions for commemorating both, with gratitude for God's grace, should be sent to the Archbishop at:

dbldoc@sbcglobal.net - or call 217-691-3090.

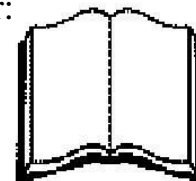
2017 ANNUAL SYNOD:

The 2017 LC-I Annual Synod will be held on **August 3 and 4 (Thursday and Friday) at First Lutheran Church, Lyons, NY**. All lay members of the LC-I and the World Lutheran Parish are invited to attend. Ordained and consecrated/commissioned LC-I ministers are expected to attend unless excused by their local bishop. **Please make plans to attend. We need your presence and your prayers at the Synod!**

A Unique Way to Support LC-I Ministries:

Did you know that some major companies (perhaps including the company you work for!) will give donations to tax-exempt organizations beloved by their employees if requested? There are others, like *Thrivent insurance* and the online merchant *Amazon* which also donate. Although the LC-I itself is not yet a recipient, you can check and encourage donations. At present, their funds, (every little bit helps!) given in recognition of your purchases at Amazon, (Smile.Amazon.com) can be designated for:

Christ Lutheran School, Rosedale NY
Zion Lutheran Church, Montpelier OH and
The Lutheran Deaconess Association.





MEMBERS, LUTHERAN CHURCH - INTERNATIONAL:

The Members of the LC-I, as defined in our Constitution, are the ordained and lay “ministers and communities of faith who subscribe to the doctrinal statement” of the LC-I. In the same way that congregations expect their members to financially support them, the LC-I has acted to call on each of its members to financially support it with a nominal amount per year as “dues” payable annually by the First Sunday in Advent. **Dues for ministers are \$75, and dues for communities of faith are \$150.** Although the amounts are deliberately nominal (one cup of Starbucks coffee per week costs WHAT?!?), they help to provide one of the means for the LC-I to minister to its members and provide for outreach of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church. As members, it is **a part of our direct participation in the life of the LC-I.**

The LC-I expresses its thanks and appreciation to those clergy and lay ministers who have submitted their dues for 2017. Similar to members of any congregation, ministers in good standing in the LC-I are those who contribute their presence, prayers and activity and who provide financial support of record. Clergy and commissioned ministry credentials are only issued to ministers in good standing.

While dues are not optional, we recognize that in some instances they can be a temporary burden. If you have not paid your dues and that circumstance applies, please consult with your diocesan Bishop or the Archbishop. *(Members of the World Lutheran Parish who have not been received as ordained or lay ministers of the LC-I ministerium are already supporting the World Parish in the same way that they support a local parish ministry. They are not required to pay annual dues, but are asked to contribute as they can).*

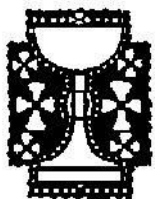
Reminder: Your dues for 2017 as ordained or lay ministers and congregations of the LC-I are essential for our continued ministries as we celebrate our 50th anniversary and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Funds should be sent to:

Pastor William Wigmore, Treasurer, LC-I

15 High Street

Lyons, New York 14489

PastorWigmore@gmail.com



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GOING TO HAPPEN.**

Please note that **NO “BILL” FOR DUES WILL BE SENT!** If you are waiting for one, you will have a L—O—N—G wait! However, a form of invoice is attached to the back page of this BULLETIN which you may use as your record of payment for tax purposes. If you want or need a formal statement of payment, please request it from the Treasurer at the address above.

Note: If an individual or congregation has not been able to meet this responsibility for 2016 they should please contact their Bishop as soon as possible to make arrangements for both 2016 and 2017. . Please remember that obligations may be excused for financial necessity.



WITH THANKSGIVING TO GOD

- we pray for and support our ministries
- of the World Lutheran Parish
- and of the LC-I!



[In each monthly edition of the BULLETIN, we want to feature one or more ministries directly or indirectly associated with the LC-I and the World Lutheran Parish. Please try to help by providing information and photos that can be used in the BULLETIN. Send them to the Central Office in care of the Archbishop, with information that can be used. We are very blessed to provide information about our ministries but need your help in providing materials!]

This month we spotlight the ministries of Bishop Richard Horn and of his wife, Ute Kattner-Horn. Bishop Horn is the LC-I’s newest bishop, consecrated in July 2016 to serve as a Missionary Bishop of the Church, and he helps the LC-I to provide for an outreach of the existing and prospective ministries. Along with fellow Missionary Bishop Juan Cepero, Bishop Horn also assists the Archbishop with world outreach and with identifying and arranging interviews for ministerial candidates. He is the elected Secretary of the LC-I and of the Executive Board and is responsible for maintaining and issuing



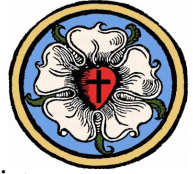
ministerial credentials and records at the direction of the Board and by authorization of its presiding officer. In addition to his duties as a Bishop and as Secretary, +Dick conducts active ministries of Word and Sacrament at Perkasio Park in Pennsylvania and occasionally preaches and presides for other Lutheran congregations in New Jersey. An experienced and honored chaplain in law enforcement, fire and EMS, he coordinates our LC-I chaplaincy ministries.

Ute Kattner-Horn, Bishop Horn’s wife, was elected in 2016 as the Lay Representative on the LC-I Executive Board. The two of them travel to Germany occasionally (Ute’s birthplace) and regularly to Reading PA to visit +Dick’s father, The Rev. Walton R. Horn, still an active pastor at age 97! Ute and +Dick are also the closest we have to the real Santa and Mrs. Claus (whom they often portray in December and even in July!).



We ask for the prayers of all in support of the life and ministries of Ute and Bishop Horn in the Lord’s service in the Lutheran Church - International! *Please visit the Facebook pages of the LC-I and of the World Lutheran Parish, and our website for more pictures of LC-I ministries!*





Prayers and Concerns for January 2017:

- for all those known to you and known to God who need our prayers.
- for the families and children devastated by natural disasters, especially in Italy.
- for those recovering from medical procedures, and especially for Pastor Arthur Sziemeister.
- for police officers who are in danger, sometimes targeted for assassination, and for their families and communities. [In the USA in 2017, there were 10 line-of-duty deaths in the first 20 days! In 2016, 140 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty.]
- for victims of recent violence in Melbourne, Australia and in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- for civilians caught in the civil violence and warfare in Syria.
- for all refugees and victims of terrorism or violence in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria, Mali, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, Somalia, in our own countries, and wherever terrorists plan and attack.
- for world peace in the name of Christ, for Christians threatened by terrorists in Iraq, Syria and in all countries; for dedicated Christians who struggle to cope with hosting refugees of all faiths.
- for those anywhere who bring protecting care to others in danger and order out of chaos.
- for all who are elected and appointed to public office that they may lead and serve with justice.
- for all lay members, candidates, lay ministers, deacons, pastors, bishops, congregations 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 all ministry and mission outreaches of the LC-I.
- for Pastor James Townsend and Pastor Donald Schedler, serving an outreach ministry of the LC-I in the Sacramento CA area. By God's grace, this ministry is now named Holy Cross Mission. Pastor Schedler, emeritus Dean for the area, reports regular services each month at the mission thanks to the generosity of St. Paul's in Sacramento. Pastor Townsend leads the mission.
- for the parochial school of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ in Rosedale NY, one of the few remaining Lutheran parochial school ministries in the New York City area; you can contribute through the LC-I: contact, Treasurer@LutheranChurchInternational.org
- for Deaconess Christine Stephenson of Nebraska as we rejoice in her call to ministry with the LC-I.
- for the Lutheran Deaconess Association in our prayers and with our contributions.
- in thanksgiving for the pastoral work of Pastor William Babbitt.
- in thanksgiving for the ministries of Pastor Larry Goodnough of Saint Catherine's, Ontario, Canada.
- for Bishop Jeffrey Bischoff and his family.
- for Pastor David Rogers and his ministries.
- for Pastor Gene Fortune as he travels.
- for the excellent postings on our LC-I Facebook page: Bible studies are posted and coordinated by Pastor Kenneth Keenan; prayers are posted by Pastor Jack Whritenour of Christ Church; and portions of Luther's Small Catechism are posted by Pastor Mike Miller. These are great and valued ministries! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LutheranChurchInternational/>
- for all of the LC-I ministries in South America and Asia and especially for Bishop Juan Cepero and for Pastor Rajendra Prasad.
- for Pastor Troy Harris and mission development in Australia.
- for Pastor/Professor Reinhard Thoele and all friends of the LC-I in Germany.
- for Pastor Surekha Nelevala and the International Global Peace Multicultural Lutheran Community.
- for Bishop Louis Marcel Pierre of the Lutheran Mission of Haiti; he is in very poor health.
- for Father Courtney Fleenor and for Bishop Douglas Pieper.
- for LC-I friend Bishop Anderson Fequiere and his ministries.



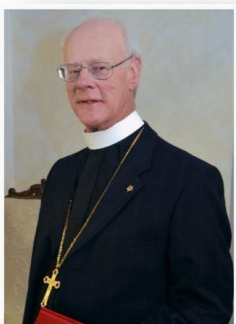
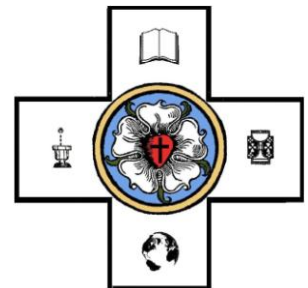


- for friend of the World Parish Bishop Pavel Levushkin in Latvia and for the Russian and Latvian Lutheran communities.
- for Father Courtney Fleenor and for Bishop Douglas Pieper.
- for Father Mike Ross, Father Dan Funk and Pastor Cristoforo Padula, friends of the LC-I.
- for Pastor Ordice Gallups, friend of the LC-I, and for his wife Vivian with prayers for medical healing and recovery for both of them.
- In thanksgiving for kindnesses shown.
- for those who provide gifts, contributions and endowments to the LC-I (**tax deductible** in the U.S.).
- for all members of 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: dbldoc@sbcglobal.net 217-691-3090).

A very brief but URGENT Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop:

Please know that I include all of you, all in the LC-I and all in the World Lutheran Parish, in my special prayers. We are looking forward daily in God's grace to new opportunities and new challenges! The LC-I has many opportunities for an expansion of ministry in Asia, South America, Africa, Australia, Canada and the United States. My prayers are not alone; we need your prayerful support and that of all our members.

A particular need is for travel funds to be used by candidates for ministry among us who reside in India and Australia, as well as support for our Latin American ministries. If you can help in ANY way, please contact the Archbishop, one of the Missionary Bishops (Bishop Cepero or Bishop Horn), or the Treasurer (Pastor Wigmore) as soon as possible. Thank you for your faithfulness and love in Christ!



*May God continue to bless + you and your ministries.
Special Prayers for this new secular year in God's grace.*

++ Robert W. Hotes

President and Archbishop, LC-I

Do you know of individuals interested in receiving this BULLETIN? Please forward a copy AND send the names and email addresses to the Archbishop:

dbldoc@sbcglobal.net



LUTHERAN CHURCH - INTERNATIONAL Invoice for Personal Records

Clergy and Lay Minister Dues for 2017: \$75.00 USD

(Payment of dues is required for good standing and credentials except for those excused by episcopal recommendation and authority of the Board.)

Paid on (date): _____ **Check/Payment #:** _____

Congregational Dues for 2017: \$150.00 USD

Paid on (date): _____ **Check/Payment #:** _____

NOTE: *These dues are not required for ordained members of the World Lutheran Parish who are not received on the official clergy roster of the LC-I. All contributions are gratefully received, however.*

Contact the LC-I Treasurer if you want or need a formal statement of payment.

Can you identify these symbols?

(all were used in this Bulletin)

1. Luther's Seal
2. Proclaim the Word
3. Administer the Sacrament of Baptism
4. Administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion
5. Evangelize the World

