



A story is told about demons who tried to tempt a pious old monk, unsuccessfully. Nothing worked. Finally, Satan himself showed his minions how to do the job. The devil whispered in the man's ear, "Your brother is made bishop of Constantinople."

The man blinked.

We can be so eager for seats of honor. We don't want recognition, we insist. Still, if recognition were to come along . . .

The Lord of all came for us damnably proud sinners. For us He lived and He died the accursed death on the cross. Then, for all He did, God highly exalted Him.

Your brother is made Lord of heaven and earth. He is Lord even now, and through His Word He comes to you right now to give you the gift of living forgiven . . . and honored. The honor we have in Him beats everything else.

And He will come again, our Brother with the name above every name. In the end He will be unashamed not only to be our Lord but also to be our Brother, sharing all good with us for all eternity.

Blessed Advent! Your Brother is coming, and He is Lord of heaven and earth.

Rev. Ken Schurb- Central Illinois District Office

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District. "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored..."

We give thanks for the gift of our Savior's birth and pray for the adherents of various world religions who do not believe that in Jesus Christ the Word became flesh for the salvation of all people. We ask the Lord to shine His saving Gospel light through us to everyone!

CID Youth Bible Bowl

Topic: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Genesis 12-35)

Date: March 31st, 2019

Location: Trinity Lutheran Parish Center- Springfield

It is time to start organizing your Youth Bible Bowl team. Circuits should schedule their regional Bible Bowl a least one week before the District Bible Bowl. If you are looking for assistance in getting your circuit Bible Bowls together, you may contact Pastor Mark Eddy in Taylor Ridge at zionlcms@juno.com or 309.795.1472

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CID Board of Directors Meeting Summary November 27, 2018 Meeting opened with devotion and prayer by Rev. Mark Eddy, Board Chaplain.

The minutes of the September 25 meeting were approved.

Rev. Pablo Dominquez, Christo Rey, East Moline, gave on mission presentation on work being done in the Quad Cities and Beardstown.

CID President Mark Miller reported there are 10 calling congregations in the district, 3 calls were recently accepted, and 6 are on hold. His report noted vacancies are up in the LCMS in 2018.

Reports were received from Mrs. Christine Anderson, Church Extension Fund; Rev. Charles Olander, Gift Planning; Mr. Lewis Rodgers, Education and Congregational Life commissions; and Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb, Evangelism, Missions, and Stewardship commissions.

Old Business: Pres. Miller reported that cooperative efforts with the Southern Illinois District (as directed by CID convention) are at the present time preliminary.

New Business:

1. Mr. Dale Dirks, CID treasurer, presented the proposed 2019 Budget brought before the board by the Finance Committee. Following lengthy discussion, the 2019 Budget was approved to include raises for district staff and called workers according to 2019 guidelines. The budget reflects an approximate deficit of \$120,000.

2. The Board approved a motion that 30% of any revenues collected in 2019 which exceed budgeted predictions would be given to Synod (reflecting the 30% in the budget to be given to Synod.)

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be January 22, 2019 Meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Camp CILCA Annual Banquet

January 27, 2019 5-8pm Our Savior's-Springfield

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by contacting the camp office.

Guest Speaker: Rev Jeff Hemmer "*Human Beings and the Rest of God's Creation*". Find out more on-line at <http://www.cilca.org/> Call 217-487-7497