



THE MESSENGER

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter of the
NORTH WEST OHIO MISSION DISTRICT-NALC

June-July 2016

Ohio Mission Region Convocation

On Saturday, May 7, 2016 the five NALC Mission Districts that make up the Ohio Mission Region met in Convocation at Grace Lutheran church in Springfield, OH. This was the first OMR Convocation and allowed for the five Mission Districts to pool their resources and provide excellent stewardship of the gifts God has given them.



Grace Lutheran in Springfield hosted the event and provided a wide variety of refreshments and a very nice lunch to those who attended.

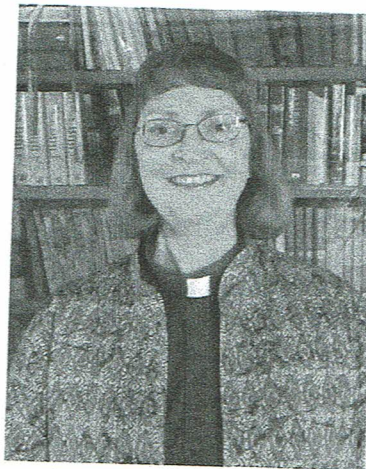
Each Mission District held its own meeting, conducting their own business (ie, budgets, elections, updates, constitutional issues, etc.) in the morning. For the NWOMD we approved a working budget for 2016-2017, we re-elected Rev. Paul Gruetter as Secretary of the Mission District, informed the Congregations in the Mission District that some Constitutional issues would need to be voted on next year, and we discussed how we might better communicate within the Mission District, utilizing Social Media and other tools. (Read on in this newsletter.) Rev. Maki informed the District that Rev. Karen Tamorria (Zion-Chattanooga and St. John's-Hopewell) would fill the vacated Clergy at Large position on the Executive Council created when Rev. George Zornow accepted a call in Michigan. The District was also informed that Rev. Kent Hollis was appointed as the new Treasurer. A new mailing address for checks, contributions was given to the representatives at the meeting (and is found elsewhere in this newsletter.)

The business of the OMR as a group entailed approving a budget and electing a Secretary for the Region as Pr. Paul

Gruetter was not seeking an additional term. Mrs. Paula Casio was elected to the position. There were a variety of workshops presented throughout the day, including presentations on Discipleship, Sola Publishing, Youth Ministry, Building Mission Relationship, Improving Congregational Presence through Social Media and Websites. We also had tables with exhibitors: Sola Publishing, Water Missions, Lutheran Lay Renewal, and Malawi Orphan Care Project.

One hundred six attended the Convocation. Ask your Pastor or Lay Representative about it.

NEWLY APPOINTED TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



Rev. Karen Tamorria was appointed to the NWOMD Executive Council as the Clergy at Large Representative, filling the vacancy left on the Council when Rev. George Zornow accepted a call to serve a congregation in Michigan. Karen is the pastor of a two point parish, Zion Lutheran - Chattanooga and St. John's Lutheran - Hopewell Twp. She is married to Rev. Mike Tamorria. They live in the parsonage next to Zion Lutheran - Chattanooga, OH.

The Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit teaching

them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

MISSION DISTRICT TREASURER

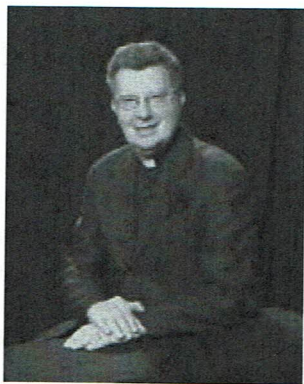
Where to send checks/contributions

Rev. Kent Hollis is the Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Jackson Center, OH. He is the newly appointed Treasurer of the NWOMD. All checks and contributions to the NWOMD should be mailed to:



Grace Lutheran Church,
Attn: Rev. Kent Hollis,
Treasurer
607 South Main Street #328
Jackson Center, OH 45334

SECRETARY RE-ELECTED TO ANOTHER 2 YEAR TERM



Rev. Paul Gruetter was re-elected to the position of Secretary of the NWOMD for a two year term. Rev. Gruetter was unopposed and was acclaimed as the Secretary unanimously. Rev. Gruetter is the pastor of St. John's Lutheran in Montpelier, OH.

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR NWOMD

As a result of discussion in the NWOMD Convocation it was decided that we would seek to communicate with the District and the world through several different means including Social Media. A Newsletter (which you are now reading), the creation of a FACEBOOK page and via a Twitter account.

The new FACEBOOK page is found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/nwomdnalc1/>

NEW TWITTER ACCOUNT FOR NWOMD

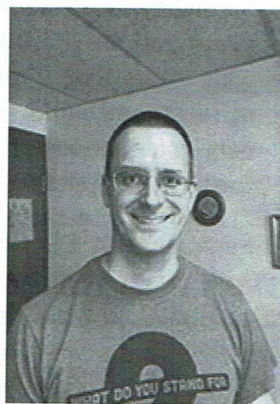
The new Twitter account is: @nwomdNalc

We continue to share a website with the other four Mission Districts in Ohio and we will seek to keep it current. It may be found at:
<http://www.thenalcohio.org/OMR/nwoh/index.html>

WEBSITE FOR THE NWOMD

We continue to share a website with the other four Mission Districts in Ohio, on the Ohio Mission Region website. Our web address is: <http://www.thenalcohio.org/OMR/> then click on the stained glass window furthest to the left with the side heading North West. That is our site. We submit our information to Paula Caso who is the webmaster for the site. Her email is: pcaso64@gmail.com If you have information or events you would like published on our website please send them to me at: wem1@aol.com and I will make sure Paula receives it and that it is also included in our Social Media outlets.

CANDIDATE FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY



Adam B. Poe, the Youth Director of Zion Lutheran-St Marys, OH has been accepted into candidacy in the North American Lutheran Church. He becomes the first seminary candidate of our young North West Ohio Mission District. Please pray for Adam and his family these next several years as he studies and follows where the Lord leads him.

Up Coming Events

June 4 - Walk for Water, Zion Lutheran-St Marys, OH

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Please send any *Up Coming Events* or mission trip stories, or other congregational events that you would like to see published in this Newsletter to me, Rev. William Maki, Dean of the NWOMD, by July 22, 2016. My email is: wem1@aol.com

Also, use our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/nwomdnalc1/> to publish pictures, and use our Twitter account @nwomdNalc