

Section 5 – Statistical Reports

Report of the Secretary

Secretary
Rev. Wendell Grahlmán

Changes in the Roster of Synod since Assembly 2010

Rostered Ministers Received into Synod

From Partner Churches

Rev. Friedrich Demke, from Evangelischen Kirche Deutschland (EKD), effective July 15, 2011
Rev. Vihtori Leskela from Diocese of Helsinki, Finland, effective April 1, 2012.

By Transfer

Rev. Ben Coltvét from the Northeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA, effective January 2, 2011.
Rev. Rebecca Larson from the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA, effective September 23, 2011.
Sr. Anne Keffer from the Saskatchewan Synod, ELCIC, effective March 1, 2012.

By Ordination

Jun Gao – May 27, 2011
Joanna Miller – May 27, 2011
Richard Schwass – May 27, 2011
Adam Snook – May 27, 2011
Kristin Luana Baumann – December 11, 2011
Olaf Baumann – December 11, 2011

Candidates Previously Approved for Ordination upon Receiving a Call

Rev. Goddy Hodanu

Candidates Approved for Ordination Subject to Successful Completion of Their Seminary Programme and Upon Receiving and Accepting a Call:

Tim Dawkins (to be ordained on July 6, 2012)
Steve Hoffard (to be ordained on July 6, 2012)
Bruce Thompson (to be ordained on July 6, 2012)
Ralph Weigold (to be ordained on July 6, 2012)

Anglican Clerics serving Anglican/Lutheran Parishes

Rev. Cathy McCaig (St James, Renfrew)
Rev. Martha Tatarnic (St David's Anglican Lutheran, Orillia)
Rev. Ed Wagner (St Mark's, Chesley)

Pastors On Leave from Call Status, July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

First Year

Rev. Karen Kuhnert
Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Rev. Michael Mills
Rev. Lori Pilatzke
Rev. Astrid Schlueter
Rev. Helen Toman

Second Year

Rev. Sheryl Martinez
Rev. Thomas Zumbrock

Third Year

none

Fourth Year

Rev. Kayko Driedger Hesslein

Rostered Ministers Removed from the Roster of Synod

By Transfer

Rev. Cindy Jacobsen to the New England Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, effective August 15, 2011.
Rev. David Knudson to the Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Synod effective September 4, 2011.
Rev. Lester Skonnard to the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod effective September 30, 2011.
Rev. Timothy Kuhlmann to the Diocese of Ontario, Anglican Church of Canada effective June 24, 2012.

By Constitutional Directive

Rev. Zakaria Mandara – effective March 16, 2012
Rev. Peeter Vanker – effective March 16, 2012

By Request

Rev. Harry Huff – resigned effective August 29, 2008
Rev. Paul Hartig – resigned effective May 13, 2011
Rev. Stephen Boros – resigned effective July 14, 2011
Rev. Sheila Fletch – resigned effective August 24, 2011
Rev. Xuandong Zhu – resigned effective October 17, 2011
Rev. Peter Hincke – resigned effective June 4, 2012

By Death

See Necrology Report

Changes in the Roster of Congregations and Synodical Missions

Normanby Parish (St James/St Paul's) dissolved as of March 1, 2009.
Mildmay/Neustadt Parish (St. Matthew's, Mildmay and St. Paul's, Neustadt) dissolved as of March 1, 2009.
Neustadt/Normanby/Mildmay Cooperative Ministry (St. Paul's, Neustadt/St. Peter's, Neustadt/St. Paul's, Normanby/St. James, Normanby/St. Matthew's, Mildmay) is established as of March 1, 2009.
Niagara Falls Lutheran Ministries Parish Partnership (Good Shepherd and St. Paul's) dissolved as of January 17, 2010. The congregations continue to function independently.

St. Peter's, Neustadt withdraws from the Neustadt/Normanby/Mildmay Cooperative Ministry as of March 31, 2010. The congregation continues to function independently.
 St James, Normanby disbanded as of October 1, 2010.
 Zion, Sault Ste. Marie and St. Mary's, Sault Ste. Marie amalgamate as of November 28, 2010.
 Neustadt/Normanby/Mildmay Cooperative Ministry became The South Grey Bruce Lutheran Parish as of March 15, 2011.
 St. Matthew's, Sudbury and St. Timothy's, Copper Cliff is recognized as a two-point parish as of March 18, 2011 for the purposes of shared ministry for a four year term.
 Meadowvale Lutheran Church, Mississauga disbanded as of April 24, 2011.
 St Mark, Windsor resigned effective May 2, 2011.
 Peace Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ottawa and Trinity Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Montreal began a Shared Pastoral Ministry Agreement as of September 25, 2011 for a three year term.
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (North York), Toronto resigned as of November 20, 2011.
 All Saints Lutheran Church, Ottawa resigned as of December 18, 2011.
 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Conquerall Bank disbanded as of March 31, 2012.
 St Matthew's, Cornwall resigned effective June 3, 2012.

Pastors Requesting to be Excused from Assembly 2012 Sessions

Rev. James Anderson	Rev. Willis Ott
Rev. Kevin Baglole	Rev. Daniel Phannenhour
Rev. James Brown	Rev. Eduard Riegert
Rev. Brad Busch	Rev. Sharron Reykdahl
Rev. Dr Richard Crossman	Rev. Clint Rohr
Rev. Charles Dechert	Rev. Shirley Ruller
Rev. Calvin Diegel	Rev. Rolf V Ruppenthal
Rev. Kayko Drieger Hesslein	Rev. Stephen Scheidt
Rev. Larry Ehrhardt	Rev. Scott Schellenberger
Rev. Jim Goos	Rev. Jonathan Schmidt
Rev. Lenora Grauer	Rev. Eric Schultz
Rev. Ted Guthrie	Rev. Doug Schweyer
Rev. Judi Harris	Rev. Bob Shantz
Rev. Olavi Hepomaki	Rev. Don Stroh
Rev. Dawn Hutchings	Rev. Martha Tatarnic
Rev. Joachim Knaack	Rev. J. Krister Ulmanis
Rev. Donald Kranz	Rev. Mark Urquhart
Rev. Paul Langohr	Rev. Heidi Wachowiak
Rev. Jan Malina	Rev. David Whynot
Rev. Joanna Malina	
Rev. Kevin McLeod	
Rev. Joanna Miller	
Rev. Katharina Moeller	
Rev. Christie Morrow	
Rev. Wilfred Myra	

Pastors Celebrating Anniversaries of Ordination during Assembly 2012

Twenty-five Years

Rev. Brad Busch
Rev. Eric Dyck
Rev. Ralph Dwarika
Rev. Wendell Grahlman
Rev. Stephen Gross
Rev. Syd Hills
Rev. Samuel King Kabu
Rev. Randy Liedtke
Rev. Peter Lisinski
Rev. Katharina Moeller
Rev. Kyllikki Pitts
Rev. Bonnie Scharf
Rev. Ernest Skujins
Rev. Ross Thomson
Rev. Dr Leif Vaage
Rev. Mark Van House
Rev. Barbara Weatherall

Forty Years

Rev. Dr Bart Beglo
Rev. John Boehmer
Rev. Dr Richard Crossman
Rev. Wai-Chui Chan
Rev. James Garey
Rev. Tom Graham
Rev. Jouko Jyrkama
Rev. Dr Bob Kelly
Rev. Ronald Leonard
Rev. Ambrose Tsui
Rev. Paul Yap

Fifty Years

Rev. Harold Brill
Rev. Jim Dookram
Rev. Robert Hutchison
Rev. Dr Eduard Riegert
Rev. George Strack
Rev. Robert Zimmerman

60 Years

Rev. Richard Bieber
Rev. Dr Robert Langen
Rev. Ab Lorch

65 Years

Rev. Arthur Conrad

Future Assemblies

2014 – Ottawa/St. Lawrence Conference

2016 – Hamilton/Niagara Conference

2018 – Kitchener/Waterloo Conference

Concluding Remarks

The categories above describe and imply some of the various aspects of the Secretary of Synod's job description. Essentially, the job is about people watching, congregation watching, and document watching. That last category consists largely of the minutes and related documents for Officer and Synod Council meetings, and more so, of constitutional documents of the synod's congregations. (It might be emphasized that while the Secretary does the watching, the onus is on the congregations to submit their amended constitutional documents; if they don't arrive, it's hard to watch them.)

The people who have served with me on the Legal & Constitutions Committee have been a great source of pooled wisdom and I gratefully acknowledge their work and their gift; they and the rest of Synod Council are valued for their support and prayer of our synod's mission. Cathy Caron, the Administrative Support Staff to the Secretary of Synod, is deserving of many thanks for her very capable assistance, dedication and timely wisdom. The leadership, gifts and relationships of Bishop Michael Pryse, Vice-Chair Linda Grainger and Treasurer Keith Myra are also much valued, and I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to them for their partnership and ministry.

Necrology Report

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11:25).

In this biennium, the deaths of ten pastors, eight spouses and one child are recorded.

Erich R.W. Schultz – June 1, 1930 to June 26, 2010

Rev. Schultz graduated from the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and was ordained on June 16, 1954. He served at St Paul, Ellice Twp., 1954-56, as supply pastor in Woodstock, East Zorra, Walkerton/Mildmay and St James, Hespeler, 1956-60, and worked as a Librarian at Waterloo Lutheran University, Wilfrid Laurier University and Waterloo Lutheran Seminary from 1959 until his retirement in 1991.

Born in Rankin, Ontario, Pastor Schultz is remembered by his aunt, Norma Geelhaar; cousins, Pauline (Clifford) McTaggart and family, Ruth Ann (Bob) Paetz and family; and by his treasured godsons, David Paetz and Andrew Liddle and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, Rev. William Schultz and Martha (nee Geelhaar) as well as many aunts and uncles.

A memorial service was held at St John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Ontario. Bishop Michael Pryse, Rev Dwight Biggs and Rev Rebecca Klages officiated.

Jean (Charlotte) Schmieder – February 15, 1921 to August 18, 2010

Jean Schmieder (nee Kramp), was the wife of the late Rev. Henry H. Schmieder. Together Henry and Jean served at the parish of St. James, New Dundee/St. James, Mannheim and at Grace, Eganville from 1949 until 1974.

Born in Kitchener, Ontario, Jean is survived by her children Margaret (John), Mary and John. Sadly missed by her three grandchildren; Anthony, Jennifer and Julia. Jean will also be missed by her lifelong friend and sister-in-law Ruth Weber and family. Jean is predeceased by her parents, Gordon and Charlotte Kramp and her son-in-law J.K. Sallinen.

A memorial service was held at Grace Lutheran Church, Eganville, with Rev. Fred Haak officiating.

Interment was made at Grace Lutheran Cemetery in Eganville, Ontario.

Nancy Nelson – December 6, 1938 to September 24, 2010

Nancy Nelson (nee Berkseth) was the wife of the Rev. Glen. Nancy was married to Rev. Glen Nelson and while serving in the Eastern Synod, they served at St Ansgar Lutheran Church in Toronto, Ontario from 1978 to 1997.

Nancy is survived by her husband Rev. Glen Nelson and her children, Kristin, Mark and Daniel. Nancy is also survived by her sister Beverly and brother Robert. Sadly missed by her grandchildren; Elizabeth, Benjamin, Sterling, Pierce and Noah.

A memorial service was held at St Ansgar Lutheran Church, Toronto, Ontario. Rev. Brian Wilker -

Frey officiated.

Eric H Reble – December 24, 1923 to October 19, 2010

Born in Linwood, Ontario and a graduate of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Pastor Eric served the following: Normanby/Carrick Parish, ON from 1948 – 1952; St Paul's, Kitchener, ON from 1953 – 1959; the Board of World Missions (LCA) serving in India from 1959 – 1971; St Mark's, Kingston, ON from 1972 – 1977 and St Peter's, Kitchener, ON from 1977 – 1989.

He was predeceased by his wife Jean (nee Niergarth) and daughter Brenda; parents Rev Dr John and Gertrude Reble; siblings Elsie Rodgers, Rev Otto Reble, and Kurt Reble. Deeply missed by children Peter (Terri) Reble, Jane (Jane Brenneman) and Carol (John Williams); grandchildren Rhea, Travis and Jeremy; brother John (Pat) Reble; sister-in-law Doris Egles; loving nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

A funeral Service was held at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener, Ontario. Bishop Pryse and Rev Mark Ehlebracht officiated.

A private family committal took place at St Peter's Lutheran Cemetery.

Donald Stewart – December 1922 to January 10, 2011

Rev. Stewart was a graduate of Waterloo Lutheran College. He was ordained on March 22, 1953. He served at the Parish of Zion, Philipsburg/St James, Baden/Zion, St. Agatha from 1953-1958; St Philip's, Kitchener from 1958-1992 when he retired and served as the Interim at Zion, St. Agatha.

Born in Windsor, Ontario, Pastor Don is survived by his two children, Dugald Stewart and Kathie Must (Harry). Pastor Don is predeceased by his wife Ilse, his brother Douglas and sister Dorothy. Sadly missed by his grandchildren, Nik, Natalie (Kevin) and Viktoria.

A funeral service was held at St Philip's Lutheran Church, Kitchener, Ontario. Rev. Richard Pryce and Bishop Michael J. Pryce officiated. Interment was made at Memory Gardens, Breslau, Ontario.

Lila Kranz – August 13, 1925 to January 24, 2011

Lila Kranz, was the wife of the Rev. Donald Kranz. Together they served at the following; Zion, Massey, 1960-1964; Trinity, St John's, Nfld, 1964-1968; Bethesda, Unionville, 1968-1977; Trinity, Sudbury, 1977-1980; Holy Trinity, Belleville, 1980-1983; Camp Edgewood, 1983-1986; St Johns, Bonnechere, 1986-1989 and St Paul's, Denbigh, 1989-1996.

Surviving are her husband, Pastor Don Kranz and their children Donna (Joe), Dennis (Lin), Rev. Douglas Kranz (Elizabeth) and Deborah (Henry). Also surviving are her two sisters Martha and Alma (Gilbert). Sadly missed by her grandchildren, Paula, (Craig), Michael (Michelle), Andrew (Nadine), Wendy (Mamoru), Nathan (Ismael), Steve, Jerry, Jason, April (Dana), Crystal, Kaija, Amanda, Joel, Lucas and great grandchildren, Alexis, Broden, Parker, Rachel, Chloe, Russell and Owen. Lila is predeceased by her brothers Albert, Arnold, and Fred and her sisters Hulda and Adeline.

A funeral service was held at St John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Ontario. Rev. Rebecca Klages, Rev. Douglas Kranz and Bishop William Huras officiated. A private family interment followed.

Frank Haggarty – February 13, 1950 to January 24, 2011

Rev. Haggarty was a graduate of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. He was ordained on June 13, 1991. Pastor Frank served at St Peter's, Warton from 1991 to 1994; the Parish of St James, St Jacobs/St Matthew's, Conestogo from 1994 to 1998; St Peter's, Kitchener from 1998 until 2008.

Born in Airdale, Scotland, Pastor Frank is survived by his two children, Christopher and Ryan.

A memorial service was held at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener. Rev. Mark Ehlebracht and Bishop Michael J. Pryse officiated.

Gertrude Leupold – June 30, 1917 to January 28, 2011

Gertrude Leupold (nee Daber), was the wife of the late Rev. Dr. Ulrich S. Leupold who was a professor and Dean at the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary from 1945 until 1970. Together they served at St Matthews, Kitchener from 1939-1942 and the Parish of Maynooth/Raglan from 1942-1945.

Gertrude was predeceased by her husband, and a brother, Fred. She is survived by her daughter Marcia, her son Mark (Juanita) and a sister Rhoda (Rev. Wilfred Myra). Sadly missed by her grandchildren Kimberley, Troy, Matthew, Christopher and a great grandson Elijah.

A memorial service was held at Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Ontario. Rev. Krister Ulmanis officiated.

Genowefy Angeline Conrad – January 14, 1923 to April 21, 2011

Genowefy Conrad was the wife of the Rev. Arthur Conrad. Together they served at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ottawa, Ontario from 1947 to 1989.

Surviving is her husband, Pastor Art Conrad and their children Janice (Angus), Paul (Sandy) and Mark (Susan). Also surviving is her brother Robert Ritter. Lovingly remembered by grandchildren; Brittany, Bradley, Allison, Callum, Ian, Andrew, Lauren and by her great grandchildren Jacob, Owen and Ryan. Genowefy is predeceased by her parents Gordon Philip Ritter and Edna Marie Steiner.

A funeral service was held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ottawa. Rev. Dr Barton Beglo officiated. Interment was made at Highland Park Cemetery in Carp, Ontario.

Delton John Glebe – January 4, 1919 to May 11, 2011

Rev. Glebe was a graduate of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and he was ordained on January 1, 1950. Rev. Glebe served at St. James, Mannheim/New Dundee from 1950-1956 and Mount Zion, Waterloo as a Mission Developer from 1956-1960. He worked at the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary as Faculty from 1960-2003 and as Principal-Dean for the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary from 1970-1984.

Born in Grey County, Ontario, Pastor Glebe is survived by his wife Verna and children Donna (Dennis), Diane, David and Deborah. Sadly missed by his grandchildren; Kevin (Sheila), Colin (Jean), Brad, Alex, Jordan, Isabeau, Claire, Elaina and great grandchildren Audrey and Liliana. Rev. Glebe is predeceased by a granddaughter, Pamela and his parents Windom and Olga (nee Ries) Glebe.

A funeral service was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo. Rev. Krister Ulmanis and Bishop Michael J. Pryse officiated. Interment was made at Parkview Cemetery, Waterloo, Ontario.

Judith Williams – February 26, 1948 to May 25, 2011

Rev. Williams was a graduate of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. She was ordained on September 1, 1993. Pastor Williams served at St. James, North Easthope from 1993 to 1996, St. James, Cambridge from 1996 to 1999 and Mount Zion, Waterloo from 1999 to 2001.

Pastor Williams is survived by her children Anna (Rene) and Rebekah (Dave). She is survived by her two sisters June (Gordon) and Susan (John). Sadly missed by her grandchildren; Noa, Mira and Celina. Rev. Williams is predeceased by her mother, Yvonne and father, Douglas.

A memorial service was held at St. Marks Lutheran Church, Kitchener, Ontario. Rev. Nancy Kelly, Rev. Dr. Robert Kelly and Bishop Michael Pryse officiated. Interment was made at Parkview Cemetery.

Ralph Carl Dipple – April 8, 1934 to July 31, 2011

Rev. Dipple was a graduate of Concordia Seminary, St Louis and was ordained on July 20, 1959. Pastor Dipple served at St Luke's, Tillsonburg, 1959-1962; Grace, Locksley and Christ, Petawawa, 1962-1973; Christ Risen, Kanata, 1973-1978; Redeemer, Highland, 1978-1984; St Mark's, Kingston, 1995-2000.

Born in Brodhagen, Logan Township, Pastor Dipple is survived by his wife Rev. Diane Raddatz and children Geoffrey (Sharon), Gregory (Vicki) and Katrina. Sadly missed by his grandchildren; Joseph, Benjamin, Ellen and Joanna. Rev. Dipple is predeceased by his parents Fred and Sybilla and his sisters, Anna and Elizabeth. Pastor Dipple is survived by his brother-in-law Elmer Campbell.

A funeral service was held at St Timothy's Lutheran Church, Pembroke. Rev. Randy Liedtke and Rev. Dr. Mark Harris officiated. Interment was to follow at a later date.

Eunice Arvilla Bestvater – September 4, 1928 to October 29, 2011

Eunice was the wife of Rev. J. R. Bestvater. Together they served at Augsburg, Golden Lake; Good Shepherd, Toronto and the Parish of Maynooth/Raglan.

Eunice is survived by their three sons Rev. Ron Bestvater (Diane), David Bestvater (Diane), Bryan Bestvater (Laurie), a sister-in-law Adele and a brother Alcis. Eunice was predeceased by her parents and brother Ormond. Sadly missed by her 9 grandchildren; Eric, Carole, Katharine, Amanda, Erin, Benjamin, Sarah, Sam and Caleb.

A memorial service was held at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, Kitchener, Ontario, followed by a second memorial service at Grace Lutheran Church, Eganville,. The Rev. Val Hennig officiated at both services.

Rhoda Elsie Myra – May 9, 1923 to November 12, 2011

Rhoda was the wife of Rev. Wilfred Myra, and mother of Keith (Cheryl) of Waterloo, James (Judy) of

Louisville, Colorado and Eric of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Rhoda will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Tim, Aly, Elizabeth and Anna Marie. Predeceased by sister Gertrude Leupold and brother Fred Daber.

Rev. Wilfred Myra and Rhoda served together at Northfield Parish, Nova Scotia; Trinity, Ayton; Holy Cross, Burlington; Bridgewater Parish, Nova Scotia; Good Shepherd, Toronto and St. Mark's, Kitchener.

Rhoda was a graduate of Waterloo College (affiliated with the University of Western Ontario) and also a graduate of the Ontario College of Education; a volunteer with the Laubach Literacy Program and the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada; also a devoted member of the Evangelical Lutheran Women.

A funeral service was held at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kitchener, Ontario. The Rev. David Malina officiated. Interment was made at Williamsburg Cemetery, Kitchener.

Arnold Daniel Weigel – September 8, 1939 to December 16, 2011

Arnie is survived by his loving wife Kathy, his daughter Brenda Weigel (Ross Bartels), his son Brian (Leah Kennedy and her son Colin), his grandchildren, Wesley, Brooke, Shannon, and Julia. He will also be remembered by his brother Douglas (Lori) Weigel and sister Betty Ann (Earl) Yenssen. He was predeceased by his brother Gerald Weigel and his parents Harry and Christine (nee Allensen) Weigel.

Born in Normanby Township, Grey County, Ontario. Graduate of Waterloo Lutheran University (BA); Waterloo Lutheran Seminary (MDiv); Wilfrid Laurier University (MA); University of Toronto School of Theology (DMin). Pastor Arnie served Christ the King, Thornhill as Pastor and Mission Developer from 1965 -1975; served as Director of Continuing Education at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary from 1974 – 1983; also served as Professor in Practical Theology/Supervisor of Contextual Education at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary from 1983 – 2004.

A funeral service was held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Kitchener. Rev. Bill Schafer and Bishop Michael J. Pryse officiated. Interment was made at Williamsburg Cemetery, Kitchener, Ontario.

Kimberley Elizabeth Fields – April 30, 1983 to January 1, 2012

Kimberley Elizabeth Fields, was the daughter of Sylvia Poetschke. She was also the daughter of James Fields, and little sister to James (Leah). She is survived by her son Cameron James, as well as her "Grandad F" and "Gramma P".

A funeral service was held at the Henry Walsler Funeral Home, Kitchener, Ontario. Pastor Douglas Reble officiated.

Arthur Adam Horst – April 26, 1923 to January 16, 2012

Arthur is survived by his wife, Eleanor (nee Hessel). Loving father of Paul and his wife Victoria, Richard and his wife Marjorie, Lois Horst, Stephen and his wife Kimberly. Cherished Grandpa of Lena, Nathan, Mike, Sherry, Loni, Josh, Stephanie, Matthew, Luke, Becky and Heather; Great-Grandpa of Spencer. Dear brother of Madeline Filsinger and Beatrice Love and her husband John; brother-in-law of Isabel Murray and her husband Lloyd, Ruth Watters and Howard Hessel. Predeceased by his daughter Linda (in infancy); parents Herman and Lavina (nee Ries) Horst.

For 28 years Arthur served as Pastor for the following Parishes: St. Peter's, Timmins, St. Peter's,

Heidelberg, St. Paul's, Erbsville and St. Peter's, Brodhagen. He also served as Chaplain at Ritz Lutheran Villa in Mitchell for 10 years and was involved with pastoral care at the Seaforth Community Hospital from 1972 until present. Since his retirement in 1988, he was a faithful member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Zurich.

A funeral service was held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Neustadt, Ontario. Bishop Michael Pryse presided. Interment was made at St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Neustadt, Ontario.

Mary Becker – November 1, 1917 to March 8, 2012

Mary Becker was the wife of the late Gerhardt Becker. She was also predeceased by her eldest son, Garry, in 2010. Mary is survived by Sylvia Harris (Lanny), John Becker and Jane Corbett; grandmother of Cecilia and Andrew Harris, Matthew Becker (Joanne), Julie Swift (Jim), Caroline Rossi (Ozzie); and great-grandchildren, Giovanni, Matthew and James.

A funeral service was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Guelph, Ontario. The Rev. Jeff Smith officiated, with Rev. Jon Fogleman and Rev. Clint Rohr assisting.

Roy Grosz - May 29, 1920 to May 17, 2012

Rev. Roy Grosz, is survived by his wife of 65 years, Elaine (nee Oswald). Father of Jane of Waterloo, Philip of Kitchener, and Nancy Bergey of Waterloo. Lovingly remembered by granddaughter Leigh (Grant) Lovell; great-grandsons William and Brian; great-granddaughter Elleigh-Jane; extended family member Debbie Gordon and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Kenneth and Marian DeCoppel. He will be fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Predeceased by his parents, Addison J. Grosz and Mabel (nee Steinke); son Robert (1953); brother Ted (1961); his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Robert (1990) and Doris (1986) Bornhold.

Roy was born in Kitchener, Ontario, graduated from Waterloo College and Seminary and was ordained in 1946. He served St. Peter's, Kitchener and the Heidelberg-Erbsville parishes, before becoming a mission developer for the next 33 years in Oakville, Burlington and Waterloo. He served on many synodical committees and in many community capacities throughout his ministry. He was the secretary, statistician and necrologist of the Eastern Canada Synod (Eastern Synod) from 1970-1990 and the registrar of its conventions to 2000. He was the editor of The Canada Lutheran from 1959-1969. He also served on the executive board of the synod from 1954-1959 and was a member of the Board of Governors of Waterloo College and Seminary. He was the author of books on Lutheran Church history.

A funeral service was held at Christ Lutheran Church, Waterloo, with Bishop William Huras and Rev. James Brown officiating. Interment was made at St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Kitchener, Ontario.

Kris Reykdal - June 6, 2012

Kris Reykdal, husband of our sister and colleague, Sharron Reykdal, entered into eternal life on June 6, 2012, after a lengthy struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

A memorial service was held at Cedarstone Enhanced Care, 378 Young St, Truro, Nova Scotia.

Report of the Acting Archivist

Acting Archivist
Rev. Karen Kuhnert

“Remembering for the Future....May Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit richly bless us in this special anniversary year and may these celebrations inspire within us a renewed commitment to sharing the Gospel of love and reconciliation that has been entrusted to us for the world’s salvation!”

With these words Bishop Pryse invited us as Synod, as a people on the way together, to enter into our 150th year of common mission on the soil that came to be known as Canada. Interestingly, waterways rather than highways directed our earliest “Lutheran” landings along the shores of the Atlantic Ocean and up to the Hudson’s Bay, up and across the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rivers as well as around and between the Great Lakes. From the waters of new beginnings, our ancestors came ashore to plant and spread the Gospel.

Here are five opportunities to learn more about our common Lutheran heritage that may continue to inspire you to Remember for the Future over the next biennial:

1. If you are interested in diversity and adversity...online, or even better – by going in person to explore the Nova Scotia or Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU) Archives, read *Acadie and the Acadians* by David Luther Roth, 1890, alongside Carl Cronmiller’s *A History of the Lutheran Church in Canada*, 1961. For those who can visit Nova Scotia, walk in our forebears’ footsteps starting at the Halifax Citadel. Then drive out via Lower Sackville to explore the generous churches of Lunenburg County. Return via the Black Cultural Centre at Dartmouth and then stop at the historic site of Africville before viewing the 1752 Bible at Resurrection Lutheran church, Halifax. At Pier 21, search for Canadian Lutherans by their country of origin (eg. New Brunswick Danes).
2. If you are interested in community action against global hunger...the people of the London and Georgian Bay Conferences are proud to draw your attention to the “Harvest For Hunger” and to the Canadian Lutheran World Relief’s long partnership with the organization. Attend the harvest in person, or start by watching the video http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca/video_harvest_for_hunger_2_0.aspx.
3. In this calendar year highlighting the Loyalist Legacy and the War of 1812, drive the shore “loop” along Lake Ontario to better understand what united and separated us Lutherans and continentalists. Travel from Brantford to Cornwall via “Berczy” Markham and back via Lundy’s Lane, Niagara Falls. Take a day to explore Upper Canada Village and grave site. An ancestor of Chief Joseph Brant was among the “Four Indian Kings” who, in 1710, donated land to Anne, Queen of England, in order to settle Palatinate Lutheran (“Foreign Protestant”) refugees living in squalid conditions in London, England. The refugees who became Colonials, remembered the repeated kindnesses shown by the “Indian Kings” and by Queen Anne. These Palatinate “Lutherans” eventually became “Loyalists” and then “Canadians.” View portraits of the “Four Kings” and read the historical documentation at the Library and Archives Canada, in Ottawa. Take Cronmiller’s book as a travel guide.
4. If you value the changing face of our church, immigration, emigration and refugee settlement then travel the Northern Conference church route or read the Toronto Conference publication

printed especially for the 150th Anniversary! See the CLWR timeline at <http://www.clwr.org/About-CLWR/history.cfm> and watch the clip http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iIMlrjQQ0E&feature=channel_video_title. Canadian Lutherans have an exciting church with members who have emigrated from the four corners of the world, And our Lutheran church has a compassionate history of caring for displaced persons, meeting the diverse needs of vulnerable people in our port-cities and providing inner-city street ministry for those Canadians who have only temporary or irregular housing.

5. At this year's convention seek out the "Norm Antler Collection." Norm Antler created scrapbooks out of the church histories he received from every congregation in our Synod, organized by conference. He was part of a network of Lutherans in Canada working to unite us by bridging our collective memories. Norm Antler (Ottawa-St. Lawrence), Sam Weicker (KW), Peter Oickle (Atlantic), Oz Cole-Arnal and Bob Kelly (Seminary) and Erich Schultz (Synod Archivist) are just some of the archivists and historians who have helped preserve our legacy through research texts, bulletins and anniversary books. We are indebted to them for bringing and holding us together.

As your Acting Archivist it is my view that the current boom in genealogical searches of congregational records will come to a close before our next big anniversary celebration. Our churches have done fine archival work by transferring original documents to easier means of researching data (although some still need to act to preserve the originals from fire or water damage). In the future, congregations may be well rewarded for shifting their focus from storing raw data on people to gathering, understanding and recording the faith stories of those same people whose lives are represented by birth, marriage, death, and confirmation records. In the recent past, uprooted people have wanted to know where their ancestors wandered. In the decades to come, the lost and the lonely will even moreso wonder how their ancestors survived life's daunting challenges. Through our accessible Lutheran church records and histories, we have Good News stories to share with them.

In these last two years, I have with joy visited all eight synod conferences. On my travels, Jurgen Moltmann's *Crucified God* and Carl Cronmiller's *History of the Lutheran Church in Canada* have shaped the way I have come to see our foundational stories. Cronmiller puts people and places on our map in vivid detail. Moltmann reminds us again and again that "what is true" is only true in the light or shadow of the cross. These two writers have influenced the papers and photos I've gathered and stored, the books I've read and the stories I've passed along through The Eastern Synod Lutheran and our Anniversary projects including the DVD mailed to every synod congregation in 2011.

"Who we are" (our Canadian Lutheran identity) and "what we're about" (our relevance as a modern people of faith) get their meaning at the pierced feet of the Crucified God with whom we walk by faith, *per fidem ambulamus*. Since our last biennial convention, God did indeed bless and inspire us to see ourselves and our trajectory of love and service with renewed Spirit and refreshed eyes. May it continue to be so!

Guidelines for Transferring Church Records to the Laurier Archives

The **Wilfrid Laurier University Archives** is the official repository for the historic records of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (Eastern Synod). The records are housed in the Archives' temperature and humidity controlled storage space designed for long-term preservation. They are available for consultation in the Archives reading room in the Laurier Library and are open to public. In addition, Archives staff members are available to assist researchers remotely. To consult a listing of the current holdings, please see: <http://library.wlu.ca/specialcollections/findingaid/3314>

Individual congregations within the Eastern Synod are encouraged to deposit *historic or inactive* records in the Archives. Inactive records are those that are no longer needed for the regular operation of the congregation and may be rarely used. **The following types of documents should be transferred to the Archives for permanent retention:**



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Lunenburg, NS, 1955

- Articles of incorporation, all constitutions and all by-laws and amendments of such documents
- Parish registers recording the ministerial acts, especially for baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, etc.
- Minutes and reports of key committees and church organizations
- Reports of the church's official committees, commissions, societies, and organizations.
- Congregation membership lists
- Annual reports
- Newsletters or other publications
- Anniversary publications or church histories
- Select, representative photographs of church buildings, members or events. Photographs should be identified and dated. For digital photographs: min dpi = 300

Laurier Archives staff members are very happy to discuss the transfer of historic documents with church representatives. Please contact the Archives at: libarch@wlu.ca or 519-884-0710 x3906. To visit our website, please see: <http://library.wlu.ca/specialcollections>