

The Eastern Synod Lutheran

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At our 2014 Synod Assembly we gave second reading to approval of a new constitution for the Eastern Synod. This constitution mirrors the path charted in the ELCIC's structural renewal process. A primary structural change involved dissolution of the synod's eight regional conferences and the establishment of 17 smaller Ministry Areas. Ministry Areas are groups of congregations that work together in mission led by a Dean and Area Leadership Team.

The role of the Area Dean and Leadership Team is to:

- i. Assist congregations and ministries within the area to plan, promote and implement the mission of this church;
- ii. Maintain contact with the Synod bishop;
- iii. Serve as the Bishop's representative, as requested, at installations, assisting with the call process, and conducting exit interviews;
- iv. Maintain contact with Synod Mission

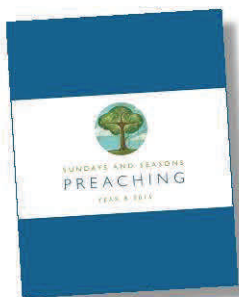
- staff;
- v. Work with congregational leaders to create mission strategies;
 - vi. Arrange for continuing education opportunities for rostered and lay leaders to support and encourage area mission strategies;
 - vii. Encourage networking and mutual support among rostered and lay leaders;
 - viii. Provide pastoral support to area rostered leaders as required.

I am writing this article at the mid-point of a three day leadership retreat with our synod's Deans, Ministry Directors and Officers. They are a wonderfully gifted team of leaders!

Over the next few months, our Area Ministry Deans will be recruiting and nominat-

ing Leadership Teams for appointment by the Synod Council. These teams, comprised of both lay and clergy members, will be organized in ways that are appropriate to the particular area context. As such, it's likely that they will look quite different from one another. Lots of decisions have yet to be made. How many people will be a part of the team? How will they be recruited? How will plans be developed and promoted? How will those plans be executed, monitored and adjusted over time? Please offer your prayerful encouragement and support to our Deans as they embark on this exciting building process.

Below: Bishop Pryse with Deans, Officers and Ministry Leaders.



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From Old Montreal to Kahnawake

Rev. Dr. Matthew Anderson, an ELCIC pastor in Montreal and assistant professor at Concordia University along with one of his colleagues, Sara Terreault, led a group of students on a walking pilgrimage from Old Montreal to the Kahnawake Mohawk Territory.

To read his account of the trip go to Pastor Anderson's blog

<http://somethinggrand.ca/2014/06/19/from-old-montreal-to-kahnawake-a-34-km-pilgrimage-to-combat-ignorance/>

Rev Anderson recently met with Metis leaders and local historians to plan a possible walk along the North West Mounted Police trail in southern Saskatchewan. The walk will highlight how that trail was part of the environmental destruction of the ecosystem of the prairies and the subjugation and forced removal of the First Nations peoples in preparation for the arrival of settlers such as Pastor Anderson's own grandparents.

Vacancies

St. Peter's, Cambridge, ON

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For more information contact Rev. Douglas Reble, Assistant to the Bishop
dreble@elcic.ca

Upcoming Treasurer's Workshops hosted by Keith Myra

Saturday, November 1, 2014
Redeemer, London, ON

Saturday, November 8, 2014
St. James, New Dundee, ON

Saturday, November 29, 2014
St. Stephen's, Kitchener, ON

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Upcoming Healthy Leadership Workshop

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Our thoughts and prayers are with Rev. David Malina and his wife Patricia as they mourn the loss of her father.



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or contact Marilyn Malton at
519-884-4404 (X 28628)
or mmalton@uwaterloo.ca



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The following is a list of students who received scholarships through the Eastern Synod for the 2014-2015 academic year.
Congratulations to each of you!



Katarina Baziw, Augsburg, Brampton
Sabrina Bender, Trinity, Tavistock
Naomi Brearley, St Timothy's, Pembroke
Rachel Brooks, St Luke's, Kitchener
Sarah Brooks, St Luke's, Kitchener
Emily Brown, Trinity, Tavistock
David Cardoza, St Luke's, Kitchener
Rebecca Chapeskie, St Paul's, Kitchener
Aaron Christensen, St Peter's, New Denmark
William Christensen, St Peter's, New Denmark
Madeline Christenson, Zion, Sault Ste Marie
Arianna Christenson, Zion, Sault Ste Marie
Caleb Dale, Zion, Philipsburg
Nathaniel Dale, Zion, Philipsburg
Thomas Darlington, Trinity, Tavistock
Brooke DeMone, Zion, Lunenburg
Emma Drake, Zion, Stratford
Courtney Dupuis, Zion, Pembroke
Jocelyn Eckert, St Peter's, Kitchener
Adrian Eitzen, St Paul's, Guelph
Taryn Epp, St Timothy's, Pembroke
Thomas Fickel, Trinity, Fort Erie
Samantha Fickel, Trinity, Fort Erie
Adam Fischer, Westside, Barrie
Erik Frechette, St John's, South Porcupine
Teige Frid, St Paul's, Guelph
Raeann Friesen, St Matthews, Sudbury
Marnie Grahman, St Peter's, Kitchener
Bethany Gruber, St Paul's, Cambridge
Deanna Hartman, Trinity, Walkerton
Flannery Head, Resurrection, Halifax
Rachel Hinsperger, Trinity, Walkerton
Braden Hoffard, St Marks, Kingston
Madison Horst, St James, Baden
Kurt Hvorup, St Paul's, Cambridge
Jake Ihasz, St Matthews, Welland
Alexandra Ingold, St Peter's, Kitchener
Casey Ingold, Trinity, New Hamburg
Cailin Junker, Trinity, Tavistock
Devon Keller, St Stephen's, Palmer Rapids
Aaron Kindler, Zion, Stratford
Brigitte Kloss, Christ the King, Whitby
Nicole Koevoets, St John's, Hamilton
Kristina Kuhnert, Mount Zion, Waterloo
Markku Laamanen, St Matthew's, Sudbury
Josie Lantz, St Paul's, Cambridge

Peter LaRue, Zion, Sault Ste Marie
Devyn Leifso, St John's, Elmwood
Addison Lemkay, Grace, Rankin
Holly LeSauvage, Trinity, London
Chantel Liesemer, Trinity, Ayton
Rachel Luckhardt, Zion, Stratford
Kristen Lupton, Trinity, Tavistock
Amy Malcho, Zion, Stratford
Rebecca Manners, Trinity, London
Erica Marr, Trinity, Fort Erie
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Ashley Martell, St Stephen's, Raglan Twp
Brayden Martell, St Stephen's, Raglan Twp
Ella Matthiessen, Bethesda, Unionville
Ian McCurdy, Trinity, New Hamburg
Kacie Neal, Trinity, Tavistock
Mareike Oellers, St George's, Toronto
Meranda Phannenhour, Grace, Oakville
Rebecca Prentice, St Matthew's, Welland
Mark Quenneville, Faith, Nepean
Christine Rabey, Martin Luther, Toronto
Andres Rojas, Maranatha, Kitchener
Karen Roppel, Faith, Port Elgin
Sarah Ruthig, Trinity, New Hamburg
Kira Scheffelmeier, St James, St Jacobs
Casey Schroeder, St John's, Golden Lake
Caitlin Schropp, Christ the King, Whitby
Jared Schutt, Trinity, Fort Erie
Aaron Shantz, St Peter's, Kitchener
Laura Shantz, St Peter's, Kitchener
Andre Singh, Augsburg, Brampton
Allison Smith, Zion, Lunenburg
Monica Sourial, Resurrection, Orleans
Khala Sullivan, Zion, Pembroke
Christian Thomson, Trinity, New Hamburg
Natalie Verschueren, Grace, Oakville
Sara Vollmerhausen, Holy Cross, Newmarket
Caroline Wiechers, Trinity, New Hamburg
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Julia Wirth, Faith, Ottawa
Heather Wood, Trinity, Fort Erie
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Report of the Treasurer (to September 30, 2014)

Offerings received by the synod during the third quarter for regular (undesignated) benevolence and the ELCIC Praise Appeal dipped to their lowest levels in recent memory. As a result, regular benevolence receipts to date for 2014 are tracking 3% less than for the same period in 2013 and receipts for the ELCIC Praise Appeal have decreased by 11%. Thanks primarily to an \$81,000 donation from a congregation, CLWR offerings are running 35% ahead of last year – this is great news!

Another piece of good news is that there is still time between now and the end of the year to turn around the shortfalls that we've experienced with Benevolence and Praise Appeal offerings. Your pastor, congregational chair and treasurer will be contacted in October to learn how your congregation might help. Your offerings to regular(undesignated) benevolence, Canadian Lutheran World Relief, the ELCIC Praise Appeal and other synodical/church-wide causes are both urgently requested and much appreciated. With each of us doing our part, we can ensure that these important ministry needs are fully funded!

For details on offerings received to date refer to [The Report of the Treasurer](#).

Or go to <http://www.easternsynod.org/> and click the Treasurers/Financial Info button.

Friends of Camp Lutherlyn (Golden Lake, ON) gathered in memory of one of their own this summer.

Anna's Meal brought countless people from the community to Lutherlyn to enjoy a meal and to honour the woman who helped so many.

Anna Schroeder, along with her husband Daryl and his sister, Berdella Kelly have managed and prepared food for the camp under B and D Catering for the last several years. In October 2013, Mrs. Schroeder was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer which she succumbed to in June.

Proceeds from the meal will go to Camp Lutherlyn to help support the ministry and mission of the camp.



Annual Bishops' Company Dinner

Saturday November 1, 2014

New Dundee Golf & Country Club
1801 Queen St. N. New Dundee

6:00 p.m. Gathering Time

6:45 p.m. Dinner

\$35./plate



Now in her 25th season with the Stratford Festival, Janine coordinates a team of specialist coaches who serve the company in meeting the physical and vocal demands of staging the plays in repertory. She also teaches for the Michael Langham Workshop for Classical Direction and the Birmingham Conservatory for Classical Theatre Training. They are members of Zion Lutheran in Stratford.

To register contact Liz; ezehr@elcic.ca

Holy Land Study Tour
May 3-17, 2015

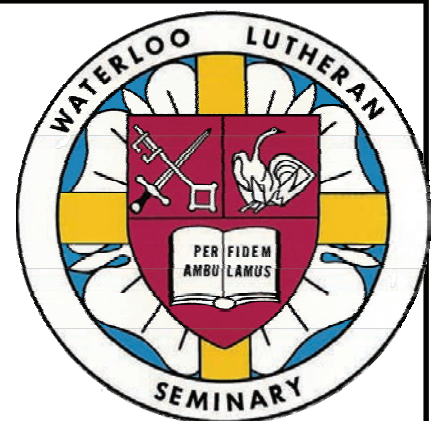
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Biennium Reconciliation Initiative



FROM *Bishop Michael +*

Together: For the Love of The World – I promised that I was going to highlight each of our Assembly 2014 resolutions in successive issues of our Eastern Synod Newsletter. My intent is to seek your resolve to be about Jesus' mission in and for the love of the world by living out the ministries we covenanted to do together while in Convention.

The Assembly, certainly not for the first time, passed a motion **addressing homelessness and affordable housing strategies** (ES 14-08), one of the most pressing issues in our society. Naturally, we again called upon provincial, territorial, federal and municipal governments to develop and/or expand strategies to prevent and alleviate homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing in communities (including First Nations).

But most of the resolution calls for action by congregations! We need to act together for the love of the world! What do we need to do? Here are the resolution's challenges:

- Ø learn about the issues that contribute to poverty, homelessness and substandard housing
- Ø raise awareness of the challenges and support initiatives to address these challenges
- Ø nurture and support networks of agencies and programs with and for the homeless
- Ø to explore new models, work with partners on innovative approaches to address the issue
- Ø advocate for federal funding, a collaborative strategy, and greater accountability on the part of all levels of government in addressing underlying causes of homelessness

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a plus sign followed by the name "Michael" in a cursive script.

Bishop Michael J Pryse

Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Edgewood Camp and Conference Centre Update

At a time when it seems as though electronics, digital devices, and the constant influx of information is taking over every aspect of our lives, both inside and outside of the church, it's so wonderful that small oases of quiet space, clean air, nature, water, and place for children and adults alike to gather for community, worship, fun, and learning continue to be an important part of our synod life in the form of our three Outdoor Ministry Camps: Mush-A-Mush, Lutherlyn, and Camp Edgewood.

This year, Camp Edgewood celebrated 70 years of summer camp! How many of our leaders, both clergy and lay, once walked the pathways in the woods, stayed up late into the early morning hours whispering in the dark about fears, hopes, and dreams, or marveled at the awesomeness of God displayed in the stars, while camping at Edgewood? No doubt, this past summer was no different for all the children and teens who came and had a wonderful adventure in one of Edgewood's summer, teen, or confirmation camps.

Seventy years is a long time, and it is possible that many of us have begun to take somewhat for granted the wonderful gift of Edgewood that previous generations have bequeathed to us. With a drop in both summer and confirmation camp attendance this year, as well as significant increases in many of our costs that keep important, though hidden, aspects of the camp going – things like aging septic systems, for example – Edgewood's Board is facing serious challenges about how to keep Camp

Edgewood the wonderful Outdoor Ministry that it has been for so long.

To that end, The Board has recently made significant decisions such as: putting more emphasis on summer camp; making significant reductions in staffing costs; shutting down Cabin Line and Pool Side for the winter; and instructing the Executive Director to only accept lucrative rental arrangements from September to May. It is our hope that changes like these, which should significantly reduce many of our expenses, will help us put more of our energy and resources into the ministries and activities where our hearts actually lie: summer, teen, and confirmation camps.

It is also evident that we are going to have to seek out much more volunteer help as well as private, congregational, and possibly corporate donations. Additionally, some of the bolder plans for redevelopment that have recently been proposed are on hold for an indefinite period of time.

The Board of Camp Edgewood is very thankful for all the time, money, and effort that those who love this place commit year in and year out, and we hope and pray that these commitments will continue. But if we are to keep this ministry alive, more of these commitments will be needed in the coming years.

This camp really is a special place and gift to the church. With your help, we are striving to do all we can to ensure that it will remain so for at least another seventy years.

A great video featuring our 70th year of summer camp can be seen at: <http://www.edgewood-camp.on.ca/summer-camp.php>

Signed your Edgewood Camp and Conference Centre Board



FaithLife Presents Cheque To Bethesda

On Sunday the 28th of September, Joanne Jehu of FaithLife presented a cheque for \$500. to Bethesda (Unionville). This cheque will be added to the amount raised by our spring BBQ. The money from these two sources is designated to support our local outreach ministry. Our local outreach ministry committee has identified the Yellow Brick House, a shelter for women and children, as the organisation it will support.

FaithLife has been a good supporter of Bethesda's outreach programmes. It gives a total of \$1,500.00 per year to our various outreach programmes. Bethesda hosts three fund-raising events annually. These events are the Spring BBQ, Corn Roast and Camp Fire, and Sharecropper dinner. FaithLife donates \$500. to each of the fundraising events. The first event supports local outreach. The latter two support our Sharecropper programme.

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