



The Lutheran Church - International and World Lutheran Parish **BULLETIN** - May, 2020



“Christ is risen!”

He is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

John 15:26-27 (ESV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the LC- Family,

Grace and peace be with you! Happy and blessed continuance of the celebration of Easter.

In these days of struggle and uncertainty we remember the joy of the Resurrection. Our faith keeps us strong! The Gospel reading for Sunday the 10th of May in the common lectionary recalls us to the fact that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life and that in Him all is possible (John 14:1-14).

May we hold in prayer all those who are suffering from the COVID-19 virus or any disease of body or mind and the families of those who have departed in the faith. May we also remember all those who offer care and necessary support. It is also important that we continue to support one another by our ministries, including pledges and contributions to our parishes just as if we were physically attending services. It is God’s work in our hands. In fact, in these days of stress it is an act of faith and heroism to be unselfish in support of the Gospel message. We can prevail, by God’s grace. **It is also our duty to care for one another as we can. In light of this responsibility the LC-I Executive Board has voted to cancel the 2020 Annual Synod. We prayerfully look forward to being together in synodical session in 2021, by God’s will and grace. The bishops and I will strive diligently to be in contact in offering assistance and support in the Lord’s work. Please do not hesitate to call your bishop or me (217-691-3090) for information or prayerful support in ministry.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you, Brothers and Sisters of our family in Christ. May He lift up His countenance and be gracious to you, and may He make His face shine upon you and grant you His peace in this time of trial.

++Robert





Thoughts and Prayers:

- For Pastor Bruce Hackman of the World Lutheran Parish and his ministries in California.
- For LC-I Mission Dean Prasad and our congregations in India.
They report that they are well by God’s Grace.
- For Holy Cross Mission and the people of St. Paul’s in California.
- For Pastor Dr. Gary Allan and for all hospital staff and first responders.
- For Connie Allan as she faces and recuperates from surgery.
- For Christ Church and those who serve during the process of issuing a Pastoral Call.
- For all those suffering in mind, body or spirit during this time of pandemic.
- For all who are confined to home and those required as essential and caring workers.

OFFICIAL NOTICE:

LC-I 2020 Annual Synod XXIII
of the LUTHERAN CHURCH – INTERNATIONAL
previously scheduled for July 28 and 29
HAS BEEN CANCELLED
due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic.

Terms of the two offices which are to be filled in 2020 (Vice-President one-year term currently served by Alice Smith and Treasurer four-year term currently served by The Rev. William Wigmore) have been extended by the Executive Board of the LC-I for one additional year, not affecting the succeeding terms; no other terms are extended (terms of the Lay and Clergy Representatives and Secretary expire in 2022).



**May the blessings of God the Father ✚
and of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ ✚
and of the promised Paraclete, the Holy Spirit ✚
always be with you
as your Hosannas resound with the Alleluias
of all God saints and angels!**

++ Robert W. Hotes

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