



The Parish Record

***The World Lutheran Parish,
Lutheran Church-International (LC-I)
and International Lutheran Fellowship
(ILF) ---February 2020***

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and the International Lutheran Fellowship***

Notes from around the ministries of the LC-I/ILF

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the LC-I/ILF Family,

- Publication of the LC-I BULLETIN is ready to resume. The present publication offers an opportunity to showcase some of the diverse ministries in the LC-I/ILF. The LC-I BULLETIN will continue to be more substantial.
- **The LC-I Executive Board will meet by teleconference in January 2020. Please contact your Bishop or another Board member with any news or concerns to be addressed in the future. Contact emails are:**

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Special prayers for those members celebrating recent birthdays, anniversaries or other events, including Robert Hotes 78, January 29.

We missed noting Bishop Richard Horn's birthday...so belated best wishes to Dick! Special prayers are requested as he undergoes some medical procedures and then travels with spouse Ute to Germany.

- Special prayers for our brothers and sisters of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ in Queens New York as they work to call a new pastor under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the leadership of their bishop.
- Special prayers for Pastor Herb Michael and his family.
- Please also keep in prayer Bishop Richard Horn as he undergoes medical tests and procedures.
- Check out the Lutheran Deaconess Association. They have a great web site
- Special prayers for the victims of the fires and mud slides in California and for the safety of all, especially our LC-I brothers and sisters there.
- Prayers for all who are victims of violence and natural disasters especially those in Australia. We especially pray for our partners in ministry Bishop Troy and those in his care.
- Work on renewal of the LC-I website continue. Please contact Pr. Bill Wigmore if you would like to help or if you have suggestions.

- We give thanks for news from Bishop Juan of Puerto Rico coming to us through first Lutheran in Lyons. Continuing prayers are requested. Arrangements are being made for special contributions through the Bishop's Fund and the World Lutheran Parish. Please see the last page of this newsletter.
- Pastor and Father Superior of the OSF-Lutheran William Babbitt is continuing his ministries of prayer, study and scholarship. Please join with him in prayer.
- The LC-I/ILF will be moving forward to enhance our abilities to do the Lord's work through outreach to acquire resources. Please watch for information on these initiatives! One step that will be taken in 2020 will be to explore ways to increase outreach. Suggestions are always welcome!
- Reminder: Clergy and Congregational dues for 2020 are due in December
- **BULLETIN BOARD (the materials and opinions in this section reflect the thoughts of the individual authors. Editors reserve the right make publication decisions).**
- **Please send electronic copies in WORD. Due to the time involved for transcription, hard copy documents may be abridged.**
- **YOU CAN HELP THE MINISTRIES OF LC-I / ILF by using the Amazon Smiles feature Just go to the Amazon Smiles feature and choose the ILF (International Lutheran Fellowship) . Every little bit helps our ministries in bringing Christ to the world in Word and Sacrament.**
- **Clergy and congregations are reminded that it is time to go forth in ministry through the payment of dues and contributions.**
- **But more than that: As we proceed through the New Year please resolve to talk to at least one person per month about the Good News in Jesus Christ and the ministries of the LC-I/ILF in His name.**

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■ *The World Lutheran Parish has been a part of the ILF/LC-I ministries from the early days. Many have said that the concept is important part of the LC-I/ILF mission. Check the pertinent paragraphs of the LC-I Constitution. It can be found online on our web page. While, the activities of this ministry of this ministry of the LC-I re very successful in word and Sacrament, we have opportunities to do more with this ministry. In the coming year we will be working to make the ministries of the World Lutheran Parish more dynamic by:*

- *Establishing a parish council and electing officers*

- *Developing a parish constitution and developing a mission statement. Contact the archbishop's office if you would like to serve!*

- *From Bishop Troy and our Partners in Ministry in Australia*



- Thank you for your prayers. It seems that in due course, the fires will slow and the nation will get to business on rebuilding and better prevention. We struggled at home for a few days as some fires were close by in forest reserves, and then a few more days as smoke haze kept us indoors (we were well supplied in advance) but we are in a relatively safe area, eastern suburban Melbourne. Just now a cold front is moving through, with strong winds that are not going to help the fires but God willing may bring some rain.



- Blessings to you and all those under your care,



- + Troy.

News from the LC-I ministries in India



- The picture above and following show outreach ministries under the auspices of the LC-L and led by Missionary Dean Prasad

Services at the LC-I affiliate parishes in India

Dear Arch Bishop,

Greetings from India in the MATCHLESS NAME of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

Just to inform you that through GOD'S GUIDANCE and with MUCH PRAYER, I am PRAYING AND FASTING FOR 40 DAYS STARTING FROM JANUARY 28 AND WILL BREAK THE FAST ON 8TH OF MARCH.

I am praying for all the BISHOPS OF LC-I DEACONS AND DECONESSES AND OTHERS MENTIONED IN LC-I DIRECTORY.

Plus I am specially praying for the prayer requests mentioned in the last bulletin. I believe and trust that our LORD JESUS CHRIST will BLESS LC-I and WORLD PARISH WITH DOUBLE PORTION IN 2020. AMEN, AMEN AND AMEN

Please uphold the ministry in INDIA in your prayers and uphold me in a special way to be strong in the FAITH in JESUS CHRIST AND IN HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

PLEASE CONVEY OUR REGARDS TO ALL THE SAINTS THAT ARE WITH YOU AND WITH LC-I AND WORLD PARISH.

May GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY.

With HIS LOVE,
Yours in HIS KINGDOM BUILDING,
PASTOR PRASAD.

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- The LC-I has opportunities for outreach in India, Kenya, Bangladesh and other areas in addition to the U.S. If you feel called to help, please contact the abp at 217-691-3090. Pastor Ken Keenan has been asked to follow up with the Kenyan connection. We have also been contacted by pastors in Bangladesh. Would you like to help?

Please keep the victims of mass shootings and natural disasters in your prayers. Contact me at r_sorfleet@hotmail.com

From World Parish member the Reverend Father Richard Sorefleet

■ Dear Bp ++Robert,

To:LC-I ARCHBISHOP, Archbishop Dr. Robert W. Hotes, bpanb@ptd.net

Jan 7 at 12:23 PM

'...that we might rejoice'

Our commercial calendar has, like Christmas, already anticipated Saint Valentine's day by over a month and the day after so easily dispose of the trimmings the day after and

eagerly fill the shelves with Easter bunnies. In this neighborhood Christmas was carried out by some to the curbside December 26th. Christmas present, up since November 1st was already relegated to the ghosts of Christmases past.

Yet midst all the hearts and flowers and sentimentality of industrialized verse..

if the sun refused to shine

if romance ran out of rhyme..

Where we struggle to keep the Christ Child in Christmas, Christian witness in martyrdom at the heart [no pun intended] of the Valentine story is equally all but absent. In Greek 'martyr' means witness and in the early witness of the Church came to mean one who died for instead of denying the faith. The Church's calendar is filled with their commemorations.

Martyrdom is not the stuff of early church history nor the Reformation but also a modern reality, and one still for many in the flames of World War 2. In one estimation the figure is 100.000 per year: men, women and children.

The martyrdom of the Three Children of Tlaxcala 1527/29 [feast day September 23rd] Cristobal, Antonio and Juan for their faith serves as a vivid reminder that many are the victims not of state-run or sponsored terror, persecution or hate, but from members of one's own communities.

The Golden Legend of Jacobus d Voragine [compiled c 1260] gives a brief 'vita' of Valentine, martyred in 269 CE. The Legend is one of the basic texts which influenced the witness of Ignatius of Loyola

He introduces his Spiritual Exercises with 'man is created to praise, reverence and serve God...and by this means to save our souls.' and adds in his Rules for thinking with the Church no. 6 to praise ...the saints..'

As we see the commercial displays for Valentine's day, may the red of the roses remind us of the blood of the martyrs:

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Preface for All Saints.

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- *Notes from the Archbishop's Desk*
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 - *Dear Brothers and Sisters of the LC-I ILF family,*
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- *As a boy, many decades ago, I was often saddened to see the lights go out after Christmas. As I got older it was clear to me that that the lights of Christmas need to stay on all year long through the light that comes to us from Jesus Christ.*
- *As we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation, we commemorate the bringing of that light in Christ in a special way. In the early history of the Church this feast was also called Candlemas since on that this day all the candles to be used throughout the year were blessed. We use candles as a sign of the divine light that burns within our hearts as Christians. As we know as Lutherans it is the light of the free gift of salvation by grace that shines throughout our lives of Christian faith and service.*



- *May your light shine brilliantly throughout this year as we serve together in the LC-I !*

- *Please consider contributing through a free will offering to the LC-I Bishop's Fund . It might be earmarked for :*

- *Our Parishes in India*
- *Our Latin ministries*
- *Holy Cross Mission and other ministries in California*
- *The World Lutheran Parish*
- *The Pr. Walton Horn Memorial fund*
 - *Or unspecified ministries of the LC-I as determined by the Board*
- *Just specify on the check and please send offerings to:*
- *Pr. William Wigmore , Treasurer, LC-I*
- *15 High Street, Lyons New York 14489*

***Please see the dues/contributions statement following
May the Lord bless and keep you in his care this
season and always! Above all, pray!!***

++Robert

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**2020 Invoice for Clerical Dues and
Congregational Contributions: Due on receipt: past due
February 1st, 2020 unless excused**

**Clerical dues for LC-I rostering/Listing (Deacons,
Pastors, Bishops).....\$75.00**

**Congregations/recognized communities of faith:
...\$150.00**

**Payment of dues and parish contributions will
continue you and your congregation in good standing
for 2020. Please contact your bishop or the
archbishop's office if you have difficulty in meeting
the obligation at this time.**

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