



Assembly Highlights



This year's assembly focused primarily on the election of a new Bishop. The election process, an ecclesiastical ballot, took a total of five ballots. Initially forty ministers of word and sacrament were nominated. The final ballot Saturday morning saw Rev. Susan Candea, Bishop's Associate and Director for Evangelical Mission elected.

Rev. Rich Melheim, founder of Faith Inkubators, was this year's keynote speaker. Rev. Melheim shared Faith5, (www.faith5.org) five acts of faith to practice in your home.



- **Share** your highs and lows
- **Read** a Bible verse or story
- **Talk** about the reading relating to your highs and lows
- **Pray** for one another's highs and lows
- **Bless** one another

Rev. Melheim also presented a mural project inviting everyone to participate. The completed mural is available to display in your church or community.



Synod staff presented additional faith practice resources to aid individuals, congregations, and communities in deepening their relationships with God.

(www.css-elca.org/faith-practices)

Other actions of the assembly – (www.css-elca.org/assembly)

2020 Budget passed

2020 Compensation Guidelines passed

Synod Council elections:

Vice President, Nancy Nagel (Peace, Washington, MO)

Secretary, Rev. Chad Langdon (Christ, Wichita, KS)

Treasurer, Scott Schulte (Advent, Olathe, KS)

At-large, Lay male, Dallas Rakestraw (Reformation, Wichita, KS)

At-large, Lay female(POC), Linda Lockhart (Trinity, Kirkwood, MO)

Youth, Lay male, Theodore Keesee (Zion, Phillipsburg, KS)

Consultation Committee elections:

Clergy male or female, Rev. Donna Florio (St. John, Hanover/Lanham, KS)

Clergy female, Rev. Christyn Koschmann (Martin Luther, Lee's Summit, MO)

Discipline Committee elections:

Clergy male, Rev. Zac Sturm (Atonement, Overland Park, KS)

Clergy male, Rev. Rick Raymer (Zion, Beloit, KS)

Clergy female, Rev. Kris Dietzen (St. Mark, Olathe, KS)

Lay female, Alesia Roccia (Family of Christ, Imperial, MO)

Resolutions: (www.css-elca.org/resolutions)

SA 19.01 – Lutherans Restoring Creation

SA 19.02 – Lutheran Senior Services

SA 19.03 – Designation of Bethany Lutheran Home Association Sunday

SA 19.04 – A Season of Global Awareness

SA 19.05 – Memorial for Increased Accountability in Cases of Sexual Misconduct

SA 19.06 – Retirements

SA 19.07 – Faithful Departed