

BUSINESS

Synod business is a final, essential element of the Oregon Synod Assembly. Reports of the bishop and synod officers, copies of budgets that were adopted, and other business matters are all available online at www.oregonsynod.org/assembly-2017. Other presentations, videos and information can also be found here. Central to the Assembly's business was:

- The passage of General and Endowment Fund budgets;
- Election of individuals to Synod Council, our Consultation and Discipline Committees, and to cluster PLU Board positions;
- Adoption of synod constitution changes relative to language used for the new "Word and Service" roster of the ELCA; and,
- Adoption of a bylaw allowing congregations to send additional Voting Members to Assemblies who can speak to us about concerns of the LGBTQIA community.
- Announcement of our upcoming "Synod Visitation" engagement.

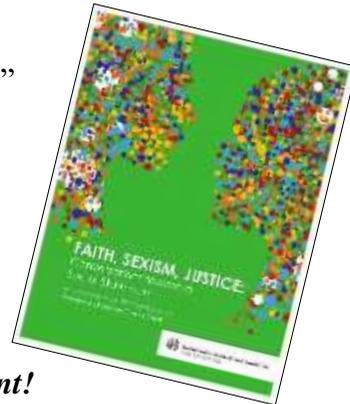
OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Quilt sales this year raised \$3030 for ELCA World Hunger. Thank you, quilters!

Offerings given during worship totaled \$3512 and will be divided evenly between Lutheran Community Services NW and IMIrJ, a Portland based partner working with Oregonians on appropriate sanctuary ministries. Thank you for your generosity!

Well attended workshops also invite your follow up with:

- AMMPARO – become a "Welcoming Congregation;"
- Seeds for an EcoReformation;
- The ELCA's *Women and Justice* study;
- The ELCA Generosity Project;
- Oregon Synod "Rightsizing your Congregation" resources;
- Sanctuary cohorts.



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REPORT ON THE 2017 OREGON SYNOD ASSEMBLY





WORSHIP

Worship is always a great gift of an Oregon Synod Assembly. This year we worshipped ‘in the round’ giving special emphasis to the “sanctuary” space created by our gathering. Processional crosses from congregations around the synod gave witness to our unity and commonality in Christ.

“It is taught among us that the one holy Christian church will be and remain forever. This is the assembly of believers among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity and the holy sacraments administered according to the Gospel.”

Augsburg Confession Article VII



FELLOWSHIP

Food, conversation, recognition of friends and tireless servants of the Gospel. The Oregon Synod Assembly is about these things. This year we took time to thank:



- Grieg Anderson for 29 years of service as our Synod Treasure;
- Norene Goplen for her dedication and service to us, and all Oregonians, as our ELCA Advocate for Governmental Affairs; and
- Pr. Jim Norlie who retires this summer from 21 years with Luther House on the University of Oregon campus.

AMMPARO

Mary Campbell, Director of AMMPARO for the ELCA, was a most welcome presenter talking with the Assembly about our church’s ministry with immigrants and refugees from Central America.

The Assembly also heard about refugee issues from David Duea, President of Lutheran Community Services NW, and had ample time to discuss sanctuary ministries and opportunities throughout the weekend.



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