



"Some Mohr Jottings"

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Friends,

I want to express my deep appreciation for all the prayers and words of support extended to me during my hospitalization and recovery last month. To be surrounded by such prayer and concern is truly a blessing. My recovery has gone very well, and for that I am thankful. I also am grateful for the incredible ministry provided by the health care professionals. The joy of Christmas Eve took on added meaning this year, as I arrived home from the hospital at 8:30 pm that night. It was a wonderful Christmas gift indeed.

Peace be with you all,
+Bishop Mohr

This edition of "Some Mohr Jottings" shall be rather brief, since I will be writing a report for Congregational Annual General Meetings that will cover the various aspects of our synod ministry. Nonetheless, there are a few things that need to be mentioned here, as they will not be covered in the report for AGMs.

Transitions

Rev. Brenda Nestegaard Paul accepted the call to serve Faith, Powell River, on a half-time basis, beginning October 2014.

Rev. Dorothy Chu was ordained on November 9, 2014, and accepted the call to serve the congregation of Oakridge, Vancouver.

Rev. Pia Werner accepted the call to serve part-time at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Victoria, along with co-pastor Rev. Guenther Sandl. She comes to us from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany. Rev. Werner began her ministry at Good Shepherd in the fall of 2014.

In November 2014, the congregation of Emmanuel, Surrey, faced significant financial difficulties and voted to bring Rev. Henry Guo's position to an end. Pastor Guo continues to provide pulpit supply ministry to the congregation. Please pray for the people of Emmanuel Lutheran and for Pastor Guo during this very difficult time.

Rev. Algur Kaerma was installed at St. Peter's Estonian Lutheran Church, Vancouver, on January 18th. Pastor Kaerma comes to us from the Lutheran Church of Estonia.

Rev. Jim Hill concluded his Interim Ministry appointment at Grace, Victoria, in January 2015. The church council is in conversation with respect to appointing another interim pastor.

Rev. Rick Schulz has accepted the call to serve the newly-formed two-point parish of Faith Lutheran and St. Aidan's Anglican in Kelowna. He concludes his ministry at Peace, Vernon, at the end of January, and begins his ministry in Kelowna in mid-February.

Rev. Ron Sedo has been appointed as the Interim Minister for Peace, Vernon, beginning February 2015.

We welcome to our BC Synod Rev. Kenneth Herfindahl. He recently moved here from Alberta and lives in the Delta area.

Rev. Katalin Janko concluded her Interim Ministry at Mt. Olivet, North Vancouver this past fall and the congregation is in the Call process.

Congratulations . . .

...to Rev. Brian Krushel (Barriere Shared Ministry) and Karen Thompson who were married on December 31, 2014. May God's richest blessings be upon you.

...to Rev Jim Whaley (St. Paul's, Prince Rupert) for receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Trinity Lutheran Seminary of Columbus, Ohio and he also lectured during his week in attendance at the seminary.

Congregations engaged in the Call process:

Ascension, Nelson
Mt. Olivet, North Vancouver
Benediction, Delta (early stages of Call process)
Peace, Vernon (early stages of Call process)

Bishop's Schedule

Jan	2	Missional Renewal task force teleconference meeting
	5-9	Conference of Bishops meetings, Victoria
	14	Planning group, Lutheran/Anglican workshop
	15	Port Alberni "Shared Ministry" exploration, Nanaimo
	17	Meetings at Good Shepherd and Grace, Victoria
	18	Joint Worship: Grace and Good Shepherd, Victoria
	21	Lutheran Theological Seminary, teleconference meeting
	21	Planning group, Lutheran/Anglican workshop
	22	Study Conference planning team teleconference meeting
Feb	1	Worship: Christ the King, Surrey
	4-5	Missional Renewal task force meetings
	6	CLWR Evening of Hope, Burnaby
	8	Worship: Good Shepherd, Coquitlam
	13	Committee for Theological Education and Leadership meeting, Vancouver
	15	Worship: Gloria Dei, North Vancouver
	18	Lutheran Theological Seminary, teleconference meeting
Mar	4	Travel to Winnipeg
	5	Conference of Bishops meeting, Winnipeg
	5-7	National Church Council, Winnipeg
	15	Worship: St. Peter's Estonian, Vancouver
	18	Lutheran Theological Seminary, teleconference meeting
	19	Anglican/Lutheran Conversation, North Vancouver
Apr	5	Easter Worship: Grace, Burnaby
	9-11	Synod Council meetings
	12-15	Study Conference, Charis Camp, Chilliwack
April 26 to July 25		Sabbatical
July 26 to August 23		Holidays
Return to Office		Monday, August 24

Other Events for 2015

May 29-30	Conference Convention – Peace River and Northwest Conferences (Prince Rupert)
July 9-12	ELCIC National Convention, Edmonton
Sept 25-26	Conference Convention – Southern Interior (at St. Paul Shared Ministry, Barriere)
Oct 2-3	Conference Convention – Vancouver Island (at Grace, Victoria)