2010 Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly
April 24
A Community Gathered in Christ: from Stranger to Neighbor
Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Prior Lake, MN

Opening Service of the Word

The opening Service of the Word, led by the Unite Team, was held in Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Prior Lake, Minnesota, on Saturday, April 24, beginning at 8:15 a.m.

PLENARY #1 – 8:30 am

Welcome

Bishop Johnson welcomed all participants to the 2010 Synod Assembly, especially those who were voting members for the first time and the 42 youth voting members, twice the number from the 2009 Synod Assembly.

Bishop Johnson introduced Rev. Peter Strommen, senior pastor of Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, and thanked him and his staff for hosting this year's assembly. Rev. Strommen shared a welcome on behalf of the congregation.

Bishop Johnson also thanked the members of Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, for their work in making the Friday night worship a success, especially Mark Sedio and Rev. Foy Christopherson for their efforts.

Opening of the Business of the Assembly

Bishop Craig E. Johnson called the 2010 Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly to order on April 24, at 8:45 a.m. in Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church.

Introduction of Head Table

Bishop Johnson introduced the head table: Raenay Rock, Administrator/Bishop's Assistant; Michelle Reichow, Synod Council Vice President; Leslie Frost, Parliamentarian; and Rev. Thomas Carlson, Synod Secretary. He also introduced the ELCA Churchwide representative, Rev. Andrea Degroot-Nesdahl, coordinator for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, and former bishop of the South Dakota Synod.

Rev. Randy Romsdahl, Chair of the Reference and Counsel Committee introduced and thanked the committee members and announced that all 2010 Resolutions were being forwarded to the Assembly. He explained the process for submitting amendments to the distributed Resolutions. This committee is always available to anyone wanting assistance with resolutions.

Introduction of Theme

Bishop Johnson introduced the theme, "A Community Gathered by Christ: from Stranger to Neighbor." The keynote speech by Rev. Dr. David Lose, worship and presentation by Unite later in the day focused on this theme through Biblical, theological, as well as practical discussions among the voting member. The ministry reports and stories heard all reflect how the Minneapolis Area Synod, as members of the community gathered by Christ, are called to love one another and no longer be strangers to one another.

New to the Synod in 2009
Bishop Johnson introduced the rostered leaders who were new to the Minneapolis Area Synod in 2009.

Pastors:	Pastors continued:
Jill Bergman	Amy Orstad
Molly Brown	Lee Ann Pomrenke
Paul Clark	Diane Reishus
Kacey Hahn	Kristin Sundt
Nengyia Her	Theodore Vanderpan
Eva Jensen	Christopher Wheatley
Susan Masters	Associate in Ministry: Rachael Dales
Paul Meierding	Diaconal Minister: Kirsten Kessels

ELCA 2009 Churchwide Assembly video contest finalist
The video of Faith Lutheran Church of Coon Rapids, a finalist in the ELCA 2009 Churchwide Assembly, was shown. Two other congregations, Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, and St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, also submitted videos.

Credentials Report
Rev. Thomas Carlson, Synod Secretary, presented the Credentials Report of the Minneapolis Area Synod. The following voting members were registered and in attendance as of 8:00 a.m.:

41	Clergy – Female
87	Clergy – Male
168	Elected Lay – Female
129	Elected Lay – Male
425	**Total**

Proposed Rules of Procedure
Bishop Johnson referenced the Proposed Rules of Procedure.

- **SA10.04.01** Voted to adopt the Rules of Procedure for the 2010 Assembly, as printed on page 22 in the assembly packet.

Proposed Order of Business
Bishop Johnson referenced the Proposed Order of Business and asked for a motion to adopt it as presented.

- **SA10.04.02** Voted to adopt the 2010 Assembly Proposed Order of Business, as presented.

Synod Bishop's Report
Bishop Craig Johnson presented his report to the assembly. He gave thanks for the many positive influences of the ELCA in his life. Bishop Johnson introduced Rev. Susan Tjornehoj, Director of Evangelical Mission, and representatives of several mission sites around our synod.

RC2010-4
Resolution Concerning Advocacy to Stop Predatory Lending

WHEREAS, predatory loan practices in the subprime lending industry have increased at an alarming rate and are taking advantage of those who are most financially vulnerable; as well as harming the economic wellbeing of these neighbors, and

WHEREAS, the dramatic increase in lending practices resulting in usurious* interest rates (such as: Pay-Day Loans, Refund-Anticipation Loans) are not providing borrowers with a solution to their financial strains, but instead have created a nightmare of debt entrapment for many consumers, and

WHEREAS, our Scriptures, Martin Luther's writings, and the principles found in Lutheran ethical teaching expressed in our ELCA social statements direct us as Christians in society to advocate policies which foster financial practices that do not unfairly take advantage of people who are in need; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Area Synod meeting in assembly call on its members to learn more about predatory lending abuses and responsible and just alternative practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Area Synod meeting in assembly condemn as usurious any interest rate that exceeds 36% annualized percentage rate (APR); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Area Synod meeting in assembly urge the Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in Minnesota to advocate with the members of our congregations for legislation that prohibits usurious practices with regulation that limits interest charges in Minnesota not to exceed 36% APR.

*Unconscionably high interest rates

Author:	Ms. Amy Blumenshine
Adopted by:	The Joint Peace with Justice Committee of the Minneapolis & St. Paul Area Synods in assembly on February 9, 2010.
Contact person:	Ms. Amy Blumenshine O: 612-822-6059

⏩ **SA10.04.03** Voted to adopt Resolution RC2010-4.

RC2010-1
Resolution Concerning Augsburg Fortress Pension Plan Termination

WHEREAS, "'Social statements establish policy for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) work in the areas of advocacy and corporate social responsibility, enabling, limiting, and directing these activities.' (Policies and Procedures of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for Addressing Social Concerns, p.13). Social policy resolutions serve the same function"; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 the ELCA adopted a social statement entitled, "Economic Life: Sufficient Sustainable Livelihood for All," which states, "God is at work in economic life.

Economic life is intended to be a means through which God's purposes for humankind and creation are to be served. When this does not occur, as a church we cannot remain silent because of who and whose we are"; and

WHEREAS, that statement further says, "We commit ourselves as a church to:… provide adequate pension and health benefits, safe and healthy work conditions, sufficient periods of rest, vacation, and sabbatical, and family-friendly work schedules"; and

WHEREAS, Augsburg Fortress Publishers [legally incorporated as "The Publishing House of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America"], a unit of this church, has terminated its defined-benefit pension plan thereby eliminating the lifetime annuity payments promised through the plan; and

WHEREAS, The Augsburg Fortress Publishers' action places 175 retired persons in diminished financial positions and an additional 325 past and present employees, at risk of spending their end-of-life years in poverty; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Area Synod meeting in assembly requests the ELCA Church Council to urge the Augsburg Fortress Board of Directors to seek means of funding the pension accounts of those retirees and past and present employees who were promised annuity benefits through the recently terminated defined-benefit pension plan.

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	Ms. Judy Olson, St. James Lutheran Church	763-533-4868
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Adopted by:	Northwest Conference in assembly on February 21, 2010	
Contact person:	Rev. Leonard Flachman	O: 952-835-1828

Resolution RC2010-1 was defeated.

RC2010-1A
Resolution Concerning Augsburg Fortress Pension Plan Termination

WHEREAS, "'Social statements establish policy for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) work in the areas of advocacy and corporate social responsibility, enabling, limiting, and directing these activities.' (Policies and Procedures of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for Addressing Social Concerns, p.13). Social policy resolutions serve the same function"; and

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WHEREAS, that statement further says, "We commit ourselves as a church to:… provide adequate pension and health benefits, safe and healthy work conditions, sufficient periods of rest, vacation, and sabbatical, and family-friendly work schedules";

and

WHEREAS, Augsburg Fortress Publishers [legally incorporated as “The Publishing House of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America”], a unit of this church, has terminated its defined-benefit pension plan thereby eliminating the lifetime annuity payments promised through the plan; and

WHEREAS, The Augsburg Fortress Publishers’ action places 175 retired persons in diminished financial positions and an additional 325 past and present employees, many of whom have worked for 20, 25, or 30 years for the ELCA publishing ministry, with the prospect of spending their end-of-life years with incomes below the established poverty lines; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in keeping with stated policy to provide “adequate pension and health benefits,” the ELCA Church Council seek means of funding the pension accounts of the faithful servants – retirees and past and present employees who were promised annuity benefits through the recently terminated Augsburg Fortress defined-benefit pension plan.

SA10.04.04 Voted to adopt Resolution RC2010-1A.
Yes – 262 No – 250

Synod Vice President’s Report
Bishop Johnson introduced Ms. Michelle Reichow, Synod Vice President. Vice President Reichow thanked the assembly for the privilege of serving, and for their partnership in the Gospel. She spoke about the kaleidoscopic nature of the church.

RC2010-2
Resolution Concerning ELCA Board of Pensions Decisions Pertaining to a Shortfall in Board of Pension Annuity Commitments

WHEREAS, the theology of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) includes the understanding that we are all one in the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:14-26); and

WHEREAS, the ELCA “Economic Life: Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All”, adopted by the sixth Churchwide Assembly on August 20, 1999, in Denver, Colorado, states in part, “We commit ourselves as a church to … provide adequate pension and health benefits …”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Pensions of the ELCA (the Board) has a fiduciary responsibility to manage the pension funds so that they will adequately fund the annuity obligations owed to pensioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board’s plan to correct an underfunding of pension obligations to former employees puts much of the burden on the pensioners (with some experiencing greater hardship because of the cuts) and does not share the burden with the entire Body of Christ; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Area Synod meeting in assembly urge the ELCA Church Council to request that the Board reevaluate both the bases of loss in the Board's formula that measures the gap to an average high over the past 10 years and thereby re-determine the gap that the Board needs to cut annuities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Area Synod meeting in assembly urge the ELCA Church Council to request that the Board reconsider those who have experienced this cut as a major hardship; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Area Synod meeting in assembly urge the ELCA Church Council to request that the executive staff of the Board look for additional ways to re-fund the underfunding in the Annuity Fund.

Authors: Rev. Bob Hoyt, Our Father's Lutheran Church, Rockford
Rev. Howie Skulstad, Bethany Lutheran Church, Minneapolis
Rev. Delwayne Hahn, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Mpls.
Adopted: Northwest Conference in assembly on February 21, 2010
Contact Person: Rev. Bob Hoyt, Cell: 612-205-2366

The following amendment was adopted:

RESOLVED that the Church Council urge the board of Pensions separate the Annuity and Bridge Fund into two separate funds and manage the Annuity Fund in a more conservative and less risky way, so that in the future it will not experience the loss experienced in this last recession.

⏩ **SA10.04.05** Voted to adopt Resolution RC2010-2, as amended.
Yes – 264 No – 250

Break

PLENARY #2 – 10:30 am

Cherish Our Children Litany
Bishop Johnson introduced Amy Hartman, diaconal minister, and national director of Cherish Our Children, who led the assembly in a Cherish Our Children Litany.

Minneapolis Area Synod Video Contest
Videos from All Saints Lutheran Church, Minnetonka, and Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, were shown.

Keynote Address
Bishop Johnson introduced Rev. Dr. David Lose who provided the assembly's keynote speech on the theme, "A Community Gathered by Christ: from Stranger to Neighbor."

RC2010-3
Resolution Concerning
The ‘First Nation’ Peoples and the Doctrine of Discovery

WHEREAS, “The Doctrine of Discovery” (the Doctrine) was a principle of international law developed in a series of 15th century papal bulls and 16th century charters by European monarchs; and

WHEREAS, the Doctrine was essentially a racist philosophy that gave white Christian Europeans the absolute permission to go forth and claim the lands and resources of non-Christian peoples and kill or enslave them (if other Christian Europeans had not already done so); and

WHEREAS, the Doctrine institutionalized the competition between European countries in their ever-expanding quest for colonies, resources and markets, and sanctioned the genocide of the first nation (indigenous) people in the “New World.”; and

WHEREAS, Johnson vs. McIntosh, an 1823 U.S. Supreme Court case, held that because of the Doctrine indigenous people in the Americas (a.k.a. American Indians) have a “mere right” of occupancy to their lands; and

WHEREAS, this ruling is foundational to the historical adoption of federal Indian law and has neither been overturned nor repudiated; and

WHEREAS, the incredible destruction fomented upon the indigenous people via the Doctrine can never be fully appreciated by non-indigenous people, and the restoration of sacred land, spiritual practices and social structures can never be fully repaired nor recovered; and

WHEREAS, symbolic gestures can often be dismissed as merely symbolic and there is a strong tendency of those who have benefited from the Doctrine to wish not to have any accountability for the actions and attitudes of their ancestors; and

WHEREAS, symbols do matter and do have the power to increase awareness and engender some level of empathy toward those who have reaped the chaos caused by the past Christian arrogance and ignorance of our forebearers; and

WHEREAS, the Doctrine is fundamentally opposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and our understanding of the inherent rights all individuals and peoples have received from God, regardless of their spiritual practices and beliefs; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Area Synod meeting in assembly urge its officers and bishop to forward copies of this resolution to the state and national leaders elected to represent the people of the Minneapolis Area Synod requesting their initiation of state and federal legislation for the purpose of immediately overturning and repudiating the “Doctrine of Discovery”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Area Synod meeting in assembly urge its officers and bishop to be intentionally involved in encouraging such state and national leaders to advocate for the U.S. government's endorsement of the “United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,” which the United States has refused to endorse.

Author:	Rev. David W. Mohn, Holy Nativity Lutheran Church
Adopted by:	Northwest Hennepin Conference in assembly on February 21, 2010
Contact person	Rev. David W. Mohn, O: 763.545.1647

⏩ **SA10.04.06** Voted to accept Resolution RC2010-3.

Lunch

PLENARY #3 –1:10 pm

The business session of Plenary #3 of the 2010 Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly was called to order by Bishop Craig E. Johnson on April 24, 2010, at 1:10 pm.

Credentials Report
Rev. Tom Carlson, Synod Secretary, presented the Credentials Report of the Minneapolis Area Synod. The following voting members were registered and in attendance as of 12:15 p.m.:

73	Clergy – Female
139	Clergy – Male
168	Elected Lay – Female
147	Elected Lay – Male
14	Rostered – Female
1	Rostered – Male
36	Youth
578	**Total**

In accordance with 2009 Synod Assembly Resolution RC2009-3, the following ethnic information was reported concerning the voting membership:

5	Asian
3	Latino
7	African
6	African American
1	Multi
1	Native
1	Caribbean
24	**Total persons of color or language other than English**

Minneapolis Area Synod Video Contest
Videos from Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer, Minneapolis and Messiah Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, were shown.

Stewardship Report
Terri Endres, diaconal minister and new director of stewardship, set the stage for discussion on stewardship, mission support and budget .

Larry Cruse, synod treasurer, introduced the two synod budget resolutions. Due to the budget shortfall last year, the synod staff has developed a revised proposal for the 2010 budget.

RC2010-5
Revising the 2010 (2/1/2010 – 1/31/2011) Synod Budget

WHEREAS**,** the 2009 Minneapolis Area Synod, meeting in Assembly adopted congregation mission support of $3,800,000 for budget year 2010; and

WHEREAS**,** letters of intent from congregations indicate anticipated mission support of $3,400,000 in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Synod Council reviewed the entire budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED**,** that the "Interest and Other Income" of $21,000 and "Mission Support" of $3,400,000, the revised total budget of $3,421,000 with 55% of congregational giving of $3,400,000 designated as mission support for the churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America be adopted for budget year 2010.

Author:	Mr. Larry Cruse, Synod Treasurer	952-361-6995
Adopted by:	Minneapolis Area Synod Council, April 15, 2010	
Contact person:	Ms. Michelle Reichow, Synod Vice-President	763-434-3093

⏩ **SA10.04.07** Voted to adopt Resolution RC2010-5 Revising the 2010 Synod Budget.

RC2010-6
2011 (2/1/2011 – 1/31/2012) PROPOSED Synod Budget

RESOLVED**,** that the 2010 Minneapolis Area Synod, meeting in Assembly adopt the year 2011 Minneapolis Area Synod budget of $3,421,000 with 55% of congregational giving of $3,400,000 designated as mission support for the churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Author:	Mr. Larry Cruse, Synod Treasurer	952-361-6995
Adopted by:	Minneapolis Area Synod Council, April 15, 2010	
Contact person:	Ms. Michelle Reichow, Synod Vice-President	763-434-3093

⏩ **SA10.04.08** Voted to adopt Resolution RC2010-6, 2011 Proposed Synod Budget.

Nominations and Elections
Rev. Mark Vinge, a member of the Nominating Committee, presented the 2010 nominees for election, and asked for the unanimous election of the presented nominees.

⏩ **SA10.04.09** Voted to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees to synod council, tables, committees and co-ministries.

Elected were as follows:
Augsburg Governing Board: Morris Wee, David Lechelt, Paul Burow, Julie Urban, Mark Johnson, Brian Mundt, Sharlene Hauer, Andrew Romstad
Consultation Committee: Mark Peterson, Lucas Schmidt, Brian Mundt, Roger

Schindel
Discipline Committee: Paul Burow, Lori Clausen, Bill Fredrick, Kenneth Jenson, Ruth Dodson
Global Companion Table: Denise Magnuson-Clark, Heather Swanson, Sandy Peterson, Jerry Johnson, Diane LaFontaine, Marilyn Boorsma
Partnership Table: Glenn Choquette, Maryellen Skan, Tom Gustafson
Leadership Table: Peter Larsen
Mission Table: Judith Hunter, Ed Treat
Synod Council Members: Rob Hall, Lee Annn Pomrenke, Mark Vinge, Valerie Brown-Greenly, Dennis Dalen, Laurie Eaton, Babette Chatman, David (Josh) Nelson, Lauren Wendt

⏩ **SA10.04.10** Voted to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees to 2011 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members and Alternates

Elected were as follows:
2011 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members: Gabriel Adu-Akorsah, Mark Nelson, Jerry Vagts, Felecia Boone, Erich Martin, Julie Tvete, Michelle Collins, Sandra Densmore, Richard Garnett, Alyssa Schmeling, Sue Elsaas, Jill Bergman, Morris Wee, Jeff Gigler, Derek Elstad, Peter Aldrich, Jay Carlson, Maggie Snetting, Kristine Carlson, Amber Howard, Alex Schumacher, Tasha Genck Morton, Jorge Cervera, Randy Romsdahl, Marion Stumo, Brenda Legred, Bernice Sather, Carrie Scheller, Chris Bellefeuille, Tacho Dominquez, Jeff Heiderscheit, Matt Flom, Troy Nayhart, Emily Jones, Sherri Sandoz, Myron Crawford, Kevin Doely
2011 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members – Alternates: Tim Krieg, Mike Carlson, Joe Lindell, Karen Walhof, Kari Schlotfeldt, Janice Bornhoft, Molly Barlow, Lori Clausen, Christine Chiles, Cameron Johnson, Lucas Schmidt, Jo Mueller, Kristie Hennig, William Middeke, Michele Burnett, Michele Abbott, Dan Reed, Wayne Peterson, Nancy Bence, Doug Jones, Jim Onstad, Mark Tiede

Church Representative Report
Bishop Johnson introduced Rev. Andrea Degroot-Nesdahl, coordinator for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative and HIV/AIDS Strategy for the Evangelical Church in America, who brought greetings to the assembly. She introduced a video message from ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson.

Minneapolis Area Synod Video Contest
Videos from SPARK Ministries, St. Louis Park and Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Bloomington, were shown.

Voting members were invited to vote for their favorite video.

Break

Presentation by Unite
The results of the synodical inreach was presented to the 2009 Synod Assembly. Through this inreach the Minneapolis Area Synod heard God's call to become a more racially inclusive synod and church. Rev. David Wangaard gave a progress report on how we are doing in becoming a more racially diverse church. David invited the assembly to discuss their assumptions regarding race, and text the results.

Presentation of Honorees and Awards
Bishop Craig Johnson extended the best wishes of the synod to the following honorees:

Rostered Leaders Who Retired from the Synod in 2009
Rev. David F. Berg
Rev. John R. Bohnsack
Rev. John T. Christianson
Rev. David M. Holm
Rev. Judith M. Mattison
Rev. Howard A. Skulstad
Rev. James O. Tonneson
Mrs. Ellen L. Woodruff, AiM

Rostered Leaders Celebrating Anniversaries

Ordained 65 Years
Rev. Frank H. Anderson
Rev. Wilfred Bockelman
Rev. Milo L. Engelstad
Rev. Hoover T. Grimsby
Rev. Russell B. Helegsen
Rev. Carl O. Nelson
Rev. Neal Pearson
Rev. Robert P. Roth
Rev. Clarence W. Solberg
Rev. Morris E. Ulring
Rev. Frithjof O. M. Westby

Ordained 60 Years
Rev. Melvin A. Kimble
Rev. David W. Preus

Ordained 50 Years
Rev. Vernon J. Bittner
Rev. Rodger N. Foltz
Rev. Rueben D. Groehler
Rev. James S. Hamre
Rev. Carl A. Jensen
Rev. Bruce H. Kjellberg
Rev. Arnold G. Levin
Rev. Orval K. Moren
Rev. Roger I. Stensaas
Rev. Harold M. Stoa
Rev. Jim E. Voelker

Ordained 25 Years
Rev. Janice H. Bornhoft
Rev. Loren D. Davis
Rev. Brice W. Eichlersmith
Rev. Gorden R. Estenson
Rev. Mark S. Flaten
Rev. Caroline M. Garman
Rev. Tania K. Haber
Rev. Christopher E. Hagen
Rev. Patrick W. Cabello Hansel
Rev. Janice J. Hartsook
Rev. Judith M. Mattison
Rev. Gregory A. Meyer
Rev. Steven C. Thompson
Rev. Judy A. Burgett Winzig

Commissioned 25 Years
Ms. Elaine A. Degelau , AiM

Congregations Celebrating Anniversaries

150 Years
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran, Shakopee

75 Years
Oak Grove Lutheran, Richfield

50 Years
Brooklyn Park Lutheran, Brooklyn Park
Lutheran Church of the Master, Brooklyn Park
Peace Lutheran, Coon Rapids
Prince of Peace Lutheran, Brooklyn Park

25 Years
Light of Christ Lutheran, Delano
St. Andrew Lutheran, East Bethel

In Memory
Rev. Omar Bonderud
Rev. Herbert Brokering
Rev. A. Wallace Carlson
Rev. Peter Erickson
Rev. Daniel W. Fuelling
Rev. Edward A. Hansen
Rev. Thomas E. Herbranson
Rev. David E. Hughes
Rev. Conrad S. Jergenson
Rev. David L. Johnson
Rev. Stanley G. Knudson

Rev. Norman D. Kretzman
Rev. Alton F. Larsen
Mrs. Annette Luther, AiM
Rev. John E. Midtling
Rev. Einar J.A. Oberg
Rev. Barry B. Olsson
Rev. Clarence W. Peterson
Rev. Paul K. Peterson
Rev. Howard J. Sortland
Rev. Calvin J. Storley
Rev. Ralph F. Strand
Rev. Eldon J. Underdahl
Rev. Griffith H. Williams

Servant of Christ Award
Rev. Richard Anderson, Director of Congregational Relations for Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, presented the Servant of Christ Award to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

Leadership for A Missional Church Award
Bishop Johnson presented the Leadership for A Missional Church Award, given to a person or institution demonstrating leadership in Christ-centered, creative outreach in service and evangelism in the Minneapolis area. The award is given in honor of former Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop David Olson and his wife Nancy. Bishop Johnson presented the award this year to Jordan New Life Community Church, north Minneapolis. Rev. Terrance Jacob and Shareon Myers accepted the award on behalf of their congregation.

Minneapolis Area Synod Video Contest
Bishop Johnson presented the award to Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Bloomington, for their video which was voted to be the best representation of our assembly theme, “A Community Gathered by Christ: from Stranger to Neighbor.”.

Closing Service of the Word
The closing Service of the Word was conducted at 4:15 pm.

Closing of Assembly
Bishop Johnson declared the 2010 Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly closed in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit at 4:40 p.m. The 2011 Synod Assembly will be held on May 6 and 7, 2011, at a location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Thomas M. Carlson
Synod Secretary