

Resolution SA23.05

Thanksgiving for Ministry

Baptized, we welcome one another as fellow members of the Body of Christ and workers with us in the reign of God. Our merciful God gives us particular companions to know and to love in our pilgrimage here on earth. Since the last assembly, the following rostered ministers, whom we remember with thanksgiving and reverence, have died:

The Rev. Paul Bauermeister, St. Louis, MO (9/11/2022)
Marianne Wilkinson, Deacon, Lawrence, KS (11/18/2022)
The Rev. Bill Horn, Wichita, KS (1/21/2023)
The Rev. Steve Little, Blanchard, OK (4/17/2023)

The following persons have served the Church faithfully, using their gifts and abilities to build up the Body of Christ, and have now retired from active ministry on the roster of the Church since the last Central States Synod Assembly:

The Rev. James Brandt, from specialized ministry, Lenexa, KS (7/1/2022)
The Rev. Barry Hong, from specialized ministry, St. Louis, MO (7/1/2022)
The Rev. Noni Strand, from specialized ministry, Salina, KS (7/1/2022)
The Rev. Austrá Reines, from synod council call, Springfield, MO (8/1/2022)
The Rev. Dinah Dutta, from specialized ministry, Lawrence, KS. (10/1/2022)
The Rev. Jerry Reynolds, from On Leave from Call, Manhattan, KS (10/1/2022)
The Rev. Keith Hohly, from on leave from call, Overland Park, KS (1/1/2023)
The Rev. Susan Langhauser, from Advent Lutheran Church, Olathe, KS (1/1/2023)
The Rev. William Neuman, from Good Neighbor Parish, Herrington/Hebron, KS (1/1/2023)

The body of Christ gathers as congregations to proclaim the gospel, share the means of grace, and empowered to carry out God's mission in the world. The following congregation(s) disaffiliated from the ELCA, discerning that they were called to participate in God's mission through other denominations:

Hillside Community Lutheran Church, Spring Hill, KS took their second vote to disaffiliate on 9/1/2022.
Peace Lutheran, Sullivan, MO took their second vote to disaffiliate on 12/11/2022.
Friends Home Lutheran Church, Savonburg, KS took their second vote to disaffiliate on 2/19/2023.

After many years of faithful ministry, the following congregation(s) closed, trusting that in the midst of death, there is always resurrection, and the mission of the church continues:

Immanuel Oromo Christian Church, Kansas City, MO (6/30/2022)
Zion Lutheran Church, Hollenburg, KS (7/10/2022)
Blue Ridge Trinity Lutheran Church, Raytown, MO (7/21/2022)
Bethany Lutheran Church, Webster Groves, MO (10/1/2022)
United Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, MO (12/31/2022)
Our Redeemer, Ness City, KS (4/30/2023)

Therefore, be it resolved that this Assembly recognizes and gives thanks for the ministry of these ministers and these congregations.