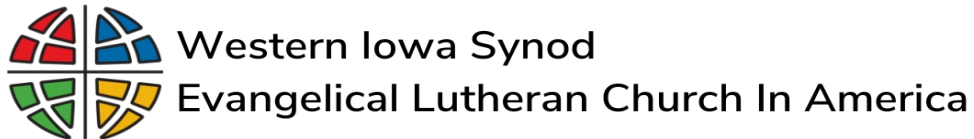


2025 Western Iowa Synod Assembly Minutes  
37<sup>th</sup> Assembly  
June 13-14, 2025  
Nativity Parish Center  
Sioux City, IA



Friday, June 13, 2025

Pre-Assembly Sessions (open to all in WI Synod) 9:30 – 11:00 Honoring Our Neighbors Faith  
– various location in Sioux City

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Welcome: Tracy Gayer, Vice President, Western Iowa Synod

Land Acknowledgment: Tracy Gayer, Vice President, Western Iowa Synod

Opening Worship

Bishop Lorna Halaas called the assembly in session at 1:30 PM.

Dr Troy Troftgruben, Wartburg Seminary, gave away 5 of his new book *Bearing Witness in Acts and Today* with some trivia questions.

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Pr Brian Jack, Chair of the Credentials and Elections Committee, gave the following credentials report.

Credentials Report #1	1:00 PM 06/13/2025
Rostered ministers	63
Lay	139
<b>Total voting members</b>	<b>202</b>
Visitors	21
<b>Total attendees</b>	<b>223</b>

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**SA.25.06.01** A motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2025 Standing Rules as presented. Vote by show of hands. PASSED

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**SA.25.06.02** A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Synod Assembly agenda as presented. Vote by show of hands. PASSED

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The 2025 Minutes Committee was thanked: Dagna Simmons (Chair), Lori Clark, Kim Gayer, Shelby Kroona

**SA.25.06.03** A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2024 Assembly minutes as presented. Vote by show of hands. PASSED

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Bishop Halaas spoke about the Bishop Election that will be part of the 2025 Synod Assembly. The election of a bishop is a process of discernment for the nominees and the voting members of the Synod Assembly.

Bishop Election Committee members:

Pr Mike Kroona (chair)

Diane Eiesland

Vicar Kim Kacmyranski

Pr Paige McGrath

Pr Jim Mossman

Kimberly Pease

Karen Post

The Bishop Election Committee compiled 13 questions to help with the discernment process. Voting members were given the questions, reflected on the questions individually, discussed with others at their table, then prioritized their top 5. The Committee will use the results to determine the questions to be asked later of the nominees.

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Victoria Flood, Sr. Director for Congregation and Synod Support, Development, and the Churchwide Representative to oversee the 2025 Bishop Election. She reviewed the process as governed by Western Iowa Synod Constitution Section S9.04. This will be an ecclesiastical ballot. The first ballot is the nominating ballot. All nominees will be given the option to withdraw their name from consideration before the second ballot. The first ballot will be a paper ballot. All additional ballots will be electronic.

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## BALLOT 1

Credentials: 202 voting members registered as of 2:20 pm.

Time for reflection prior to the vote with song and prayer by Pr Jay Denne.

Vote closed and results will be presented when calculated.

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Deacon Eric Haitz introduced people who are Making God's Love Real in Western Iowa.

Pr Ed Pease and Mango – Trinity Lutheran, Merville - puppet program and Facebook Bible studies

Pig Project – Ken Less, Janet Gross, Jim Post – Donated hogs that are processed and given to food programs in Western Iowa. Synod Assembly offering will go to this project.

Pr Kelli Glasgo, Church of Damascus Road – programs for inmates at Fort Dodge and Rockwell City including worship and re-entry programs.

Pr Perry Aalgaard – Companion Synod Network

Tanzania – various projects including girls school, well drilling, SACCO

Chile – partnership and companionship

Fall trip to Tanzania to renew relationships

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Break 3:10-3:50

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Victoria Flood and Pr Mike Kroona– Results of Ballot 1

Total number of ballots cast: 202

Total number of legal ballots: 174

Total number of ballots required for election (75%) 131

Those nominated on the first ballot and number of votes:

Rev Rod Hopp – 51

Rev Inba Inbarasu – 26

Rev Melissa Ehrhardt – 24

Rev David Cox – 15

Rev Scott Dalen – 12

Rev Jay Denne – 6

Rev Scott Egbers – 4

Rev Mike Kroona – 4

Rev Lauri Boysen – 3

Rev Chuck Meyer – 3

Rev Katherine Russell – 3

Rev Andrew Kitzing – 2

Rev Jean McCartney – 2

Rev Andy Nelson – 2

Rev Gretchen Olsen-Kopp – 2

Rev Perry Aalgaard – 1

Rev Chip Borgstadt – 1

Rev Karla Coen-Tuff – 1

Rev Emily Dalen – 1

Rev David Halaas – 1

Rev Brian Jack – 1

Rev Rick Johnson – 1

Rev David Kebschul – 1

Rev Cara Knutson – 1

Rev Paige McGrath – 1

Rev Nathan Metzger – 1

Rev Ed Pease – 1

Rev Stephany Sinclair – 1

Rev Susan Sinclair – 1

Rev Jon Splichal-Larson – 1

Pr Chip Borgstadt, Assistant to the Bishop of Candidacy, shared the names of the 11 active candidates and where they are studying.

Emily Anderson, Luther Seminary  
Grace Baumgartel, Wartburg Seminary  
Mike Gaffey, Wartburg Seminary  
Kim Kacmarynski, Wartburg Seminary  
Jon Merritt, Wartburg Seminary

Cece Mickells, Pacific Lutheran Seminary  
Susan Rohan, Wartburg Seminary  
Billie Jo Shahan, Luther Seminary  
Russell Stansilav, Wartburg Seminary  
Damon Hopkins, Pacific Lutheran Seminary

There are also 3 who are applying for candidacy.

August 17 will be a Day of Discernment in Sioux City open to those who are wondering if God is calling them to ministry.

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#### Pr Judy Johnson: Celebration of Church Anniversaries

##### 125 Years:

Good Hope Lutheran, Titonka  
South Enes Lutheran, Vincent

##### 150 Years:

Bethel Lutheran, Kiron  
Augustana Lutheran, Sioux City  
Strand Lutheran, Villisca

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#### Pr Judy Johnson: Celebration of Rostered Minister Ordination Anniversaries

##### Word and Sacrament

##### 5 Years:

Rev Jeffrey Geiger  
Rev Timothy Johnson  
Rev John Jorgensen  
Rev James McColley  
Rev James Rut

##### 10 Years:

Rev Perry Aalgaard  
Rev Cara Knutson

##### 15 Years:

Rev Jan Denne  
Rev Scott Egbers  
Rev Katherine Russell

##### 20 Years:

Rev Charles Borgstadt

##### 25 Years:

Rev Kristie Hackbart  
Rev Roderick Hopp  
Rev Lissa Kahl

##### 35 Years:

Rev Peter Rosenkvist  
Rev Steven Smith  
Rev Paul Stone  
Rev Jean Zietlow

##### 40 Years:

Rev David Grindberg  
Rev Jeffrey Swanson  
Rev Vance Toivonen

##### 45 Years:

Rev David Cox  
Rev Ted Eilders  
Rev David Halaas  
Rev Ronald Nelson

##### 50 Years:

Rev Dennis Grohn  
Rev Steven Hetzel  
Rev Arlyn Norris

##### 60 Years:

Rev John Swenson

Pr Judy Johnson: Remembrance of Deceased Rostered Ministers

Rev Barbara K Hansen  
Rev Harold Heintzig  
Rev Dr Mark Holmer  
Rev William Kallestad  
Rev Gary Olson

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Assembly Worship

Presiding Minister: Bishop Lorna Halaas  
Assisting: Deacon Eric Haitz  
Sermon: Rev Jeniffer Tillman, Campus Pastor, Waldorf University, Forest City

Reception of Living Faith Lutheran Church, LeMars, into membership in the ELCA.

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Dinner break: 5:55-7:00

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Pr Brian Jack, Chair of the Credentials and Elections Committee, gave the following credentials report.

<b>Credentials Report #2</b>	<b>3:48 PM 06/13/2025</b>
Rostered ministers	68
Lay	149
<b>Total voting members</b>	<b>217</b>
Visitors	22
<b>Total attendees</b>	<b>239</b>

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BALLOT 2

Credentials: 217 voting members registered as of 2:20 pm.

After first ballot, nominees were given the opportunity to withdraw from consideration. Nine nominees remain on the ballot.

The nine candidates are:

Rev Rod Hopp	Rev Katherine Russell
Rev Inba Inbarasu	Rev Karla Coen-Tuff
Rev David Cox	Rev Paige McGrath
Rev Scott Dalen	Rev Nathan Metzger
Rev Scott Egbers	

Time for reflection prior to the vote with song and prayer by Pr Emily Dalen..

Vote closed and results will be presented when calculated.

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Tracy Gayer – Report of the Vice President

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Julie Sievers, Finance Committee, presented a financial overview and budget highlights. Fiscal year is February 1 to January 31. Other members of Finance Committee are Tiffany Messerlie, Synod Treasurer, Kathy McEnelly, Nick Milbrodt, Bishop Lorna Halaas. Members for a portion of the year: Kay Broich, Pr Cole McCormick

2024 Actual Expenses

- Advocacy – \$61,119 - 6%
- Communication – \$60,127 - 6%
- Faith Formation – \$140,532 - 14%
- Mission Support – \$275,989 - 28%
- Local & Global Ministry – \$260,965 - 27%
- Governance – \$142,511 - 15%
- Renewal & Grants – \$39,808 - 4%

2025 Revised Budget

Projected Total Income.....	\$879,351
Mission Support Income: \$640,000	
Projected Total Expenses.....	\$878,851
Mission Support to Churchwide: \$128,000 (20%)	
Estimated Salaries/wages: \$276,813	

## 2026 Proposed Budget

Projected Total Income.....	\$879,351
Mission Support Income: \$640,000	
Projected Total Expenses.....	\$878,851
Mission Support to Churchwide: \$128,000 (20%)	
Estimated Salaries/wages: \$276,813	

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## Elections

-If uncontested openings, vote was by show of hands to elect. If contested, vote was electronic. Results are in bold type.

### I. Synod Vice President

- a. At Large – 4 year term – **Tracy Gayer**, Bethlehem, Inwood

-If uncontested openings, vote was by show of hands to elect. If contested, vote was electronic. Results are in bold type.

### II. Synod Council

- a. At Large – 3 year term – **Pr Inba Inbarasu**, Mamrelund, Stanton
- b. At Large, Lay Female – 3 year term – **Michelle Smith**, St Luke, Sioux City
- c. Abundant Fields, Lay Female – 2 year term – **Jane King**, St John's, Essex
- d. Hands of Hope, Lay Female – 3 year term – **Roberta Bochtler**, Grace, Fort Dodge
- e. Living Waters, Rostered – 3 year term – Pr **Chuck Meyer**, Augustana, Sioux City
- f. Rivers of Grace, Rostered -3 year term – Pr **Cara Knutson**, Emanuel, Council Bluffs
- g. Seeds of Faith, Rostered – 2 year term – Pr **Rod Hopp**, Immanuel, Forest City
- h. Winds of Hope, Lay Female – 2 year term – **Denise Kramer Tolzmann**, Bethany, Spencer

- I. At Large, Rostered – 3 year term

128 votes **Pr Paige McGrath**, Living Faith, LeMars (Winds of Hope)

80 votes Pr Katherine Russell, Our Savior's, Humboldt (Hands of Hope)

-If uncontested openings, vote was by show of hands to elect. If contested, vote was electronic. Results are in bold type.

### III. Assembly Business and Counsel (ABC)

- a. At Large, Rostered – 2 year term – **Pr Anna Wolf**, First, Britt (Seeds of Faith)
- b. Hands of Hope, Lay Male – 2 year term – **Jim Blocker**, Grace, Fort Dodge
- c. Living Waters, Lay Female – 1 year term – **Kymberly Pease**, Trinity, Merville
- d. Rivers of Grace, Lay Female – 2 year term – **Lori Clark**, St Paul, Missouri Valley
- e. Seeds of Faith, Rostered – 1 year term – **Pr Zech Anderson**, Immanuel, Forest City
- f. Winds of Hope, Rostered – **Pr Jane Johnston**, Trinity, Alta

-If uncontested openings, vote was by show of hands to elect. If contested, vote was electronic. Results are in bold type.

#### IV. **Discipline Committee**

- a. Abundant Fields, Rostered – 5 year term – **Pr Jim Mossman**, Salen, Creston
- b. Hands of Hope, Rostered – 1 year term – **Pr Emily Sauer-Alvarez**, St Olaf, Fort Dodge
- c. Living Waters, Rostered – 1 year term – **Pr Edward Pease**, Trinity, Merville
- d. Living Waters, Rostered – 3 year term – **Pr Chuck Meyer**, Augustana, Sioux City
- e. Rivers of Grace, Rostered – 5 year term – **Pr Stephany Sanborn**, St John, Council Bluffs
- f. Seeds of Faith, Lay Male – 6 year term – **Dwane Schutter**, Good Hope, Titonka
- g. Winds of Hope, Lay Male – 6 year term – **Larry Van Roekel**, Bethlehem, Inwood

-If uncontested openings, vote was by show of hands to elect. If contested, vote was electronic. Results are in bold type.

#### V. **Nominating Committee**

- a. Rivers of Grace, Lay Male – 2 year term – **Andrew Schoening**, St John, Mineola

-If uncontested openings, vote was by show of hands to elect. If contested, vote was electronic. Results are in bold type.

#### VI **Consultation Committee**

- a. Abundant Fields, Lay Male – 5 year term – **Jeff Gigstad**, Bethlehem, Red Oak

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Victoria Flood and Pr Mike Kroona– Results of Ballot 2

Total number of ballots cast: 211

Total number of legal ballots: 211

Total number of ballots required for election (75%) 159

Results:

Rev Rod Hopp – 78

Rev Inba Inbarasu - 46

Rev Scott Dalen – 33

Rev Paige McGrath - 17

Rev David Cox – 12

Rev Scott Egbers – 11

Rev Katherine Russell – 11

Rev Karla Coen Tuff – 2

Rev Nathan Metzger – 1

Ballot 2 will be for the top 7.

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Closed with Evening Prayer

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Saturday, June 14, 2025

Morning Prayer – Rev Chip Borgstadt – Juneteenth

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Bishop Lorna opened Assembly at 8:45

Pr Brian Jack, Chair of the Credentials and Elections Committee, gave the following credentials report.

<b>Credentials Report #3</b>	<b>8:30 AM 06/14/2025</b>
Rostered ministers	70
Lay	152
<b>Total voting members</b>	<b>222</b>
Visitors	26
<b>Total attendees</b>	<b>248</b>

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ELCA Churchwide Report – Victoria Flood, Sr. Director for Congregation and Synod Support, Development

Western Iowa Synod participation and support in 2024

Mitch McCartney on ELCA Church Council

Ryan Johnson on Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church task force

Mission Support - \$125,000

ELCA World Hunger – over \$101,000 including funds raised during RAGBRAI

Lutheran Disaster Relief Support – over \$47,000

2025 Churchwide Assembly, Phoenix, July 28-August 2 - For the Life of the World

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton message by video.

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Mitch McCartney, St Paul, Missouri Valley and ELCA Church Council

Privilege to serve representing Western Iowa Synod on the ELCA Church Council.  
Priority is to connect Churchwide, Synod, and congregations.

Churchwide Assembly, Phoenix. Some of many topics to be considered:

Commission for Renewed Lutheran Church recommendations

New Social Statement – Faith & Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All

Reconsideration of Human Sexuality Social Statement

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The seven nominees for Bishop drew numbers to determine the order for addressing the Assembly. Each nominee had 5 minutes.

Speaking order:

Rev Inba Inbarasu

Rev Paige McGrath

Rev Scott Egbers

Rev David Cox

Rev Rod Hopp

Rev Katherine Russell

Rev Scott Dalen

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Break 10:25-10:50

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### BALLOT 3

Credentials: 222 voting members registered as of 11:00 am.

Time for reflection prior to the vote with song and prayer by Pr Chuck Meyer..

Vote closed and results will be presented when calculated.

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### God's Love Made Real

Deacon Eric Haitz

Western Iowa shows up where needed most. Watching for the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Pr James Rut, Thanksgiving Lutheran, Council Bluffs

South Sudanese congregation meeting at St John's Lutheran, Council Bluffs

Tim Gossett, Iowa Faith and Climate

Care for creation and environment. Grants available for congregations. Programs available for clergy and congregations.

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Daniel Holste, Chair of ABC, presented Resolution #1

### **Resolution #1 – Western Iowa Synod 2026 Compensation and Care Guidelines**

Submitted by Western Iowa Synod Council

**WHEREAS**, congregations call rostered ministers “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up the body of Christ”; and

**WHEREAS**, congregations desire to provide for financial, spiritual, physical and emotional needs to those called to serve them: and

**WHEREAS**, the guidelines are developed by the Synod Council for congregational use;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of the Western Iowa Synod ELCA adopt the proposed guidelines and urge that congregations compensate rostered ministers at the recommended levels.

The Committee of Assembly Business and Counsel reports this resolution and recommends its adoption.

**SA25.06.04** A motion and second were made to approve Resolution #1. Electronic vote. ADOPTED 197-10.

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Bishop Lorna relinquished the chair to Vice President Tracy Gayer

Daniel Holste, Chair of ABC, presented Resolution #3

### **Resolution #3 – Bishop Emerita**

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Lorna Halaas faithfully and sacrificially served the Western Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for 6 years; and

**WHEREAS**, during her term in office through her servant ministry as pastor and teacher of this synod guided the growth of the synod in:

- sharing the Word of the Gospel,
- raising up new leaders of the church,
- advancing ecumenical and interfaith relationships,
- reaching out with the resources of the people of the synod - time, talent and treasures to the betterment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
- developing and implementing programs to assist those in need within the synod, including, but not limited to, disaster relief, Pig Project, local food pantries,
- showing God’s love to those on the margins who have no voice; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Western Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Church in America does commend and honor the ministry of Rev Lorna Halaas; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Western Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Church in America does bestow upon the Rev Lorna Halaas the honorary title of “*Bishop Emeritus*” to become effective upon completion of Bishop’s term of office, September 1, 2025.

The Committee of Assembly Business and Counsel reports this resolution and recommends its adoption.

**SA25.06.05** A motion and second were made to approve Resolution #3.

**SA25.06.06** A motion and second were made to amend the resolution to change Emeritus to Emerita, the feminine form of the word. Motion passed by voice vote.

Resolution ADOPTED as amended by voice vote.

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Daniel Holste, Chair of ABC, presented Churchwide Memorial

### **Memorial – National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools**

**RESOLVED**, that the Western Iowa Synod Assembly memorialize the 2025 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to address the legacies of our church's role in Indian Boarding Schools through the following actions:

1. Actively invite and equip all congregations, synods, and affiliate ministries to commemorate the National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools annually on or near September 30th;
2. Broaden and deepen awareness at congregation, synod, and churchwide levels of Christian and Lutheran roles in Indian boarding schools, through creation of adult and children/youth educational programs and materials and through consistent publishing of articles in all of the church's publications;
3. Provide on-going recognition of and support for the growing network of lay people and clergy volunteering their time in the work of the ELCA Truth-Seeking & Truth-Telling Initiative on Indian Boarding Schools (see [www.elca.org/IndianBoardingSchools](http://www.elca.org/IndianBoardingSchools)) to locate all known records related to the ELCA's predecessor bodies' involvement with Indian boarding and day schools and to educate others about Indian boarding schools;
4. Encourage ELCA affiliate ministries to commit to learning the truth of their involvement with Indian boarding schools, in partnership with the ELCA Truth-Seeking & Truth-Telling Initiative; and to responsibly create paths to healing and repair;
5. Organize and care for all information in the ELCA's possession that was recorded about Indian boarding and day schools and the students who attended them, forcibly or otherwise; carry out this work in partnership with the ELCA Truth-Seeking & Truth-Telling Initiative and the ELCA Archives; recognize that this information belongs to and is a source of healing for student survivors, their descendants, communities, and Tribal Nations; and ensure that the records and research are made accessible to Indian boarding school survivors and their families in a responsible manner; and
6. Identify sources of funding to sufficiently support research and organizing efforts; and to sufficiently support digitization and labeling of all ELCA Indian boarding school archival records

The Committee of Assembly Business and Counsel reports this memorial and recommends its adoption.

**SA25.06.07** A motion and second were made to approve Memorial. ADOPTED by voice vote.

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## Victoria Flood and Pr Mike Kroona– Results of Ballot 3

Total number of ballots cast: 217

Total number of legal ballots: 217

Total number of ballots required for election (67%) 145

### Results:

Rev Scott Dalen – 78

Rev Rod Hopp – 58

Rev Paige McGrath - 26

Rev Inba Inbarasu - 21

Rev Scott Egbers – 17

Rev Katherine Russell – 10

Rev David Cox – 7

Ballot 4 will be for the top 3.

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Lunch 12:00-1:00

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Victoria Flood and Pr Mike Kroona present nominees with 2 questions. Nominees will have 3 minutes per question.

### Order of nominees:

Rev Paige McGrath

Rev Rod Hopp

Rev Scott Dalen

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## BALLOT 4

Credentials: 222 voting members registered as of 1:30 pm.

Time for reflection prior to the vote with song and prayer by Pr Emily Sauer-Alvarez.

Vote closed and results will be presented when calculated.

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## Grants and Endowments

- Pr Chip Borgstadt presented \$3,000 check to Pr Anna Wolf, First, Britt. This is from fund to support First Call pastors. Funds raised through the Heart of BBQ in Dunlap.
- Deacon Eric Haitz and Pr Paige McGrath received ELCA grant for establishment of LGBTQIA+ on line ministry for youth and adults
- Pr Judy Johnson – CASTLE(country and small town lived ecclesiology) \$87,000 grant from Wartburg Seminary. This is for 3 Iowa Synods and 1 Wisconsin Synod for resources for rural and small town communities

- Tiffany Messerlie announced Endowment checks.

Mission

\$1,200 Community Action Agency, Sioux City  
\$1,000 Immanuel, Forest City  
\$1,200 St Luke Blessing Box, Sioux City  
\$1,200 St Mark, Sioux City, for Warming Shelter  
\$1,200 St Paul, Missouri Valley  
\$1,200 Our Savior's, Council Bluffs

Technology

\$1,000 First, Sioux Rapids  
\$1,000 St John, Dunlap  
\$1,000 Underwood, Underwood

- Western Iowa Synod was a recipient for \$20,000 grant for disaster relief from Immanuel Foundation. This money was distributed for disaster relief in Western Iowa Synod.

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Tiffany Messerlie, Synod Treasurer, answered the questions presented concerning the budget prior to the vote on the Budget Resolution.

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Daniel Holste, Chair of ABC, presented Resolution #2

**Resolution 2 – Adopt the 2025 Revised Budget and 2026 Proposed Budget**

Submitted by Western Iowa Synod Council

**RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of the Western Iowa Synod adopt the revised budget for the fiscal year beginning February 1, 2025 and the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning February 1, 2026.

The Committee of Assembly Business and Counsel reports this resolution and recommends its adoption.

**SA25.06.08** A motion and second were made to approve Resolution #2.

ADOPTED by voice vote.

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Victoria Flood and Pr Mike Kroona– Results of Ballot 4

Total number of ballots cast: 215  
Total number of legal ballots: 215  
Total number of ballots required for election (60%) 129

Results:

Rev Paige McGrath – 30  
Rev Rod Hopp – 53  
Rev Scott Dalen – 132

Rev Scott Dalen has been elected Bishop of the Western Iowa Synod.

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Rev Scott Dalen accepted the election results and accepted the position of Bishop of the Western Iowa Synod.

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Closing remarks – Bishop Lorna

Thank you to all who worked on the 2025 Synod Assembly:

Bishop Current and Bishop Jones	Pastor Jenifer Tillman
Mission Partners and displays	Pastor Jay Denne, parliamentarian and Synod attorney
ABC – Daniel Holste last year	Adam Keunning, new Synod attorney
Nominations Committee	Mitch McCartney
Bishop Election Committee	Synod Council, Fianance and Endowment Committees
Victoria Flood, ELCA representative	
Quilt from Spencer	
All Bishop Nominees and Bishop Elect Scott Dalen	People of Western Iowa being church together
Tech Crew – Travis Brincks and Ben Hertenstein	SAMS, Rostered Ministers
VPoll personnel	Congregations, Young people
Quilt from Spencer	Synod Staff
Dr Josh Nannestad and musicians	Pr David Halaas

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Dagna Simmons, Synod Secretary, read the names of those elected during Synod Assembly for Synod Council and Synod Committees.

Bishop Lorna installed the newly elected:

Synod Vice President:

Tracy Gayer

Synod Council:

Pr Inba Inbarasu

Pr Paige McGrath

Michelle Smith

Jane King

Roberta Bochtler

Pr Chuck Meyer

Pr Cara Knutson

Pr Rod Hopp

Denise Kramer  
Tolzmann

Assembly Business &  
Counsel:

Pr Anna Wolf

Jim Blocker

Kymberly Pease

Lori Clark

Pr Zech Anderson

Pr Jane Johnston

Nominating Committee:

Andrew Schoening

Discipline Committee:

Pr Jim Mossman

Pr Emily Sauer-  
Alvarez

Pr Ed Pease

Pr Chuck Meyer

Pr Stephany Sanborn

Dwane Schutter

Larry Van Roekel

Consultation Committee:

Jeff Gigstad

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Synod Assembly offering total: \$14,941. This is for the Western Iowa Pig Project and local feeding programs in Western Iowa.

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Bishop Halaas closed the assembly at 3:15 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Dagna Simmons  
Western Iowa Synod Secretary