REPORT OF THE BISHOP

They said to one another, "It is because we have no bread.” And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” They said to him, "Twelve." "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” And they said to him, "Seven." Then he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?” (Mark 8:16-21 NRSV)

Vision
Where the hungry are fed as we have been fed by Christ.
We do this by equipping leaders, encouraging cooperation, and engaging in new mission.
This vision statement, that we developed in 2015, continues to guide the work of our Lower Susquehanna Synod.

Since the Last Assembly
Our time since the last assembly is divided into two-time periods: the time before COVID-19 and the time after the onset of COVID-19. As I write this report we are now living a new reality of people who are living through this pandemic. Our lives have changed in a moment in time and yet our mission as a church remains the same. We proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in all we do, and we care for our neighbors. We express this in our vision that this synod is where the hungry are fed as we have been fed by Christ. Fed through the Word of God, meeting the hungers around us for food, for community, for a belonging and for a hunger for the Word of God. In this time of economic hardship and what we may perceive as scarcity, Jesus reminds us as he did the disciples that we live in abundance. We continue to be grateful for the abundance that God has given us that we may feed those who hunger.

Equipping Leaders
We continue to emphasize programs and ministries that strengthen the development of leaders across all age groups. Our resource center works to help curate resources for faith formation of every age. In addition, our camps and youth ministry programs such as Winterfest, ALiVE and Leadership Training Camp influence the lives of hundreds of our young people. We are also working with a large number of candidates for ordained ministry through our Candidacy Committee. Through our partnership with United Lutheran Seminary, we are developing leaders for the church. In addition to candidates from our synod, we have the opportunity to host students from around the country doing their field education in our synod. It is one of our ministries to help shape seminarians in our congregations as they prepare to lead the church.

We work to develop continuing education for our current rostered ministers and laity. Throughout the year there are opportunities for continuing education. We continue to work with our Episcopal siblings through the Stevenson School for Ministry. In this collaborative effort, Deacon Marsha Roscoe, the director of the collaborative mission center, is working with our neighboring synods and Episcopal church to strengthen our development of leaders. We completed this year a certificate program in missional preaching for our rostered ministers and laity. Those who participated had the opportunity for coaching with Paul Scott Wilson, a renowned homiletician from the University of Toronto; and with Tracy Radoscic, a renowned biblical storyteller.

We continue to support our rostered ministers and laity by hosting the Healthy Leaders’ Retreat. This event which we have sponsored for a number of years has allowed our rostered ministers, lay leaders, and spouses to gather in retreat to enjoy fellowship and learning opportunities. We know that healthy leaders mean healthy congregations.

Principal in our work for the Office of the Bishop in leadership development is to facilitate the call process for our rostered ministers. We continue to work with our congregation call committees and rostered ministers throughout the church to find candidates that can serve in our congregations. We have completed 22 call processes since the last assembly. We have also had 14 of our rostered ministers retire since our last assembly. As we have entered into the COVID-19 time, most of the call processes have slowed considerably given the inability to hold meetings and interviews. Without the ability to conduct congregational meetings, many call votes have been suspended. We are hopeful that as the commonwealth begins to lessen restrictions these processes will resume accordingly.

Encouraging Cooperation
We work regularly with congregations to find ways for sharing of resources, whether that be ministry programs, staff, resources or financial resources. We have the great gift of proximity in this synod that allows for creative ways of sharing ministry and resources. As we have moved into this COVID-19 era we have increased cooperation and increased sharing of resources and in some cases worship experiences as we have moved to electronically mediated worship.

We continue to work with the synods around us and with our ecumenical partners in sharing ministry opportunities. We are currently working with the Allegheny and Upper Susquehanna Synods to write a grant from the Lilly Foundation for renewing congregations. The Lilly Foundation is looking for renewing ministries approaches that are working and is wanting to help expand these programs. We are requesting five years of funding to expand R3 across 100 congregations in our three synods.
During the COVID-19 crisis we have made funding available to congregations that are doing ministry with individuals caught in the crisis. We are granting monies to ministries that work with the people struggling with hunger, unemployment and homelessness. We have been blessed with generosity in the Always Being Made Campaign, in which our synod participated by establishing a Disaster Response Fund. It is through our cooperative ministry and sharing that we can respond to this disaster that has struck our synod and the world.

We continue our cooperation globally in our long-standing relationship with the Konde Diocese in Tanzania. They too are feeling the effects of the pandemic. We have provided $25,000 in support to the bishop of the Konde Diocese to help as they prepare for the impact of COVID-19 on their churches. The outbreak has been limited in that region of Tanzania, but they know that the virus is emerging in the country. We are also blessed to cooperate with David and Jennifer Hope-Tringali, who are working globally in Guatemala with the Tree4Hope mission. They have successfully begun a girls’ school, which they have had to close temporarily with the advent of COVID-19. Many congregations have been supporting their work there, and United Lutheran Seminary has been using Tree4Hope as an international learning site. We pray that this work may continue as the pandemic lessens.

**Engaging in New Mission**

Our R3 Renewal Process (rFORM + reNEW + reVISION), an 18-month coaching process engaging congregations with the energy, ideas, and tools they need to renew their mission to God’s people, is ongoing. We are now in the second round of congregations committed to this effort. Even in the time of COVID-19, the congregations are continuing to meet and share in cohort groups. The 23 congregations that completed the training are continuing their efforts to find new ways to proclaim the Gospel in a changing time. The work that these congregations have done to expand their mission and vision has carried into new creativity during the COVID-19 crisis. We will continue to coach congregations in ways to renew their ministry. Our hope is that with the Lilly grant we will be able to expand the renewal to neighboring synods. I had the opportunity to present our R3 Renewal Process at the Conference of Bishops. We have been approached by the churchwide organization to explore guiding them in developing innovative ways to renew ministry throughout the ELCA. Strengthening and renewing mission in the congregations is the most important work we do together as synod.

We continue to support new mission communities within our synod, particularly to underserved communities in our area. Our work with Word of Life Deaf, Peter’s Porch serving the economically challenged, Communities of Hope working with the those who have been estranged from the church, and ministry to those in the recovery community, are all ways that we are working to reach those who have felt at times left out of the church. We are also in partnership with congregations that are doing innovative outreach into their communities including The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Lancaster and Trinity Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg. These are a few examples of how we are supporting ways to do new mission.

**Administration**

We continue to work to steward the gifts that are shared through congregation mission support. We have continued to reduce staff, control expenses and find additional sources of revenue to maintain our ministry. Mission support was $50,000 less than our budget but we were able to have a slight surplus as we closed out the fiscal year. We have seen a significant decrease in mission support during the first full month of COVID-19 closures. We know that the congregations are struggling as well. We have been blessed with a Paycheck Protection Program loan that has allowed us to keep the synod staff in place and to work from home. We are grateful to the congregations for their support of our mission.

I give thanks for the staff that supports the work that we do in our Lower Susquehanna Synod. We have one of the most gifted synod staffs in the ELCA. We have continued to streamline the operations. The financial staff of Denise Ferguson and Cathy Paul, guided by our treasurer Joe Stepansky, has done outstanding work to allow us to manage our resources closely. We received an unmodified opinion on the audit from our independent auditors again this year.

The support staff of Cathy Dietrich and Marty Shifflett handles thousands of details from our resource center, supply pastors, mobility, event planning and, of course, the assembly. The program staff including Charlie Roberts, Deborah Clark, the Assistants to the Bishop: Pastor Dana Blouch-Hanson, Pastor Rob Blezard, and Pastor Beth Martini, and Director for Evangelical Mission Pastor Richard Jorgensen, are essential to the programs and care that the Office of the Bishop provides to our congregations and rostered ministers.

We have had staffing changes in this year with the retirement of Pastor Tom McKee. We are blessed that Pastor Dana Blouch-Hanson was willing to accept a call to serve as assistant to the bishop. Also, Pastor McKee’s departure meant that we would have a new synod secretary, Pastor Beth Schlegel was elected at the 2019 Synod Assembly and has stepped into the role of secretary with skill and grace and is a blessing to our staff.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Vice President Lucinda Bringman. In my first seven years as synod bishop, she has been a blessing to the synod and to my ministry. I could not have asked for a better partner in this ministry. We will elect a new vice president at the assembly and she will have a much-deserved rest. She will be missed deeply by all who have had the joy of working alongside her and especially by me. God’s peace be with you.

†The Rev. James S. Dunlop, bishop
HONOR ROLL - 2020
Rostered Fifty Years or More

1947: The Rev. Arthur L. Ruths
1948: The Rev. Howard W. Hinkeldey
1952: The Rev. Philip S. Lambdin
The Rev. Peter W. F. Nodyne
1953: The Rev. C. Roger Burkins
The Rev. Sterlen S. Sheaffer
1954: The Rev. Ronald F. Mease
1955: The Rev. Charles W. Kampmeyer
The Rev. Albert E. Myers
1956: The Rev. Walter Robert Kurz
The Rev. John F. Lose
1957: The Rev. Paul Baranek
The Rev. Philip A. Lynch
The Rev. Herbert C. Spomer
The Rev. Richard E. Geib
The Rev. William Robert May
The Rev. John C. Schaertel
The Rev. Eugene L. Shiffer
Sister Barbara Slavinski
The Rev. Karl J. Mattson
The Rev. Robert Seibold
1960: The Rev. Jay M. Bohn
The Rev. Gerald Christianson
The Rev. David T. Hinkley
The Rev. S. Alan Ruby
The Rev. Douglas Y. Boden
The Rev. Richard L. Dowhower
The Rev. William C. Jacobs
The Rev. Robert A. Kerchoff Sr.
The Rev. David J. Kovach
The Rev. William F. Krenz
The Rev. Robert F. Matthias
The Rev. L. Guy Mehl
1962: The Rev. Guy S. Edmiston
The Rev. Frederick A. Foltz
The Rev. Jack R. Hoffman
The Rev. Foster R. McCurley
The Rev. William C. Sowers
The Rev. Richard B. Starr
The Rev. John J. Wenzke

1963: The Rev. Thomas W. Eifert
The Rev. Emil J. Engelman
The Rev. E. Edward Keyser II
The Rev. David E. Klepper Jr.
The Rev. M. Benson Paul
The Rev. Charles H. Scott
The Rev. Conrad B. Youse
1964: The Rev. Douglas E. Cromer
The Rev. Thomas W. Hurlocker
The Rev. Henry K. Johnson
The Rev. Kent J. Krause
The Rev. Russell H. Mueller
The Rev. Martin L. Swartz
1965: The Rev. Dr. Clair E. Anderson
The Rev. Larry A. McConnell
The Rev. James E. Stough
The Rev. Allan S. Wysocki
1966: The Rev. Dr. William H. Beck
The Rev. Gale M. Gregor
The Rev. Roland Evans Langford Jr.
The Rev. Robert R. Wegehoft
1967: The Rev. William O. Avery
The Rev. David L. DeLong
The Rev. Robert J. N. Walborn
The Rev. Martin T. Young
1968: Deacon Anna Elizabeth Herr
The Rev. Donald J. Seiple
The Rev. Dennis L. Trout
The Rev. Charles H. Lisse
The Rev. E. Gordon Ross
The Rev. Daniel M. Shutters
1970: The Rev. Harold S. Fox
The Rev. Paul A. Haack
The Rev. Timothy L. Hoffman
The Rev. Raymond A. Sistek

ANNIVERSARY OF ROSTERING – 2020

1975 – 45 years:
The Rev. Parris C. Beckhardt
The Rev. Douglas E. Johnson
The Rev. Melvin A. Kirk
The Rev. Eugene H. Moore
1980 – 40 years:
The Rev. Michael Edward Allwein
The Rev. Scott K. Davis
The Rev. John G. Largen
The Rev. Mark W. Oldenburg
The Rev. Alan R. Wilson

1985 – 35 years:
The Rev. George M. Minick
The Rev. Charles H. Oberkehr
Deacon Henrietta K. Ranck
The Rev. Beth A. Schlegel
The Rev. Nancy L. Schwabe-Fry
The Rev. Peter J. Schwabe-Fry
1990 – 30 years:
The Rev. Glenn A. Beard Jr.
The Rev. Carolyn S. DeStephano
The Rev. Catharine Senft Geib
Deacon R. Lynne Kiick
The Rev. Anne-Rose Reeves
The Rev. Edward J. Robbins

1995 – 25 years:
Deacon Judy K. Collins
The Rev. Lisa A. B. Hair
The Rev. Lisa M. Leber
The Rev. Timothy A. Mentzer
The Rev. George M. Schneider
The Rev. John G. Teitman

2000 – 20 years:
The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker
The Rev. Cynthia A. Chambers
The Rev. Thomas E. Darr
The Rev. Albert J. Domines Jr.
The Rev. Clifton D. Eshbach
The Rev. Keith Fair
The Rev. James E. Person

2005 – 15 years:
The Rev. Maren Alexis-Tomkiel
The Rev. James S. Dunlop
The Rev. Aaron M. Erdley
The Rev. Lawrence E. Hawkins
The Rev. William C. Knotts
The Rev. Eric L. Petty
The Rev. David J. Schreffler
The Rev. Lois K. Van Orden

2010 – 10 years:
Deacon Ellen D. Doughty
The Rev. Michael Kenneth Fischer
The Rev. Traci B. Glover
Deacon Holly C. Hoffman M.D.
The Rev. Deborah A. Mahady
The Rev. Jane C. Nicholson
The Rev. Sarah E. Teichmann

2015 – 5 years:
The Rev. Cynthia K. Baxter
The Rev. Martha S. Boyd
The Rev. Godfred Effisah
The Rev. Benjamin S. Erazus
The Rev. Courtney Ann Erazus
The Rev. Andrew R. Geib
The Rev. Beth Ann R. Hawk
Deacon Marilyn E. Kautz
The Rev. Carl P. Rabbe

IN MEMORIAM

The Rev. Carl E. Bentz..............................Savannah, GA
July 29, 2019

The Rev. Carl J. Frederick..........................Lancaster, PA
September 3, 2019

The Rev. Irvin E. Straw Jr.............................Lititz, PA
September 6, 2019

The Rev. Kenneth C. Senft..........................Harrisburg, PA
September 21, 2019

The Rev. Alfred A. Ambrose............................Mt. Dora, FL
October 15, 2019

The Rev. Thomas E. Light Jr..........................Lebanon, PA
October 31, 2019

The Rev. Howard J. McCarney......................Camp Hill, PA
November 13, 2019

The Rev. Donald R. Pederson......................York, PA
November 29, 2019

The Rev. Richard C. Jones..........................Mechanicsburg, PA
January 6, 2020

The Rev. Barbara J. Winey............................New Oxford, PA
February 10, 2020

The Rev. George E. Buechner.......................Harrisburg, PA
February 15, 2020

The Rev. Robert E. Custer............................Bedford, PA
March 8, 2020

The Rev. Paul A. Jones...............................Sun City, FL
April 24, 2020

ROSTERED MINISTERS RETIRED

The Rev. Glenn D. Miller.............................July 1, 2019

The Rev. Hobart Charles Utter Jr..............................July 1, 2019

The Rev. Thomas E. McKee............................September 1, 2019

The Rev. Stephen W. Yambor............................September 1, 2019

The Rev. Linda. S. Trout..............................October 1, 2019

The Rev. Scott K. Davis............................December 31, 2019

The Rev. William C. Snyder............................December 31, 2019

The Rev. Margareta M. Breden........................January 1, 2020
The Rev. Kathy A. Swords..........................January 1, 2020
The Rev. Dennis L. Trout..........................January 31, 2020
The Rev. Kenneth R. Jetto..........................February 1, 2020
Deacon George E. Bennett Jr......................February 5, 2020
The Rev. Nancy R. Easton..........................April 1, 2020
The Rev. Anne-Rose Reeves........................May 1, 2020

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2020 – ORDAINED FIFTY YEARS

The Reverend Harold S. Fox, son of the late Harold S. and Bertha M. Fox, was born on August 29, 1944, at Montclair, New Jersey. He was ordained by the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, on June 14, 1970, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, while a member of Grace Lutheran Church, State College, Pennsylvania.

Pastor Fox graduated from State College High School, State College, Pennsylvania, in 1962; from Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, with a bachelor of arts degree, in 1966; from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, with a master of divinity degree, in 1970; and from the Group for Advancement of Family Systems, Hershey, Pennsylvania, in 1980.

Pastor Fox served as pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 1970-1977; Trinity Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 1978-1993; and Trinity Lutheran Church, Steelton, Pennsylvania, from 1993 until he retired in 2014. He is a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He has been active for many years with synodical youth ministry.

Pastor Fox participated in the Durham Ecumenical Conference; and events on Prayer and Healing, Death and Dying, the Funeral Itself, Gestalt, and Family Therapy. In addition to parish ministry, he served as contract chaplain at the Harrisburg State Hospital for twenty-six years, until it closed. He has used music in his ministry at church and has also performed with guitar for grade school children through seniors. A weekly commitment for the past 35 years (still ongoing) has been to sing with students at St Stephen's Episcopal School. He still rides a bicycle daily and drives a Hot Rod. He reflects, ‘I recall with a big smile the year that our Bishop Edmiston observed at Synod Assembly: “Approaching microphone 4 is the oldest teenager in our Synod”. To tell the truth, I have still not grown up.’


The Reverend Paul A. Haack, son of Chester and Eva Haack, was born on December 17, 1944, in Baltimore, Maryland, and was baptized on January 14, 1945. He was ordained by the Maryland Synod of the Lutheran Church in America on June 14, 1970, at his home congregation of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

Pastor Haack graduated from Parkville High School, Parkville, Maryland, in 1962; from Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, with a bachelor of arts degree, in 1966; from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, with a master of divinity degree, in 1970; and from Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland, with a master of science degree, in 1978.

Pastor Haack served as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Drake’s Mills, Pennsylvania, 1970-1972; pastor of Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Maryland, 1972-1976; pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Smallwood, Maryland, 1976-1983; in the Maryland Synod Office, Baltimore, Maryland, 1983-1985; pastor of Silver Run Lutheran Parish, Silver Run, Maryland, 1986-1989; and pastor of First Lutheran Church, New Oxford, Pennsylvania, 1989 until he retired in 2006. In retirement, he served as interim pastor for Grace Parish,
then part of the Gettysburg Conference; as interim pastor for St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hametown, Pennsylvania; as interim pastor for Trinity Lutheran Church, Jefferson, Pennsylvania; and currently serves as the stated supply pastor for Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, Pennsylvania. He is a member of St. Paul (York Street) Lutheran Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Pastor Haack was a member of the Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, Rotary Club. He was Secretary of the Directing Committee of the Lutheran University Ministry of Baltimore. While serving as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Westminster, Maryland, he served as secretary of the Westminster District and chairman of the Westminster District Area Strategy Team. Pastor Haack served on the Maryland Synod LCA Executive Board and as Secretary of the Hanover Conference of the Lower Susquehanna Synod ELCA. He also served as an Internship and Field Work Supervisor for students from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. He was a member of the New Oxford Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the New Oxford Salvation Army Service Unit, and Coordinator of the New Oxford Ministerium.

On August 18, 1968, in Baltimore, Maryland, he married Janet née Zirkler. Their union has been blessed with two sons: Jeremy Allan, 1971; and Aaron Christopher, 1974.

The Reverend Timothy L. Hoffman, son of James E. and Margaret Bamat Hoffman, was born on June 1, 1944, at Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, and was baptized on November 12, 1944. He was ordained on June 14, 1970, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, by the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, while a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Karthaus, Pennsylvania.

Pastor Hoffman graduated from Clearfield Area High School, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, in 1962; from Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, with a bachelor of arts degree in 1966; and from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, with a master of divinity degree in 1970. He was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on June 14, 1970 in the Church of the Abiding Presence, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

Pastor Hoffman served as pastor of Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lewisberry, Pennsylvania, from 1970 until he retired in 2018. He is a member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania.

Pastor Hoffman was a member of the Hamilton Area Ministry led by Pastor Norm Thorsen and of the Healing Ministry Committee led by Pastor George Clark, who also baptized him in Karthaus. He is currently a member of Valley Grange, as well as the Nittany Antique Machinery Association and the American Truck Historical Society.

Pastor Hoffman has always enjoyed the outdoors, including hunting and gardening, and spends time cooking and roasting in large quantities. Over the years he has worked on and restored Jeeps, trucks, tractors and backhoes. His primary interests continue to be family and church.

On August 2, 1975, at Harrold Zion Lutheran Church in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, he married Gloria née Carlson. Their union was blessed with three children: Amy Regina Hughley, 1976; and twins Timothy Joel and James Victor, 1978. They are additionally blessed with seven grandchildren.

The Reverend Raymond A. Sistek, son of Alvin O. and Julia née Godor, was born on July 24, 1944, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and was baptized on August 27, 1944. He was ordained on June 7, 1970, at First Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by the Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, while a member of The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.


Pastor Sistek served as assistant pastor of Dr. Martin Luther Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cleveland (Brooklyn), Ohio, 1970-1973; pastor of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, 1973-1982; Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Franklin, Pennsylvania, 1982-1989; Benscreek Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hollsopple, Pennsylvania, 1990-2000; and Harmony Grove Lutheran Church in Willet, Creekside, Pennsylvania and Grove Chapel Lutheran Church, Indiana, Pennsylvania, 2000 until he retired in 2005. For more than three years, he served as shared time pastor with Benscreek and St. John Lutheran Church (Slovak Zion Synod), Johnstown, Pennsylvania. In retirement, he served as interim pastor for the Punxsutawney Lutheran Parish, Pennsylvania, and as supply worship leader. He is a member of Christ Lutheran Church, York, Pennsylvania.
Pastor Sistek served on the Evangelism and the Communications Committees of the Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia Synod, was a Franklin Rotary Club member, and president of the Venango County Mental Health-Mental Retardation Drug and Alcohol Board. He enjoys vegetable gardening as a relaxing pastime. He also does some Lightning Class sail boating as a crew member.