

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT  
BOARD MEETING TELECONFERENCE

June 19, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. EDT by President Steve.

Present: Steve Gielda, President; Butch Seeley, VPA; Wendy Showalter, VPO; Carol McGill, Secretary; Brenda Accola, Treasurer; Pastor Mark Marxhausen, Spiritual Director; Paul Schmidlin, Executive Director; Diane Purcell, Financial Advisor; Carol Reedstrom, Newsletter; and, Dave Lambert, Data Base Coordinator.

Pr. Mark opened with prayer.

Minutes of the April 17, 2017, Board meeting were approved.

Minutes of the May 15, 2017, Board meeting were approved.

### **3- Part Strategy for Pastoral Support Update**

- Steve shared that the John Aclin, the Regional Coordinator has been working with the Lay Director of Rainbow-VdC to introduce Pastor in the DC, MD, VA Metro Synod to Via de Cristo. He worked with Pastor Ron Qualley to get an introduction to VdC email out to ALL 75 ELCA Pastors in the Synod and included a special invitation to attend a luncheon to learn more. Two luncheons were scheduled a week apart to better accommodate the Pastors schedule. The results of their efforts equated to over 35 pastors coming to the two luncheons where they shared their experience with VdC or got the opportunity to learn more about it for the first time.
- Steve suggested that the success of this initiative be shared with all Regional Coordinators and maybe even be written in a article that could be published in our newsletter

The Board meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, will begin at 2:00 p.m.

#### **Executive Director – Paul Schmidlin**

The Nominating Committee will have at least two candidates for each office up for election this year (President, VPO, and Secretary).

Has a telephone conference with the Regional Coordinators after this meeting.

#### **Spiritual Director – Pastor Mark Marxhausen**

Gave an update on attempts to contact seminaries in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

#### **VPA – Butch Seeley**

Will insert the “Seating of Delegates” information in the “master slide”.

### **VPO – Wendy Showalter**

Meeting with Calgary group was wonderfully exciting and blessed – all their documents have been approved by the Province – they are sending only two to the gathering in July due to the cost and time of travel.

--Checked on our VdC family in La Pas, Bolivia – not healthy and need our prayers as the Church is trying to take over and the community is struggling.

--Texas Gulf Coast is sending two+ to Annual Gathering

--Papua New Guinea community is waiting on the national elections and then will pursue becoming an affiliated secretariat.

--For now, the tiny group near Lake Charles, LA, is far from ready to discuss forming a secretariat...more details will be passed on to the new VPO.

--Conversation with L.D. from Episcopal Cursillo in Long Island – looking to connect with other 4<sup>th</sup> Day communities in area. VdC has none in database but hope next VPO will keep this communication open and support R.C.’s efforts to build a community in NYC/Long Island.

### **Data Base Coordinator – Dave Lambert**

Gave an update of the information he is gathering for the national data base.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m. EDT.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 9:00 p.m. EDT.

Pr. Mark – Closing prayer.

Carol McGill

Secretary