



**Central Lutheran Church
Annual Report
2009 - 2010**

**Part Three:
Nominees for Election**

**Annual Meeting Information
Agenda, Minutes, Resolutions**



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Nominees for Election

Officers and Members of The Congregation Council



Christopher Lyle
President-elect

Chris has been a member of Central since 1997. He attends with his wife, Kari (whom he met at Central) and daughters Marit (5) and Ingrid (2). He has been a member of the Congregation Council since 2006. He served as the 2009 Stewardship Chair and on the task force to recommend a new associate pastor (the Rev. D. Foy Christopherson). Chris is vice president for corporate operations for RCRI, a medical device consulting firm.

“I agreed to serve because I love Central. I have very much enjoyed my years on Council and am humbled by the opportunity to serve in this new capacity.”



Leon Tibben
Treasurer

Leon and his wife, Deanne, have been members of Central since 1998. Leon has previously served as Treasurer for Central as well as on the Personnel Committee, Task Force D, and the Fiscal and Property Committee. He is currently a member of the Shared Ministry Team and a “laborer” in the Garden Corps.

Leon has served as Treasurer at three other Lutheran congregations: American Lutheran Church, Milbank, South Dakota; St. John’s Lutheran Church, LeMars, Iowa; and Trinity Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa.

The Tibben’s elder daughter, her partner Teri and grandson Nathan (5) live in South Minneapolis. Their younger daughter, Jennie, and grandchildren Grace (11) and Noah (9) live in Reno, Nevada.

“I am pleased to be considered for your next Treasurer. I thoroughly enjoyed my last term and love this place. I will continue to provide the openness and transparency established during my first term and continued by our current Treasurer, Mark Forsberg.”



Myron Just
Council
Member-at-Large

Myron and his wife, Ruth, have been members of Central since 2004. A life-long Lutheran, Myron has served in various leadership positions—including Church Council—in several other Lutheran congregations. He has served on the Lifelong Learning Ministry Team here at Central for the past three years.

Myron has spent his professional career as a global food systems expert. He is a former North Dakota Commissioner of Agriculture and a North Dakota State Senator. He served as Executive Director of the Minnesota Agri-Growth Council from 1998 to 2003 and currently serves as a consultant working to leverage public/private investments to energize rural areas and make them self-sustaining and full partners in the new economy. As such, he managed several economic development projects in Russia and Eastern Europe following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The Justs have two sons—one operating the family farm in North Dakota; the other working as an engineer in Paris. They have five grandchildren.

“I think Central is truly a special place. The church, the music and the liturgy are all beautiful. But we face some real challenges—especially in membership growth—if we are to remain vibrant. I’m excited to offer my service to help meet these challenges!”



David Sand
Council
Member-at-Large

David’s connection to Central goes back to 1951, when he was baptized by Pastor Borgwart (in the sanctuary of “Old Central”—the former Baptist church, which was still used for some functions until its demolition in 1957). He was confirmed in 1960 by Pastor Gornitzka. After living in Rhode Island and North Carolina, David and his wife, June, moved back to Minnesota in 1975 and rejoined Central in 2000. He served on the Congregation Council from 2002 to 2006; has chaired the Fiscal and Property Committee; and served as liaison with the architects and contractors of the “Sound and Light” and Bell Tower projects.

The Sands have three grown and married children and four grandchildren. David is an attorney with Briggs and Morgan in Minneapolis and set to retire in 2011.

“I have fond memories of growing up here at Central and have been grateful to “give back” through leadership these past years. I look forward to serving again on the Council the next two years.”



**Allison Wynblad
Council
Member-at-Large**

Although having attended Central for sometime before, Allison officially joined the congregation in 2004 and got involved right away. She has served as chair of the Youth Ministry Team, reader, assisting minister, 2010 Synod Assembly Voting Member, office and nursery volunteer and communion assistant.

“I agreed to serve because Central is a special place for me and I therefore would like to help in any way possible. I feel I have good leadership skills, which will serve me well in this new role and help me to partner with others to help make Central an even better place.”

Synod Assembly Voting Members

Judith Bogard

Judith joined Central in 1988 and has served as an ELS instructor, Reading Partner, children’s choir accompanist, on the Senior Pastor Call Committee and the C3 Ministry Team and sings in the Central Choir. She and husband John have two adult children.

Elizabeth Evert

Liz joined Central in 1992 and, soon after, met her future husband, Karl, here. They were married at Central in 1996. Both were involved in the young adults group and began singing in the Central Choir, which they still do today. She has served on the Nominating Committee. This fall she and Karl will become involved in the new Sunday children’s education model. The Everts have two children, Sofia and Juan Carlos.

Lance Olson

Lance has been a member of Central since 1993. He has served on the Prayer Ministry Team, has been a Bible study leader and a previous Synod Assembly Voting Member and finds it interesting to represent Central in the wider church. After retiring from a 30-year career at Northwest Airlines, he served as a part-time receptionist at Central for a period of time.

Richard Stegall

Richard joined Central in 1990 and feels that Central offered him a “peaceful home atmosphere that was spiritually fulfilling” from the beginning. He has served the worship life of Central as a sacristan for the past ten years and looks forward to new service as a Voting Member of the Synod Assembly. Professionally, Richard has worked as a bookseller for 25 years, currently for the University of St. Thomas. He is a co-founder of Feline Rescue, Inc, a cat shelter in Saint. Paul.

Janet Freitag

Janet was confirmed at Central in 1955. She married her husband, Jack, at Central in 1965. They have two adult sons who both were baptized, confirmed and married at Central. She has served on the Nominating Committee, Heritage Ministry Team, C3 Ministry Team, as a Docent, and on the planning committee for the Annual Christmas Tea.

Audit Committee Member

Richard Shinofield

Richard is a longtime member of Central. He has served as a communion minister, attended Men’s Fellowship, and volunteered for Central’s Habitat for Humanity project. He would like to see more people from the downtown area come to worship. Dick has recently retired from his law practice and has been enjoying his children and grandchildren with his wife, Linda.

Agenda for the 91st Annual Meeting, June 20, 2010

*Bill Masche, President
Leonard Flachman, Parliamentarian*

Reception in Fellowship Hall (11:00 am)

Call to Order (11:15 am)

Opening Prayer

Approval of Agenda

Approval of 2009 Minutes and Special Congregational Meeting, January 24, 2010

Senior Pastor’s Remarks

Central Foundation Report

President’s Report

New Business

- 1. Elections
- 2. Treasurer’s Report
- 3. 2010-2011 Budget
- 4. Calling of Pastor Judith Stone and Mark Sedio, AiM

Hymn

Announcement of Election Results

Introduction of President Kristin Schoephoerster

Prayer and Benediction

Adjournment

Resolutions

Budget approval

“Be it resolved to approve the proposed budget as proposed for the 2010-2011 fiscal year as outlined in the Annual Report.”

Cemetery plot resolution

“Be it resolved that any cemetery lot or other burial space now owned or hereafter acquired by Central Lutheran Church (the “Church”) may be disposed of by the Church, at any time, at such price and upon such terms as may be approved by the Congregation Council, without action by the Congregation and that no action of the Congregation shall be required for the acceptance of a gift or bequest of any such lot or space.”

Calling of Pastor Judith and Mark Sedio

“Be it resolved that Central Lutheran Church on June 20, 2010 call Pastor Judith Stone as a contracted part-time visitation pastor.”

“Be it resolved that Central Lutheran Church on June 20, 2010, call Mark Sedio as an Associate in Ministry to serve as Cantor/Director of Music.”

Minutes of the 90th Annual Meeting, June 21, 2009

TO BE APPROVED

The annual meeting of Central Lutheran Church was held on Sunday, June 21, 2009 after the 10:00 morning worship service. The Annual Report had been available previously at Sunday service, on-line via the church’s website and was also distributed at the Annual Meeting.

Business Meeting

Council President, Dick Shinofield called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. and declared a quorum. Leonard Flachman served as Parliamentarian. Pastor Kristen Jacobson led the opening prayer as printed in the annual report folder.

The agenda for the 2009 Annual Meeting was approved.

The minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting were ap-

proved as presented.

Senior Pastor’s Report: Pastor Nelson referred the congregation to his written report. He expressed his thanks to his wife, Annette; to his family (two of his children and their families are moving to Minneapolis); to the congregation for allowing him into individual lives; to his colleagues in ministry—Associate Pastors Kristen and Foy and Visitation Pastors Chuck and Mark; and to all other staff. Pastor Nelson introduced and recognized staff members present.

Pastor Nelson asked Pastor Foy Christopherson and Pastor Kristen Jacobson to address the congregation. Pastor Foy expressed appreciation for his calling as the Associate Pastor of Worship and the Arts, Hospitality, and Pastoral Care. He advised the congregation that the “multiplication of ministries” model is being used in the worship and hospitality ministry areas whereby the use of volunteers is ever expanding. Pastor Kristen expressed thanks to her husband, Karl. She expressed appreciation for her colleagues, gratefulness to God, thankfulness for Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer and Amanda Highben and enjoyment of her work.

Pastor Nelson expressed appreciation to three Council members who complete their service today--Jeff Elavsky, Kathryn Holum and Joyce Anderson, and to outgoing President Dick Shinofield who will continue to serve as Past President. As Central continues to thrive, Pastor Nelson cautioned about possible distractions: (1) ELCA Churchwide Assembly – to keep focused on where we are going and what we agree on. (2) Complacency –Keep on being a thriving ministry focusing on the major and not the minor issues. He spoke of the opportunity we have to reinterpret ourselves in the city—the restoration of Central as a player downtown that is here to stay as long as God gives us that privilege. We move boldly into the new year.

President’s Report: Council President Dick Shinofield referred the congregation to his written report.

Central Foundation Report: Tom Hoffman, President of the Foundation, referred the congregation to the written report and encouraged members to become Legacy Partners. A brochure, “Become a Legacy Partner in the Mission of Central Lutheran Church”, was distributed to members.

New Business:

Election of Council and Committee Members: John Hagman, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented

the following candidates for positions on the congregation council, audit committee, and synod assembly:

- President-Elect
Kristin Schoephoerster 2009-2011
- Council Secretary
Karl Starr 2009-2011
- Council-at-Large
David Johnson (term renewal) 2009-2011
- John Bogard (term renewal) 2009-2011
- Emilie Brunsvold Anderson 2009-2011
- Audit Committee
Bruce Nimmer 2009-2011

Synod Assembly Voting Members:

- Maryon Lee
Judy Erdman
Sid Berg
Chris Stensaas

Synod Assembly Alternates:

- Alison Winblad
David Sand

Approval of Proposed Candidates for Nominating Committee:

Past President, Joyce Anderson, moved that the congregation approve Sara Stensaas, Bruce Ellingson and Karen Hinz to serve three-year terms on the Nominating Committee. Motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mark Forsberg referred to his written report and noted that while our income was lower than budgeted due to cancelled shows at the Convention Center and decreased foundation monies, expenses were managed well resulting in only a two percent difference. Contributions to Forward in Faith in this year were \$414,000, with \$1,700,000 received to date towards the \$2.1 million goal.

Approval of the 2009-2010 Budget:

Treasurer, Mark Forsberg, moved that the congregation approve the proposed budget of \$2,621,500.00 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year as outlined in the Annual Report. Income projections include the use of one-half, up to

\$100,000, of 2009-2010 Undesignated Bequests; also included in projected income is the transfer of \$60,100 of currently unapplied Undesignated Bequests from 2008-2009 and \$36,776 of currently unused Designated Bequests that have pooled over the course of several years without congregational action. Motion was seconded and passed.

Authorization to Fund Rain Leader Project: Council Treasurer, Mark Forsberg, moved that the congregation authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$90,000 from the Capital Replacement Designated Fund to divert roof drains from the sanitary sewer to the storm sewer per mandate of the City of Minneapolis. The motion was seconded and passed.

Announcement of Election Results: All of the proposed candidates for council, audit and synod assembly positions were elected with 151 ballots cast.

Hymn: The congregation sang "Praise to the Lord the Almighty":

Introduction of the New Council President: Outgoing President Dick Shinofield introduced incoming President Bill Masche, recognizing his previous work on the Fiscal and Property Committee and the Personnel Committee. Bill Masche recognized outgoing Council members, Jeff Elavsky and Joyce Anderson, with plaques. He presented a large picture of Central to Dick Shinofield for his service as President. Bill then presented a brief commentary on his personal history, childhood experiences at Central and vision for the future.

Stating that Pastor Nelson had graciously thanked staff and congregational members, Trudy Ness recommended that the members present express their thanks to Pastor Nelson for his service to Central. Members responded with their applause.

Pastor Nelson offered a closing blessing and led the congregation in the doxology.

President Masche adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Anderson
Acting Council Secretary

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Congregation, Sunday, January 24, 2010

TO BE APPROVED

Meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm by congregational president Bill Masche.

Council secretary Karl Starr certified that notice of the meeting was properly given in accordance with the congregation's governing documents, and that a quorum was present. Pr. Rick Nelson offered an opening prayer.

President Masche observed that today is a day of gratitude and celebration. Central is grateful for the generosity of the late Eldon Larson, a Central member who willed his entire estate to the congregation, including his condominium unit in downtown Minneapolis. President Masche observed that today is also a day of fulfillment – we have the privilege of “re-gifting” a portion of the contributions made to Forward in Faith to worthwhile causes outside the boundaries of our own parish. And finally, today is a day of expectation – people expect that Central will do unusual things. At Central, financial giving remains strong, even in tough economic times.

President Masche pointed out the handout which had been distributed containing three resolutions.

John Hagman moved the adoption of printed resolutions 1 & 2 as follows:

•Resolution #1: Be it resolved that the Congregation of Central Lutheran Church (the “Church”) hereby acknowledges and accepts the conveyance to the Church of : (i) condominium unit, #B406, located at 19 South 1st Street , Minneapolis, MN 55401, referred to below as the “Larson Property”, which was bequeathed to the Church as part of the estate of its deceased member, Elden Larson; and, (ii) two cemetery lots in Sunset Cemetery, St. Anthony MN 55418, described as 216/T-C/15, 16, (the “Sunset Lots”) which were given to the Church by Pastor Mark Peterson

•Resolution #2: Be it also resolved that, the Congregation hereby authorizes the offer, sale and conveyance by the Church of the Larson Property and the Sunset Lots, by such means and in such transactions of sale as shall be approved by the Congregation Council, and the signing and delivery, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation (“Constitution”) and Bylaws of the Church, of such documents as are appropriate to accomplish said transactions.

The motion was seconded by Jerry Evenrud and carried unanimously.

Susan Troselious offered a motion for the adoption of resolution 3 as follows:

•Resolution #3: Be it resolved that the Congregation of Central Lutheran Church (the “Church”) hereby authorizes the following disbursements, totaling \$70,000, to be made from the 10% portion of the funds received by the Church in its Forward In Faith capital campaign to be used in service to others, which funds are currently reflected in the Capital Campaign restricted fund:

•\$35,000 to Jordan New Life Community Church for retirement of the congregation's first mortgage debt;

•\$10,000 to Community Emergency Services* for support of its Emergency Housing Assistance Program; /

•\$20,000 to Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness, for support of the Currie Avenue Housing Partnership; and

•\$ 5,000 to Lutheran Social Services for Camp Noah general program support

The motion was seconded by John Bogard. President Masche called on Treasurer Mark Forsberg to give a recap of Forward in Faith receipts and disbursements. A stipulation of the Forward in Faith campaign was that ten percent of total receipts were to be given to benevolence.

There were no questions or additional discussion and the motion carried unanimously

Since the meeting was called specifically to consider these three resolutions, there was no other business that could properly come before this meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.



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