

## Highlights of the 2017 Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly, May 4-6

- We elected incumbent Bishop Donald Kreiss to another 6 year term on the first ballot.
- We elected our own Lela Ulmanis to a 6 year term on the Consultation Committee and Pastor Krister Ulmanis to a 6 year term on the Discipline Committee. Congratulations to them all!
- We passed a resolution urging congregational engagement in anti-racism training.
- We passed a resolution for increased advocacy for immigrants and refugees.
- We heard speakers from a non-profit resource and coaching firm called LEAD (Living Everyday As Disciples) inform us as to how to empower Christian leaders and transform faith communities.
- We received greetings and heard news from the churchwide expression of the ELCA from Secretary Chris Boerger.
- We approved the 2019 Budget.
- We attended workshops on a wide variety of topics including world hunger, foster care, immigration, racism, and congregational constitution revisions.
- We visited display tables of committees and task forces of the Synod as well as agencies and institutions of the Church.
- We heard details of the Synod's Rise Up! campaign.
- We acknowledged the 500th anniversary of the reformation with a powerful address by history professor Dr. Ken Grant of University of Detroit-Mercy.
- We worshiped, prayed, sang, broke bread and had wonderful fellowship together.
- We thank you for the opportunity to represent St. Paul as voting members of the 2017 Synod Assembly.

