

BOARD BULLETINS: NOVEMBER 2016

The English District Board of Directors met November 12-13, 2016. Meeting sessions were held at Trinity - Villa Park, IL and Chatham Fields - Chicago, IL.

Board members worshiped on Saturday evening at Trinity and participated in the congregation's anniversary celebration. On Sunday morning, Board members worshiped at both Chatham Fields and at Ephphatha-Deaf Lutheran Church. This gave them the opportunity to see District congregations that serve three distinct communities in Chicago and its suburbs.

Prior to meeting in November, the Board of Directors convened via teleconference on October 11 for a special session. At that meeting, three items of business were transacted:

- Approval of the transfer of First Trinity - Pittsburgh, PA as a congregation of the Eastern District to the English District.
- Appointment of Rev. Jeffrey Miskus as Vice President for the Lake Erie Region, replacing Rev. Zerit Yohannes.
- Appointment of Mr. Charles Porter and Rev. C.J. Wright to the roster of District Reconcilers.

As usual, the agenda for the November meeting was full. The Board of Directors took action on a wide range of items:

- Reaffirming the authorization for Bishop Hardy to receive the deed of Bethany Lutheran Church - Chicago, IL on behalf of the District.
- Reappointment of Rev. Dr. Richard Drews to the roster of District Reconcilers.
- Approval of the revised constitution and bylaws for Family of Christ - Phoenix, AZ, Hope - Hastings, MN, and Ascension - North Olmsted, OH.
- Approval of the District Ministry Plan (Budget) for the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 2018.
- Adoption of proposed revisions to the District Bylaws and the *Corporate Operations Manual* concerning nomination and election of officers. *[These revisions will be submitted for ratification by the District Convention in 2018.]*
- Adoption of changes to the process in how the Doctor of Divinity award is presented to a minister of the District.
- Approval of the 2017 housing allowances for professional church workers employed by the District who are eligible to receive them.

The Board of Directors will meet February 18-19, 2017 in Fremont, IN.