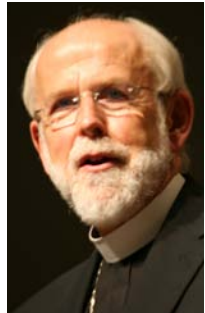




**Special Guests**

Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson served as Churchwide Representative. He brought greetings to the assembly on Friday, held a breakfast forum on Saturday, and answered questions during Saturday morning's plenary session.



Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Klein, Christ Seminary-Seminex professor Emeritus of Old Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago led the assembly's Bible Study. Dr. Klein also held lunch forums and an afternoon forum on Friday.



**Bishop's Report**

Bishop Wollersheim honored retiring Synod Vice President, Ms. Esther Prabhakar.



Reverend Kurt Nordby was installed as Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission.



Bishop recognized five people celebrating 25 years of ordination or commissioning and rostered leaders new to the synod.



He thanked his staff and especially his wife, Polly.

**Worship**



During Friday night's Rite of Holy Communion with Ordinations, three new pastors, Joy Alsop, Elizabeth Mascall, and Vicki Sauter, were ordained. The offering was designated for the Northern Illinois Synod Youth Staff position, and the other one-half will be divided between our companion synods, The Diocese in the Arusha Region, Tanzania; and the Arcot Lutheran Church, India.

Saturday morning's service was a Rite of Holy Communion and Remembrance.



**Ordination Anniversary Recognitions**

**50 year Ordination Anniversaries:** Rev. Donald Lavelle and Rev. C. Franklin Samuelson

**55 years:** Rev. Jan Bengtson, Rev. Virgil Juliot, and Rev. Nolan Watson

**60 years:** Rev. Hubert Ahnquist (*right*) and Rev. William Wittig



## Congregation Anniversary Recognitions

**150 year congregational anniversaries:** Immanuel, Altona; Faith, Forreston (right); and Swedona, Swedona

**125 years:** Trinity, Harvard and St. John's, Peru

**100 years:** First, Sherrard



### Also recognized...

...and thanked for faithful service were Synod staff members celebrating 5- and 10-years of service, Synod council members completing their terms, and rostered leaders who have retired in the past year.

### Other Highlights...

...included the Quasi Committee of the Whole (see results below), the passing of the 2010 Synod Budget, the Youth Assembly report and installation of LYO officers, many interesting and educational forums both Friday and Saturday, a Prayer Chapel and a Run, Walk 'n' Roll and Stretch-n-Pray.



## Results of the General Election

**Synod Council:** Vice President (4-year term) *Bill Bartlett*; Lay (3-year term) *Jan Butterfield*; Lay (3-year term) *Walter Farley*; Lay (3-year term) *Nord Swanstrom*; Ord. Min. (3-year term) *Richard Meier*; Youth Representative (1-year term) *Alicia Dailey*

**Congregational Life Committee:** Lay (3-year term) *Georgiana Grossman*; Lay (3-year term) *George Davis*; Lay (3-year term) *David Roinas*

**Global Mission Committee:** Lay (2-year term) *Helen Meier*; (1-year term) *John Califf*; Lay (2-year term) *Art Milton*; Lay (3-year term) *John Prabhakar*; Ord. Min. (1-year term) *Jane McChesney*; Ord. Min. (2-year term) *Rakel Evenson*; Ord. Min. (1-year term) *Roger Hurlbut*; Ord. Min. (3-year term) *Philip Mathai*

## Resolution Results

During the **Quasi Committee of the Whole**, the assembly debated the four parts of the Recommendation on Ministry Policies. The assembly then took a straw poll on each of the four parts. #1 received 282 yes, 160 no, and 4 abstentions. #2 received 269 yes, 174 no, and 3 abstentions. #3 received 296 yes, 139 no, and 7 abstentions. #4 received 250 yes, 180 no, and 13 abstentions.

**R1** - was the favored resolution coming out of the quasi committee of the whole and was then passed during regular session - rendering R2 and R3 moot

**R4** - passed - carried by voice vote

**R5** - passed - carried by voice vote

**R6** - passed - carried by voice vote

**R7** - passed - carried by voice vote

**R8** - passed 226 yes and 196 no - and served as a substitute for R9 & R10

**R13** - passed, rendering R11 and R12 moot

**R14** - passed - carried by voice vote

**R15** - passed as amended - carried by voice vote

**R16** - passed as amended - carried by voice vote

**Full text of resolutions with amendments are posted at [www.nisynod.org/assembly](http://www.nisynod.org/assembly)**

### Mark Your Calendars:

*The Twenty-Third Annual Synod Assembly will be held at Augustana College June 18-19, 2010.*

*Highlights, photos, and videos at [www.nisynod.org/assembly](http://www.nisynod.org/assembly)*

**Ministry Support Committee:** Lay (3-year term) *Steven Hawk*; Ord. Min. (3-year term) *Sharon Rogers*; Ord. Min. (3-year term) *Michael Thomas*

**Outreach Committee:** Lay (3-year term) *Harold Markuson*; Ord. Min. (3-year term) *Nichole Johnson*; Ord. Min. (3-year term) *Paul Malin*

**Social Ministry Committee:** Ord. Min. (3-year term) *Marcia Strahl*; Ord. Min. (3-year term) *Robert Franek*; Ord. Min. (3-year term) *Don Knowles*

**Consultation Committee:** Lay (6-year term) *Susan Gavle*; Lay (6-year term) *Richard Brynteson*; Ord. Min. (6-year term) *Christine Stienstra*; Ord. Min. (6-year term) *Robert Pearson*

**Discipline Committee:** Lay (6-year term) *Erin Clark*; Lay (6-year term) *Orv Kersten*; Ord. Min. (6-year term) *Bruce Booher*; Ord. Min. (6-year term) *David Hedlin*