***AFRICAN DESCENT LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION*** **(ADLA) - LOS ANGELES CHAPTER**

**ZOOM Teleconference Meeting**

**Saturday, October 22, 2022**

**9:00AM**

**M I N U T E S**

**Present**: Carolyn Foster, President, Randall Foster, Pr. Mary Ann Harrison, Dn. Tempie Beaman,

Lurlean Towns, Robert Chillison, Kathleen Chillison, Willa Glover, Renee Brandt, Brenda Johnson, Pr. Charlene Limenih, Pr. Peg Schulz-Akerson, Connie Chaney, Rev. Scott Adams, Mayomey Lawson, Pr. Maurice Ingram.

**Excused**: Phoebus Lee, Rita Lee, Gwen Jackson, Barbara Walton, Enid McGraw, Andrea Barnes, Gavin Curry, Marquita Curry, Kenisa McKee, Tom McKee, Paul Chatman.

1. **Call to Order**  9:04am Carolyn Foster, Pres.
2. **Prayer and Devotion** Mark 12:28 -34 Randall Foster

Image of the cross. Vertical is us loving God and the horizontal is us loving others. What are we doing to love our neighbors? Perhaps more neighborhood connections and enhanced collaboration between congregations. Love fulfills the law.

1. **Welcome**. Introductions by all
2. **Approval of Agenda** Motion by Connie Chaney, 2nd by Tempie Beaman. MSC
3. **Approval of Minutes** June 25, 2022, Meeting. Motion by Tempie Beaman, 2nd by Brenda Johnson. MSC
4. **Treasurer’s Report** - Report submitted too late to be disbursed. Will hold the reading and acceptance until the next meeting.
5. **Region II Report** – No written report submitted.
6. **Synod Update** – No written report submitted.
7. **Synod Update**: Youth Coordinator and Organizer Tyra Dennis

* Works with a select group to reach out to all 110 congregations in SWCA and Pacifica
* Create quarterly events for youth and their leaders of fellowship, worship and community.
* Contact all congregations and collect information of their youth and young adults.
* To use #CaliSTRONG and relaunch synod youth team This to grow our leaders in the synod and prep them for ‘greatness’.

1. **Presidents Report** – Will meet with Bishop Bos and discuss areas ADLA-LA is involved in, i.e. ADSPT
2. **African Descent Strategy Planning Team** Dn. Tempie Beaman

Written report submitted. Highlights emphasized by Deacon Beaman

1. **Old Business**
2. $500 gift to Ms Rayjenne Roberts, student at PLTS. Gift received.
3. National Assessment Goals – Tabled for discussion next meeting
4. MFH #2 Update – Concept, activity and collaboration and drive to serve the community is fostering new awareness for all. Handbook developed, printed and ready to ensure MFH#2 will always be a top-notch organization.
5. MFH#3 Update – Complexities of location and food delivery are hindering progress. There are a number of volunteers willing to serve.
6. Aluminum pull tabs – ongoing collection for Ronald McDonald House Corp. Nearly 100 pounds of pull tabs have been submitted.
7. God’s Work, Our Hands. – 400 backpacks disbursed to the congregations that requested them.
8. Central Luth – reported glad to work with everyone on the packing day. Not all of the backpacks with them have been distributed.
9. Lutheran Church of the Master – great day of fellowship packing backpacks, connected with Union Station Homeless Services for distribution and shared info of backpack contents and the simplicity of sharing with homeless citizens.
10. St. Mark’s – headed for freeway underpasses and offered showers to some in need. St. Mark’s has an outside shower that can be utilized in this fashion.
11. Ascension – 2 teams distributed in Leimert Park and near Grand and Gage.
12. Messiah – offered a video of its community outreach distributing backpacks and accompanying sack lunches.
13. First, Carson – no specifics were available, albeit several backpacks were distributed.
14. Community – distributed on the corner of Rosecrans and Broadway. Heartfelt moment of eye to eye contact and conversation with a recipient.
15. Southwest College – Took bags to Student Services. There is a homeless community of about 280 students on campus.
16. Chapel – distributed backpacks with their monthly breakfast to the community.
17. Cal State Dominguez Hills - upcoming date to distribute is November 15th
18. End of Summer Gathering. – Fabulous, very moving, great to gather outside of Zoom meetings, may need to rethink fair share cost per congregations, every congregation was involved in worship, good food choice – simple, worship service was great, hope(d) for more interactions of congregations. Perhaps Summer Gathering and GALA can be planned as an activity for every other year.
19. Prayer Breakfast “Reparations discussion’ update. Discussion Cancelled.
20. 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship – January 15, 2023 Preacher, Rev. Scott Adams, CLU.
21. **New Business**
22. Synod Conferences – Very low attendance for LA Metro
23. 2023/24 Membership Drive has begun. 119 members last year.
24. Wakanda Forever – filling the theater with Lutherans and Friends November 12th. Thanks to Tyra Dennis and Pr. Matt Keadle for their leadership and enthusiasm.
25. Holiday Gathering. More info to follow – invitation has been extended by the President and her family.
26. Pacifica Synod Installation of Bp Nagler was very moving and encouraging.
27. ADLA Officers Elections will be held in February 2023. Please be in prayer as you discern your leadership in these roles.
28. **Open Discussion**
29. Lutheran Church of the Master is celebrating is 82nd Anniversary!
30. **Dates to Remember**

* October 28, 2022 @ 4:30pm Installation of The Rev. Scott Adams at CLU
* November 12, 2022 @ 5:00pm, NCP 30th Anniversary Celebration
* January 15, 2023, MLK Worship Celebration You Tube viewing
* February 25, 2023 @ 2pm, Dedication of the Rev. Dr. Nelson Trout Chapel at the Synod Office. Reception to follow.

1. **Next Meeting** – February 23, 2023, at the Southwest California Synod, Glendale. Devotions by Randall Foster.

**Adjournment** motion by Tempie Beaman, 2nd by Connie Chaney MSC 10:13am

Respectfully submitted,

**Judith Tutt-Starr**

Judith Tutt-Starr, Recording Secretary