

Synod Secretary's Report 2008 Assembly

Dear Friends,

Grace to you and peace in Jesus' name. Thank you to all the congregations who have dedicated resources to excellent record keeping. This ministry of administration and order allows each congregation to confidently move forward in mission. Your approach to excellence also blesses future generations who will have a strong basis for ministry and an appreciation for this generation's work on behalf of the kingdom. I hope you will join me at the secretary's workshop that will update you on resources for congregational record maintenance. Please visit the ELCA website, www.elca.org, and click on the links for Office of Secretary and/or Office of the Treasurer for a wealth of resources for the congregation. If you have any questions regarding constitutions, by-laws and record keeping in general, please feel free to contact me at PJHane@aol.com.

During this year of transition, I would like to thank retiring Bishop Paul Landahl and Karen Stetins for their work in our synod office. The Rev. Dr. Lowell Almen, immediate past Secretary of the ELCA, also provided guidance and a vision of excellence that assisted secretaries across the ELCA, and so deserves our thanks. For their ongoing work on our behalf, I would like to thank Jeff Drake, Mary Richardson, Steve Homberg, Bishop Miller, David Swartling and the ever-amazing Pastor Ruth Hamilton for their diligence, industry and support of this office. It is an honor to work with Vice-president Nan Dahlke, Treasurer Yvette Newberry-White and the members of the Metropolitan Synod Council.

Peace,

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