

Report of the Secretary

DEATHS OF ROSTERED LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Lloyd E. Sheneman

Pastor Sheneman died May 21, 2013. He was born January 27, 1929.

Pastor Sheneman graduated from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in January 1953, he served as Assistant Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa. He studied theology in Germany during the 1953-54 academic year.

Rev. Sheneman entered Yale Divinity School in 1961 where he completed a PhD in Christian Education in the spring of 1964. While at Yale, he was awarded a University Scholarship and a Rockefeller Doctoral Fellowship. He was called as an Assistant Professor to the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. After being named Professor, Sheneman served as Acting Dean of the Seminary. He received a Franklin Clark Fry Fellowship from the Aid Association for Lutherans, enabling a sabbatical study year.

Rev. Dr. Sheneman accepted a post as the first director of the Washington Theological Consortium in 1969. He also directed the start-up of Gettysburg's Lutheran House of Studies in Washington, DC.

In 1971, Rev. Dr. Sheneman became the Director for Theological Education of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA). From 1974 to 1988, he served as the Executive Director of the LCA's Division for Professional Leadership.

From 1988 to 1992, Rev. Dr. Sheneman returned to parish ministry, serving as interim pastor at two Philadelphia-area congregations and on the pastoral staff at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon, PA. He later served for several years as Special Counselor to the President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

A memorial service was held Saturday, June 29, 2013 at St. Luke in Devon, PA

Mr. J. Lawrence House, Associate in Ministry

Mr. House died August 13, 2013. He was born March 13, 1950.

Mr. House graduated from and earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology from King's College, and a master's degree in counseling education from the University of Scranton.

Mr. House, known to most as Larry, served two stints as LTSP's director of development - from 1991 to 2006 and again from 2009. At the time of his death, he was the seminary's senior philanthropic adviser for major gifts.

From 2006 to 2009, he played a similar role as vice president of development for Liberty Lutheran Services, a Southeastern Pennsylvania social ministry.

Annual giving to the seminary rose more than tenfold during the bulk of his time there. He led two significant capital appeals - one for \$8 million, the other for \$20 million.

During his second seminary stint, Mr. House focused on securing larger gifts by steering seminary graduates and friends towards planned giving and estate gifts.

A memorial service was held August 22, 2013 at Upper Dublin Lutheran Church in Ambler, Pa. Interment private.

The Reverend R. William Phillips Jr.

Pastor Phillips died September 1, 2013. He was born November 25, 1927.

Pastor Phillips was a Navy veteran, serving in the South Pacific during WWII. Following his service, he entered West Chester University where he received a BS in Music Education in 1950.

He became a public school music teacher, first in Fleetwood, PA and then in Haddonfield, NJ. An early career change launched him into the world of sales in Nashville, TN and eventually led to his position as Regional Sales Manager for Nashville Wire Display Company. Five years after returning to Pennsylvania, Reverend Phillips decided to enter the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia from which he graduated in 1969 with his Masters in Divinity.

Reverend Phillips first call was as Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Downingtown. His next call was as Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill, where he served for 14 years before retiring in 1990. Reverend Phillips participated on the Evangelism Committee for the Southeastern PA Synod of Lutheran Churches, and was the North Penn District Convener. He continued as a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill.

A memorial service was held September 6, 2013 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Red Hill, PA.

The Rev. Walter O. Reimet

Pastor Reimet died December 22, 2013. He was born March 29, 1934.

Pastor Reimet graduated from Muhlenberg College and The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. For 30 years he served as pastor at Temple Lutheran Church in Havertown, PA. He also served as pastor at St. John's in Gibraltar, Pa. Pastor Reimet was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Phoenixville, Pa., and Kiwanis International.

A memorial service was held Saturday, January 4, 2014 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Phoenixville, PA. Interment private.

The Rev. James N. Servey

Rev. James N. Servey died March 3, 2014. He was born on August 27, 2014.
No other information available.

The Rev. Paul M. Cornell

Rev. Cornell died April 7, 2014. He was born on March 17, 1927.

Rev. Cornell earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana College, in 1949; earned a Master's degree in sacred theology from Augustana Theological Seminary, in 1953; served on the Board of Directors, Augustana Heritage Assn.; chaired several Augustana Heritage Gatherings; and received Augustana College's Distinguished Life Service Award in 2003. He later studied at Princeton Theological Seminary, Boston University, Temple University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Cornell served the Lutheran Church for 53 years. He served as pastor to Calvary Lutheran Church, (Busleton) Philadelphia from 1953 to 1956, and served as pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mt. Jewett, from 1956 to 1960. He then served the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as a staff member, Board of Parish Education; Dir. Of Field Support, Div. For Parish Services; and Dir. of Evangelism, Div. of Field Support; until he retired in 1988. From 1988 to 2006, he served as an interim pastor to 13 churches in Montgomery, Berks, Bucks, and Delaware counties. Rev. Cornell was a member of Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Schwenksville.

A memorial service was held Monday, April 14, 2014 at Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe, PA. Interment private.

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA
Report of the Secretary – Changes to the Roster
April 16, 2013 – April 15, 2014

Ordinations/Commissioning

Gayeuski, Alina (12/14/2013)
Krey, Marissa (11/24/2013)
Muse, Cynthia (1/24/2014)
Ness, Timothy (9/8/2013)
Penman, Bryan (7/19/2013)

Deaths

Cornell, Paul M. (4/7/2014)
House, J. Lawrence (8/13/2013)
Phillips, R. William (9/1/2013)
Reimet, Walter O. (12/22/2013)
Sheneman, Lloyd E. (5/21/2013)
Servey, James (3/3/2014)

Transfers from Other Synods

Anderson, Ellen from Northeastern
 Pennsylvania Synod to Pastor at
 Living Word, Roslyn (6/24/2013)
Boye, Richard from Virginia Synod to
 Retired (5/8/2013)
Graff, Sharon from Southern Nevada
 Conference United Church of Christ
 to Lead Pastor Gloria Dei,
 Huntingdon Valley (11/1/2013)
Krause, Nathan from Upstate New York
 Synod to Pastor at Redeemer,
 Jamison (7/8/2013)
Lynch, Susan from Upper Susquehanna
 Synod to Pastor at Lutheran Church
 Good Shepherd (9/8/2013)
Matthias-Long, Wayne from Northeastern
 Pennsylvania Synod to Pastor at
 Reformation, Media (7/15/2013)
Skilbred, Dane from Northwestern
 Minnesota Synod to Assoc. Pastor at
 Trinity, Lansdale (3/6/2014)

Transferred to Other Synods

Andersen, Laurie – Metropolitan New York
 Synod (9/28/2013)

Luce, Stuart – Delaware Maryland Synod
 (3/10/2014)
McGowan, William – New Jersey Synod
 (8/6/2013)
Wells, Lamont – to Metropolitan New York
 Synod (1/2/2014)

Roster Changes

Anderson, David, from Pastor, St. Paul
 Lutheran Church, Lansdowne to
 Retirement (7/1/2013)
Beck, Paul from Interim Pastor Part-Time,
 St. John Lutheran Church, Mayfair
 and Interim Pastor Part Time, St.
 Peter Lutheran Church, Hilltown to
 Interim Grace Lutheran Church,
 Pottstown (8/19/2013)
Bodine, Danny, from Pastor, Community of
 Love Lutheran Church, Oxford to
 Retirement (5/1/2014)
Braun, Katherine, from Pastor, Christ's
 Evangelical Lutheran Church,
 Oreland to On Leave from Call
 (10/21/2013)
Burns, Russell, from On Leave from Call to
 Retirement (5/1/2013)
Evans, Harold, from Pastor, Peace,
 Bensalem to On Leave from Call
 (4/1/2014)
Gayeuski, Alina, from Seminary to
 Associate Pastor, Reformation
 Lutheran Church, Media
 (12/14/2013)
Goodyear, James, from Pastor, Trinity
 Lutheran Church, Fort Washington
 to Associate Pastor at Gloria Dei
 Huntingdon Valley (4/1/2014)
Guider, Shirley from Interim Pastor, Upper
 Tinicum, Upper Black Eddy to
 Christ's Evangelical Lutheran
 Church, Oreland (11/17/2013)

Roster Changes Continued

Graff, Sharon, from Pastor, Redlands United Church of Christ, Redlands CA to Lead Pastor Gloria Dei Huntingdon Valley (11/1/2013)

Harpel, George, from Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sassamansville to Retirement (3/1/2014)

Hougen, John, from Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church, Melrose Park to Retirement (6/1/2013)

Hutchinson, Peter from On Leave from Call to Retirement (3/1/2014)

Konopka, Mary, from Pastor, Redemption Lutheran Church, Philadelphia to On Leave Medical Disability (8/10/2013)

Krey, Marissa, from Seminary to Associate Pastor Lutheran Church of God's Love, Newtown (11/24/2013)

Lawlor, Dyan, from Co-Pastor, Upper Dublin, Ambler to Lead Pastor Upper Dublin, Ambler (4/22/2012)

Lura, Dale, from Pastor, Centennial Lutheran Church, Kimberton to removed from the ELCA Roster (1/1/2014)

Mackie, Tina, from Associate Pastor St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Chester Springs, to Senior Pastor St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Chester Springs (5/6/2013)

McGowan, William, from Associate Pastor, Calvary, West Chester to On Leave from Call (7/1/2013)

McKenzie, Mary Julia, from Chaplain, Penn Foundation Recovery Center, Sellersville to On Leave from Call (6/30/2013)

Mueller, David, from Interim Pastor, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Coatesville to Interim Pastor Centennial Lutheran Church, Kimberton (1/1/2014)

Muse, Cynthia, from Seminary, to Associate Pastor Calvary Lutheran Church, West Chester (1/24/2014)

Ness, Timothy, from Seminary to Pastor St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Clifton Heights (9/8/2013)

Ollikainen, Jennifer, from Coordinator of Congregational Services, Lutheran Social Services, Allentown to Executive Director, Lutheran Congregational Services (10/1/2013)

Penman, Bryan, from Seminary to, Pastor St. Mark Lutheran Church, Conshohocken (7/19/2013)

Thorne, Margaret, from Bereavement Coordinator at Gentiva Hospice of Philadelphia to On Leave from Call (1/11/2014)

Thorsen, Bruce John, from On Leave from Call to Interim Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lansdowne (9/11/2013)

Roper, Jane from Chaplain, Manatawny Manor, Pennsburg to Executive-On-Duty/RN at Silver Springs Martin Luther School (11/18/2013)

Saarela, Jack, from Interim Pastor, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Conshohocken to On Leave from Call (7/16/2013)

Saarela, Jack, from On Leave from Call to Interim Pastor, St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Perkasie (10/1/2013)

Schmidt-Lange, Soenke, from Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Philadelphia to Retirement (1/1/2013)

Stickley, David, from Pastor Under Contract to Retirement (3/1/2014)

Weber, Karen from, On Leave from Call to Retirement (1/1/2014)

Xander, Paul, from Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Pottstown to On Leave from Call (7/22/2013)

Ziegler, Jeffrey, from Interim Pastor, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Huntingdon Valley to On Leave from Call (11/15/2013)