

BOARD BULLETINS
FEBRUARY 2016 BOD SESSION

Submitted by Rev. Luke Zimmerman

The English District Board of Directors met February 22-23, 2016 in San Diego, CA. During this session, the Board was hosted by First, El Cajon, CA.

At the meeting, Bishop Hardy updated members on his work over the past quarter. District Treasurer, Sally Naglich, reported on the financial state of the District. District staff members highlighted activities happening in the various areas of the District (education ministries, missions, LCEF).

As mandated by Synod bylaws, the Board of Directors:

- (1) Approved the transfer of St. Paul's, Long Beach, CA from the Pacific Southwest District to the English District.
- (2) Ratified the appointment of Rev. Brian Westgate to serve as Circuit Visitor for Circuit #6 (Pittsburgh), replacing Rev. Dr. Jonathan Naumann.
- (3) Validated that changes made to the congregational constitution and bylaws by District congregations were acceptable to the Synod.

The Board of Directors directed Bishop Hardy to receive the deed to the property of Bethany, Chicago, IL, as it had been offered by the congregation to the District. Several legal matters need to be resolved prior to the District taking possession of the property. The Board also approved spending funds to make needed repairs to the property, not to exceed \$175,000.

Several changes concerning the Board's calendar of activity were made. A task force will review potential changes to Board policies and the Corporate Operations Manual and make recommendations at future Board meetings.

Board members were informed about the discussion concerning licensed lay deacons that will be taken up at the Synod Convention in July, though no action was taken by the Board. Several Board members will represent their Circuits as voting delegates at the Convention, where the matter will be decided.

Bishop Hardy presented the theme and the list of speakers for the 2016 Professional Church Workers Conference to be held June 14-16, 2016 at Hales Corners, Hales Corners, WI. Registration material for professional church workers has been distributed by the District office.

The Board of Directors will hold its next session June 13-14, 2016 at Hales Corners, Hales Corners, WI.