

## **70th District Convention is underway**

The 70th District Convention of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District was opened on Friday, April 17 at the Marriott Hotel in San Jose, California.

After the opening devotion led by Rev. Paul Hoffmann, President Robert Newton gave the first part of his District President Report. "A new generation planting the Gospel" is about running the race with Jesus. The landscape of this district has changed since the first convention in 1887, but it was a mission field then and a mission field still, President Newton said. "Missions is proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus in places where the church isn't in charge."

Picking up his presentation later in the session, President Newton laid out the strategic direction for the next triennium.

Organizing for Missions is being devoted to our 188 congregations and the missions field work being done by congregations. "The lost won't find themselves," President Newton said.

Strategic Alliances with the Northwest District (NOW), Pacific Southwest District (PSW), Latin America, Pacific Rim and Other Peoples is essential in achieving three necessary goals: Equip the baptize, training the church workers and revitalizing churches and schools.

Faith communities or church and Intercessory Prayer. "When we aren't in charge, we pray"

At least 78 percent of the registered people voting said they strongly agreed or somewhat agreed with each strategic direction step.

## **CNH Missions Agency**

Leading up to the Missions Conference on Saturday, Pastor Mike Lange gave an update on the Missions Agency. New Missions Ministries are He Nani Pu Aloha, 1.5 Generation, Joy of Harvest Hmong, Davis (California) Ethiopian, Oromo language church start and LINC Bay Area.

Partnerships with the Missions Agency are the NOW and PSW Districts, Mission Training Center at CU Portland, CU Irvine, Center for US Missions, Dwelling 114, Concordia Seminary and the EIIT - Center for Hispanic Studies.

After this weekend's Missions Conference, upcoming events are the Bay Area Mission View Tour, Mission & Prayer Coordinator training, Mission Planter Boot Camp presentation with David Kim, Church Planter's Workshop and Church Planting Readiness. The final two events are hosted by the Center for US Missions.

## **Convention Notes**

President Newton was re-elected as district president and Rev. Dr. Thomas Zelt was elected 1st Vice President. The former 1st Vice President, Rev. Paul Hoffmann, declined the nomination.

The Church Extension Fund (CEF) presented a report from Don Busse. More information can be found in the Convention Manual ([http://www.cnh-lcms.org/uploads/Convention\\_Manual\\_Final.pdf](http://www.cnh-lcms.org/uploads/Convention_Manual_Final.pdf)). Lynette Campbell brought greetings from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML).

Three churches joined the district in the past triennium with Addis Kidan (San Francisco, California), Faith Lutheran Church (South San Francisco, California) and St. John's Valley of Faith (Arvin, California).

Four resolutions were passed. The Disability Ministry Task Force was renewed for three years (2015-2018). A CNH Youth Task Force will be created with five or more members to work under the supervision of the Executive Director - CNH Mission Awareness and Expansion. At least three of the members will be currently involved in youth ministry. Circuits No. 6 (North Bay) and No. 17 (East Shore) will be closed and congregations in those circuits will be moved to other circuits.

330 people registered at the Convention on Friday. 205 were delegates (106 voting lay delegates and 99 voting pastoral delegates). The rest of the roster was six Advisory Pastors, 21 Pastors Emeriti, one missionary-at-large, two teachers, five teachers emeriti, 53 guests, five vicars, 12 staff and 30 exhibitors.