

REGION 5

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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Greetings to you in the name of Jesus,

The twelve synods of Region 5 stretch from Iowa, through Illinois and Wisconsin, and include the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Gathering when mutual ministry can happen, regional work demonstrates our partnership with other synods and with the churchwide expression of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In the past year some synod pastors found new call through our regional mobility conference. And other new rostered leaders came through the ELCA candidacy process and were approved for call in the church. In administering the distribution of new pastors throughout our church, synods participate in the assignment process together. And in the shadow of all these procedures Region 5 can be found nurturing and easing the way.

Region 5 now supports campus ministries throughout its synods, with on-site quadrennial reviews, budgeting assistance, call committee support and ministerial care. Additionally our lay rostered leaders met for consultation on the history and future of word and service professional leadership in the ELCA. Evangelical Outreach and Congregation Mission Directors for Evangelical Mission have been appointed in each synod of the region and have met in consultation.

Bishop Jeff Barrow is new this year in Greater Milwaukee Synod. Region 5 bishops take part in the annual *Bishops' Visit* at our ELCA seminaries. This year's schedule:

Bp **Jim Arends** Luther, St. Paul MN
Bp **Wayne Miller** LTSP, Philadelphia PA

Bp **Tom Skrenes** Pacific Lutheran, SF, CA
Bp **Bruce Burnside** Trinity, Columbus, OH
Bp **Michael Burk** Wartburg, Dubuque IA

Nancy Carroll is our Region 5 archivist, with volunteer **Jean Peterson** as assistant. Congregations deposit key records and closing parishes submit their historical documents for perpetual care to the regional archive at Wartburg Seminary.

Region 5 includes the coordinator and a part time secretary, **Jennifer Bernardi**. The Region 5 Steering Committee directs the region and **Bishop Gary Wollersheim** is the current chair.

We are grateful for assembly action so that all twelve synods are fully supportive of Region 5. Churchwide office support, and income of seven cents per baptized member of each of our twelve synods comprises our funding. **Thank you** for supporting this ministry.

--Rev. Carl Richard Evenson

