CENTRAL COAST CONFERENCE

The Central Coast Conference encompasses San Luis Obispo County and northern Santa Barbara County placing us at the northern end of our synod's geographic boundaries. The conference includes seven congregations: Bethel, Templeton; Hope, Atascadero; Calvary, Morro Bay; Mt. Carmel, San Luis Obispo; Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz; Santa Maria; Gloria Dei, Santa Maria; Peace, Lompoc; and Bethania, Solvang.

Specialized ministries include elder ministry (Solvang Lutheran Home, Solvang), young child ministry (Bethania Preschool & Afterschool, Solvang), prison ministry (U.S. Federal Penitentiary, Lompoc and San Luis Obispo Men's Colony), and campus ministry (Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo).

Some of the highlights from 2015 include:

- Outreach efforts by multiple congregations in our conference to impact cities in which we are located – Gloria Dei is involved with Serve Santa Maria; Peace is involved with “Love Lompoc;" Hope has been instrumental in getting something started in Atascadero; and Bethania is involved with neighboring churches in Solvang.
- On February 26th – 28th of this year, Bethania Lutheran hosted the 31st Farstrup-Mortensen Lecture Series. The theme of the lecture series this year was “The Matrix of the Reformation," and the speakers included our bishop, Dr. Guy Erwin and Professor Ted Peters from P.L.T.S. This lecture series has brought some of the most noted scholars and theologians in the world to the central coast and would make a great continuing education event for any pastor or lay person.
- After more than a decade of serving as the mission developer and pastor of Iglesia Santa Cruz, Rev. Patricia Muran made a decision to retire and a big fiesta was planned in celebration of her many years of faithful service. Pastor Ron Geikow will be serving as interim while the search to begin finding a new pastor for Iglesia Santa Cruz gets under way.
- Pastors Valarie and Dan Carlson were installed as the new clergy at Mt. Carmel Lutheran in San Luis Obispo on Sunday, July 12, 2015.
- All the Deans of the synod were invited to participate in “The Lombard Mennonite Peace Training" July 6—10th in Glendale. Those trained will be able to answer questions for those congregations who are experiencing conflict and want to know more about the mediation process for promoting peace.

A special word of thanks to all who serve on the conference board of leadership:

- Chair – Ken Woerman (Gloria Dei in Santa Maria)

- Synod representative – Heather Ross (who will be finishing her term)
- Treasurer – Bob Grosse (Mt. Carmel in SLO)

Respectfully Submitted by the Rev. Greg Kintzi,
Conference Dean

Channel Islands Conference

Church Together:

- Ascension Lutheran Church, Thousand Oaks - Pastors Paul Gravrock, Tim Delkeskamp, Steven Herder
- Christ Lutheran Church, Goleta - Pastor Ronald Cox, Martha Santrizos (DM)
- Holy Cross, Ojai - Pastor Lynn Enloe
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Thousand Oaks - Pastor Erik Goehner
- King of Glory Lutheran Church, Newbury Park - Pastor Steven Simpson
- Mount Cross Lutheran Church, Camarillo - Pastor John Soyster
- New Hope Lutheran Church, Agoura - Pastor Craig Beeker
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Oxnard - Pastor Nancy Switzler
- Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oxnard - Pastor Jennifer Chrien
- Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Simi Valley - Pastor Ronald White
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Santa Paula - Father Michael Fincher
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara - Pastor Truls Person, Martha Santrizos (DM)
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Ventura - Pastors David Hall, Erin Martinson

Faith Embodied in Our Work:

Over the past year, the Channel Islands Conference met monthly (with a break for summer) to share fellowship and mutual support. A number of subjects were discussed among the rostered leaders, including the Mission Interpreters program; CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice); the Showers of Blessing ministry, supported by Christ in Goleta; and sabbatical policy and practice. Desta Goehner spoke to the conference meeting about the Congregational Relations Office at California Lutheran University.

Conference Highlights:

- October 14th, 2015: The Fall Conference Assembly was held at Ascension Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks. The assembly provided an opportunity for clergy and laity in the conference to hear about the Generous Life program. In addition, Kathleen Rudrud spoke about the Mission Interpreters Program.
- Following the shooting in San Bernardino in December 2015, Pastor John Soyster of Mount Cross Lutheran Church joined with a multifaith group of clergy in writing a letter to the Ventura County Star encouraging peace and tolerance.
- On Christmas Day, Christians (including members of the Channel Islands Conference) gathered outside the Islamic Center of the Conejo Valley in support of the Muslim community.
- On March 12th, the Islamic Center of the Conejo Valley hosted a "Family of Abraham" picnic, bringing together Muslims, Christians, and Jewish people from the area. The event was well-attended, including by Lutheran laity and by ten ELCA pastors.
- Pastor Steven Simpson was elected as Conference Dean in April 2015, replacing Pastor Nancy Switzler in that role.

- May 5th, 2016: The Spring Conference Assembly was held at California Lutheran University. CLU professor Dr. Rahuldeep Singh Gill was the guest speaker on the topic “Being Lutheran in a Multi-Religious America.”

Cultivate Together:

In addition to our two Conference Assemblies, rostered leaders and lay people from our Conference collaborated on interfaith relationships, as mentioned in the highlights above. The monthly meetings for rostered leaders provide an ongoing network of support and prayer for church professionals in our Conference.

Forward to Serve God’s People in 2016:

The Channel Islands Conference is committed to continuing the interfaith dialogue and fostering relationships with diverse communities of faith in our area. We are also invested in strengthening ties among ELCA congregations for the good of God’s church.

Abundant Opportunity:

- Christ Lutheran in Goleta has been actively involved in a ministry to the homeless in that area, the Showers of Blessing trailer. This mobile shower trailer provides homeless individuals with a chance to shower, launder clothes, and receive items like clean socks.
- The rostered leaders of the Channel Islands Conference support one another with abundant prayer for both personal and professional needs.

Twin Valleys Conference

CHURCH Together:

- American, Burbank- Pastor Reginald Hansome, Interim
- Faith, Canoga Park- Pastor Cesar Arroyo
- Church of Hope, Canyon Country- Pastor George McLeary
- Mission St. Francis, Chatsworth- Ramiel G. Shamwel and Pastor Sam Platts
- Bethel, Encino- Pastor Rustin Comer
- Bethlehem, Granada Hills- Pastor Megan Hunt Fryling
- St. Stephen's, Granada Hills- Pastor Ruth Sievert, Interim
- Emmanuel, North Hollywood- Pastor Patricia Lowe
- Iglesia Luterana San Pablo- Pastor Cesar Arroyo, Supply
- St. Matthews, North Hollywood- Pastor-Redeveloper Stephanie Jaeger
- LIFEhouse/First- Pastor Dana Hanson
- Prince of Peace, Northridge- Pastor Charles Bunnell
- Bloom, Santa Clarita- Pastor-Developer Ryan Chaddick
- All Saints, Sun Valley- Pastor Ralph Midtlyng
- Church of the Foothills, Sylmar-pulpit supply
- Central, Van Nuys- Pastor Larry Eckholm, Interim
- St. Andrew's, Van Nuys- Pastor Charles Bunnell
- Shepherd of the Valley, West Hills- Pastor Bryan Woken
- St. Luke, Woodland Hills- Pastor Janet Hansted

FAITH EMBODIED in Our Work:

In 2015, the pastors of the Twin Valleys Conference met monthly as a collegium. Each month we visited a different church and time was spent sharing ministry ideas and talking about ways that our congregations can work together and support each other.

Our fall Conference Assembly was held in September at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Woodland Hills with an emphasis on effective stewardship. Our Spring Conference Assembly was held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church and School in West Hills; we explored the ELCA's new visioning process "Called to Forward Together in Christ." Lay leaders serving our collegium include: Vice President: Jim Ohrt, Emmanuel Lutheran—North Hollywood (to Spring 2018); Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Metzger, Faith Lutheran—Canoga Park (to Spring 2018); Representative to Synod Council: Jan Smith, Church of Hope—Canyon Country (to Spring 2017); Representative to Evangelical Outreach Mission Team: Leslie Petit, St. Stephen—Granada Hills.

CONFERENCE Highlights:

- In March 2015, Ryan Chaddick was ordained and installed as Pastor-Developer of the new-start Bloom in Santa Clarita.
- The new start "Mission St. Francis" opened on the former site of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Chatsworth.
- In November 2015, the pastors met to share different ideas and practices for the season of Advent.
- On November 22, 2015, Rev. Janet Hansted was installed as pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Woodland Hills.
- Bethlehem Lutheran, Granada Hills, began sponsoring an ELCA missionary in Cambodia.

- Representatives of many Twin Valleys congregations attended the Lutheran Social Services Lutherans Looking Forward Breakfast this spring.
- Spanish language ministries in the Twin Valleys conference (Iglesia Lutherana San Pablo, North Hollywood, and Faith, Canoga Park) continue to thrive under the leadership of Pastor Cesar Arroyo.
- In March 2016, pastors of the conference elected Pastor Stephanie Jaeger and Pastor Megan Hunt Fryling as co-deans
- On April 24, 2016, Rev. Ralph Midtlyng celebrated 25 years as pastor of All Saints, Sun Valley.
- Church of Hope, Canyon Country, recognized 25 years of ministry this spring 2016.
- "Adore," a new Synodically Authorized Worship Community Exploration reaching out to LGBTQ persons and allies in the Latino communities in the San Fernando Valley, began in March 2016 under the leadership of new TEEM candidate Joseph Castenada Carerra.
- In March 2016, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in North Hollywood in partnership with LSS launched a new ministry: a half-day drop-in program for homeless persons on Wednesdays and encourages other conference churches to participate..
- St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Van Nuys continues to host the Mother's Day prison visitation program "Get On the Bus" which unites children with incarcerated mothers.

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CULTIVATE Together:

Twin Valleys congregations, pastors and lay leaders collaborate in several ministries and partnerships with community organizations. Some examples include:

- Nearly all congregations in the conference support and celebrate the work of Lutheran Social Services, now in Canoga Park.
- Women of Twin Valley congregations are active in the local WELCA chapter. At a recent gathering at St. Andrew's Van Nuys, the group explored global issues in conversation with guest presenters from a Tongan congregation that worships at St. Andrew's.
- Bethel Lutheran, Encino, Bethlehem Lutheran, Granada Hills, and St. Matthew's Lutheran in North Hollywood continued a 14-year tradition of traveling for 3 days to Tijuana to build houses and improve living conditions through Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry.
- Bloom in Chatsworth and Bethel in Encino collaborate regularly through pulpit exchanges and shared fundraising for initiatives such as Charity Water.
- Bethlehem, Granada Hills, Bethel, Encino, and Faith, Canoga Park, offer a shared confirmation ministry.
- Church of Hope collaborates with various interfaith partners and congregations in the Santa Clarita/Canyon Country area in support of its food pantry and thrift store ministries.
- All Saints in Sun Valley partners with a local non-denominational congregation to offer a thriving Summer Day Camp on its campus.

FORWARD to Serve God's People in 2016:

The congregations of the Twin Valleys conference join together in witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the grace of God through common commitments including:

- Feeding people and developing hands-on ministries;
- Offering mutual support through prayer, gatherings, and friendship;
- Finding more avenues for partnership in mission;
- Inspiring one another to creative forms of Christian ministry; and
- Encouraging one another to reach out to our individual and shared communities and contexts.

-We hope to spend more time finding ways that we can help each other in our ministries
-We hope to increase participation in the clergy meetings and in the conference assemblies

ABUNDANT Opportunity

God's abundance in manifest in the Twin Valleys conference in:

- The extraordinary generosity of our members as they support Lutheran Social Services, Get on the Bus, homeless outreach and other initiatives that care and protect the most vulnerable in our midst.
- The boundless energy of our clergy and laity to live the Resurrection in our congregations and communities.
- The capacity in our congregations for creativity and to try new ways of witnessing to God's love and grace.
- Twin Valleys conference is home to two new starts (Bloom, Mission St. Francis), a new SAWC exploration (Adore) and a congregation in transformational ministry (St. Matthew's). We invite you to become mission partners of these new things the Spirit is calling forth—by offering your prayers, presence and presents.
- We continue to look for more ways that our congregations can work together.
- The Twin Valleys Conference pastors are always looking for ways to be more engaged in our communities and in the world. We will continue to share ideas with each other.

Foothill Conference

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As with our sister Conferences, no doubt, 2015 continued to be a time of transition for the Foothill Conference. Pr. Terry Tuvey Allen left the pastorate of Trinity, Pasadena to assume new duties on the staff of the Pacifica Synod and Pr. Charles Carlson announced his coming retirement from the Chaplaincy at Solheim Lutheran Home. Pr. Deborah Andersen led the people of Messiah, Pasadena through a celebration of their many years of ministry and the closing of the congregation. However, Pr. Jennifer Amos later came to lead a new multi-cultural mission start on the former Messiah campus – the newly launched Reformation, Pasadena. Pr. Violeta Sanders, a pastor of one of the ELCA's Full Communion Partners, began service at Eagle Rock, Los Angeles. Pr. Mark Witte became the called Pastor of Christ the Shepherd, Altadena.

The Rostered Leaders lived into their chosen new format for Collegium meetings with a deliberate decision to meet fewer times per year with more email communication in the intervening times. As stated in last year's report, "Due to the large number of Interim and/or Part-Time Clergy serving the congregations of the Conference, regular gatherings have become increasingly difficult; however, participation has increased nonetheless."

Audrey Bahr continued to serve the Conference ably as Chair and Pr. Deborah Andersen continued her service as Secretary/Treasurer, attempting to encourage congregations to return to their yearly commitment of minimal dues payments to further the work of the Conference.

Salem, Glendale underwent a major renovation program focused particularly on designing a new state of the art sanctuary.

Work was begun on a possible post-Easter Joint Choir Concert to be held at Trinity, Pasadena in 2016.

As Dean, I am so very thankful for all of the Rostered Leaders who continue to serve the congregations of the Conference and ask the Spirit's blessing upon each of them. Additionally, I know that I and all of our rostered leaders give God thanks continually for the lay leaders within each one of our congregations who faithfully continue to do God's Work with (Their) Hands even in the midst of uncertain times where resources often feel more strained and yet needs are nonetheless ever greater for the presence of the Gospel in our communities and world.

Soli Deo Gloria!

The Rev. Keith G. Banwart, Jr. – Dean

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CHURCH Together:

- Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Temple City, Rev. Frank Wang
- Christ Lutheran Church and School, West Covina, Rev. Bob Hamel
- Christ Lutheran Church, Monterey Park, Vacant (John Yu, TEEM; Rev. Phil Demers – oversight)
- Faith Lutheran Church and Pre-School, San Dimas, Rev. David Berkedal
- Faith Lutheran Church, Monterey Park – vacant
- Grace Lutheran Church, Covina, Vacant (Mr. Steve Otte, approved candidate Pacifica Syn./part-time interim)
- Grace of Calvary Lutheran Church, Glendora, ?, (Mr. David Hill, non-rostered interim)
- Lutheran Church of the Cross, Arcadia, Rev. Charlie Wang (Medical Leave)
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Covina, Rev. Dr. Thom Johnson
- Rock of the Foothills Lutheran Church, LaVerne, Rev. Eric Strom
- St. Mark's Lutheran Church and School, Hacienda Heights, Rev. Mark Marius, Dean
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Monterey Park, Vacant*

**The Rev. Shell Hess ended his 17 year ministry with St. Paul's, Monterey Park, Easter Sunday 2016*

FAITH EMBODIED in Our Work:

In 2015-16, the SGV Conference met 8 times to share about our congregations and mission ministries and support one another in prayer and encouragement. Joining us as they are able are retired pastors, the Rev. Mel Langeland, and the Rev. Rich Schieber.

This past fall we gathered together at Bethlehem, Temple City, to inspire one another in ministry and stewardship. Bishop Erwin, Rev. Marj Funk-Pihl, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Mission, and Mr. Randal Foster, Synod Council, Vice President participated through devotion and presentations. The same occurred on April 7th at Grace, Covina as we discussed renewal strategies for our congregations.

CONFERENCE Highlights:

- Chinese New Year Celebration hosted by Christ, Monterey Park. John Yu offered song, prayer and devotion integrating the cultural aspects of the day into a worship liturgy. Chinese delicacies were also provided.
- Oktoberfest Scholarship evening, hosted by Prince of Peace, Covina. Several conference churches as well as other congregations that participate in the ACTION Food pantry raised funds to offer scholarship for those attending college. 10 scholarships were awarded after we feasted on Brats and beer.
- Easter Vigil Service hosted by Rock of the Foothills. Intern Will Foster, organized an Easter Vigil that was promoted conference wide.

CULTIVATE Together:

- ACTION Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran, Covina – supported by 4 conference churches,(an additional 5 other congregations, the WCUSD and the USPS food drive). Serving 120 families weekly and over 2,000 families in total.
- Area Wide Youth Ministry, directed by Janet Renick for 4 of our conference churches. Weekly meetings at 3 of the 4 churches, youth retreats, and AWE (Area Wide Events)
- Many of our conference Pastors have gathered at Claremont School of Theology for the Reformation Program and the Bonhoeffer Festival, hosted by Rev. Dr. Thom Johnson, Director of the Center for Lutheran Studies.

FORWARD to Serve God's People in 2016:

As servant leaders in our community we welcome our opportunity to bring good news to those overburdened by law. We pray the Holy Spirit stirs our hearts and imagination on how to effectively share God's love, grace and forgiveness to our people in need by seeking collaboration with one another.

Goals for 2016/17
-Lift up and support one another in weekly prayer
-Gather around Word and Sacrament
-Find value in our time spent together as we share ideas and practices
- Hold a conference-wide Earth Day Worship and/or Service Project, Saturday April 22nd 2017

ABUNDANT Opportunity

We have shared God's abundance through a collaborative food pantry and youth program:

- Continue to build relationships with our youth in different churches
- Organize a conference Confirmation Retreat

LA Metro Conference Report

Our Conference met in collegiums this year to check in with each other about our ministries. Our collegiums included: California End of Life Legislation, Mediation Strategies and Training Sessions, the purpose and structure of conferences, pastoral needs and goals as well as synod programs and issues. Our congregations have developed programs that respond to local community needs. Our pastors are focused on the mission of the Gospels and to continued support of one another. The Synod has implemented an African Descent Ministry with Pastor Reggie Hansome as its director. We are listening to the how that ministry will progress. We are in continual support of one another.

Our Fall Conference focused on the Generosity Program and the Spring Conference Program focused on the ELCA conversations about how the ELCA can go forward as well as a conversation about the purpose and structure of the Metro Conference.

Our pastors, conference leadership and congregations are focused on congregational development and the need for Synod support for the congregational missions. We have discussed community -response based models for congregational growth and our continued commitment to the Lutheran interpretation and focus on the Gospel message of proclaiming God's love for us and the need for us to love one another as we have been loved by God.

Our Conference President, Dale Washington, has worked hard to make our Conference meetings effective and Gospel driven.

With Blessings,

Pastor Janet

Rev. Dr. Janet Bregar PhD

South Bay Conference

CHURCH Together:

- Another Level Ministry, Torrance, Hawthorne, LA (Cong. Under Development) – Pastor Jonathan Hemphill, *Pastor/Developer*
- Christ the King Lutheran Church, Torrance – Pastor Dale Krumland
- First Lutheran Church, Carson – Pastor Dan Gibson, *Interim*
- First Lutheran Church, Torrance – Pastor William Hurst, *Intern* Erin Armstrong
- Glory Lutheran Church, Torrance (Cong. Under Development) – Pastor Newman Qiu, *Pastor/Developer*
- Good Shepherd Lutheran, San Pedro – Pastor Chris Lindstrom
- Olivet Lutheran Church, Hawthorne – Pastor John Miller, *Interim*
- Iglesia Luterana Pueblo de Dios (Cong. Under Development) – Pastor Samuel Nieva, *Pastor/Developer*
- Lutheran Oriental Church, Torrance – Pastor Paul Nakamura
- Resurrection Lutheran Church, Redondo Beach – Pastor Ken Johnson
- St. John's Lutheran Church, Gardena – *Vacant*
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rancho Palos Verdes, Pastor Jon Gathje
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Hawthorne – Pastor Lawrence Becker, *Conference Dean*
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Manhattan Beach – Pastor Luther Martel

FAITH EMBODIED in Our Work:

The South Bay conference typically meets every other month, from September through May, for collegium gatherings hosted by one of the pastors of the conference at their church. We gather for support, to share information, to lift up ministry needs, and to connect with synodical representatives. There are three *Congregations Under Development* (*CUDs*) in our conference, giving us a rare opportunity as a conference to support and participate in emerging ministries.

CONFERENCE Highlights:

- The Synodical/ADLA-sponsored Martin Luther King, Jr., Worship service

was hosted at Trinity, Hawthorne, in January, 2016
- Several churches in our conference, especially First, Torrance, and Trinity, Manhattan Beach, continue to support the Monday Night Meals and feeding program at St. John's, Gardena
- First Lutheran, Torrance, continues to host the Chinese outreach ministry, Glory Lutheran Church
- Another Level Ministry has been hosted by St. John's, Gardena, Trinity, Hawthorne, and is now at Ascension Lutheran, LA., where Pastor Hemphill will be serving as Interim Pastor (Metro Conference)
- Christ the King, Torrance, is working to develop a Korean/Japanese ministry.
- Several conference pastors meet on Tuesdays for a text study at First, Torrance

CULTIVATE Together:

- Pastors of churches with schools and preschools, through the Evangelical Lutheran Education Assn. (ELEA) are working to develop better church/school collaboration and integration
- Our Spring and Fall Conference Assemblies have been well-attended events that highlight our shared ministries and connections to one another.
- We have had concerns about the viability of St. John's in Gardena, and continue to be of support and counsel as they move toward their next phase as a congregation. As the Conference Dean, I have been attending all of the council meetings and the congregation annual meeting to provide a stable pastoral presence for the leadership, as well as providing support for some counselling ministries.
- We make a concerted effort to invite representatives from the Synod Office to each of our conference collegium meetings.

FORWARD to Serve God's People in 2016:

- We look forward in the coming year to finding ways for remembering the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in our churches in 2017, celebrating our Lutheran heritage and lifting up our church in our communities and the world.
- I hope to foster deeper connections between churches with schools/preschools, working especially with the ELEA to provide

educational opportunities for pastors, principals and preschool directors.

- We intend to continue and deepen our support of *Congregations Under Development* in our conference.

Rev. Lawrence Becker

South Bay Conference Dean

GREATER LONG BEACH CONFERENCE

The Greater Long Beach Conference is comprised of 12 congregations, serving all of Long Beach and the surrounding cities of Bell, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood and South Gate. We serve some of the most diverse populations in the region—ethnically, culturally, socially, sexually, and economically.

Our collegium is closely knit, meeting regularly every month with good attendance for worship, lunch and conversation.

For the past several years we have hosted a Conference Easter Vigil. The location rotates among the churches. Additionally, in recent years we have been host to the ELM program, an ELCA Global Mission Gathering, and the New City Parish Annual Celebration.

We help coordinate and lead a contingent in the Gay Pride Parade of Long Beach each year, and with the cooperation of other RIC congregations we staff a booth at the Gay Pride Festival as well.

We sponsor a multi-congregation three-year confirmation program for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Several senior high youth continue to meet as a group beyond confirmation, and we are currently planning on initiating a conference-wide youth ministry that will engage youth in service projects, fellowship events, national and local youth gatherings, and service to our various congregations under the leadership of Aaron Tidwell. Several congregations also collaborate on Vacation Bible School.

We were partners with Episcopal churches in forging a new emergent young adult ministry in cooperation with California State University, Long Beach Campus, and while that ministry no longer has paid staff or church financial support, several of its members continue to meet weekly for worship, fellowship and study.

Our participation in both our Spring and Fall Conference Assemblies has been admirable. Almost all congregations are represented heartily.

Each of us seeks to reach out to and root ourselves in the neighborhood in which we find ourselves. Food pantries, AA programs, preschools and a number of other groups and efforts keep each of our campuses buzzing throughout the week.

The Rev. James Proper
Dean

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