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Message from Our President...

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope this article finds you well and filled with the peace and joy of God's Love. I am reaching out today with gratitude as we begin a new year to continue to work together to build a stronger, more vibrant church community.

We remain deeply thankful for the spiritual leadership of our interim pastor, The Rev. Murray Finck, Bishop Emeritus who continues to bless us with his Sunday messages and Bible Study sessions on Wednesdays. His teachings and wisdom inspire us all, and we encourage everyone to take advantage of every opportunity to learn from him as he guides us in faith and understanding.

I am pleased to announce that the Church Council has elected new officers who will serve our congregation in the coming term. These dedicated individuals have accepted their call to lead and serve our church community with faith and commitment.

The newly elected officers are:

President: Kay Pushman, **Vice President:** Wendy Alfageme, **Treasurer:** Doris Weinert and **Secretary:** Nancy Anderson. Doris Weinert has agreed to continue as **Finance Chair**, and the rest of the Council consists of Susan Avila, Carol Costello, Sandra Langdale, Carmen Leslie, Betty Lucero, Sylvia Makus, Linda Peters and Michael Vanvales. This group of dedicated Church Members play a vital role in our congregation. These leaders not only chair and serve on committees, but also help guide decisions about the workings of our church, ensuring that our ministry thrives and our mission is fulfilled. This new Council will be officially installed during the **Second Congregational Meeting**, which will take place on Sunday, **March 2** immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary.

During this meeting, we will also:

*Elect two members to represent our congregation at the Pacifica Synod Assembly 2025, which will be held on May 16-17, 2025, at Gloria Dei Lutheran in Dana Point California. This assembly provides a wonderful opportunity for our representatives to engage with others in the Pacifica Synod, participate in decision-making, and be part of shaping the wider ministry of our church. We invite all members to prayerfully consider representing our congregation at this important assembly. If you feel called to serve in this capacity, please let me know before the meeting.

*Receive and review the Annual Reports from our various committees, highlighting all the wonderful work accomplished in the past year.

We encourage everyone to attend this important gathering of our congregation as we reflect on the past year, plan for the future and affirm our commitment to serving God together.

With heartfelt thanks for the privilege of serving this congregation,

Kay Pushman

Council President