

Redeemer Lutheran Church of Leisure World and St. Theodore of Canterbury Episcopal Church

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Message from Our President...

Dear Members and Friends,

The Regional Gathering of the Pacifica Synod, ELCA was held on May 18 at the beautiful Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Dana Point. Bishop Finck, Dori Weinert and myself attended this one-day event. Our Bishop David Nagler delivered an inspirational message. We then had reports from the Bishop, Regional Assistant to the Bishop, Assistant to the Bishop for Anti-Racism and Assistant to the Bishop for Latino Ministry. Following lunch, we broke into small groups and discussed four questions, and how we, in our church, address those issues. There will be a zoom assembly on June 15, which we will attend also. After that, we will report back to the congregation.

At our recent Council Meeting, we formed two new committees: Evangelism with members Wendy Alfageme, Doris Weinert and myself. This committee will develop a plan that welcomes visitors, and follows up with a contact. If you would be interested in joining this committee, see me. The second is Call Committee which consists of the Executive Board of the Council, Wendy Alfageme, Nancy Anderson, Phyllis Mackey and myself. This committee with meet with potential permanent pastors when the Synod presents us with some applicants.

We have so much to be thankful for at our church. The blessing of Bishop Finch who gives us spiritual nourishment, not only in person on Sunday and Wednesday, but as communiques throughout the week. He has been visiting our members that are in the hospital and rehab facilities, is calling members that are ill at home, and is contacting visitors in the week following their visit to our church. We continue to have very good attendance on Sundays and the Wednesday Bible Class. We have many dedicated volunteers, are able to pay our expenses, and there is a loving Christian fellowship alive at Redeemer and St. Theodore's.

Again, we are a very blessed congregation.

Respectfully, *Kay Pushman* Council President