

**2005 ASSEMBLY MINUTES
PLENARY SESSION TWO**

**June 10, 2005
7:00 PM**

The session opened with a Service of Word and Prayer. Pastor President Alan Eldrid offered the meditation on Hebrews 13:1-2, 5-16, in which he reflected on hospitality and the importance of learning from one another in order to provide what the other needs.

Following worship, Bishop Strobel called the Assembly to order and introduced Dr. Phillip Krey, president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, who spoke about the seminary's programs and the connections between the seminary and this synod. Pastor Glenn Miller also spoke about the progress of the building of the new learning center, which will be dedicated on September 17, 2005.

The anniversary video of Pastor Richard Boyer was shown. Bishop Strobel then called on Pastor Roxanne Kringle, who presented the report of the Connection Building Ministry Team.

The bishop invited Bishop Margaret Payne to come to the stage and present a brief overview of the work of the ELCA Task Force on Sexuality Studies, which she chaired. Following her comments, it was moved, seconded and adopted that the assembly would go into a quasi-committee of the whole to discuss the issues raised by the task force.

Following this time of discussion, the Bishop called on the Secretary for announcements. He reminded the assembly that we would resume work at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.