



**Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod  
2008 Assembly Minutes  
Plenary Session Two**

Split Rock Lodge, Lake Harmony PA  
Friday, May 30, 2008  
8:30 AM

Bishop Strobel called the session to order and introduced Dawn Baxter to open with prayer.

Bishop Strobel called on Pastor Bill Zimmerman to present the report of the Credentials Committee. There were 678 registered voting members.

Bishop Strobel turned the chair over to Pastor Kathie Bender Schwich who then called on Vice President Kinney to lead the assembly in prayer, and then introduced Mr. Ed Cool, the chairperson of the Elections Committee, who presented information about the first ballot for bishop.

Number of votes cast:	603
Number of illegal votes:	2
Number of legal votes:	601
Number needed to elect:	451

The following persons received one vote each: Gerald C. Arndt, Richard B. Baumann, David W. Blicht, Ralph A. Boyer, Timothy D. Boyer, Paul D. Braden, Paul Brndjar, E. Robert Burkhart, Cindy G. Camp, Richard Carlson, Fred T. Crawford, John J. Deisinger, Norman E. Dresher, Christian D. Eichorn, John P. Fritch, Jerel W. Gade, Donald W. Hayn, Harry L. Heffelfinger, Wayne A. Heintzelman, Abera B. Hellemo, William M. Horn, Carol B. Kehler, Peter D. Kuritz, Glenn D. Miller, Ronald Miller, Jeffrey W. Odgren, Jami L. Possinger, Bruce W. Potteiger, Thomas E. Richards, Susan D. Ruggles, Richard H. Schaefer, Michael J. Scholtes, Martha S. Sipe, Richard Stephens, Lester E. Stephenson, Gregory A. Stoddard, Robert D. Stover, David R. Strobel, Clifton Suehr, Richard H. Summy, Robert A. vonFrisch, William H. Weiser, Andrew Wendle, James Wolford, and Peggy M. Wuertele.

The following persons received two votes each: Peter S. Bredlau, David L. Brown, Maritza Torres Dolich, Raymond C. Hittinger, John E. Houck, Wayne R. Kaufman, Gail H. Kees, Robert D. Machamer, Cheryl F. Meinschein, Martin A. Milne, Niels H. Nielsen, Grace C. Olson, Gene A. Parker, Peter A. Pettit, Glenn L. Simmons, and Paul H. Spohn.

The following persons received three votes each: John Bernsten, Walter W. Breiner, Michael A. Frost, Gilbert B. Furst, Richard G. Gardner, Raymond J. Hand, Gene E.

Handwerk, David A. Heckler, Thomas F. Irwin, Diane M. LaFauci, George J. Mathews, Barry L. Mitchell, Thomas H. Reinsel, Dennis S. Ritter, and Philip K. Smith.

The following persons received four votes each: Denton R. Kees, Keith K. Rohrbach, Stephen Schwier, Philip C. Spohn, and C. Frank Terhune.

The following persons received five votes each: Gregory W. Frey, Harold L. Hand, Lyn L. Langkamer, Bruce D. MacLaughlin, David R. Rowe, and Eric C. Shafer.

The following persons received six votes each: Kenneth L. Buckwalter, Paul E. Buzzard, Richard H. Elliott, Gerald S. Kulp, and John G. Pearson.

The following persons received seven votes each: Dennis Kohl and F. Thomas Lichner.

The following persons received eight votes each: Edith B. Roberts, Jimmy Lee Werley, and Mark A. Wimmer.

The following persons received nine votes each: Philip Krey, Roxanne M. Kringle, and William S. Maxon.

The following persons received ten or more votes: John W. Harding, 10; Dennis W. Moore, 10; William W. Fairchild, 11; Mary W. Gade, 12; Fred S. Opalinski, 14; John C. Richter, 14; Laura A. Csellak, 15; Wayne A. Matthias-Long, 17; Charles H. Grube, 21; Kurt E. Garbe, 23; Catherine A. Ziel, 25; Samuel R. Zeiser, 30; Carl D. Shankweiler, 41; and D. Michael Bennethum, 91.

There was no election on the first ballot.

Pastor Bender Schwich led the Assembly in prayer and ballots were distributed for the second ballot for bishop. The vote was taken, ballots collected, and the voting was closed.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary video of Pastor Lee Angstadt was shown.

Bishop Strobel returned to the chair and called on Mr. Ed Cool for the balloting for Synod Council, Churchwide Assembly, and other agencies. Ballots were distributed, and after the voting, the Bishop declared the ballot closed.

Bishop Strobel introduced Pastor Bender Schwich, who addressed the Assembly.

Bishop Strobel reminded the assembly that we are committed to receiving an offering for world hunger at each assembly. As the ushers received that offering, he called on the Witness and Service Ministry Team for their report. Pastor Wayne Kaufman announced

that \$8,408.05 has been received thus far and another \$1,000 is expected for the World Hunger Appeal in honor of Pastor Helmut Kaffine.

Pastor Bender Scwlich took the chair and called on Vice President Priscilla Kinney to lead the assembly in prayer. Pastor Bender Schwich invited Mr. Ed Cool to present the report of the second ballot for bishop.

Number of votes cast:	674
Number of illegal votes:	1
Number of legal votes:	673
Number needed to elect:	505

The following persons received one vote each: Fred T. Crawford, Norman E. Dresher, Michael A. Frost, Wayne A. Heintzeman, Raymond C. Hittinger, William M. Horn, Thomas F. Irwin, George J. Mathews, Jeffrey W. Odgren, and Lester E. Stephenson.

The following persons received two votes each: Richard Carlson, Dennis Kohl, and Philip K. Smith.

The following persons received three votes each: Harry L. Heffelfinger, Niels H. Nielsen, Philip C. Spohn, and Robert A. vonFrisch.

The following persons received four votes each: Paul Brndjar, Martin A. Milne, Edith B. Roberts, and Stephen Schwier.

The following persons received five votes each: Richard H. Elliott, Gregory W. Frey, Lyn L. Langkamer, and C. Frank Terhune.

The following persons received six votes each: Walter W. Breiner, Paul E. Buzzard, Diane M. LaFauci, and Eric C. Shafer.

The following person received seven votes: Kenneth L. Buckwalter.

The following persons received nine votes each: Gerald S. Kulp and John G. Pearson.

The following persons received more than 10 votes each: Keith K. Rohrbach, 11; Roxanne M. Kringle, 13; Bruce D. MacLaughlin, 14; William S. Maxon, 14; Mark A. Wimmer, 15; Dennis W. Moore, 16; Jimmy Lee Werley, 17; John W. Harding, 21; Fred S. Opalinski, 35; Mary W. Gade, 35; William W. Fairchild, 37; Charles H. Grube, 61; Wayne A. Matthias-Long, 69; Samuel R. Zeiser, 100; and Carl D. Shankweiler, 102.

There being no election, the seven names receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot will appear on the third ballot as follows: Carl D. Shankweiler, Samuel R.

Zeiser, Wayne A. Matthias-Long, Charles H. Grube, William W. Fairchild, Mary W. Gade and Fred S. Opalinski.

Pastor Ziel made announcements, and members of the assembly adjourned to the forums.