



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

Split Rock Lodge, Lake Harmony PA
Friday, May 30, 2008
1:30 PM

Bishop Strobel called the session to order and introduced Guy Ehler to open with prayer.

Mr. Cool presented the report of the first ballot for other elections:

For Synod Council, Clergy:

Number of votes cast:	671	Timothy Boyer	174
Number of illegal votes:	13	Paul Buzzard	202
Number of legal votes:	658	Barbara Davis	249
Number needed to elect:	330	John Hassler	223
		Roxanne Kringle	313
		Donald Schwartz	110

There was no election.

Churchwide Assembly – Group B, Clergy

Number of votes cast:	664	Barbara Davis	359
Number of illegal votes:	6	Abera Hellemo	299
Number of legal votes:	658		
Number needed to elect:	330		

Bishop Strobel declared Barbara Davis elected.

Churchwide Assembly – Group B, Lay Female

Number of votes cast:	668	Patsy J. Woodson	235
Number of illegal votes:	12	Ying-Chu (Susie) Kramer	421
Number of legal votes:	656		
Number needed to elect:	329		

Bishop Strobel declared Susie Kramer elected.

Churchwide Assembly – Group C, Clergy

Number of votes cast:	672	Timothy D. Boyer	186
Number of illegal votes:	2	Walter Breiner	128
Number of legal votes:	670	Paul Buzzard	231
Number needed to elect:	336	Cindy G. Camp	203
		Richard H. Elliott	132
		John P. Fritch	132
		Michael A. Frost	147
		Mary Gade	235

David Heckler	151
Roxanne M. Kringle	246
Lyn L. Langkamer	182
Bruce D. MacLaughlin	262
Grace Olson	161
Fred S. Opalinski	178
Peter A. Pettit	235
Dennis S. Ritter	170
Susan Ruggles	217
Donald J. Schwartz	98
Carl D. Shankweiler	246
Rick Summy	154
Manfred K. Bahmann	130

There was no election.

Churchwide Assembly – Group C, Lay Male

Number of votes cast:	677	Guy Ehler	392
Number of illegal votes:	4	Martin L. Everhart	372
Number of legal votes:	673	Robert H. Hensley	403
Number needed to elect:	337	Glenn Miller	411
		Kenneth Miller	418
		Charles R. Rush	378
		Victor K. Unks	334
		John H. Ziegler	415
		Rene Rodriguez	314

Bishop Strobel declared Guy Ehler, Robert Hensley, Glenn Miller, Kenneth Miller, Charles Rush, and John Ziegler elected.

Churchwide Assembly – Group C, Lay Female

Number of votes cast:	681	Nadine Anderson	235
Number of illegal votes:	0	Sharon Ann Burns	282
Number of legal votes:	681	Heidi Buzzard	370
Number needed to elect:	341	Elizabeth Elterich	260
		Frances L. Ferrari	311
		Barbara A. Keener	278
		Karen S. Matthias-Long	414
		Linda Maule	358
		Jean Sandberg	251
		Barbara-Anne G. Taylor	270
		Nancy I. Terry	356
		Nancy Bleam	241

Bishop Strobel declared Heidi Buzzard, Karen Matthias-Long, Linda Maule and Nancy I. Terry elected.

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Number of votes cast:	670	Karen Matthias-Long	417
Number of illegal votes:	4	Susan Ebbert Wambaugh	249
Number of legal votes:	666		
Number needed to elect:	334		

Bishop Strobel declared Karen Matthias-Long elected.

The second ballot was distributed, votes cast, and the bishop declared the ballot closed.

Pastor Keith Rohrbach made brief comments on behalf of the Campus Ministry group.

Pastor Paul Spohn's 50th anniversary video was shown.

Bishop Strobel then called upon Pastor Bender Schwich, who asked Vice President Kinney to explain the process for this session. Each of the seven nominees for bishop addressed the Assembly for three minutes. Vice President Kinney introduced the seven candidates: William Fairchild, Mary Gade, Charles Grube, Wayne Matthias-Long, Fred Opalinski, Carl Shankweiler and Samuel Zeiser.

The 50th anniversary video of Pastor Rodger Krause was shown.

Bishop Strobel announced that conversations with the candidates would now take place.

Pastor Ziel gave announcements. The members adjourned to the Mission District conversations where each of the seven candidates met with each Mission District for fifteen minutes.