



JULY
16-19
Fergus Falls, MN

Resolutions for the 2016 Biennial Convention of the CLB

Office of the President

Praise God for:

- God's guiding us with a solid beginning for Paul Larson as our President of CLB.
- Fruitful and faithful kingdom service of Larry Fransson for his 32 years serving on leadership boards of the CLB including Home Missions, Trustees, Synodical Council, and most recently as chairman of the Council of Directors.
- The COD members (who are not running) service on the Council.
- The pastors who retired during the last two years: Joel Backstrom, Joel Egge, Roy Erdahl, Charles Ewan, James Folz, Greg Hayek, Gary Koljonen, Stephen Lazicki, Edward Monson, Manley Olsoe, James Osvold, and Allen Shaner.
- The work of the Mission Team as the BC16 Convention Planning Committee.
- The ministry of Ministers of the Gospel and Spouses who were received into glory since our 2014 convention.
- Steve Tonneson's acceptance of the "call" to serve as the Associate for Advancement Ministry position in the Office of President.
- Kay Asche who serves as Executive Secretary in the Office of the President.

Pray the Lord to/will:

- Call workers to meet the current and future pastor and missionary needs and opportunities before the CLB.
- Protection and wisdom for President Paul Larson.

International Mission

Praise God for:

- His faithfulness in calling and sustaining our missionaries and staff and the prayer and financial supporters who have been a part of the effort to reach the lost of our generation intentionally overseas.
- The faithful service of our current missionaries in Asia and Africa.
- The spiritual and numerical growth on all four mission fields.
- Our sister churches overseas who are partnering with us in our efforts to reach the unreached.
- Those who have indicated a desire to serve God in Chad and Taiwan.
- Dave, Sonja, Nate, Eva, Boeden and Ivan Narvesen who have been called and commissioned to bring the gospel to the Fulbe people in Chad.
- Jeremy, Sallee, Olivia and Abigail Stanton who leave France on August 2nd to minister as administrators of our Lutheran Welcome Center in Chad.
- Steve and Stella Banks for their volunteer ministry as administrators of our Lutheran Welcome Center in Chad for the last four years while replacements were called.

- Betty Christenson and Judy Rogness who have served well in the LBIM office.
- Randy and Betsy Mortenson and Joel and Marybeth Nordtvedt and their Pastoral Care ministry to our missionaries.
- Gaylan and Joy Mathiesen's voluntary ministry with *Daily Prayer Notes*.
- Matthew Rogness and his service as Director for International Mission.
- Dan Venberg who serves as Mission Mobilizer and Recruiter for LBIM.
- Marcos Holzner and his work on translation for the Bilala people group in Chad and also for his
 - becoming a United States citizen on June 9, 2016.
- The great response in giving to Famine Relief and Living Waters well projects in Chad.
- NorVal and Carey Semchenko for their ministry in providing vehicles for our missionaries on home assignment.
- Dr. Noel and Trisch Johnson for their medical ministry to our missionaries in Chad.
- Lavonne Rogness, Linda Ronnevik, Marlys Schmidt and Connie Vigesaa for their faithfulness in stuffing the prayer letters of our missionaries.

Petition God for:

- Four additional missionary couples/individuals for our church planting ministry among the unreached Muslims of Chad.
- Another couple to join the church planting team among the Hakka of Taiwan.
- Our local congregations in North America as they prayerfully and financially support their missionaries.
- Health, protection and stamina for each one of our missionaries.
- Open doors to share the gospel in the countries and people groups where we are serving.
- The leadership of our sister churches in Asia and Africa.
- Effective use of the famine relief funds we send to Africa, that they will be used to help those most in need.
- Missionaries overseas who are so far from their children, grandchildren and other loved ones in the States.

Communication and Prayer

Praise God for:

- Aaron Juliot serving as Church Resource Coordinator for the CLB.
- Brent Juliot serving as Contributing Editor to Faith & Fellowship magazine.
- Cheryl Olsen serving as the Faith & Fellowship Correspondent for Women's Ministries.
- Barb Walswick serving as CLB Volunteer Prayer Team Coordinator.
- Sheri Hohncke and Send-IT Shipping and Mailing Center for their service to the CLB.

Finance

Praise God for:

- Service of Lori Anderson working in the Finance Office in the area of Donor Records. Lori has taken a position elsewhere.
- For the continued faithful service of Jerry Swendsrud and Larry Bethel. Both with over 20 years of service each.
- The new hire of Amy Cornell for work in the area of Donor Records and Data Base Management and also so Kathy Uvaas for assisting in the finance office.

Petition for:

- Finances of the Ministries of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren. This will be a year in which the COD will need to make serious decisions if the finances do not perform.

Lutheran Brethren Seminary

“Be it resolved that we give thanks to God:

- For 22 graduates in 2015 and 2016 being sent into ministry.
- For the life and service of Chaplain Major General G.T. Gunhus as a member of the Board of LBS for 13 years.
- For 20 years of faithful service to LBS by Kathy Garvin.
- For the work of Dr. Mark Erickson in earning his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Knox Seminary.
- For the eight years of service of Dr. Mark Erickson as a professor at LBS.
- For the impact on our students of the Mission Vision Trip to Chad in January 2015.
- For the new building which he has provided for the ministry of LBS.
- For the significant progress achieved by Professor Pribbenow on his PhD dissertation.
- For the calling of Dr. Sigurd Grindheim to the Faculty of LBS.
- For many persons from our congregations who have recently indicated an interest in studying at LBS.

“Be it resolved that we pray to the Lord:

- To send workers to prepare for ministry.
- To provide for the financial needs of students as they spend three or more years of their lives preparing.
- To give our faculty wisdom and discernment as they prepare students to biblically face the challenges in our world.
- To instill in the hearts of our LBS students a deep passion to reach the lost with the gospel.

North American Mission

We praise God for:

- For equipping us in Adoptive Youth Ministry, Lay Leadership and Church Health.
- The church planting efforts in Canada and in the United States and for the families involved in these ministries; Red Deer, SK (Harold and Joyce Rust); Redemption Church, Pasadena CA (Kyle and Erika Sears); Bethel, Battle Lake, MN (Kevin and Debi Foss); Bismarck/Lincoln, ND (Ryan and Jen Nordlund), Epiphany, NY, NY (Erick & Melissa Sorensen).
- The work of Fifth Act Church Planting in urban areas.
- The Regional Pastors: Warren Geraghty, Eastern Region; Stan Olsen, Central Region; Gary Witkop, Western Region; Phil Heiser, Pacific Region; Roger Olson, CLBC.
- The Regional Pastor wives and the support and care they extend to their regional pastor families and to their husbands in their roles as Regional Pastors.
- Carol Aase, our part-time office administrator and the awesome support she gives to the Regional Pastors.
- The leadership of our Administrative Mission Team: President Paul Larson, Matthew Rogness, LaWayne Rogness, Troy Tysdal, David Veum and Stan Olsen.
- The joint efforts of the CLB departments working together to facilitate the Great Commission.
- The synod-wide youth ministry communication done by Mark Johannesen.
- The YC’17 planning committee and especially for Brandon Pangman who is working as convention director.

- The many prayer partners encouraging/supporting NAM and the CLB.
- The excellent work of the regional chairmen and their executive committees and the regional clusters as they gather for prayer, encouragement, teaching and church planting talk.
- The ministries of our regional Bible camps supporting and blessing our churches.
- Our interim pastors who serve churches in transition while they consider the next steps.
- Missionary Dan Venberg's work encouraging international mission trips for our regions.
- The many churches celebrating their longevity with anniversary festivities.
- The RP four-day training opportunity last fall in mediation training.
- The sure promise from God's Word, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight." Prov. 3:5,6.
- God bringing in St. Matthews and Christ Centred Church to the CLB of Canada.

We petition God for:

- Our Regional Pastors as they support our pastors and congregations in their various ministries. We pray that God will grant them wisdom and grace as they continue their ministries.
- Our Regional Pastor wives as they continue to minister in their roles.
- Carol Aase as she supports the regional pastors and the ministries of NAM.
- His blessing on the YC'17 leadership team as they make plans for the National Youth Convention July 25-30, 2017 at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park CO. We pray for Brandon Pangman, Convention Director as he leads.
- Mark Johannesen as he continues in his role as the youth ministry coordinator.
- His watchful care over our pastor families and churches during these turbulent times
- Youth ministry efforts within each CLB congregation and that He will bless the leaders of these ministries with encouragement, creativity and love for young people.
- To raise up clusters of congregations with a passion to start new churches within each of our regions.
- Pastors who are discouraged and in need of physical and spiritual refreshment.
- A Law/Gospel-born love and concern for our neighbors.
- Rev. Stan Olsen for representing the North American Mission RPs in the CLB Mission Team at our Fergus Falls headquarters.
- Churches seeking pastors and pastors seeking a call.
- Pastors in transition from full-time ministry to part-time or interim ministry or into full retirement
- New church planting initiatives in select urban centers in partnership with 5th Act.
- His blessing on our church planters as they continue to integrate into their communities.
- Travel mercies for our often traveling leaders in Canada, Chad, Cameroon, Taiwan, Japan and the USA.
- Giving hearts moved by a giving God and the gospel.
- Courage to trust the Lord to walk by faith and not by sight.
- For Living Word, Minot, ND as they are voted on today, for membership, that God's will be done!

Summary:

- That all that God has done for us through seasoned pastors and professors, will pass down well to the next generations, that which is still Undone.