

We Are Church Together

The Southern Ohio Synod met in Assembly at Wittenberg University in Springfield on June 6-7, 2014

1 Corinthians 12:12-31



What we voted on. . .

- Adopted 2015 Fiscal Proposal
- Adopted 2015 Compensation Guidelines
- Adopted Southern Ohio Synod Constitution Mandatory Changes
- Withdrawn Recommendations as Informational Resolution

Who we elected

The following members of the Southern Ohio Synod were elected to serve on the Synod Council for a four-year term ending June 2018.

- Barbara Klatt Vice President
- Jeffrey Davis Treasurer
- Shawn Krumm Lay Female, Cincinnati Conference
- Melanie Powderly Lay Female, Dayton Conference
- Pr. Robert Swanson Clergy, Dayton Conference

Congratulations! Please keep these members and the entire Synod Council in your prayers as they handle the business of the synod between assemblies.



Where is Assembly in 2015?

We will gather in Assembly on June 5-6, 2015 at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. Worship will be at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in the Gloria Dei sanctuary. Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of the body that is the Southern Ohio Synod.



Report of the Bishop

In keeping with the theme ‘We are Church together’ Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt let the synod do the talking

In her first report as Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod, The Rev. Suzanne Dillahunt, stuck closely with the Assembly theme of ‘We are Church together’ by asking members of our synod to share the diverse work they are doing in support of the Gospel in our many mission fields we call the Southern Ohio Synod.

Speakers were as follows:

- Mary Ellen Helms: Visioning Team
- Corey Driver: Middle Eastern Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community
- Jodi Keith: 4-G Networking
- Diane Schwiger Alexander: 2015 Youth Gathering
- Pr. Monte Stevens and Mary Ann Marshall: Faith Haven
- Lutheran Saints in Mission video
- Norm Staker: Indigenous Ministry
- Pr. Al Debelak: Urban Hunger Ministry
- Pr. Grace Werzinski: Road Construction Workers Ministry

She also recognized the following congregations for their significant anniversaries:

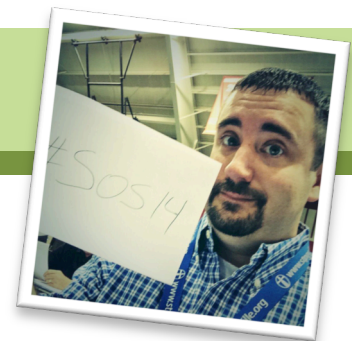
- Augsburg, Cincinnati 50 Years
- St. John, Dayton 150 years

#SOS14 Selfies at Synod Assembly!

- St. John, Martins Ferry 150 years
- St. Paul, Pleasant City 150 years
- First English, Dayton 175 years
- St. John, Zanesville 175 years
- St. Paul, Louisville 175 years

Rostered Leaders celebrating 25, 50, 60 and 65 years of ordination were recognized and those celebrating 50, 60 and 65 years were treated to a luncheon with the Bishop in honor of their service to the Church.

Bishop Dillahunt also welcomed Nick Bates and The Rev. Jay Shailer to our synod.





A giraffe named 'Giraffe'

Where in the Synod is Giraffe? Follow our new friend, Giraffe, from Tanzania, as he meets his new brothers and sisters in the Southern Ohio Synod. He will be traveling with Bishop Dillahunt and others to check out the amazing work taking place in the Lord's name in our many mission fields.

Pr. Gideon, a former bishop from Tanzania, was traveling through our synod to visit with friends and colleagues at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at the same time our annual Assembly was taking place in Springfield, Ohio. Bishop Gideon wished to present Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt with a special gift, as a gesture of friendship and global partnership.

That gift is a 3-foot tall wooden giraffe named, aptly, Giraffe.

This cute little fellow immediately won over the hearts of the Assembly and has been adopted into our synod family.

Bishop Dillahunt decided that everyone in the synod needed to meet Giraffe and Giraffe needed to meet his new brothers and sisters in Christ.

So, the travels have begun...

Giraffe first ventured to First English in Lancaster where he met the kids at the children's sermon and then hit the road for a 500+ mile trip to visit the youth and volunteers at our Amazing Grace Day Camps at St. Paul, Ironton and St. Paul, Bridgeport.

Check out our Facebook page and website for photos and to follow Giraffe's adventures in the Southern Ohio Synod.



Bishop Gideon presents Bishop Dillahunt with 'Giraffe'

Want to be a part of planning the 2015 Assembly at Capital University?

Southern Ohio Synod members with various gifts and talents are needed to make the 2015 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly a truly unique and memorable event. Planning begins this summer, so if you want to be a part of the action, contact Susan Barton-Nonno at sbarton-nonno@southernohiosynod.org.

All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27

Come be a part of the Body!



Below are the groups that made up the Assembly Planning Team for 2014. We may add new teams, so if you don't immediately see a place for you, send us your name and express your interest anyway. The Spirit will be guiding where we go and what we do, so don't hesitate to be a part of the Body!

- **Worship Team**
- **Vendor Team**
- **Media Team**
- **Registration Team**
- **Greeters Team**

