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2017 Synod Assembly Recap

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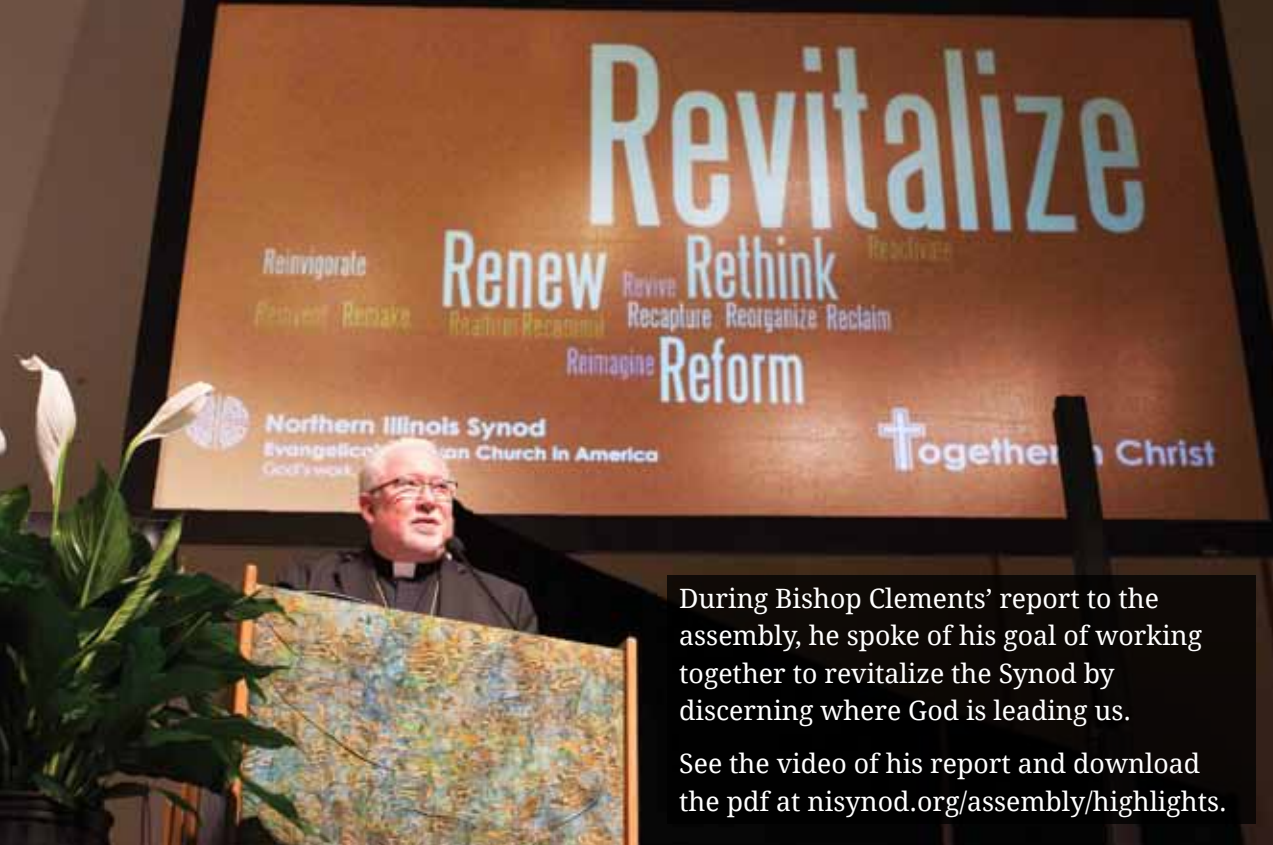
The thirtieth annual Synod Assembly was held June 16-17, 2017 at Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, under the theme "Called Forward Together in Christ." Over 450 voting members (60% lay and 40% ordained) from across the synod worshipped, learned, laughed, celebrated, and deliberated together as the highest legislative body of the Northern Illinois Synod. Watch videos at nisynod.org/assembly.



The Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, Executive Director of ELCA Global Mission, served as our Churchwide Representative.



Many thanks to our talented photographers, Andrew Kjos and the Rev. Sarah Wilson.



During Bishop Clements' report to the assembly, he spoke of his goal of working together to revitalize the Synod by discerning where God is leading us. See the video of his report and download the pdf at nisynod.org/assembly/highlights.



Synod Youth Assembly



Rostered Ministers new to the Synod since last Assembly





Pastors Matthew & Laura Kamprath led the Prayers of Remembrance service on Saturday morning which honored faithful NIS rostered ministers who died this past year: the Rev. Richard Horst, the Rev. Wanda McNeill, the Rev. Gordon Carls, the Rev. LaVern Johnson, and Deacon Frederick Becker.



ELCA GLocal Musician Educators led the assembly in music during worship, led multiple forums, and shared stories and songs at a special event on Friday evening.



Celebrating 50 years of ordination were the Rev. Lowell G. Almen, the Rev. Roger V. Asplund, the Rev. Harold Grafe, the Rev. David W. Lawson, the Rev. William J. Nelson, the Rev. Dr. Leo H. Patterson, and the Rev. Joseph N. Robb.



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