Convocation
April 1, 2016
Roll Call

Present
Alex Egertson
Ashlee Bowen
Becky Anderson
Bishop Guy Erwin
Bishop Murray D. Finck
Bradley Doty
Brian Foxworth
Caitlin Lebron
Chris Kimball
Colleen McCarthy
Connie Gray
Connie Rose-Kamprath
David Beard
David White
Don Hermansen
Dr. Jerry Miller
Eric Reinhardt
Gary Andeen
Greg Egertson
J. Steven Beckham
Jennifer Crum
Jim Day
Jim Gonia
John Knudson
Judy Day
Julia Fogg
Karen Ingram
Kemp Segerhammar
Margie Doyle-Versen
Marvie Paulson
Maryalice Marston
Melissa Ronning
Paul H. Muller
Rev. Brent Maxwell
Rev. Jim Bessey
Rev. Mark Perry
Rev. Peg Schultz-Akerson
Rev. Richard (Rick) Rouse
Rev. Tony Scheer
Ruth Ann Johnson
Sam Claussen
Scott Moore
Shari Solberg-Ayers
Sierra Ronning
Susan Ruby
Truls Person
Tyler Robinson
William R. Rosser

Absent
Colleen Carpenter-Gonia
Dan Roschke
Herbert Gooch
Jim Carlson
Jim Gray
Kristin Maxwell
Lisa Wilson
Mark Holmerud
Mary Stonebeck
Meghan Aelabouni
Michael Anderson
Rebekkah Weinberger
Rev Steve Carlson
Sharon Docter
Steve Seper
Vlad Vaiman
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Preus Brandt Forum

1. Welcome and opening of session  
   a. PLTS Advisory board is on campus today also  
      i. Note – they report to the Board of Regents  
      ii. They are at CLU for the first time and things are going well  
   b. Sierra Ronning led the devotion emphasizing Identity  
   c. Ariel Coates, Annual Fund Coordinator  
      i. Provided information about Gumby Gives Day on 4/5  
      ii. 4/5 commemorates CLU’s 45 years and the 30th year since the enormous Luther arrived  
      iii. Matching gift of $10,000 is available  
   d. Sara Wilson, Associate Director of Seminary Relations spoke about the PLTS congregational challenge  
      i. It invites all congregations to support PLTS  
      ii. Currently 82 congregations contribute $66,000  
      iii. There is a minimum goal of $500,000  
      iv. Announced challenge - for Region 1 and 2, contributions up to $1,000 will be matched

2. By-law update given by Chris Kimball  
   a. The merger of PLTS and CLU have provided an opportunity to review and update the by-laws for the Convocation and the Board of Regents  
   b. President Kimball attended a training/conference that pointed out some deficiencies which require amendments  
   c. During the January 2016 Executive Committee meeting the Executive Committee recommended that our by-laws be split into 2 governing bodies; one for the Convocation and one for the Board of Regents  
      i. It was suggested that a Procedural manual be written for each the Convocation and the Board of Regents in an effort to simplify the by-laws  
      ii. The intention of these two separate documents is only to simplify the use of them and to speak to each body separately of their respective responsibilities  
      iii. There is no shift in the relationship between the Convocation and the Board of Regents  
   d. A motion was made by Gary to empower the Executive Committee to work on a draft of the Bylaw changes and the procedural manual with the understanding that if needed a task force will be created to assist in this endeavor. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

3. Jim Bessey and Melissa Maxwell-Doherty explained that both today and again at the Fall Convocation we will get a more concrete understanding of how the Bylaws help us do our job  
   a. The Convocation is an advisory board to the Board of Regents and a liaison for and between the university, the ELCA and PLTS  
   b. We were reminded that the Convocation affirms the Board of Regents and approves amendments to the Bylaws  
   c. Our roll as Convocators is to support the mission of the university
d. Discovering the true purpose requires us to see the connection and intersection of us and the people we serve
e. A 2x2 matrix provided insight into how the Convocation intersects with the university
f. We broke into small groups in an effort to identify “our purpose” beyond our current definition
4. Christie Harper, Assistant VP of University Marketing, had the group break into smaller groups to Get to Know Your “WHY”
   i. This was an interactive learning experience to help us understand our greater purpose
   ii. The exercise was well received
5. Eucharist with PLTS Advisory Board at Samuelson Chapel
6. Lunch with PLTS Advisory Board at the President’s Patio
7. Session with President Kimball and the PLTS Advisory Board to discuss how seminaries and universities deliver more theological education in more ways across a broader community in an effort to keep the delivery more sustainable
   a. Brian Stein-Webber gave a report on Theological Education after 2 years of study
   b. TEAC (Theological Education Advisory Committee) saw a decline in 2008 and again in 2012 regarding enrollment at ELCA seminaries
   c. Theological schools changed their curriculum since seminaries are the hub connecting many different things
   d. Active rostered leaders are engaged and supporting TEAC
   e. PLTS and CLU together are an asset for the whole church
   f. The Convocators and the PLTS Advisory Board broke into small groups to discuss “What does the Church need in its leaders today and tomorrow?”
8. Brian presented PLTS programs of study and Alicia Vargas presented innovations of different and new course studies (i.e. Spanish in ministry)
9. VP of Mission and Identity, Melissa Maxwell-Doherty presented CLU and theological education internal to the Thousand Oaks campus
   a. Undergraduate Religion courses
   b. Speakers brought to campus
   c. Executive skills course for pastors (level 2 is now available)
   d. The Vine – Cultivating Leadership in Youth Ministry
   e. Faculty travels to teach and preach within our region
   f. Moved into Caucus groups to discuss this question: “What specific programs, activities would provide exposure to better equip our future church leaders?”
   i. TEAC recommendations – 2A, then 2C & 2E then 3C
10. Blessing and sending by Pastor Jim Bessey
   a. Thank you to all
   b. Fall Convocation dates are 10/27 and 10/28