



# Secretary's Note

## An Overview of This Year's Voting & Post-Gathering Survey Responses:

The online format for this year's Annual Gathering required that we find a new solution for carrying out our annual tasks of voting on the 2020-2021 Budget & Mission Bank recipients, along with filling open positions on the WNALC Council. We chose to work with SurveyMonkey because of its strong reputation for security, accuracy & reliability. We were not disappointed — within minutes after closing the vote, we were able to announce the results of all three items on the ballot. For those who did not attend the AG, the 2020-21 Budget & the Mission Bank recipients were unanimously approved. The four council positions were filled; two by the re-election of Jill Nesheim & Rachel Busch Jones & the other two ladies who were elected are newcomers Peggy Jording from Christ the King Lutheran in Newcastle, Wyoming & Sandy Strohecker from St. Paul Lutheran in Oregon, Illinois.



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A huge benefit of turning to SurveyMonkey for voting was that we were able to create & distribute the post-gathering survey through it. By now you are probably aware that the NALC has proposed going to a biennial Convocation schedule. This led the council to consider what that would mean for our Annual Gathering. To make certain that this year's survey was relevant to our new circumstances, we began with the survey from the 2019 gathering. We added questions that would not only help us to evaluate how we did this year, but also to determine the steps that we might consider taking in the future to make the gathering available to more members.

Survey items were constructed as statements, most of which could be answered "Strongly Agree," "Agree," "Neither Agree nor Disagree," "Disagree" & "Strongly Disagree." As the survey responses began to come in, we were pleased to see that most of the responses were incredibly positive with an 85% overall average of the responses given as either "Agree" or "Strongly Agree." When asked to respond to the possibility of continuing to have an online Annual Gathering during the years that we do not have Convocation, 74% supported the idea by responding agree or strongly agree. In addition, 94% agreed or strongly agreed that we should pursue the possibility of live-streaming future Gatherings.

SurveyMonkey is a tool that we think will be beneficial, not only as we move through planning for future gatherings, but as we consider opportunities to serve our member churches & those in need. We hope that you will take the chance to give your feedback to the council through future surveys & polls. If you attended the gathering & have not yet responded to the survey, please take a few moments to do that today! If you have lost the link that we sent out, please send a request through the contact link on the website & we will resend it to you.

Blessings –

Kim Isiminger

WNALC Council Secretary

