

2021 CELC Online Convention

Information Submitted by Participants in the Zoom Meeting

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Pastor St Mark, Ljungby. Married with Johanna from Finland, 4 children and 2 grandchildren

Hans Ahlskog – Finland—St. John's – hansahlskog@yahoo.com

39 Years old, founding member of the congregation in 2008 alongside 5 other christians. Has calling as Bible-teacher and organist. Secular job as Economist (private sector). Wife + 2 kids, adopted from South Africa.

David Åkerlund – Finland—St. John's – david.akerlund@me.com

I'm 38 years of age, tent-minister since 2017, in a small Swedish speaking congregation in the land of tusen lakes, Finland. Married to the love of my youth Marika, since 2004 and most of the time very happy with my share in life.

Prasad Babu – India—CELM – prasadbabu.celm@yahoo.com

Hi, This is Pastor Prasad Babu Bojja, I am working as teacher in CELM Lutheran Seminary from 2011, before that I served in two different congregations for 10 years. I am married, I have two sons. Right now my wife and myself helping to run an orphan home here in Guntur, AP, India. Thank you

Jonathan Bare – WELS – jon.bare@wisluthsem.org

Jon Bare graduated in 2008 from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and was assigned as a WELS missionary to East Asia, where he served from 2008 to 2016. In that time, he worked with East Asian brothers and sisters to form a Lutheran Church and Synod, coordinated a pre-seminary training program, and oversaw mission efforts in parts of East Asia. In spring of 2016, he accepted a call to be part of the Pastoral Studies Institute Team of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary which serves in collaboration with the WELS Joint Mission Council. He moved back to the states and began that work in August 2016. In this role, Jon assists with the training of non-traditional seminary students throughout the United States and has assisted WELS World Mission One Teams in the coordinating and establishment of Theological Education efforts. In 2021, Jon completed a Doctor of Education program at Regent University, VA, with an emphasis on Christian Education Leadership. Jon has been married to Kim for 10 years, and they are blessed with two children – a 7-year old boy, Josiah, and a 4-year-old girl, Elina.

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I am a lay man

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I am attending the convention as a member of the CELC Theological Commission. My experience in the ministry includes being a dean's assistant at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin (1977-1979); pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Big Rapids, Michigan (1979-1985); dean of students at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan (1985-1991); and professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, WI (1991-present). I have served on the WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations for twelve years and on the CELC Theological Commission for the past ten years.

I have been married to my wife, Pat, for thirty-four years. We have one son, Nathanael, who serves as a WELS pastor in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and enriches our lives with his wife, Jennifer, and three children (with a fourth due in August).

Israel Rodriguez Briones – Mexico – israelrbr@gmail.com

I was born in Puebla, Mexico and studied at the Seminary there. By God's grace, I have served for 15 years in different churches in Mexico. I currently serve at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico.

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I am the pastor of Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico, where I have been serving for 7 years.

Timothy Buelow – ELS – pastorbuelow@gmail.com

I'm pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, and ELS congregation in Carthage, Missouri, where I've served 12 years. Before that I served in 3 WELS congregations in Michigan and a congregation in Sweden of the Lutheran Confessional Church (LBK). I speak English, Swedish and German. Altogether, I've been a pastor for 34 years. I'm also a member of the ELS Board for World Outreach and serve the CELC Planning Committee as Secretary. My wife Sara is from Sweden. I have 5 married children and 11 grandchildren. Two of my sons are WELS pastors. I've participated in several CELC conventions, as my bio on the ballot indicates.

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Portuguese, born in the city of Arraiolos, 1953. Pastor of the Lisbon congregation of the Lutheran Church of Portugal.

Guillermo Carrera – Peru – vacio_existencial@hotmail.com

My name is Guillermo Carrera, and I am 38 years old. I am a Seminary professor and pastor. Because of the situation we're going through, I've been preaching using Facebook.

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I am a pastor at Taiwan

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Angus K.F. Cheung holds a B.Th. and MDiv. (Theology) from the Asia Lutheran Seminary and M.Phil. and Ph.D. (Engineering) from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He is a Ph.D. student in the History of Exegesis at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He currently serves as the Dean of Student and Associate Professor at the Asia Lutheran Seminary.

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I will represent Seoul Lutheran Church

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Pastor of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Guayama

James Danell – WELS – danelljc@mlc-wels.edu

I am currently a professor of German at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN and chairman of the WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations. Previously, I served as a parish pastor in Green Bay and Hortonville, Wisconsin. I am married and have three married children and three grandchildren.

Andreas Drechsler – Germany – pfarrer.adrechsler@elfk.de

Pastor in Dresden, member of ELFK Synodical Council, member of CELC Theological Commission, married, 6 children

Bjarte Edvardsen – Sweden – bjarte.edvardsen@bekannelse.se

Pastor of Lutheran Immanuel congregation in Umeå, Sweden. Ordained 2020. Married to Ingela. Father of Lydia, Joel and Elia. Son of pastor Egil Edvardsen and Nina Edvardsen.

David Edvardsen – Norway – david.edvardsen@icloud.com

Pastor. 35 years old. I like reading and hiking, for instance.

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Tomin Haukiputaan Luterilaisen Tunnustusseurakunnan pastorina

Alexey Feringer – Russia – luter-nsk@mail.ru

For seven years I have been serving as a pastor in the capital of Siberia in Russia.

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ELS Communication Director

Mario Gálvez – Chile – pastormario@iglesiacrística.cl

Pastor and missionary in Chile. Synod President and counselor for our congregations. Married with four children. Grand Master of martial arts. I am the creator and editor of videos, developing worship services and classes online and through Zoom.

Kalyan Gollapalli – India—LMSI – kgollapalli@blc.edu

Rev. Kalyan K. Gollapalli was born and raised in Rajahmundry, India. After attending high school where he majored in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry he went to Ukraine for further education. There he received his bachelor's degree in Chemical Technology in 1998 and master's in Chemical Technology of Fuels and Carbon Materials in 1999 from the State University of Lviv, Ukraine. After working briefly as an engineer in India his interest shifted to Public Ministry.

In 2005 he left to the United States and studied to become a pastor at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mankato, Minnesota. He received his Master of Divinity in 2009. After his vicarage he was ordained as pastor in 2011. He serves as the pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in city of Rajahmundry from 2014-till date.

Also, he served as the secretary for the Lutheran Mission of Salvation of India (LMSI) from 2013-2020. After his father's sudden death in 2020, he became the president of the LMSI. Besides his pastoral and administrative duties, he teaches at the LMSI Seminary, Rajahmundry for one week each month.

He has a great interest in learning languages and working with translations. He speaks Russian, English, Hindi and Telugu. He also studied the Biblical languages.

He likes to keep himself updated with the latest technology. He is good at computers and he likes using technology for the gospel outreach.

Jonathan Gross – Chile – jgrosskw@gmail.com

I have been a member in our Chilean National Synod for over six years and am currently studying to be a Pastor at Bethany Lutheran Seminary. This will be my first time participating in the CELC and I look forward to being with my brothers.

Andre Gydkov – Russia – ga-nsk@mail.ru

The Lord brought me to faith about nine years ago and has now given me opportunity to prepare for pastoral ministry. I have been studying in our seminary for the past four years. I am thankful to God for the opportunity to spend time with you at our conference. May God bless His Church throughout the world!

John Hartwig – ELS – welschaplain@gmail.com

Currently serving as the WELS civilian chaplain in Europe, I previously served as a professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and as a missionary in Malawi and Thailand.

Timothy Hartwig – ELS – pastorhartwig@gmail.com

Served as a pastor since 2001 and currently at Peace Lutheran Church, North Mankato, MN. Chairman of the ELS Board for Home Outreach. Vice President of the ELS.

Michael Herbst – Germany – pfarrer.mherbst@elfk.de

I was born May 3, 1967 in Dresden. From 1983 to 1985, I went through training to be an electrician. 1987 to 1993, I studied theology in Leipzig at Luth.-Theol. Seminary. 1993 to 1994, I served as a vicar in Zwickau-Planitz with Pastor Gerhard Wilde as bishop. The second year as a vicar, I served in Steeden (not far from Oberwesel), where I was ordained in 1995. I received a mission call to Southern Germany. We founded a new congregation in 1995 with preaching stations in Lower Bavaria, Allgäu, and Western Austria. Between 2002 and 2018 I served as the ELFK's vice president. 2004, I received a call as a pastor at St. John's congregation in Zwickau-Planitz. My family and I moved to Zwickau-Planitz in spring

2005. Since 2018 I been serving as the ELFK's president. 1993 I married Kristina, nee Repmann. We have two sons, Lukas and Daniel.

Thomas Heyn – ELS – theyn@blc.edu

Graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Wisconsin Law School (practiced law 1998-2018). Graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (1980). Served as missionary in Willoughby, Ohio; Bogotá, Colombia; Hispanic outreach in Madison, Wisconsin; El Paso, Texas; Cottage Grove, Wisconsin. Currently serving as administrator for the ELS Board for World Outreach. Married to LaRue for 42 years. Nine children living in six different states.

V'yacheslav Horpynchuk – Ukraine – vhorpynchuk@hotmail.com

I serve the Ukrainian Lutheran Church as a deacon and preacher since 1995, as pastor and Bishop since 2000.

James Huebner – WELS – jhuebner@gracedowntown.org

Pastor Jim Huebner served as an undergraduate tutor at Northwestern Prep and for two years as a graduate tutor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. He has served as the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, since 1982. From 1989 to 1991, Pastor Huebner joined with two others to launch a pilot project in church consulting within WELS. In 1986, he was elected to be the District Coordinator for Evangelism in the Southeastern Wisconsin District and served as the chairman of the WELS Commission on Evangelism from 1991 to 2007. From 1992 to 2012 served as the 1st Vice-President of the Southeastern Wisconsin District and was elected to serve as the 2nd Vice-President of WELS in 2007 and 1st Vice-President of WELS in 2009.

Petr Krákora – Czech Republic – krakora@sml.cz

Rev. Petr Krákora, (CZE), born in 1973; married to Mrs. Gabriela Krakorova; has 3 children (David 31, Romana 27, Ondrej 19); 1996 – graduates in Applied Mathematics at the University of West Bohemia, Plzen, Czech Republic; 2001 – enters theological training for pastoral ministry; 2009 – is ordained as a pastor of the Czech Evangelical Lutheran Church.

K. Vijay Kumar – India—CELM – vijaydeena2003@yahoo.com

I am working in Publications and as teacher in our seminary. And secretary of the CELM.

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Simeon Samuel Mamidi – India—LMSI – simeonsamuel4@gmail.com

Pastor Simeon Mamidi is working with Lutheran Mission of Salvation- Hyderabad in India. He currently serves two congregations in Hyderabad, prepares the pre-seminary students for seminary and teaches New Testament and Church History at the seminary. Simeon's father Rev. Solomon Mamidi is also a pastor and is the President of the Synod.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Agron Mece – Albania – agronv_mece@yahoo.com

Chairman of the Church in Albania and Pastor in Tirana

Medson Mitengo – Malawi – medsonmitengo89@gmail.com

An African based in Malawi. I enjoy learning. New in the public ministry, Ordained in 2018. Currently, the Malawi Synod's Chairman.

Davison Mutentami – Zambia – mutentami.davison@gmail.com

Pastor Davison Mutentami is married with three children. He is a pastor for 14 years. serves in the Theological Commission, Serves as synod chairman, serves as CELC-Africa Region chairman.

Sammy Mwangi – Kenya – onunda@gmail.com

Just like Mark Onunda.

Thomas Nass – WELS – nasstp@mlc-wels.edu

I grew up in Jefferson, Wisconsin, and graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1982. Since 1995 I have been a professor of Hebrew at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. Previously I was a parish pastor in North Mankato, Minnesota and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I was privileged to be involved with the WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations from 1991-2015, and I have been involved with the CELC since 2008. My wife Janice and I have four married children and nine grandchildren.

Mikael Natanael – Indonesia – mmik40@gmail.com

I serve as fulltime teacher in Seminary Lutheran Indonesia

Abumbi Ngwa – Cameroon – revmathiasngwa@gmail.com

Rev pastor and am married serving as the president thanks

Takeshi Nidaira – Japan – peace-light@ac.auone-net.jp

Graduated from the LECC Seminary: 1992

Chairman of the LECC Evangelical Committee (1998-2013)

Member of the LECC Educational Committee (1995-present)

Member of the LECC Committee on Doctrinal Matters (1996-present)

Member of the LECC Board of Directors (2002-present)

President (Chairman) of the LECC (2011-present)

Members of the CELC Theological Committee(2002-2014)

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Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Pastor of Immanuel congregation, Umeå and Lutheran Confessional Church in Stockholm, youth pastor for the synod, Co-ordinator for pastoral studies, part-time teacher at Fryshuset Community College.

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Lutheran Congregation in mission for Christ - Kenya, was officially registered as a Lutheran Church body in Kenya in 2013 and entered into fellowship with WELS in 2019. Joined CELC Africa the same year. We are currently in Kenya with a hope of expanding to Tanzania, Uganda and South Sudan. We have 16 pastors, 16 evangelists and 48 congregations

Anthony Phiri – Zambia – anthony.phiri4@gmail.com

Anthony Phiri graduated from the Lutheran Seminary in 2005, Ordained as a Pastor in 2006, he served Mfuwe parish for eight years. He was called to serve as dean of students at Lutheran Seminary in 2010. He teaches Liturgy and Apologetics

1997 - Graduated from a Secondary School.

2002 - Graduated from Lutheran Bible Institute, Malawi

2005 - Graduated from Lutheran seminary, Zambia

2010 - Dean of students Lutheran seminary, Lusaka

2014 - Bachelor of Theology (GRATSI)

2020 - Bachelor of Education Zambian Open University - ZAOU

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I am CLCL pastor of Kekava congregation from the beginnings of CLCL. Studied theology at University of Latvia (BA) and Concordia Seminary St. Louis (STM). I am married, have a daughter and two sons.

Paul Prange – WELS – paul.prange@wels.net

Lifelong confessional Lutheran, baptized 1962, confirmed 1976, Seminary graduate 1988, married to Leanne 1990, three children (son Joel is vicaring this year), parish pastor, home missionary, world missionary; formerly President of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Coordinator of Global Cross-Cultural Outreach, Administrator for Commission on Inter-Church Relations; presently Administrator for Ministerial Education, Chairman of the Joint Mission Council

Shambel Hordofa Robi – Ethiopia – sagalee2013@gmail.com

My name is Shambel Hordofa Robi. I am law trainer at Judicial Training Institute Of Oromia. I am the member of Lutheran Church of Ethiopia. I am the member of Executive Board of LCE. I am the first historic graduate of Moar Lutheran Seminary MA in Church Leadership, Administration and Management (2015) and in Master of Divinity (2017). I married at LCE and have daughter.

Serhiy Romanyuk – Ukraine – serhiy01@yahoo.com

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40 years. Degree in theology, degree in education, and a professor. Liturgist and professor of Christ Lutheran Church, professor of Academia Cristo, owner and administrator of the Lutheran theological website www.escriturayverdad.cl. Board member and professor of the Confessional Lutheran Church of Colombia. On behalf of NPH, I'm currently writing a book about the life, work, and teachings of Martin Luther.

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I have been a part of WELS World Missions my whole life. I grew up on a mission field in Colombia, served as a missionary to the Dominican Republic and now serve as the Administrator for WELS World Missions. I have also had the privilege to serve on the CELC Planning Committee for the last several years. I live near Milwaukee, WI USA with my wife, Katie. We have six children. The two oldest are studying at our WELS Seminary.

Gaylin Schmeling – ELS – gschmeli@blc.edu

Gaylin Schmeling was born on September 27, 1950, at Litchfield, Minnesota. He grew up on the family farm near Hutchinson, Minnesota. In 1974 he enrolled at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mankato, Minnesota, graduating in 1978 after vicaring at a five-point parish in northern Iowa. His first call was to a two-point parish, English of Cottonwood, Minnesota, and Zion of Tracy, Minnesota. In the spring of 1986, he was called to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Okauchee, Wisconsin (near Milwaukee), where he served until 1997 when he was called to be the president of Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary. Since 1985 he has been a member of the Doctrine Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. He received his STM degree in 1993. He is the editor of the Lutheran Synod Quarterly, has been a contributor to a number of theological periodicals, and has written a book on Baptism, a devotional book on the Lord's Supper, a sermon book on the Exodus, and a dogmatics supplement entitled Bread of Life from Heaven. In 1973 he married Rebecca Christensen. Their marriage was blessed with two sons, Timothy and Samuel, both of whom are in the public ministry.

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The Rev. Dr. Timothy R. Schmeling is an ordained Lutheran pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Professor of Exegetical and Historical Theology at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mankato, Minnesota. Before coming to the seminary, he was Assistant Professor of Theology and History at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota; Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sebastian, Florida; and Vicar of Apostles Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California. Prof. Schmeling also serves as a member of the B. W. Teigen Reformation Lectures Committee of the seminary, a Contributing Editor of the Lutheran Synod Quarterly, and a member of the Board of Appeals of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. He received his Doctor of Philosophy in Historical Theology from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri; Master of

Theology in Sacred Scripture from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota; Master of Divinity from Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mankato, Minnesota; and Bachelor of Arts from Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. Dr. Schmeling did other academic work at the Lutherisches Theologisches Seminar, Leipzig, Germany as well. He is the editor of *Lives and Writing of the Great Fathers of the Lutheran Church* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2016). In addition to chapters in books, he has published articles, translations, and book reviews in *Church History*, *Logia*, *Lutheran Synod Quarterly*, *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly*, *Theologische Handreichung und Information für Lehre und Praxis der lutherischen Kirche*, *Lutheran Sentinel*, *Forward in Christ*, and *Gospel Outreach with Media* as well as presented papers at conferences in the United States and Germany. His wife Annette (née Habben) grew up in the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church—Japan. She is a registered nurse who has worked in Minnesota, California, Missouri, and Florida. They and their two children Sophia and Andreas reside in Mankato, Minnesota.

Mark Schroeder – WELS – mark.schroeder@wels.net

Pastor Mark Schroeder has served as the president of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod since 2007. His previous ministry experience includes serving as a parish pastor in congregations in Wisconsin and Florida, and serving for 16 years as the president of Luther Preparatory School, one of the synod's two ministerial education high schools. His wife's name is Andrea; the Schroeder's have four grown children and six grandchildren.

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Jonas Schröter grew up in Grimma in a Lutheran family in East Germany. He studied at Lutherisches Theologisches Seminar of the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church (ELFK) in Leipzig and at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin, USA. During his vicar years he served in St. Johannesgemeinde in Zwickau-Planitz and in the WELS mission in Sofia, Bulgaria. He worked as parish pastor in the ELFK congregation in Chemnitz until 2005 and is pastor now in the diaspora ministry of the ELFK in southern Germany based in Wangen i.A. He is married and has two children.

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I am an attorney and part time municipal judge living in Milton, Wisconsin. I have been a practicing lawyer for 40 years. I have attended CELC conferences since 2002 and currently serve as the Treasurer on the Planning Committee. I also serve on the WELS World Mission Board. My wife, Karen, and I have 4 children and 2 granddaughters.

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I am a Vicar. 25 years old.

Michael Smith – ELS – mksmith@blc.edu

Michael K. Smith is originally from Indianapolis, Indiana, born there in 1961. He attended Purdue University, Concordia University – Chicago, Concordia Theological Seminary (Ft. Wayne, Indiana), and Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary. He served a parish in Suttons Bay, Michigan, and helped start mission churches in Bullhead City, Arizona, and Holland, Michigan. In 2002 he was called to teach Greek and Religion at Bethany Lutheran College. He was called to teach New Testament and other subjects at Bethany Seminary in 2006. In 2018, Michael began serving as a professor of Greek and New Testament at Asia Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong, where he also served as Academic Dean. In July 2021, he will be installed as pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church (ELS), Ames, Iowa.

Michael has served as a guest instructor at the seminary of the LMSI, at St. Sophia Seminary in Ternopil, Ukraine, and at Asia Lutheran Satellite Seminary in East Asia. He has served as chairman of the ELS Board for Evangelism and chairman of the ELS Board for Home Outreach. Michael has also served as the vice president of the CELC and presently serves on the Theological Commission of the CELC.

Michael married Anita Eisberg in 1984. They have been blessed with two daughters who are both married.

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I am Mr Epandengalame synod treasurer and married with four children.

Titus Tse – Hong Kong – salemdir@gmail.com
Pastor Titus Tse is a senior pastor in SALEM Hong Kong. He has served in the church for more than 30 years. He shepherds the brothers and sisters with the love of Christ and his sermon emphasis law and gospel. In recent years, he has focused on the topics of church leadership, preaching and counseling, and has also worked hard to cultivate the new generation of church leaders.

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Juhani Viitala graduated with a master's degree in theology in 1984 from the University of Helsinki. He served as pastor at the Finnish National Church and as a missionary in Japan. He studied 1998-1999 in Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Since 2002, Viitala has been the leader of the Lutheran Confessional Church in Finland.

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Portuguese, born in the city of Porto, 1957. Pastor and founder of the Lutheran Church of Portugal.

Martin Vrsecky – Czech Republic – martin@sml.cz
Born 1975, Plzeň/Pilsen- Czechoslovakia. Baptized and confirmed 1993. Agricultural High School 1989-1993, Bethany Lutheran College 1995-1997, Charles' University of Prague - Evangelical theology 1997-1999. Since 1997 served as a deacon (later vicar) in the mission field in Plzeň. Ordained 2009. Since 2017 executive manager of Martin Luther Elementary school in Pilsen.

Holger Weiss – Germany – pfarrer.hweiss@elfk.de
Born 1973; Theological Training 1994-2002; since 2002 Pastor of the ELFK; 2012 STM Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; since 2009 Professor of New Testament at Lutherisches Theologisches Seminar Leipzig; since 2020 Rector.

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Pastor Alex Wong has served in the church for 15 years, spreading the gospel and establishing different fellowships. He is very interested in church history and often studies, and also teaches courses in historical theology at the Asian Lutheran Seminary.

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Bradley Wordell teaches Old Testament and is a part of the Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI) Team at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He and his wife Andrea are blessed with five children. Previous ministry opportunities include St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lake Mills, WI; missionary to the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church (LECC) in Japan; and Multi-Language Publications in Asia.

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I am the Leading Founder and First President of the Lutheran Church of Ethiopia (LCE) and Coordinator of its Educational Programs at Maor Lutheran Theological Seminary (MLTS). Since the day, the LCE and MLTS established (June 2013), I am serving as a pastor in the LCE-Bishoftu congregation for the last 8 years and teaching theology and church leadership related courses at our Maor Lutheran Theological seminary in Bishoftu. I am married to Genet Degefa Edea for 21 years and the Lord has blessed us with a 20 years old son (Ephrem Kebede Getachew) and a 13 years old daughter (Mihret Kebede Getachew).

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President of China Lutheran Synod, Pastor of BeiJing Faith Lutheran Church.