

Report to Synod Assembly On Partnership with the Lutheran Church In European Russia

Last year marked the 20th anniversary of this partnership. Much has happened in terms of synod trips, congregational partnerships, personal friendships, project support. The pandemic has paralyzed much activity on both sides and we pray that as we all heal, we will be infused with renewed energy and zeal. On this Sept. 2020 photo you see the German ambassador present the “Bundesverdienstkreuz,” the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany to Dietrich Brauer, Lutheran Archbishop of Russia, for achievements in building bridges between nations. We, too, need to continue building bridges and walk across them to greet our brothers and sisters in European Russia. At this time four congregations are partnered with congregations in European Russia, Oak Harbor with Kazan, Bethlehem, Marysville with Yaroslavl, Vashon with French speaking church in Moscow, and Monroe with a small group in Smolensk.



We strongly encourage congregations in our NWWA synod to consider and explore a **CONGREGATION-TO-CONGREGATION PARTNERSHIP** to increase personal sharing. For further information please contact Eva Mader at evamader@aol.com.

SYNOD TRIP TO RUSSIA: Efforts had been made to plan a Sept. 2021 trip to also help celebrate the Kazan church’s 250th anniversary, but Covid nixed that. Bishop Shelley Wee and Archbishop Brauer talked, and he suggested a trip in May 2022 and to attend their synod assembly while there, a great way to make personal contacts. To get further information about such a synod trip, please contact Team Russia president Ken Grigsby island66@comcast.net. Also, a ZOOM Trip to Russia meeting is planned for June 9 at 7 p.m. Do plan to join us then.

KIT: Team Russia recently wired \$10,000 to help Pastor Tatjana replace the van that needed constant repair. You can imagine that transporting handicapped people requires a reliable vehicle. Their gratitude was overwhelming. To encourage donations to KIT’s future building project, please watch the following brief film clip. <https://youtu.be/uwBvayMJD0c>

Partners sent Easter pictures, so have a look at some of our brothers and sisters from Yaroslavl and Moscow.

