

Western Iowa Synod Vice President's Report

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Greetings to all and welcome to the 2026 Western Iowa Synod Assembly in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa!

It has been another interesting year in the Western Iowa Synod of the ELCA. The Synod Council meets regularly and contains a diverse group of persons with a variety of backgrounds and experiences! You continue to be well represented by these members. I would like to thank each and everyone involved with Synod Council for their work this year. To those members having fulfilled their term on the Council, thank you for your contributions. To those persons coming on board, welcome and I look forward to our time together in service to our Western Iowa Synod.

We elected Bishop Scott Dalen at our last Assembly. He has been a busy Bishop and we are blessed to have him in this position of leadership. Bishop Dalen has put together a mix of new and experienced staff members and they are out and about within the Synod. Please take a moment to get to know each of these hard working and dedicated people that God has placed in the garden we call the Western Iowa Synod.

I would like to thank Bishop Lorna Halaas and her staff for the work that they have done on our behalf and wish them well in their future endeavors!

Another group of servant leaders that we need to recognize is our Conference Deans. Thanks to each individual who has served as Dean among our 6 Conferences.

My work within the Synod Vice Presidents group also continues and I will present some of this on Saturday morning.

I would encourage each of us to find the common ground to continue in relationships that make the Western Iowa Synod a great place to live, work, develop relationships, raise a family, and contribute to our State, Country, and World.

Please find me if you have questions or commentary this weekend!

Have a great Assembly,

Tracy Gayer, WIS VP