

# 2022 MISSION CONVOCATION

## Highlights from the 2022 NALC Mission Convocation

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The 2022 Mission Convocation has ended after more than 400 delegates and visitors gathered online to celebrate another year of ministry and mission in the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).

The biggest highlight came this year in the form of the **2022 NALC Ministry Report video**, which celebrated the growth of the NALC in a little over a decade, while also reporting on its work in the past year and sharing where it is headed in the next season. The full video, located online, touched on:

- Congregations and pastors which have recently joined the NALC;
- New mission starts as well as local, domestic, and global mission strategies;
- Newly appointed area assistants to the bishop and progress on the centralized office in the Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas area;
- The growing North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS) network of schools, faculty transitions, and a special call for congregations to raise up new ministry leaders;
- Expanding candidacy pathways, including the initiation of the NALC diaconate and “Ordination Under Special Circumstances” (OUSC), as well as pastoral care opportunities in small congregations;
- “Fresh Eyes for Mission” renewal summits, Renewal and Aging Ministry online courses, and NALC Life-to-Life Discipleship resources;
- Youth and Family Ministry transitions;
- Ongoing Disaster Response efforts;
- Continued Communication Ministry growth in mission districts;
- Launch of the Today, Tomorrow & Forever initiative;
- And snapshots of many other NALC ministries.

The NALC officially launched the **Today, Tomorrow & Forever initiative** of its **2020 Vision**. This is the financial component to the NALC strategic plan that will provide the resources needed to turn this God-given Vision into a reality. Through this initiative, the NALC is asking pastors, congregations, mission districts, and individuals throughout the church to step out in faith and to help it to raise \$5 million above and beyond what it is already expecting to receive through regular giving over the next three years. This increased level of funding will not only strengthen the financial foundation of the church but will also enable a number of ministry and mission commitments we are making.

**Elections:** Mr. Jerry Roehr of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and the Rev. Theresa Jacobson of Thornville, Ohio, were elected to three-year terms on the Executive Council. The Rev. Dr. George Black of Foresthill, California, and the Rev. Ronald Hoyum of Poulsbo, Washington, were elected to three-year terms on the Court of Adjudication. Mrs. Lynnae Douglas of Export, Pennsylvania, the Rev. Dr. Stephane M. Kalonji of Rosenberg, Texas, and Mr. Richard Jansak of Hendersonville, North Carolina, were elected to five-year terms on the Executive Council.

A devotion on the Mission Convocation theme, “A Great Cloud of Witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1-3) was delivered by **Dr. David Luy, the new Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the NALS**. Dr. Luy’s devotion highlighted the radical path to faithfulness, a call to endurance and perseverance, and a witness that points beyond what we see to what is real.

**The 2023 budget was approved.** The Mission Convocation approved a \$3.56 million budget for the ministry of the NALC. The 2023 unified budget combines the operating budget with the budgets of the church’s designated funds – the Theological Education Fund (which includes the North American Lutheran Seminary), Great Commission Fund and Disaster Response Fund.

Per the NALC Constitution, the Executive Council also gave a report for the past year.

Documents, photos and videos from the 2022 Mission Convocation will be posted online at [thenalc.org](http://thenalc.org).

