

## *Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!*

This is the reason for everything that we do. It is our hope, our strength, our joy, and our message to our communities throughout the Pacific Region. Every other day of the year we get to unpack the significance of that one powerful statement of truth. Every worship service, teaching, retreat, and fellowship gathering is full of purpose because the grave is empty.

It has been a very blessed and also full winter season of ministry, both in our churches and our Pacific Region. An important part of our worship is remembering God's faithfulness, not only in the Biblical text, but also through recent events.

The first weekend of March, we were blessed with rich worship and teaching at our recent LEAD retreat in Cannon Beach with over 70 in attendance. Three weeks later we gathered for the Pacific Region biennial convention at Living Word church in Phoenix, Arizona. Over 100 of us reflected on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, while we also considered God's blessings and mission for us today! I am so grateful for our Regional Executive Board, along with our retreat & convention planning committees for their leadership and guidance that made these events such a success.

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With a Grateful Heart,



## *CLB Pacific Region - Chad Focus Trip 2018*

LBIM Mission Mobilizer, Dan Venberg, is **forming a team now of 6-8 participants from our Pacific Region churches** with the goal of better internalizing our Lord's mission to the unreached peoples of Chad, so that they (and the CLB as a whole) will be better equipped to pray for, support, promote and engage with God's mission to the unreached of Chad.

The team will visit with Chadian Muslims, LBIM missionaries, and with Chadian Christians and missionaries, along with participating in LBIM holistic ministries (water well ministry, refugee relief, mosquito net distribution, education, etc.)

Dates: trip is January 17-31, 2018, with the application deadline **August 31, 2017**

Estimated Cost: **\$3500** (includes air fare, visa, lodging food, transport and miscellaneous expenses)

For a mission trip **application** and **further details** contact Dan Venberg ([dvenberg@clba.org](mailto:dvenberg@clba.org)), Keturah Flude ([keturahflude@live.com](mailto:keturahflude@live.com)), or Regional Pastor Phil Heiser ([pheiser@clba.org](mailto:pheiser@clba.org))



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*2017 Biennial Regional Convention - Living Word Community Church, Phoenix*



Nampa Pastor Rev. Jeremy Wilson preaching on Friday evening



Dr. Eugene Boe (LBS) - teaching on The Augsburg Confession



Pastor Seth Leivestad preaching Saturday morning



LBS Sem Eric Benjamin Sede



COD chairman Mike Swenson and RP Phil Heiser



Pastor Larry Olson & John (Pasadena) w/ Dr. Allan Bjerkaas (LBS) - right



Worship Team - Jesse, Joel, Carl-Eric, Keith, and Rob (not pictured).



## Prayer and Praises around the Pacific Region...

- Prayer for **Rev. Luther Stenberg** (Peace LBC, Olympia) who was appointed at the regional convention to replace retired COD representative, Rev. Jim Erickson, from the Pacific Region.
- Pray for **Daniel Berge and his family** as they prepare to transition from Immanuel Lutheran in Eugene, to a full-time call at the Lutheran Brethren Seminary. Pray also for the transition work that needs to be done at Immanuel Lutheran as they seek another pastor to continue the renewal work there.
- Prayer for the **Lord's provision of our CLB financial need**. With just days remaining in our fiscal year (April 30) with need **\$557,500** to meet our \$2.7 million mission funding goal. Please consider how you and your church can join us in advancing God's mission through the CLB.
- Praise for a wonderful **Pacific Southwest Women's Retreat** at Murrieta Hot Springs! Over 40 ladies attended the "Sweet Cafe" weekend of learning, fun and fellowship together!
- Prayer for **Calvary Community** (Fullerton, CA) as they approach a summer of ministry transition with Rev. Jim Erickson's retirement at the end of July.
- Prayer for **Maple Park LBC** (Lynnwood, WA) as Transitional Pastor Greg Pietz continues to lead the church through a season of ministry restructuring and refining between long-term pastorates.
- Prayer for **Good Shepherd Ministries** (Buda, TX, just south of Austin) as they continue the search for their next pastor.

## Upcoming Events around the Pacific Region...

**Mountain Men Retreat** - "God, Guys, Grub, & Guns" @ SoreAcres Tree Farm near Amboy, WA. June 2-3. Bring your own camping supplies and your appetite! RSVP and directions: Don Sorenson (Greater Grace, Portland) [djsorenson@q.com](mailto:djsorenson@q.com) 360-798-9920 (cell).



**YCI17** - July 26-30 / YMCA of the Rockies. This is an incredible opportunity for youth to experience great discipleship, worship, and fellowship with other CLB youth around the country! Talk with your church's youth director now!! [www.yci17.org](http://www.yci17.org).



**Family Bible Camp** - Warm Beach Bible Camp - June 27 - July 2. Rev. Jay Price (Word of Life, Marysville) evening speaker - theme: "Faith Awakens". Register before May 1st for a \$20 discount at: [www.biblecamprocks.com](http://www.biblecamprocks.com)



## Staying In Touch with Regional Pastor Phil...

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