

Meet the Candidates!

Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace by yours in abundance through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Several people have recently asked me, “Do you have any idea who our next District President is going to be?” My reply has always been, “Come join us at the District Convention May 11-12 in Sacramento and let’s find out together.” The nominations process concluded in early December. Seven CNH pastors received the requisite three nominations or more from congregations and were asked if they would allow their names to remain in nomination. After much prayer, conversation, and soul searching four brothers agreed to let their names stand. They are Jason Bredeson (Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sacramento, CA) Mark Kliewer (Pastor, Zion/Christ Lutheran Churches, Winnemucca/Battle Mountain, NV), Michael Lange (Assistant to the CNH President for Mission Advancement), and Ron Youngdale (Pastor, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Turlock, CA).

On Saturday, March 10, 2018, the Board of Directors will meet with the candidates to discuss the future vision and direction of the CNH District and issues critical to our ministry and mission together. Congregants of CNH congregations are invited to attend. The meeting will be broadcast live for those unable to be personally present and also recorded and posted on the CNH website for later viewing.

Mark your calendars for March 10, 2018, 2:00-4:00 pm PST to meet the candidates, one of whom will serve as our next CNH District President.

In Christ,



Robert Newton

CNH Nominations for President 2018-2021

Rev. Michael Lange	11 ---- Accept
Rev. Jason Bredeson	7 ---- Accept
Rev. Mark Kliewer	6 ---- Accept
Rev. Ron Youngdale	3 ---- Accept
Rev. Dr. Thomas Zelt	33 ---- Declined
Rev. James Beyer	9 ---- Declined
Rev. Robert Weller	3 ---- Declined

CNH Nominations for Vice-President 2018-2021

Rev. Dr. Thomas Zelt	19 ---- Accept
Rev. James Beyer	12 ---- Accept
Rev. Jason Bredeson	7 ---- Accept
Rev. Aaron Smith	7 ---- Accept
Rev. Jon Coyne	5 ---- Accept

Key – (Name) – (# of Nominations) – (Accept / Declined)

VI.C. Pre-Convention Nominations for District President and First Vice-President

- d. The Secretary of the District shall tabulate nominations and report the names of all clergy receiving three or more nominations in the *Convention Manual*.
- e. Candidates for President shall be the five receiving the highest number of nominating ballots from the congregations. In the event of a tie for the fifth position among the candidates, all names involved in the tie shall be listed as candidates, as prescribed by the Synod *Handbook*.¹⁰