



The National or Synodical Assembly of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico was held at San Pablo Lutheran Church in Mexico D.F. on February 17-19, 2006.

Representatives of each of the active

congregations were present to make the decisions that would affect the mission and ministry of the Synod..

There were sixteen voters in all. San Pablo in Mexico City had **two** votes, San Pedro in Mexico City had **two** votes, El Buen Pastor in Mexico City had **two** votes, Todos Santos in Zapopan (Guadalajara) had **two** votes, El Sembrador in Monterrey had **two** votes, Betania in Rio Bravo had **two** votes, San Juan in Mexicali had **one** lay delegate vote, San Mateo in San Luis Rio Colorado had **one** pastoral vote, Santisima Trinidad in Matamoros had **one** lay delegate vote, and El Divino Emanuel had **one** pastoral vote.

I asked the question, how come El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd) had two votes since its pastor has left the LCMS and joined the ELCA? It was explained that El Buen Pastor was a part of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico. As I understand it, originally the LCMS contracted a man for three years and then the next three years were filled by an ALC man. That continued even after the ALC became a part of ELCA and no longer in fellowship with the LCMS. In recent years Rev. Alvaro Lopez became an assistant pastor at El Buen Pastor. He was then joined by Rev. David Brondos who taught at the Seminary at the Lutheran Center in Mexico City. Rev. Alvaro has now taken the call to San Pablo leaving David Brondos as the pastor at El Buen Pastor. So tradition prevailed.

The vote seemed to come down to those who wanted to focus more on taking care of business, getting government papers filled out properly, paying the fees, straightening out property disputes, the business end of church work and those who wanted things as usual; keep your congregations going, reach out to new people, start new missions, and continue to patiently work with the churches that have lost their pastors.



Rev. Alvaro Lopez of San Pablo was elected president.
Roberto Serrano of San Pablo was elected Secretary.
Omar Guzman of San Pedro

(Mexico City) was elected treasurer.

This Assembly obviously consists of a smaller amount of people than the LCMS but I'm not so sure that the underlying thinking wasn't much the same. There were caucuses, planning their strategy on the basis of their feelings, and then voting.

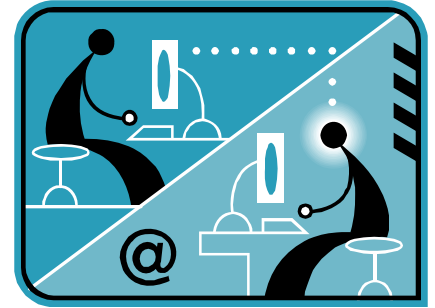
Another thing that might have played a role in the outcome was that old question that has been around the church ad infinitum, who is to have control of the church, the clergy or the laypeople? The SLM went from an all clergy council to one where there is only one pastor and two laypeople.

I think that it was conceded that some of the thinking that led to these changes might have led to a healthy change, a move toward the future.

Business does have to be taken care of but we can't forget our Lord's directive to go and make disciples. Maybe by improving on the way we take care of business, we will be more effective in spreading the Good News of what our loving God has done by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, into this world, yes, even into the country of Mexico, to save sinners. We will just have to wait to see what the future holds for the SLM and how

that will affect KIMA's ongoing relationship with the Lutheran Synod of Mexico.

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For some time now, we have been discussing the use of computers for training, teaching, communication, and researching materials for use in the various congregations. Pastor Morfitt reported that there was a wealth of material out there on the Internet especially from countries in Central and South America not to mention Spain and other Spanish speaking countries. The problem with most of the computers or at least their hookup is that they are of the dialup variety which makes them very slow, making most of the downloading next to impossible because it takes so long.

We decided that we were going to investigate what was available in the various parts of Mexico relating to high speed hookup. We are going to try and make some contacts here in the USA to people who are a little more versed about what is new and available to help in this type of communication. So if you or someone you know could be of help to us please contact us by going to our Website www.kimamission.org.

We do have some used computers available but we will have to find out about the necessity of special Spanish keyboards and Spanish operating systems.

Make a personal commitment.

These men and women need your help. After you have made your commitment to get involved in this ministry, keep it in your prayers and share this information with your congregational leaders that are responsible for the vision and direction your congregation will take in the coming months to carry out God's Great Commission.

Please contact, Rev. Norman Finke at nfinke_kima@sbcglobal.net or 972-935-8017 or www.kimamission.org for any further information.

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