

Retired Ordained Ministers

The ordained ministers on the roster of the Sierra Pacific Synod listed below have retired since the 2006 Handbook was published.

The Rev Bonnie LeRud Bell

Ordained in 1984, Pastor Bell served as pastor at Light of Life, Scotts Valley and then served in interim ministries in congregations until she retired on April 1, 2007.

The Rev Sharon Brostrom

Ordained in 1988, Pastor Brostrom served a congregation in Massachusetts; moved to California and served ministries in Palo Alto, Oakland and Sacramento prior to being called to Grace, Richmond where she served until her retirement December, 2006.

The Rev H. William Busch

Ordained in 1965, Pastor Busch served congregations in California in Richmond, Riverside, Turlock and El Dorado Hills prior to serving as Chaplain at Sierra View District Hospital, Porterville. He served there until his retirement July 1, 2006.

The Rev Virginia DuMars

Ordained in 1975, Pastor DuMars served congregations at St Andrew, San Jose and Mountain, Groveland. She retired in 2006.

The Rev Robert J. Grosch

Ordained in 1971, Pastor Grosch served congregations in St Louis, Cincinnati, and Oakland prior to accepting a call as Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Counseling to St James, Redding. He retired December 2006.

The Rev William H. Kees

Ordained in 1970, Pastor Kees served congregations in California at Trinity, Ventura; Hope, Santa Clara; and then interim ministry. In 1995 he was called by the ELCA to serve as Director for Program for the Youth Gatherings until his retirement October 2006.

The Rev W. Richard Miller

Ordained in 1968, Pastor Miller served ministries in New York, Puerto Rico, and Arizona. He served at Salem Lutheran Home, Oakland and Our Saviors, San Francisco until his retirement June 2006.

The Rev Ronald S. Moore

Ordained in 1968, Pastor Moore served congregations in Southern California until accepting a call to Our Saviour's, Oakland in 1986. He was next called to Interim Ministry and served until his retirement in 2006.

The Rev Paul Thomton

Ordained in 1968, Pastor Thomton served congregations in Montana and California. He last served in Interim Ministry and retired September 2006.

The Rev Jan L. Womer

Ordained in 1968, Pastor Womer has served in ministries from Great Britain, to Indonesia, to the United States in congregations in California. He also served the wider church as an Assistant to the Bishop (LCA) and also in the ELCA's Department for Worship. His last call was to Interim Ministry prior to retiring in December 2006.

Significant Anniversaries

Clergy

1942 - 65 Years

The Rev Magnus B Anderson
The Rev Ross F Hidy

1947 - 60 Years

The Rev Leon A Holm

1952 - 55 Years

The Rev Robert W Andersen
The Rev LeRoy B Futscher
The Rev Lawrence G Mathre
The Rev J E Rommereim
The Rev Stanley E Olson
The Rev Arthur W Sorensen
The Rev George E Steffens
The Rev Norman J Thalman
The Rev Alvin R Zeilinger

1957 - 50 Years

The Rev William C Crouser
The Rev John H Herrlinger
The Rev Paul P Krueger
The Rev David D Lundgren
The Rev Herb F Schmidt
The Rev Wendell M Stangeland

1972 - 35 Years

The Rev Paul H J Feiertag
The Rev Vernon H Holmes
The Rev Ronald A Kreiensieck
The Rev Jack R Niemi

1982 - 25 Years

The Rev Susan J Birkelo
The Rev Brian J Claasen
The Rev Jay A Ford
The Rev William S Griffin
The Rev David G Groe
The Rev Michael E Murphy
The Rev Stanley Pesis
The Rev Daniel J Severson

Associate in Ministry-25 Years

Dorothy Meyer