

Rev. Norman Groteluschen's greetings to the 19th District Convention, June 27, 2015

Greetings - What a joy it is to greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior.

On the basis of advice I received from a dear friend whose council I respect highly, I will be brief. I do affirm what my fellow emeriti have share – Thanks – Ken and Dave.

I do want to share with you that as we prepare to celebrate our 50th anniversary, it is my conviction that we are being presented with a challenging new chapter in the life of our Synod and District.

It is called "A Global Christianity Change."

From a global perspective in our country we have become third largest mission field in the world. Only China and India have more people outside the Christian faith than we do. The mission field is here.

From my conversation with our elected President, my friend Roger, I am confident that he along with our District Staff will lead us in a God pleasing manner into this untapped frontier.

Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet unwalked, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go but only that your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.