

THE REVEREND DR. ROGER C. PAAVOLA

Name: Rev. Dr. Roger C. Paavola

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Educational Background: BA, Public Administration, University of Minnesota-Duluth (1969); MBA, Healthcare Administration, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (1977); MDIV, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada (1997); DMIN, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana (2009)

Member of Synod Congregations: 70 years

Home Congregation: Christ the King Lutheran Church, Memphis, TN

Synod Experience: Council of Presidents (COP)/District President (2012-present); Concordia Plan Services Board (2010-present)

District Experience: District President (2012-present); Secretary/2nd Vice-President (2009-2012)

Congregational Experience: Pastor, Heavenly Host Lutheran Church, Cookeville, TN (2000-2012); Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Beausejour, Manitoba, Canada (1997-2000).

Community and Other Experience: Hospital CEO in metropolitan medical centers (23 years); Preceptor and taught courses in administration for the University of Minnesota graduate program; served on numerous civic boards and councils: Regional Health Agency, hospital association legislative council, the board for the Communications Services to the Deaf, chairman for a state safety council; Habitat for Humanity; the American Cancer Society; the American Red Cross; lecturer on business, management, and Small Church Forums; published four books and several articles.

Brief Personal Statement: He and his wife, Pat, have been married since 1969 and have raised three children. Dr. Paavola chaired the Mission Action Council, and has served as speaker for Small Church Forums and Ministry Conferences. He has re-established the Rural-Small Town Ministry (RSTM) Task Force; developed a congregational diagnostic (C.A.R.); established an on-going Gifts and Development function (*IMPACT*); and established a strategic mission and ministry program (COMPASS).