

## **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Rev. Donald Pritchard**

To the Member Congregations of the Central Illinois District,

It has been an honor to serve the Central Illinois District as First Vice-President and Chairman of the Board of Directors for the last two terms. The board has been very responsible and faithful to their task of planning and overseeing the various areas of Missions, Stewardship, Evangelism, Education, Congregational Life, and Finance and Management. Board members have served their respective commissions with faithfulness.

District Executive Assistants, office assistants, financial secretary, District Secretary, CEF Executive, and treasurer have worked hard to keep high standards of service. Our Board Chaplain, The Reverend Mark Miller, prepared and led exemplary devotions for the beginning and closing of every board session, for which I wish to thank him most appreciatively.

The task of oversight has not been easy, especially with the challenge of doing more with less, and maintaining the levels of service we have come to expect. Yet the Board of Directors provided responsible stewardship of the gifts received, enabling the continuation of nearly all of the work undertaken, in many cases at a lower cost.

I would like to personally thank all of the board members, both past and present under my tenure, for their wisdom, gentlemanly conduct, and faithful attention to their work. Serving such Christian gentlemen made the chair's job easy. God's richest blessings to you all!

Respectfully yours,  
Rev. Donald Pritchard, 1VP and Chairman of the CID BOD

## **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Rev. Mark A. Miller**

I thank the Lord and Head of the Church for the opportunities that He has granted to me that I may serve His people. My first and foremost call is to my parish, St. John – Pekin. He has abundantly blessed that congregation and still He builds up, by Word and Sacrament, a people to return Him glory and praise for all His benefits. Nothing should be prized more highly than the Office of the Holy Ministry through which souls are brought to Him.

“He must increase!” “To Your name, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name goes all the glory!” As but another of His lowly servants I have had the privilege to be of aid and assistance in other capacities in His Church at large. During this last triennium, the CID in convention returned me to its office of Vice-President, and as such I sat on the Board of Directors and its chairman allowed me to proclaim the Gospel among its members by means of opening devotions as Chaplain. As Vice-President, I attended biannual Circuit Counselor meetings; I presided in the District President's stead at the installation of Ted Benson at Redeemer Peoria, and at the ordination of Mark Anderson at Bethel Morton last summer. As a member of the CID Congregational Revitalization Team I had the pleasure of helping congregations, in their joys and struggles, to refocus again on the wonders of His Word and promises.

Also, during the three years just passed, I served as chair both of the Evangelism Commission, and of the 2012 Nominations Committee. I thank the Lord for working in me those things, which, without the generous gifts of His Spirit, I would be unable to accomplish and without which there would be no success.

It has been a blessing to work with President Bueltmann, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Pritchard, Rev. Joel Cluver, and with all those dedicated individuals, lay and clergy, who also serve the Lord for the sake of His kingdom here in the Central Illinois District. I humbly look forward to continuing such service as the Lord our God shall lead.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Mark A. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP