From the President
John Mason

Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Hello everyone. I’ve been busy at work as a seasonal part time employee but today no work is available so I seized this moment to do this article. I like to submit this ahead of time for our Deaf Lutheran editor to prepare and make adjustments to the article.

Speaking of pillars. Do you know what are our International Lutheran Deaf Association’s four pillars? Yes, we do have four pillars and they are: Faith, Leadership, Fellowship, and Service.

What is Faith?
We, the members of ILDA, according to Martin Luther’s catechism, share the faith together with God, the Father; Jesus, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

What is Leadership?
We, the elected officers and chairpersons of ILDA, according to our constitution and bylaws, lead the meetings, chair the projects and chair the convention programs. Leadership also gives encouragement and motivates the members with help from our Lord, Jesus Christ.

What is Fellowship?
We share our celebration and inspiration among our members of ILDA. We have the same belief and faith of our Holy Trinity. We come from many different LCMS Deaf congregations, but we share the fellowship together at ILDA.

What is Service?
We do our part to contribute funds to the Mission Projects by individuals and/or congregation offerings and its fundraising. These are ongoing projects that we provide the support of service for their needs and to reach out to those who know nothing about Jesus Christ. Also we do the worship service together at the ILDA conventions.

These four pillars are an important part of ILDA. Just like on an actual building, four pillars support the weight of the roof evenly, but if one fell then the other three pillars are in danger of falling down together.

All four pillars depend on each other. Without Faith, there is no leadership, fellowship and service. No Service, then the rest is worthless. Lack of Fellowship could lead to dissolution. Without Leadership, then there is nothing to maintain.

Thank you and God Bless!
John Mason (2019-2021)

Mark your calendars!!

2021 ILDA Convention

July 22-25, 2021
Holiday Inn
1000 Busse Rd.
Elk Grove Village, Illinois
(Chicago area just 15 minutes west of O’Hare airport)

Start saving your dollars for this event! It is ILDA’s 50th anniversary celebration!

WANTED…

Host congregation for the 2023 ILDA convention. Please send your bid by June 2020 to:
John Mason, ILDA Pres.
6721 Deep Run Parkway
Elkridge, MD 21075
Deacon John Rushton was ordained and installed as pastor of Alpha Lutheran Church in Rochester, NY on September 19, 2019. Congratulations Pastor Rushton!
God’s 1000 Club photos from the 2019 ILDA Kansas convention

John and Carolyn Snyder-Mason  
Dawn and Gregory Werth  
Rev. Daryl and Janet Gehlbach  
David G. and Sharon Brown  
Carolyn DeFalco  
Mary Ann Barton  
Rebecca Catchpole  
Rev. Mark and Carol Seeger

ILDA members enjoying a meal at the DSA Conference in Seattle, WA in September.
These are photos from India showing the renovations done at the Deaf Ministry Center and paid for by funds sent from the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society.
Congregations celebrating anniversaries

Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Vancouver, Canada celebrated 90 years of blessings on August 31, 2019 with a luncheon and two workshops led by Rev. Dr. John Reinke.

Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, celebrated 50 years of blessings on September 22, 2019. A catered meal was served and Rev. Mark Anderson was the guest preacher doing his sermon via videophone due to his inability to attend the service in person due to illness.
ILDA Officers
International Officers (2019-21)
President – John Mason
President-Elect – Gregory Werth
Secretary pro tem – Janet Gehlbach
Treasurer – David G. Brown
Pr. Advisor – Rev. Tyler Walworth

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President – Albert Moore
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Secretary – Rebecca Catchpole
Treasurer – Tim Kearney
Pr. Advisor – Rev. Bud Palmer

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President – Sara Hale
V. President – vacant
Secretary – Nola Gray
Treasurer – vacant
Pr. Advisor – Rev. Daryl Gehlbach

Northwest Region (2016-18)
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President Elect – Patricia Jenkins
Secretary – vacant
Treasurer – vacant
Pr. Advisor – Rev. David Nielsen

Great Lakes Region (2018-20)
President – Larry D. Ginter
Pres. Elect – Nancy Bergstresser
Secretary – JoAnna Rushton
Treasurer – Karen Beiter
Pr. Advisor – Rev. Edwin Bergstresser

In Memoriam

Rev. Eric Ziegler
B: 11/7/1948
D: 9/24/2019
Rev. Ziegler’s first call was to a New Jersey deaf congre-
gation in Newark.

Photos from the Interpreter Ministry Conference
July 2019

Rev. Gerard Bolling (left) and Becky Jungklaus (right) giving presentations at the conference.

Rev. Tim Eckert (left) interpreting with Carissa Huffman as conference presenter.
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Carolyn Snyder-Mason
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From the DL editor....

I want to let you know that I am switching back to the grayscale photos instead of the color photos that were printed in the last couple issues. You can see the color photos online in the ILDA webpage. Look for the Deaf Lutheran current issue, click on that and the newsletter will have color photos. I also enjoy receiving feedback so if there are any items of interest that you would like to see printed in the newsletter please let me know!

Janet Gehlbach
JGehlbach@aol.com
Deadline for the next issue is January 15, 2020.

From the ILDA Secretary...

For those of you who are members of the ILDA Facebook page, I would like to remind you that this page is for ILDA members or those who are Deaf Lutheran subscribers. If you have not paid your membership dues, there are quite a few of you on this ILDA page, please do so. Fill out the membership form online in the ILDA website and mail it to David G. Brown. His address is listed on the membership form. Thanks!

Janet Gehlbach

From the 2021 ILDA convention chair....

As you can see from Page 1 the dates of the 2021 ILDA convention have finally been announced. I, as chair, and my committee, look forward to seeing you all in Chicago in 2021. If you have special needs or have concerns about anything please let me know! Start saving your dollars to attend this convention! More info will be printed in future issues.

Janet Gehlbach
ILDA Mission Projects for 2019-2021

1. Pittsburgh Lutheran Deaf Ministry $ 1,000
2. LCMS Int’l Missions ELCG Ghana $ 2,000
3. Deaf Youth Ministry of Texas $ 10,000
4. David and Barbara Bush—LCMS (Macau) $ 2,000
5. Ryan McDermott—LCMS (Togo) $ 2,000
6. John Reinke—World Lutheran Deaf Outreach $ 10,000

Total raised so far— $1,960.90  TOTAL $ 27,000

Donations for the ILDA 2019-2021 Mission Projects can be sent to: ILDA Treasurer, David G. Brown, c/o Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church, 360 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43214. Make your check payable to “ILDA” and put “Mission Projects 2019-2021” in the memo line. These mission projects will be paid out in the order listed above. Your prayers and donations help ILDA to continue our work in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the U.S. and foreign countries.