

**2008 Bulletin of Reports  
Delaware-Maryland Synod**

**CONFERENCES**

**Westminster Conference**

The Westminster Conference meets monthly, except during the summer months, on the second Thursday of each month at various churches alternating with Carroll Lutheran Village as a meeting site every other month.

The dean is Pastor David Schafer and the secretary is Pastor Marty Roberson; both pastors serve in Westminster at St. Benjamin's and St. John's, respectively.

Some of the highlights for 2007 were:

Opening of the new Carroll Lutheran School in January 2007 with much pride in the brand new 25,000 square foot facility located just outside of Westminster. The building was dedicated in February and over 350 people attended.

Celebrating the dedication of the new Wakefield Overlook expansion at Carroll Lutheran Village. Work continues to make the Village at Millers Grant in Howard County a reality; marketing offices in Ellicott City opened in early 2008.

Sponsoring, along with Carroll Lutheran Village's assistance, an advertisement in the local press encouraging community members to attend a Lutheran church during the holiday season of 2007.

We welcomed Melissa Helfer into the conference as the newly called and consecrated diaconal minister at Jerusalem, Westminster (Bachmans Valley); Pastors Clementson – Martha and Kevin – were welcomed to Grace, Westminster. In addition, Sonia McCarthy joined the staff of Trinity, Taneytown, as family and youth ministry resource person.

We enjoyed fellowship time with colleagues periodically throughout the year.

Continued work on establishing a Lutheran presence and campus ministry at both Westminster-based colleges, McDaniel and Carroll Community.

Transitions included:

Pastor Liz Senft leaving Messiah, Berrett  
Pastor Dave Bare being called to Carroll Hospice's Dove House as chaplain  
Welcoming interim Pastor Joe Lettrich to Messiah and concluding interim service  
by Pastors Gene Alexander, Andy Carr and Linda Fernandez.

Two seminarians from the conference were ordained this past year, Dave Asendorf and Charlene Barnes.

*The Rev. David Schafer, dean*