

LOUISIANA INTERCHURCH CONFERENCE (LIC)  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Executive Director: The Rev. C. Dana Krutz  
To Live the Faith We Hold in Common

Originally formed in 1970, and today with a membership of 16 Christian Churches, and an Associate Member – The Order of St. Lazarus, and including representation from Church Women United, the LIC seeks greater Christian Unity through sharing a common faith in witness, worship, study, and service. The 47th Annual Assembly of the LIC was held on March 6-7, 2017, at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Pecanland Mall in Monroe, LA, with the theme: “*Reformation: Watching the change in our Church and in our Coastline.*” Our keynote speakers were: Ms. Helen Rose Patterson, Greater New Orleans Outreach Coordinator of Restore the Mississippi River Delta Coalition, Dr. Alisha Renfro, Coastal Scientist with the National Wildlife Federation, and Rev. Joseph Daly, Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Lafayette, LA. The Most Rev. Michael G. Duca, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shreveport, was installed as President during the ecumenical evening worship service held at First Christian Church. The Diocese was represented at the Assembly by EDOLA Ecumenical Commission member, Mr. Hugh Straub, who serves as a delegate and a Judicatory Leader for the Order of St. Lazarus, and Mr. Trevor-David Bryan, III, serving as a delegate. Bishop Morris Thompson serves as a Board Member and Mrs. Ann Ball serves as a Board Member at Large.

The LIC Fall Board meeting of September 25-26, 2017, was held in Alexandria, LA, at the St. Francis Xavier Complex. Keynote speaker, Dr. Denis R. Janz, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Religious Studies at Loyola University, presented on the theme: “*The Church, the Reformation and the Quest for Unity.*” We invite you to visit our website at [www.lainterchurch.org](http://www.lainterchurch.org) for information on these and all Board Meeting presentations.

We encourage all to celebrate the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25th, 2018) “*Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power*” (Exodus 15:6). Various churches have been asked to take leadership for 2018 in coordinating events around the state. The LIC task force on Social Justice and Public Policy continues with its Bread or Stones campaign to equip member churches with practical avenues of reducing child poverty in LA -- please contact our coordinator, Samuel Rottman to schedule a Listening Post in your area! The Stewardship of the Environment Commission continues to advocate for coastal restoration. The Criminal Justice Commission continues to focus on justice reform implementation and ending capital punishment. We plan to hold more ‘Welcome Home Sunday’ events in various cities; WHS involves reentry programs for those leaving correctional facilities. Farmer’s Advocate, Mrs. Betty Puckett, continues to work as a contract employee, ready to assist farm families on an as-needed basis. The LIC partnered with the Louisiana Prison Chapel Foundation, which built chapels throughout Louisiana at regional correctional centers, including Angola.

Largely funded by the member churches we are grateful for the support of the Diocese of Louisiana and its commitment to ecumenical relationships that keep before the churches Christ’s vision of unity in mission, service and witness.

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