



Rev. Nabil S. Nour
Fourth Vice-President
Representing the Great Plains Region

The Rev. Nabil S. Nour is fourth vice-president and a member of the Praesidium of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Nour was elected fifth vice-president in 2013 and re-elected in 2016 and ranked as third vice-president. In 2019 he was re-elected and ranked as fourth vice-president.

Nour represents the church's Great Plains Region. He also serves as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartford, S.D. since August 2016, after serving as their vacancy pastor for a year.

Previously, Nour served Redeemer Lutheran Church, Armour, S.D. from 1994 to 2015 when he retired. He has also served the church by holding several positions in the LCMS South Dakota District: serving as a circuit counselor (1998–2006), second vice-president (2006–2012) and first vice-president (2012–2013).

Born in Nazareth, Israel, Nour moved with his family to Haifa when he was three and lived on the very slopes of Mount Carmel where Elijah once hid from Jezebel. Nour immigrated to the United States when he was 16 and eventually became a naturalized citizen. He also underwent adult instruction in the Lutheran faith.

Nour graduated in 1978 from Huron College, Huron, S.D., with a Bachelor of Science in criminology and sociology and minors in psychology and gerontology. He worked in the construction industry before entering Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 1989. Upon his graduation from the seminary in 1994 with a Master of Divinity, he was called to Redeemer.

Nour is writing two books and a Bible study on the Book of Ruth. He is a trained reconciler, and he travels widely to preach and teach, including speaking on how to live a Christian life in a postmodern world and witnessing among Muslims.

Nour and his wife, Jean, live in Sioux Falls. They have three grown sons, three daughters-in-law and 12 grandchildren. Three grandchildren live with Jesus and nine live on earth with their parents.

Pastor Nour finds great joy in proclaiming the sweet Gospel, which gives freedom from the burdens and the requirement of the Law. Nour praises the Lord for the truth of Holy Scripture, which gives true and lasting freedom and the guarantee of salvation earned by the death and glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.