

# SYNOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA  
Saturday, September 16, 2017

The Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod ("C/SIS" or "synod") met at the Chiara Center in Springfield, Illinois on September 16, 2017 with the following members in attendance:

Present:

Bishop S. John Roth  
Pastor Pam Mitcham  
Mr. Ken Finkle  
Ms. Carey Mayer

Pastor Ryan Anderson  
Pastor Robert Rasmus  
Pastor James Davis  
Pastor Scott Egbers  
Pastor Glen VanderKloot  
Pastor Melissa Waterman

Mr. Larry Saler  
Mr. Terry Goff  
Mr. Henry Harms  
Ms. Kim Alberts  
Mr. Tim Marty  
Mr. Donald Swan  
Mr. Dennis Wallin  
Ms. Deanne Holshouser  
Ms. Marcia McGaughey  
Ms. Debbie Peterson  
Mr. Mathew Spencer, Young Adult  
Ms. Hailey Storm, Youth  
Representative

Absent:

Mr. Mathew Spencer, Young  
Adult Representative

Staff Present:

Pastor James Reents

Pastor Maureen Stein

Pastor Ken Sandlin

Visitors Present:

None

**Devotions / Welcome**

Ms. Deanne Holshouser led opening devotions. Vice-President Mayer called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC17.09.01 Moved and seconded to approve the Synod Council Agenda with the addition of item "M" under new business.

**Council Installation / Orientation**

**Bishop's Report** (written report submitted)

- Assistant to the Bishop Reports
  - Pastor Jim Reents (written report submitted)
  - Pastor Ken Sandlin (written report submitted)
  - Pastor Maureen Stein (written report submitted)

**Vice-President's Report**

**Secretary's Report**

- Minutes of the Executive Committee, May 31, 2017 were received.
- Minutes of the Synod Council, June 1, 2017

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC17.09.02 Executive Committee recommends the approval of the minutes of the Synod Council, June 1, 2017.

**Treasurer's Report** - Mr. Ken Finkle - written report submitted

**Consent Agenda**

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC17.09.03 Executive Committee recommends to Synod Council the approval of the Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of Retirement Status
  - 1. Pastor Stephen Barnes, effective August 1, 2017
  - 2. Pastor April Dailey, effective September 1, 2017
  - 3. Pastor Christopher Hale, effective September 1, 2017
  - 4. Pastor Robert Dealey, effective October 1, 2017
  - 5. Pastor Jan Worms, effective November 1, 2017
- B. Approval of On Leave From Call Status
  - 1. Pastor Mary Kay Henson, effective June 16, 2017
  - 2. Pastor Kurt Hoover, effective October 16, 2017
- C. Roster Changes by Transfer  
-none-
- D. Other Roster Changes
  - 1. Resignation from the ELCA Roster of Pastor Brian Goke, effective June 16, 2017
  - 2. Installation of Pastor Stefan Munker, June 18, 2017, called to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hillsboro
  - 3. Installation of Pastor Cynthia Munker, July 23, 2017, called to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church, both in Litchfield
  - 4. Ordination of Candidate Adam Connolly, called to St. John's Lutheran Church, Springfield; installation September 2, 2017
- E. Constitution Updates
  - 1. St. John's Lutheran Church, Cullom, IL
- F. Conference Reports
  - 1. East Central, Pastor Robert Rasmus
  - 2. Northern Conference, Pastor Ryan Anderson
  - 3. Northeast Conference, Pastor James Davis
  - 4. Northwest Conference, Pastor Scott Egbers
  - 5. Southern Conference, Pastor Melissa Waterman
  - 6. West Central Conference, Pastor Glen VanderKloot

**Committee/Liaison Reports**

- A. New and Renewing Congregations Committee
- B. Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy Committee
- C. Mission Support and Stewardship Education Committee
- D. Global Mission Committee
- E. Professional and Lay Leadership Committee
  - Synodically Authorized Ministry Subcommittee
  - Candidacy Subcommittee
  - Leadership Support Subcommittee

**Finance Committee Report**

- A. Budget requests are due January 20, 2018

**Old Business**

- A. Follow-up report of the C/SIS Working Group for "Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA"

- B. Follow-up on congregations disbanded
  - 1. Union, Gila
  - 2. Trinity, Alton (awaiting sale of property)
- C. Follow-up on Trinity, Kankakee

**New Business**

- A. Synod Council Call to Pastor Amy Luckey to serve as full-time chaplain at Taylorville Correctional Center, Taylorville, IL, effective June 16, 2017.

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

- SC17.09.04 Executive Committee recommends to Synod Council the approval of a Synod Council Call to Pastor Amy Luckey to serve as full-time chaplain at Taylorville Correctional Center, Taylorville, IL, effective June 16, 2017.

- B. Synod Council Call to Pastor Lanny Westphal to serve as full-time interim senior pastor at St. John's, Bloomington, effective August 16, 2017

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

- SC17.09.05 Executive Committee recommends to Synod Council the approval of a Synod Council Call to Pastor Lanny Westphal to serve as full-time interim senior pastor at St. John's, Bloomington, effective August 16, 2017.

- C. Synod Council Call to Pastor Carla Rush to serve as full-time interim pastor at St. John's, Toluca, effective October 1, 2017

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

- SC17.09.06 Executive Committee recommends to Synod Council the approval of a Synod Council Call to Pastor Carla Rush to serve as full-time interim pastor at St. John's, Toluca, effective October 1, 2017.

- D. Synod Council Appointment of Pastor Micah Garnett to the New and Renewing Congregations Covenant Committee

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

- SC17.09.07 Moved and seconded to appoint Pastor Micah Garnett to the New and Renewing Congregations Covenant Committee

- E. Synod Council Appointment of Pastor Richard Wehrs to the Mission Support and Stewardship Education Covenant Committee

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

- SC17.09.08 Moved and seconded to appoint Pastor Richard Wehrs to the Mission Support and Stewardship Education Covenant Committee

- F. Executive Committee Appointments

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

- SC17.09.09 Executive Committee recommends the appointment of the following people to the Executive Committee:

Bishop John Roth	Carey Mayer	Pastor Pam Mitcham
Ken Finkle	Terry Goff	Pastor Glen VanderKloot

G. Finance Committee Appointments

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC17.09.10 Moved and seconded that the following people be appointed to the Finance Committee:  
Ken Finkle      Debbie Peterson      Deanna Holhouser      Henry Harms  
Dennis Wallin      Pastor Scott Egbers      Pastor Ryan Anderson

H. Mutual Ministry Committee for Bishop

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC17.09.11 Executive Committee recommends the appointment of the following people to the Mutual Ministry Committee for the Bishop:  
Pastor Robert Rasmus      Pastor Ryan Anderson      Pastor James Davis  
Pastor Scott Egbers      Pastor Glen VanderKloot      Pastor Melissa Waterman

I. Program Committee Liaison Appointments

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC17.09.12 Moved and seconded that the following Program Committee Liaisons be assigned:

- Global Missions – Pastor Robert Rasmus, Hailey Storm
- New and Renewing Congregations – Don Swan
- Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy - Marcia McGaughey
- Mission Support, Stewardship Education – Pastor James Davis
- Professional Leadership: Candidacy – Pastor Melissa Waterman
- Professional Leadership: Leadership Support – Larry Saler
- Professional Leadership: Synodically Authorized Ministry – Tim Marty

J. Personnel Committee Appointments

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC17.09.13 Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council re-appoint to the Personnel Committee Kathy Williamson for a second 4-year term and Pastor Greg Busboom for a first 4-year term.

K. Bishop sabbatical/clergy renewal leave request

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC17.09.14 Moved and seconded to approve the Bishop Roth's sabbatical with the dates to be set later.

L. Synod Council consideration of shifting \$10,000 from Reserves for Equipment Replacement to Reserves for Capital Improvement

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC17.09.15 Moved and seconded to authorize moving \$10,000 from Reserves for Equipment Replacement to Reserves for Capital Improvement.

M. Relocation of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Centralia

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC17.09.16 Moved and seconded that Synod Council approve the relocation of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Centralia.

N. Placing proceeds from the Heithold Trust in a designated fund

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC17.09.17 Moved and seconded that proceeds from the Heithold Trust be placed in a designated fund to be used according to such strategic directions and purposes as the Synod Council may determine.

O. Offer from the ELCA Systems Academy

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC17.09.18 Moved and seconded that we accept the offer from the ELCA Systems Academy and pay the \$3,000 cost each year for four years from the Heithold Fund.

### **Other Business**

A. Next Council meeting, Saturday, January 20, 2018, 8:30 am at the Chiara Center, Springfield, Illinois.

### **Announcements / Adjournment**

Pedal for a Purpose for 2018 – possible recipients: Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center, Little Egypt

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC17.09.19 Moved and Seconded that Synod Council adjourn.

Having concluded business, Vice-President Mayer declared the meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m. Ms. Deanne Holhouser offered a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Pam Mitcham, Secretary