

SYNOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA
Saturday, January 20, 2018

The Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod ("C/SIS" or "synod") met at the Chiara Center in Springfield, Illinois on January 20, 2018 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 Scott Egbers
Pastor Glen VanderKloot
Pastor Melissa Waterman

Mr. Larry Saler
Mr. Terry Goff
Mr. Tim Marty
Mr. Donald Swan
Mr. Dennis Wallin
Ms. Deanne Holshouser
Ms. Marcia McGaughey
Ms. Hailey Storm, Youth
Representative

Absent:

Pastor James Davis
Ms. Kim Alberts
Mr. Mathew Spencer

Mr. Henry Harms
Ms. Debbie Peterson

Staff Present:

Pastor James Reents
Consultant – Ms. Cindy Koonce

Ms. Laura Lee

Visitors Present:

Timothy Urness, ELCA Foundation, Regional Gift Planner
Annette Shoemaker, Director ELCA Foundation
Pastor Gary Erickson – Interim DEM

Devotions / Welcome

Pastor Scott Egbers led opening devotions. Vice-President Mayer called the meeting to order at 8:49 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.01.01 Moved and seconded to approve the Synod Council Agenda

ELCA Foundation, Regional Gift Planner – Timothy Urness, Annette Shoemaker

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 – Vice-President Mayer attended the church-wide September Vice-Presidents' gathering, the ELCA Fund for Leaders Awards Dinner, Global Missions meeting.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes of the Executive Committee, September 15, 2017 were received.
- Minutes of the Synod Council, September 16, 2017

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.01.02 Executive Committee recommends the approval of the minutes of the Synod Council September 16, 2017

Treasurer's Report

Consent Agenda

SC18.01.03 Executive Committee recommends to Synod Council the approval of the Consent Agenda.

VOTED: Motion carried.

- A. Approval of Retirement Status
 1. Pastor S. Blake Duncan, effective June 16, 2018
- B. Approval of On Leave From Call Status
 1. Pastor Carla Rush, effective January 1, 2018, Year 1
 2. Pastor David Bruner, effective June 29, 2018, Year 7 (This request will have to be taken up by the Conference of Bishops following Synod Council action.)
- C. Receive Roster Changes
 1. Installation: Pastor Ryan Anderson, First English, Peoria, IL
 2. Installation: Pastor Youngshim Pitcher, Trinity, Macomb, IL
- D. 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
- E. Constitution Updates
 1. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Glasford, IL

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. No Report

Old Business

- A. Follow-up report of the C/SIS Working Group for "Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA." – beginning the 5th and final year
- B. Follow-up on congregations disbanded
 1. Union, Gila, IL
 2. Trinity, Alton, IL – awaiting sale of property
- C. Follow-up on Trinity, Kankakee, IL
- D. Property Task Force Update

New Business

- A. Renewal of Synod Council call to non-stipendiary ministry at First English Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL to Pastor Heather Arnold.

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.01.04 Moved and seconded to approve the renewal of a call to non-stipendiary ministry at First English Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL to Pastor Heather Arnold.

B. Synod Council Call to Pastor Christine McNeal to serve as Senior Staff Chaplain and Coordinator for Church Relations at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, Bloomington, IL

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.01.05 Moved and seconded to approve a Synod Council Call to Pastor Christine McNeal to serve as Senior Staff Chaplain and Coordinator for Church Relations at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, Bloomington, IL

C. Synod Council Call to Pastor Elise Rothfusz to serve as Interim Senior Pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL effective January 23, 2018.

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.01.06 Moved and seconded to approve a Synod Council Call to Pastor Elise Rothfusz to serve as Interim Senior Pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL effective January 23, 2018.

D. To appoint as directors representing the C/SIS on the Board of Directors of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois Carey Mayer, Laura Schoenecker, Pastor Paul Waterman, and Bishop John Roth, with the provision that Bishop Roth may appoint another individual to represent him at any given LCMI Board meeting.

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.01.07 Moved and seconded to appoint as directors representing the C/SIS on the Board of Directors of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois Carey Mayer, Laura Schoenecker, Pastor Paul Waterman, and Bishop John Roth, with the provision that Bishop Roth may appoint another individual to represent him at any given LCMI Board meeting.

E. Disaffiliation from the ELCA of Trinity Lutheran Church, Shumway, IL effective November 7, 2017.

F. Discussion of anticipated changes to Synod Assembly 2018

G. Approval of Synod Assembly Congregations Voting Member Criteria

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.01.08 Executive Committee recommends the approval of the following formula for voting members at Synod Assembly:

CHART FOR ADDITIONAL VOTING MEMBERS

Baptized membership as of December 31, 2017:

- 500-1000...1 additional member One (male or female)
- 1001-1500...2 additional members Two (one male and one female)
- 1501-2000...3 additional members Three (one male, one female, one either male or female)
- 2001-2500...4 additional members Four (two male and two female)
- 2501-3001...5 additional members Five (two male, two female, one either male or female)

H. Approval of Synod Assembly Nominating Committee Members

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.01.09 Moved and seconded to appoint the following persons to the Synod Assembly Nominating Committee: Pastor Glen VanderKloot, Pastor Bob Rasmus, Marcia McGaughey.

I. Approval of 2019 Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Ministers

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.01.10 Moved and seconded to approve the 2019 Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Ministers (proposed Compensation Guidelines submitted in a written report)

J. Approval for Deacon Patricia Caley to oversee Fair Trade Fair at Synod Assembly

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.01.11 Moved and seconded to approve Deacon Patricia Caley to oversee Fair Trade Fair at Synod Assembly.

K. 2018 Housing Resolution, Bishop John Roth

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.01.12 Moved and seconded to approve the following 2018 Housing Resolution for Bishop John Roth.

WHEREAS The Reverend Dr. S. John Roth, Bishop, is a full-time clergy staff member of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

WHEREAS Bishop S. John Roth owns his own home; and

WHEREAS in compliance with Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code (Revised ruling 71-280), such persons are eligible to have a portion of their compensation designated as rental or housing allowance, now, there be it that Bishop S. John Roth shall have a portion of his compensation for the calendar year 2018 designated as housing or rental allowance in the amount of \$18,000 and be it further

RESOLVED that Bishop S. John Roth shall have a portion of his compensation for the calendar year 2018 designated as housing or rental allowance in the amount of \$18,000 and be it further

RESOLVED that the Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America take the foregoing action solely to fulfill an IRS requirement and assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of figures submitted by clergy staff members.

L. Partnership with ELCA Foundation

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC10.01.13 Moved and seconded that the synod join the partnership with the ELCA Foundation with a five-year commitment, funded from the Heithold Memorial Fund at \$10,000 per year.

Other Business

A. Next Council meeting, Saturday, March 17, 2018, 8:30 am at the Chiara Center, Springfield, Illinois.

Announcements / Adjournment

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.01.14 Moved and Seconded that Synod Council adjourn.

Having concluded business, Vice-President Mayer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m. Pastor Scott Egbers offered a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Pam Mitcham, Secretary