

SYNOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA
Saturday, March 17, 2018

The Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod ("C/SIS" or "synod") met at the Chiara Center in Springfield, Illinois on March 17, 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 James Davis
Pastor Scott Egbers
Pastor Glen VanderKloot
Pastor Melissa Waterman

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

Absent:

Pastor Robert Rasmus

Ms. Deanne Holshouser
Ms. Kim Alberts

Staff Present:

Pastor James Reents

Ms. Laura Lee

Visitors Present:

Mr. Vernon Veal

Devotions / Welcome

Mr. Larry Saler led opening devotions. Vice-President Mayer called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.03.01 Moved and seconded to approve the Synod Council Agenda with three additional items under new business

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 plans to attend the church-wide Vice-Presidents' gathering in the middle of October.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes of the Executive Committee, January 19, 2018, were received.
- Minutes of the Synod Council, January 20, 2018

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.03.02 Executive Committee recommends the approval of the minutes of the Synod Council January 20, 2018

Treasurer's Report

Consent Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.03.03 The Executive Committee recommends to Synod Council the approval of the Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Retirement Status
 - 1. Pastor Dennis O'Brien, effective date May 1, 2018
 - 2. Pastor Kenneth Tegtmeier, effective date June 1, 2018
- B. Approval of On Leave From Call Status
 - 1. Pastor Karen McNeill-Utecht, effective February 1, 2018, Year 2
- C. Receive Roster Changes
 - 1. Installation: Pastor Kara Wiechmann, Bethel Lutheran Church, Bartonville
- D. Conference Reports
 - 1. East Central Conference, 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. Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, De Soto
 - 2. Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign

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 – Proposed 2019 Synod Budget

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.03.04 The Executive Committee recommends the proposed 2019 Synod Budget

Old Business

- A. Follow-up on congregations disbanded
 - 1. Union, Gila, IL
 - 2. Trinity, Alton, IL – awaiting sale of property
- B. Follow-up on Trinity, Kankakee, IL
- C. Update on synod office building matters

New Business

- A. Proposed constitutional changes relative to synod committees

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.03.05 Moved and seconded to recommend to the 2018 Synod Assembly the following changes to the synod constitution:

The strike-throughs represent what should be deleted.
The red are the new additions.

S 11.01.04. In addition to the committees of S11.01 the synod may establish committees which are units to which are assigned particular programmatic functions and responsibilities for carrying forward the work and activities of this synod according to the sense and scope of Chapter 6 of the Constitution: The synod program and covenant committees are:

- a. Covenant Committee: Mission Support and Stewardship Education
- b. Covenant Committee: New/Renewing Congregations
- c. Covenant Committee: Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy
- d. Global Mission
- e. ~~Professional and Lay Leadership~~ **Candidacy Committee**
- f. **Leadership Support**
- g. **Adult Faith Formation**

S11.07.04. Global Mission Committee. The Global Mission Committee shall consist of ~~twelve~~ **seven** members, ~~two~~ **one** selected by each conference and in compliance with +S6.04. ~~and one appointed by the Synod Council.~~ The function of this committee shall include: communication of hunger, justice issues, global ministry interpretation and the companion synod ~~relationship~~ **relationships**.

S11.07.05 ~~The Professional and Lay Leadership~~ **The Candidacy** Committee shall consist of ~~twenty-eight~~ **fourteen** members, ~~four~~ **two** selected by each conference in consultation with the professional staff of the synod, and ~~four~~ **two** selected at large by the Synod Council, and in compliance with +S6.04. ~~There may be three subcommittees. The purpose of the subcommittees would be oversight of Candidacy for rostered leaders, Leadership Support, and Synodically Authorized Ministry.~~

~~The Candidacy Subcommittee shall consist of twelve f members; one clergy and one lay member from each conference. The function of the Candidacy Committee is to work with applicants from application through Entrance, Endorsement, Approval and Ordination. They will seek to support each candidate through prayer, guidance and counsel as well represent the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in helping candidates discern both their inner call (personal) call and their outer call (affirmation by both the seminary faculty and candidacy committee).~~

An exception to the two term limit (S11.01.05) is that a member of the ~~Professional and Lay Leadership~~ **Candidacy** Committee who has served two consecutive terms on the Candidacy ~~Subcommittee~~ is eligible to, in consultation with the professional staff of the synod, serve a third consecutive term on the Candidacy ~~Subcommittee~~.

S11.07.06 The Leadership Support ~~SubCommittee~~ shall ~~each~~ consist of ~~eight~~ **seven** members; ~~two or three~~ **at least two** clergy and **at least four** ~~five or six~~ lay members so as to be in compliance with +S6.04. ~~with each conference having at least one representative~~ Each conference shall elect one member of ~~both~~ **on** to the Leadership Support ~~Committee~~ **The Synod Council shall appoint one member to the Leadership Support Committee..**

The function of the Leadership Support Committee shall be to annually review and recommend compensation guidelines for both Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ministers of Word and Service, and to set pulpit supply rates. The Leadership Support Committee may also assist synod staff with the planning, promotion and implementation of the annual Lay and Profession Leaders Retreat.

S11.07.07 The **Adult Faith Formation Committee** shall ~~each~~ consist of ~~eight~~ **seven** members; ~~two or three~~ **at least two** clergy and **at least four** ~~five or six~~ lay members so as to be in compliance with +S6.04. ~~with each conference having at least one representative~~ Each conference

shall elect one member of ~~on~~ the Adult Faith Formation Subcommittee. The Synod Council shall appoint one member to the Adult Faith Formation Committee.

The function of the Adult Faith Formation Committee centers around two important, yet distinct, areas: Shepherding those preparing for and those functioning in Synodically Authorized Ministry and promoting and planning adult faith formation events and opportunities particularly for lay members throughout the synod.

B. Appointment of Pastor Harlan Kaden to the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center Board of Directors

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.03.06 Executive Committee recommends the appointment of Pastor Harlan Kaden to the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center Board of Directors

C. Appointment of Mr. Daniel Simmons as parliamentarian for the 2018 Synod Assembly

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.03.07 Executive Committee recommends the appointment of Mr. Daniel Simmons as parliamentarian for the 2018 Synod Assembly

D. Preliminary report of the nominating committee

Other Business

A. Next Synod Council meeting Thursday, June 7, 2018, 8:30 a.m. at the I-Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign, IL

Announcements / Adjournment

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC18.03.08 Moved and Seconded that Synod Council adjourn.

Having concluded business, Vice-President Mayer declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Larry Saler offered a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Pam Mitcham, Secretary