**SYNOD COUNCIL MINUTES**

Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA

Saturday, September 15, 2018

The Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod ("C/SIS" or "synod") met at Grace Lutheran Church, 714 E. Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, on September 15, 2018 with the following members in attendance:

Present:

Bishop S. John Roth Pastor Ryan Anderson Ms. Doreen Klages

Pastor Pam Mitcham Pastor Greg Busboom Mr. William “Bill” Hartley

Ms. Carey Mayer Pastor Pete Hinrich Ms. Marcia McGaughey

Pastor Scott Egbers Mr. Larry Saler

Pastor Melissa Waterman Ms. Kim Alberts

Pastor Amy Ziettlow Ms. Carla O’Connor

Ms. Deanne Holshouser

Mr. Tim Marty

Mr. Mathew Spencer

Young Adult Representative

Ms. Hailey Storm

Youth Representative

Absent: Mr. Ken Finkle, Treasurer

Mr. Dennis Wallin

Staff Present: Pastor James Reents

Pastor Ken Sandlin

Pastor Maureen Stein

Pastor Ken Tegtmeier

Pastor Elise Rothfusz, DEM

Ms. Laura Lee

Visitors Present: None

**Devotions / Welcome**

Mr. Tim Marty led opening devotions. Vice-President Mayer called the meeting to order at 8:52 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC18.09.01 Moved and seconded to approve the Synod Council Agenda with provision for the chair to change the order as needed

**New Council Member Installation**

**Council Orientation**

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

1. Assistant to the Bishop Reports
2. Pastor Jim Reents (written report submitted)
3. Pastor Ken Sandlin (written report submitted)
4. Pastor Maureen Stein (written report submitted)
5. Pastor Ken Tegtmeier (written report submitted)
6. Director for Evangelical Mission Report
7. Pastor Elise Rothfusz (written report submitted)

**Vice-President's Report**

Vice-President Mayer plans to attend the Vice Presidents’ Gathering to be held in October.

**Secretary's Report**

A. Minutes of the 2018 Synod Assembly will be received at the 2019 Synod Assembly.

B. Minutes of the Executive Committee, June 6, 2018, were received.

C. Minutes of the Synod Council, June 7, 2018

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC18.09.02 Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Synod Council June 7, 2018.

**Treasurer’s Report**

A. Financial update

**Consent Agenda**

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC18.09.03 The Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council set the Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Approval of Retirement Status

1. Pastor Clarence “Ed” Hudelson, effective January 1, 2019

B. Approval of On Leave From Call Status

1. Pastor Mary Kay Henson, Year 2, effective September 16, 2018

2. Pastor Kurt Hoover, Year 2, effective October 16, 2018

3. Pastor Paul Park, Year 3, effective September 16, 2018

4. Deacon Diane Runyon, Year 1, effective September 16, 2018

C. Roster Changes by Transfer

1. Transfer out: Pastor Margo Peterson to the La Crosse Area Synod

2. Transfer out: Pastor Karen McNeill-Utecht to the Nebraska Synod

3. Transfer out: Pastor Corey Lange to the Northwestern Minnesota Synod

4. Transfer out: Pastor Maggie Falenschek to the Southwest Minnesota Synod

5. Transfer out: Pastor Colleen Winkler to the Indiana-Kentucky Synod

6. Transfer out: Pastor Terry Edwards to the Virginia Synod

7. Transfer in: Pastor Joyce Maddux-Jennings, Retired, from the Southern Ohio Synod

8. Transfer in: Pastor David Glesne from the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin; called to St. John Lutheran Church, Bloomington; installation, September 23, 2018

9. Transfer in: Pastor Craig Swenson from the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin; called to Salem Lutheran Church, Peoria; installation, September 9, 2018

D. Other Roster Changes

1. Ordination: Pastor-elect Christine Salser, June 22, 2018, called to Servant’s United Parish – lead assignment to Community Lutheran Church, Cornell and St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Dwight; installation July 8, 2018

2. Ordination: Pastor-elect Thomas Kratzer, August 4, 2018, called to serve Wartburg Parish – lead assignment to St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Steeleville, and St. John Lutheran Church, Campbell Hill; installation, September 22, 2018

E. Constitution Updates approved

1. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Champaign

2. Trinity Lutheran Church, Olney

3. Christ Lutheran Church, Quincy

4. St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Forrest

5. Peace Lutheran Church, Steeleville

6. Zion Lutheran Church, Peoria

7. Salem Lutheran Church, Jonesboro

**Conference Reports**

1. East Central Conference, Pastor Amy Ziettlow

2. Northern Conference, Pastor Ryan Anderson

3. Northeast Conference, Pastor Peter Hinrich

4. Northwest Conference, Pastor Scott Egbers

5. Southern Conference, Pastor Melissa Waterman

6. West Central Conference, Pastor Greg Busboom

**Committee/Liaison Reports**

A. New and Renewing Congregations Committee

B. Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy Committee

C. Mission Support, Stewardship and Education Committee

D. Global Mission Committee

E. Candidacy Committee

F. Leadership Support Committee

G. Adult Faith Formation Committee

**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 the synod office building matters

**New Business**

A. Synod Council appointment of Pastor Linda Strader to the Board of Directors of University Lutheran Ministry (Illinois State University)

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC18.09.04 Moved and seconded to appoint Pastor Linda Strader to the Board of Directors of University Lutheran Ministry (Illinois State University)

B. Synod Council Executive Committee Appointments

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC18.09.05 Moved and seconded to appoint the following persons to the Synod Council Executive Committee:  
Bishop John Roth Carey Mayer Pastor Pam Mitcham Ken Finkle  
Deanna Holshouser Kim Alberts Pastor Scott Egbers

C. Synod Council Finance Committee Appointments

D. Synod Council Committee Liaison Appointments

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC18.09.06 Moved and seconded to make the following appointments:

Finance Committee members:

Mr. Ken Finkle, Treasurer Ms. Carey Mayer Mr. Mathew Spencer Mr. Dennis Wallin

Pastor Ryan Anderson Pastor Greg Busboom Pastor Amy Ziettlow Mr. William Hartley

Synod Committee Liaisons:

1. New and Renewing Congregations Committee – Pastor Peter Hinrich

2. Social Ministry, Justice, and Advocacy Committee – Ms. Marcia McGaughey

3. Mission Support and Stewardship Education Committee – Ms. Doreen Klages

4. Global Mission Committee – Ms. Carla O’Conner, Ms. Hailey Storm

5. Candidacy Committee – Pastor Melissa Waterman

6. Adult Faith Formation Committee – Mr. Tim Marty

7. Leadership Support Committee – Mr. Larry Saler

E. Peace Lutheran Church, Belleville, dissolved August 14, 2018.

F. Resurrection Lutheran Church, Bloomington, will cease operation on October 28, 2018; dissolution will take place when the assets are distributed.

G. Feedback on ELCA “Future Directions 2025” priorities

**Other Business**

A. Next Synod Council meeting Saturday, January 19, 2019, 8:30 a.m. at the Chiara Center in Springfield, Illinois.

**Announcements / Adjournment**

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC18.09.07 Moved and Seconded that Synod Council adjourn.

Having concluded business, Vice-President Mayer declared the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m. The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Pam Mitcham, Secretary