

# SYNOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA  
Saturday, January 16, 2016

The Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod (“C/SIS” or “synod”) met at the Chiara Center, in Springfield, Illinois, on January 16, 2016, with the following members in attendance:

Bishop S. John Roth  
Ms. Jeanne Rapp  
Pastor Pam Mitcham  
Mr. Ken Finkle

Pastor Laura Kamprath  
Pastor Robert Rasmus  
Pastor John Rothfusz  
Pastor Glen VanderKloot

Ms. Kim Alberts  
Mr. Terry Goff  
Mr. Henry Harms  
Ms. Deanne Holshouser  
Ms. Tiana Montgomery  
Mr. Steve Rapp  
Mr. Larry Saler  
Mr. Donald Swan  
Mr. Broden Wileman,  
Youth Representative  
Mr. Matthew Spencer,  
Young Adult Representative

## Absent:

Pastor James Davis

Pastor Mike Thomas

Ms. Kim Alberts  
Ms. Helen Pagel

## Staff Present:

Pastor James Reents

Pastor Bob Dealey

Cindy Koonce

## Also Present

Bishop Jonathan Keaton, The United Methodist Church  
Mr. Dan Simmons, Synod Attorney

## **Devotions/Welcome**

Vice President Rapp called the meeting to order at 8:52 am. Pastor Bob Dealey gave devotions.

## **Approval of Agenda**

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.01.01 Moved and seconded to approve the revised Synod Council Agenda.

## **Discussion: Ecumenical Partnership**

Special Guest: Bishop Jonathan Keaton

The United Methodist Church, Illinois Great Rivers Conference

## **Executive Session**

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.01.02 Moved and seconded to move into Executive Session.

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.01.03 Moved and seconded to move out of Executive Session.

## **Bishop’s Report** (*written report submitted*)

- Assistant to the Bishop Reports
  - Pastor Wayland Middendorf (*written report submitted*)

- Pastor Jim Reents (*written report submitted*)
- Pastor Ken Sandlin (*written report submitted*)
- Pastor Maureen Stein (*written report submitted*)
- Director for Evangelical Mission Report
  - Pastor Bob Dealey (*written report submitted*)

### **Vice-President's Report**

Report received from Vice-President Jeanne Rapp

### **Secretary's Report**

- Received minutes of the Executive Committee, September 18, 2015
- Minutes of the Synod Council, September 19, 2015

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.01.04 Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Synod Council, September 19, 2015, be approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Financial Update

### **Consent Agenda**

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

EC16.01.05 Moved and seconded to approve Consent Agenda.

- A. Letter of Call
  1. Pastor Heather MacIver Arnold, Non-Stipendiary Call as Family Life Pastor, First English, Peoria
  2. Pastor Amy Thoren, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church and Campus Center, Champaign
- B. Approval of Retirement Status
  1. Pastor Connie Frase, effective May 1, 2016
- C. Approval of On Leave From Call Status
  1. None.
- D. Receive Resignation from the Roster
  1. Pastor Timothy Hubert
- E. Roster Changes
  1. Installation of Pastor Chris Repp, Grace, Champaign
  2. Transfer received, Pastor Joy Miller, from Northwestern Ohio Synod
  3. Installation of Pastor Joy Miller, Immanuel, Minonk and Bethany, Wenona
  4. Transfer of Pastor William Zanton to South Central Wisconsin Synod
- F. Conference Reports
  1. East Central, Pastor Robert Rasmus
  2. Northern Conference, Pastor John Rothfusz
  3. Northeast Conference, Pastor James Davis
  4. Northwest Conference, Pastor Mike Thomas
  5. Southern Conference, Pastor Laura Kamprath
  6. West Central Conference, Pastor Glen VanderKloot
- G. Approval of the Constitution Committee's assessment that changes in Congregation Constitutions contain no conflicts with the constitution and bylaws of the ELCA or the C/SIS
  1. St. Paul, Pontiac

## Committee Reports

- New and Renewing Congregations Committee
- Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy Committee
- Mission Support and Stewardship Education Committee
- Global Mission Committee
- Professional and Lay Leadership Committee
  - Synodically Authorized Ministry Subcommittee
  - Candidacy Subcommittee
  - Leadership Support Subcommittee

## Finance Committee Report

Update - Pastor John Rothfusz

## Old Business

- A. Follow-up report of the C/SIS Working Group for “Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA” - Vice President Rapp presented a hand-out with an update on the Synod's contributions to the Campaign.
- B. Follow-up on congregations disbanded
  1. Union, Gila - legal work is done, resolution is anticipated by the end of January.
  2. Trinity, Alton (awaiting sale of property)

## New Business

- A. Affirm “Stewarding Our Health” for utilizing Portico Wellness Dollars

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.01.06 Moved and seconded that the Synod Council affirm "Stewarding Our Health" for utilizing Portico Wellness Dollars.

- B. 2016 Housing Allowance for S. John Roth, Bishop

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.01.07 Moved and seconded that the Synod Council set the Bishop's 2016 Housing Allowance at \$18,000.00.

- C. Appointment of a Task Force to explore uses of funds received from the Heithold Endowment Trust

**VOTE: Motion not carried, was amended.**

SC16.01.08 Moved and seconded that the Synod Council form a task force to explore and recommend uses of funds received from the Heithold Endowment Trust.

**VOTE: Motion not carried, was amended.**

SC16.01.09 Moved and seconded that motion SC16.01.08 be amended to read -“The Bishop will appoint a task force to explore and recommend uses of funds received from the Heithold Endowment Trust.”

**VOTE: Motion not carried, was amended.**

SC16.01.10 Moved and seconded that motion SC16.01.09 be amended to read -“The Bishop will appoint a task force in consultation with the Executive Committee to explore and recommend uses of funds received from the Heithold Endowment Trust.”

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.01.11 Moved and seconded that motion SC16.01.10 be amended to read -“The Bishop will appoint a task force of no more than seven people in consultation with the Executive

Committee to explore and recommend uses of funds received from the Heithold Endowment Trust.”

D. Request from Healthier Church for display at Synod Assembly

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.01.12 Moved and seconded that the Synod Council approve the request from Healthier Church for display at Synod Assembly.

E. Approval of Nominating Committee for 2016 Synod Assembly

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.01.13 Moved and seconded that the Synod Council appoint three people to the Nominating Committee for the 2016 Synod Assembly.

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.01.14 Moved and seconded that Synod Council appoint Pastor Glen VanderKloot, Pastor Bob Rasmus, and Deanne Holshouser to the Nominating Committee for the 2016 Synod Assembly

F. Receive Pedal for a Purpose Report

G. Approve Pedal for a Purpose Request

**VOTE: Motion not carried, was amended.**

SC16.01.15 Moved and seconded that Pedal For A Purpose be allowed to raise money in the Synod for 2016.

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.01.16 Moved and seconded that motion SC16.01.15 be amended to read –“Pedal For A Purpose be allowed to raise money in the synod for a three-year period.”

H. Approve re-appointment to Personnel Committee

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.01.17 Moved and seconded that the Synod Council re-appoint Henry Harms to the Personnel Committee.

### **Other Business**

- Next council meeting, Saturday, March 19, 2016, 8:30 a.m. at the Chiara Center, Springfield

**Announcements/Adjournment** - Having concluded business, Vice President Rapp declared the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. Pastor Bob Dealey closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Pam Mitcham, Secretary