

SYNOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA
Thursday, June 4, 2015

The Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod (“C/SIS” or “synod”) met at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, Illinois, on June 4, 2015, with the following members in attendance:

Bishop S. John Roth	Pastor Ed Hudelson	Ms. Kim Alberts
Ms. Jeanne Rapp	Pastor Laura Kamprath	Ms. Connie Frankenfeld
Pastor Patricia Heath	Pastor Robert Rasmus	Mr. Terry Goff
Mr. Lyle Hallock	Pastor John Rothfusz	Mr. Henry Harms
	Pastor Mike Thomas	Mr. Jerry James
	Pastor Glen VanderKloot	Ms. Diane Maertens
		Ms. Tiana Montgomery
		Ms. Helen Pagel
		Mr. Steve Rapp
		Mr. Donald Swan
		Ms. Meret Kemmerling, Youth Representative
		Mr. Matthew Spencer, Young Adult Representative

Staff Present:

Pastor James Reents

Also Present

Pastor James Davis, Northeast Conference Dean-Elect
Mr. Vernon Veal, C/SIS member of ELCA Church Council
Ms. Carol Maertens

Vice President Rapp called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Devotions

Pastor Ed Hudelson opened with devotions.

Welcome

Mr. Vernon Veal introduced as C/SIS member who currently serves on the ELCA Church Council. A brief description of his experience so far was given.

Approval of Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC15.06.01 Moved and seconded to approve the Synod Council Agenda with permission of the chair to adjust as necessary.

Bishop’s Report (*written report submitted*)

- A. Assistant to Bishop Reports
 - 1. Pastor Wayland Middendorf (*written report submitted*)
 - 2. Pastor Jim Reents (*written report submitted*)
 - 3. Pastor Ken Sandlin (*written report submitted*)
 - 4. Pastor Maureen Stein (*written report submitted*)
- B. Director for Evangelical Mission Report
 - 1. Pastor Bob Dealey (*written report submitted*)

Reports received. Bishop Roth has received greetings from the presidents of both synods of the Malagasy Lutheran Church in Madagascar with whom we are in a companion synod relationship; these will be shared with the 2015 C/SIS Synod Assembly.

Vice President's Report

Deferred to later in the Synod Council agenda.

Secretary's Report

A. Minutes of the Executive Committee, March 20, 2015
Minutes previously approved by the Executive Committee.

B. Minutes of the Synod Council Meeting, March 21, 2015

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC15.06.02 Executive Committee recommends to Synod Council the approval of the March 20, 2015, Synod Council minutes as amended.

By substitution:

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E. Professional and Lay Leadership Committee

- Leadership Support Subcommittee

~~Mr. Henry Harms~~, MR. JERRY JAMES *Synod Council liaison*

Treasurer's Report

A. Financial Update

Audit report is complete. Hard copies of the audit report are available. The entire report has been posted to the synod website.

Consent Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC15.06.03 Executive Committee recommends to Synod Council that the Consent Agenda be approved.

A. Approval of Retirement Status

1. Pastor Glen VanderKloot, effective August 1, 2015

B. Approval of On Leave from Call Status

1. Pastor David Bruner, Study Leave, Year 4, effective June 29, 2015

C. Acknowledge Roster Status Expired

1. Pastor Philip Witkop

D. Roster Changes

1. Installation of Pastor Amy Zietlow, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Decatur
2. Transfer of Pastor Scott Olbert, retired, to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod

E. Extend Letter of Call

1. Extend Synod Council Call to Special Service to Rev. John Thomas Sipf as Chaplain with Vitas Hospice, Peoria
2. Extend Synod Council Call to Special Service to Rev. Paul Park as Interim Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Canton
3. Extend Synod Council Call to Special Service to Rev. Mauricio Vieira as Interim Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church, Cullom and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Chatsworth

F. Conference Reports

1. East Central, Pastor Robert Rasmus
2. Northern Conference, Pastor John Rothfus
3. Northeast Conference, Pastor Ed Hudelson
4. Northwest Conference, Mike Thomas
5. Southern Conference, Pastor Laura Kamprath
6. West Central, 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. John Lutheran Church, Bremen

Committee Reports

- A. New and Renewing Congregations Committee
Pastor Ed Hudelson and Ms. Connie Frankenfeld, *Synod Council liaisons*
Committee has worked further on its request to Synod Council regarding funding congregational transformation.
- B. Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy
Ms. Diane Maertens, *Synod Council liaison*
Nothing new to report.
- C. Mission Support and Stewardship Education Committee
Mr. Steve Rapp, *Synod Council liaison*
Nothing new to report.
- D. Global Mission Committee
Pastor Laura Kamprath, *Synod Council liaison*
Nothing new to report.
- E. Professional and Lay Leadership Committee
 - Synodically Authorized Ministry Subcommittee
Ms. Helen Pagel, *Synod Council liaison*
A discernment retreat is planned for this fall. Fifty-one congregations have been served by SAMs.
 - Candidacy Subcommittee
Pastor Glen VanderKloot, *Synod Council liaison*
A retreat is planned for later this year. The ELCA is in the process of revising the candidacy manual. It is anticipated that the changes are relatively minor and will not adversely affect the way the synod proceeds with candidacy.
 - Leadership Support Subcommittee
Mr. Jerry James, *Synod Council liaison*
Nothing new to report.

Finance Committee Report

- A. Update as needed
Proposed Budget will be forwarded for action to the 2015 Synod Assembly.

Old Business

- A. Follow-up report of the C/SIS Working Group for “Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA”
Working Group continues to meet, via conference call mostly. Presentation will be made to the 2015 C/SIS Synod Assembly, and two forums will be offered. A packet will be made available to congregational lay voting member(s) at the Assembly, one per congregation, with the lay members being asked to take the materials back to the congregation for implementation. Campaign materials, including videos, are on the web. Each year of the five-year campaign has a suggested theme. Resources related to each year’s theme will be available. A resolution in support of “Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA” will be put before the 2015 C/SIS Synod Assembly.
- B. Draft Proposal for New Mission Support as prepared by the New and Renewing
Written document provided. Discussion held.

VOTED: Motion carried.

- SC15.06.04 Moved and seconded that the proposal made by the New and Renewing Congregations Committee be referred back to that committee and that members from the New and Renewing Congregations Committee, Bishop Roth, and synod office staff establish roles for executing any proposal, including Synod Council taking on disbursement responsibility, and then put forward to Synod Council an updated proposal for action.

C. Follow-up on congregations disbanded

a. Union, Gila

Treasurer Hallock has been in conversation with a representative of the congregation. While some action has taken place to settle this matter, an inaccuracy in deeding the real property where the cemetery is located occurred in the past. Currently, an abstract attorney is working with congregational representatives to help rectify the error so that the memorial can be placed and all activity regarding Union Lutheran Church can be concluded.

b. Trinity, Alton (awaiting sale of property)

No new information. Building remains unsold.

New Business

A. Rename Fund #455122

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC15.06.05 Executive Committee recommends to Synod Council that the name of fund #455122 be changed to "Congregational Renewal/Start-Up Fund."

B. Appoint Pastor Elyse Nelson Winger to the Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) Board of Directors, for a three year term ending, June 2018.

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC15.06.06 Executive Committee recommends to Synod Council that Pastor Elyse Nelson Winger be appointed to the LSSI Board of Directors for a three-year term ending June, 2018.

Other Business

A. Next Council meeting, Saturday, September 19, 2015, 8:30 a.m. at the Chiara Center, Springfield

B. Madagascar students attending 2015 Youth Gathering

Travel Visas for individuals from Madagascar have been denied. The ELCA is working through official channels to try to make it possible for the students to attend the Gathering.

C. Call status of Prince of Peace, Mt. Vernon.

Congregation has entered into a three-year agreement with the synod that once a pastor is called, C/SIS will provide \$30,000/year for three years in support of a full-time pastor for the congregation. Congregation has also developed a mission plan that requires self-sufficiency in three years.

Executive Session

None needed.

Announcement/Adjournment

Vice President Rapp thanked all Synod Council members who will be ending their terms this year.

Discussion held regarding whether the synod has issued any statement regarding racial justice and current events. Synod has not drafted nor produced any official statement. Resolution 2015.04, in regards to issues of criminal justice, will come before the 2015 C/SIS Synod Assembly. Synod Council, as well as professional leaders and conference, encouraged to participate in anti-racism training.

Having concluded business, Vice President Rapp declared the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Ed Hudelson closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Patty Heath
Secretary