

# SYNOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA

Saturday, March 19, 2016

The Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod ("C/SIS" or "synod") met at the Chiara Center in Springfield, Illinois on March 19, 2016, with the following members in attendance:

## Present:

Bishop S. John Roth	Pastor Laura Kamprath	Ms. Helen Pagel
Pastor Pam Mitcham	Pastor Robert Rasmus	Mr. Terry Goff
Mr. Ken Finkle	Pastor John Rothfusz	Mr. Henry Harms
	Pastor Glen VanderKloot	Mr. Larry Saler
	Pastor Mike Thomas	Ms. Tiana Montgomery
	Pastor James Davis	Mr. Donald Swan
		Mr. Broden Wileman, Youth Representative

## Absent:

Ms. Jeanne Rapp	Ms. Kim Alberts	Ms. Deanne Holshouser
Mr. Steve Rapp	Mr. Matthew Spencer	Ms. Debbie Peterson

## Staff Present:

Pastor Bob Dealey	Pastor James Reents	Ms. Cindy Koonce
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## Also Present

Pastor Vernon Veal, ELCA Church Council Rep from C/SIS

## **Welcome/Opening Prayer**

Pastor James Davis led opening devotions. Bishop Roth called the meeting to order at 8:52 a.m.

## **Approval of Agenda**

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.03.01 Moved and seconded to approve the Synod Council Committee Agenda **as amended.**

## **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**

(No report)

## **Secretary's Report**

- Minutes of the Executive Committee, January 15, 2016 were received.
- Minutes of the Synod Council, January 16, 2016

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.03.02 Moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Synod Council, January 16, 2016, be approved with the following correction:

Strike the name of Ms. Kim Alberts from “Present” and list her as “Absent.”

**Treasurer's Report - Mr. Ken Finkle**

- Financial Update - (written report submitted)

**Consent Agenda**

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.03.03 The Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Letter of Call
  - 1. None
- B. Approval of Retirement Status
  - 1. None
- C. Approval of On Leave From Call Status
  - 1. Pastor Robert Kinan, Year 3, effective March 1, 2016
- D. Receive Resignation from the Roster
  - 1. None
- E. Roster Changes
  - 1. Installation of Pastor Amy Thoren, St. Andrew's, Champaign
- 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 Congregational Constitutions contain no conflicts with the constitution and bylaws of the ELCA or the C/SIS
  - 1. St. John Lutheran Church, Bremen
  - 2. American Lutheran Church, Bourbonnais
  - 3. Christ Lutheran Church, Monticello
  - 4. Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna
  - 5. Faith Lutheran Church, Augusta
  - 6. St. John Lutheran Church, Lacon

**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

Information received from committees.

## Finance Committee Report

Written report submitted.

### Old Business

- A. Follow-up report of the C/SIS Working Group for "Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA." The campaign finishes its second year with \$80 million across the ELCA. The Central / Southern Illinois Synod figure for 2015 is \$280,971.
- B. Follow-up on congregations disbanded
  - 1. Union, Gila - no new information
  - 2. Trinity, Alton - no new information
  - 3. Trinity, Kankakee - The worshipping community continues to worship at Ervin Funeral Home. Since the congregation can no longer function, the synod's desire is to hand over the property deed to the mortgage holder, Thrivent, who is currently working out how to take over the deed to the property.

### New Business

- A. Appoint Reference and Counsel Committee for 2016 Synod Assembly  
**VOTED: Motion carried.**  
SC16.03.04 The Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council appoint the following people to the Reference and Counsel Committee for the 2016 Synod Assembly:  
Pastor Ben Fiore, chair                      Ms. Lynne Culkin, NE Conf  
Ms. Carol Ladwig, NO Conf                  Pastor Tony Metz, NW Conf  
Mr. Hugh Stempfley, SO Conf              Ms. Jan Lawson, EC Conf
- B. Appoint Mr. Dan Simmons as Parliamentarian for 2016 Synod Assembly  
**VOTED: Motion carried.**  
SC16.03.05 The Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council appoint Mr. Dan Simmons as Parliamentarian for the 2016 Synod Assembly:
- C. Adoption of 2016 Synod Assembly Rules of Procedure and Organization  
**VOTED: Motion carried.**  
SC16.03.06 The Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council adopt the 2016 Synod Assembly Rules of Procedure and Organization.
- D. Approval of 2017 Proposed Budget  
**VOTED: Motion carried.**  
SC16.03.07 The Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council recommend approval of the 2017 Proposed Budget to the Synod Assembly.  
  
**VOTED: Motion carried.**  
SC16.03.08 The Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council approve the following three items:
  - E. Approve Used Book Sale for 2016 Assembly
  - F. Approve sale of Fair Trade Items for 2016 Assembly
  - G. Approve Pat Caley for oversight of Fair Trade Area
- H. Approve permission for Pastor Bill Pierce, Michael Foppe, and Danielle Tributou to have an exhibit table at the 2016 Synod Assembly for Reconciling Works

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.03.09 The Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council approve permission for Pastor Bill Pierce, Michael Foppe, and Danielle Tribout to have an exhibit table at the 2016 Synod Assembly for Reconciling Works

I. Recommend that Synod Council appoint Mr. Tom Gooding to serve a second three-year term to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago Board of Directors, term ending September, 2019

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.03.10 The Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council appoint Mr. Tom Gooding to serve a second three-year term to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago Board of Directors, term ending September, 2019

J. Approve 2017 Compensation guidelines

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.03.11 The Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council approve the 2017 Compensation guidelines

K. Endorse the Educational Debt Reduction plan for 2016-2020 as described in the Bishop's March Report to Synod Council

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.03.12 Moved and seconded that Synod Council endorse the Educational Debt Reduction plan for 2016-2020 as described in the Bishop's March Report to Synod Council.

L. Endorse the Madagascar trip

**VOTED: Motion carried.**

SC16.03.13 Moved and seconded that Synod Council endorse the trip to Madagascar by Bishop Roth and representatives of the synod to Madagascar in 2017 and examination of a possibility of a return trip by representatives from our companion Synod in Madagascar.

M. Storybook Project

Pastor Bob Rasmus requested an assembly forum or time slot for information/discussion on the Storybook Project. Following changes in LSSI, Mike Davis from the Marion office is now in charge of the Storybook Project, including the training and logistics for the project.

**Other Business**

- Suggestion – Conferences were encouraged to consider ways to financially support the C/SIS small group representative trip to Madagascar in February 2017. Conferences were also encouraged to assist with cost of bringing our companion synod presidents and a couple of accompanying representatives to visit us; the cost per person is estimated to be \$5,000.
- Next Synod Council meeting Thursday, June 2, 2016, 8:30 am at the Conference Center, East Peoria

**Announcements/Adjournment**

Having concluded business, Bishop Roth declared the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m. Pastor James Davis closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Pam Mitcham, Secretary