

SYNOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA
Saturday, September 19, 2015

The Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod (“C/SIS” or “synod”) met at the Synod Office, in Springfield, Illinois, on September 19, 2015, with the following members in attendance:

Bishop S. John Roth	Pastor James Davis	Ms. Kim Alberts
Ms. Jeanne Rapp	Pastor Laura Kamprath	Mr. Terry Goff
Pastor Pam Mitcham	Pastor Robert Rasmus	Mr. Henry Harms
Mr. Ken Finkle	Pastor John Rothfusz	Ms. Deanne Holshouser
	Pastor Mike Thomas	Ms. Tiana Montgomery
	Pastor Glen VanderKloot	Ms. Helen Pagel
		Ms. Debbie Peterson
		Mr. Steve Rapp
		Mr. Larry Saler
		Mr. Donald Swan
		Mr. Broden Wileman, Youth Representative
		Mr. Matthew Spencer, Young Adult Representative

Staff Present:

Pastor Bob Dealey, Director of Evangelical Mission and Coordinator of Communications & Networking
Pastor Wayland Middendorf, Assistant to the Bishop
Pastor Jim Reents, Assistant to the Bishop
Pastor Ken Sandlin, Assistant to the Bishop
Cindy Koonce, Office Manager

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

Devotions

Ms. Helen Pagel opened with devotions.

Welcome / Introductions

Approval of Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC15.09.01 Moved and seconded to approve the Synod Council Agenda with permission of the chair to adjust as necessary.

Installation of Synod Council Members and Officers

Orientation

Bishop Roth gave a slide presentation with information about the synod.

Bishop’s Report (*written report submitted*)

Bishop Roth added the name of Pastor Richard Wehrs to those who have been installed in the synod, and mentioned three issues the synod office is dealing with: plumbing, carpet, and copier. He also gave a presentation on his trip to Israel. Bishop Roth responded to a question about his participation in the working group of providing ministry to gay – in the hope that we can be a “church together” with all people under the umbrella of respecting the four positions.

- Assistant to 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*)

Reports received.

Vice President's Report

Vice-President Rapp described attending the retirement of Pastor Glen VanderKloot – a celebration of ministry with a tinge of bittersweet feeling grieving the loss of individual congregations – three congregations that are blending September 20.

Secretary's Report

Received 2015 Synod Assembly Minutes

- Minutes of the Executive Committee, June 3, 2015
Minutes previously approved by the Executive Committee
- Minutes of the Synod Council Meeting, June 4, 2015

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC15.06.02 Executive Committee recommends to Synod Council the approval of the June 4, 2015, Synod Council minutes.

Treasurer's Report

- Written report submitted.

Consent Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

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

- Approval of Retirement Status
 - Pastor William Zanton, effective October 1, 2015
- Approval of On Leave from Call Status
 - Pastor Wendy Popp, Year 2, October 16, 2015
 - Judith Coiner, Associate in Ministry, Year 2, effective September 27, 2015
 - Terry Moore, Diaconal Minister, Synod Council Report as per Conference of Bishops 2-year extension, effective October 2015
- Acknowledge Roster Status Expired
 - None
- Roster Changes
 1. Ordination of Nikoli Falenschek
 2. Installation of Pastor Corey Lange, St. Peter's, Arenzville
 3. Installation of Pastor Patricia Reep, St. Peter's Coatsburg
 4. Installation of Pastor Nikoli Falenschek, Lutheran Church of Mahomet
 5. Installation of Pastor Richard Wehrs, Salem, Peoria
 6. Installation of Maggie Falenschek, St. Matthew, Urbana
 7. Transfer Mary Armstrong-Reiner to the Southeastern Synod
 8. Transfer Jill Flynn to the Northern Illinois Synod
 9. Transfer received, Pastor John Sipf from Nebraska Synod
 10. Transfer received, Pastor Patricia Reep from Central States Synod
 11. Transfer received, Pastor Richard Wehrs from Southwestern Minnesota Synod

- Conference Reports
 - East Central, Pastor Robert Rasmus
 - Northern Conference, Pastor John Rothfusz
 - Northeast Conference, Pastor James Davis
 - Northwest Conference, Mike Thomas
 - Southern Conference, Pastor Laura Kamprath
 - West Central, Pastor Glen VanderKloot
- Approval of 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. Peace Lutheran Church, Chester
 2. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Carthage

Committee Reports

- New and Renewing Congregations Committee
Transformational Ministry events – Mt. Vernon, September 27 and November 7, Immanuel, Lincoln
- Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy
Nothing new to report.
- Mission Support and Stewardship Education Committee
Mr. Steve Rapp, *Synod Council liaison*
Committee met, Pat Caley agreed to be chair of this committee, "First We Give of Ourselves" booklet still available. The committee has put together a video report for 2016 Synod Assembly
- Global Mission Committee
Pastor Laura Kamprath, *Synod Council liaison*
Nothing new to report. Scheduled to meet October 10, 2015.
- Professional and Lay Leadership Committee
 - Synodically Authorized Ministry Subcommittee
Ms. Helen Pagel, *Synod Council liaison*
Presented the SAM newsletter, edited by Jeff Storm, and a handout on courses currently being offered.
 - Candidacy Subcommittee
Pastor Glen VanderKloot, *Synod Council liaison*
There are three potential candidates who could start seminary Fall 2016
Pastor Glen VanderKloot encouraged all present to encourage people to think about recruiting candidates for rostered ministry.
 - Leadership Support Subcommittee
Mr. Jerry James, *Synod Council liaison*
Nothing new to report.

Finance Committee Report

- The written Finance Report was received. Budget requests from committees due to Finance Committee by the January Synod Council meeting. Pastor Glen VanderKloot reminds all to make sure all new committee members are contacted about being on the committee as well as the schedule of meetings.

Old Business

- A. Synod Priorities Conversation
Pastor Terry Goff walked the group through the survey results. Two primary themes emerged from surveys – who we are as a synod (being) / what we do (doing.) The effectiveness of communications was discussed, as well as a social media presence for the synod.

- B. Follow-up report of the C/SIS Working Group for “Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA” Report and workshops were provided by the working group to 2015 Synod Assembly. We have met the goal for the Malaria Campaign, before the due date.
- C. Follow-up on congregations disbanded (Ken Finkle)
 - 1. Union, Gila – lawyer trying to settle legal issues (Lyle says keep him in charge of follow-up with Union).
 - 2. Trinity, Alton (awaiting sale of property)

New Business

- A. Extend Synod Council Call to Pastor Patrick Monroe, Chaplain, full-time, Lutheran Hillside Village (Pastor Monroe has been serving part-time. The facility is making this position full-time.)
VOTED: Motion carried.
 SC15.06.04 Moved and seconded that Pastor Patrick Monroe be issued a full-time call as Chaplain, Lutheran Hillside Village.
- B. Pastor Jan Worms, Family Leave, effective January 1, 2012
VOTED: Motion carried.
 SC15.06.05 Moved and seconded that Pastor Jan Worms be granted Family Leave effective January 1, 2012 pending ELCA Secretary Boerger’s opinion, and if not, she be given a two-year extension to her on leave from call status as per Conference of Bishops.
- C. Appointment of Finance Committee
VOTED: Motion carried.
 SC15.06.06 Moved and seconded that the following individuals be appointed to the Finance Committee:

Ken Finkle, treasurer	Jeanne Rapp, ex-officio	Pastor John Rothfusz, chair
Henry Harms	Terry Goff	Mathew Spencer
Pastor Jim Davis	Debbie Peterson	Deanne Holshouser

 Appointment of Executive Committee
VOTED: Motion carried.
 SC15.06.07 Moved and seconded that the following individuals be appointed to the Executive Committee:

Bishop S. John Roth	Ms. Jeanne Rapp	Pastor Pam Mitcham
Mr. Kenneth Finkle	Pastor Mike Thomas	Ms. Tiana Montgomery
Ms. Kim Alberts		
- D. Appointment of Committee Liaisons
VOTED: Motion carried.
 SC15.06.08 The Synod Executive Committee recommends that the following individuals be appointed committee liaisons:
 - Global Missions – Pastor Laura Kamprath
 - New & Renewing Congregations – Donald Swan
 - Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy – Pastor Robert Rasmus
 - Mission Support, Stewardship and Education – Steve Rapp, Pastor James Davis
 - Professional Leadership: Candidacy – Pastor Glen VanderKloot
 - Professional Leadership: Leadership Support – Larry Saler
 - Professional Leadership: Synodically Authorized Ministers – Helen Pagel, Broden Wileman
- E. Bishop Ecumenical Partnership Update
 Written report received.
VOTED: Motion carried.

F. Springfield Congregation Blending

Information given – from grassroots initiatives in the congregations, working together over just a year, three congregations – Atonement, Faith, and Luther Memorial – will be blended beginning with worship September 20, 2015, followed by a constituting meeting afterwards.

Other Business

Next Council meeting, Saturday, January 16, 2016, 8:30 a.m. at the Chiara Center, Springfield.

Executive Session

None needed.

Announcement/Adjournment

- Vice President Rapp thanked Pastor Jim Davis for hosting the synod council lunch.
- Pastor Glen VanderKloot invited people to the Springfield Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, November 17, at 7:30 a.m., at the Hilton. Guest speaker will be Judith Roberts, ELCA Director for Racial Justice. (Contact him for more information or tickets.)

Having concluded business, Vice President Rapp declared the meeting adjourned at 12:46. p.m.

Closing Prayer

Ms. Helen Pagel closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Pam Mitcham
Secretary