

**SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS**

<b>Mr. Leonel E. Avila</b>	<b>2020</b>
Mr. Adam A.D. Campbell (Youth)	2020
<i>*Ms. Cynthia Corley</i>	<i>2020</i>
<b>The Rev. Chryll Crews</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>S. Dcn. Steven Daniels</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Mr. David Ehlers</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Ms. Monica Gavryszewski</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Ms. Hazel Goldstein</b>	<b>2022</b>
<i>The Rev. Marva Jenkins</i>	<i>2022</i>
<b>*Mr. John Litke, Treasurer</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>*Bishop Donald McCoid</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>The Rev. Christopher Mietlowski</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>S. Dcn. John Ogren</b>	<b>2020</b>
<i>*The Rev. Jeanine Owens</i>	<i>2020</i>
<b>The Rev. David Parsons</b>	<b>2022</b>
<i>*The Rev. Daniel Peter</i>	<i>2022</i>
<b>S. Dcn. Denise Rutherford-Gill</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Mr. Thomas Sargent</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>*The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Mr. Cecil Spurlock-Shackelton</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>The Rev. Garry Squire</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Ms. Emma Turner (Young Adult)</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>*Mr. Christopher Vergara</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>*Ms. Renee Wicklund, VP</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>S. Dcn. Anita Martin-Williams</b>	<b>2022</b>
<i>Ms. Karen Woolley</i>	<i>2020</i>

**STAFF**

**Dcn. Margy Schmitt Ajer**  
**Ms. Susan Brandt**  
*The Rev. Percy Butiku*  
**Ms. Regina Daniels**  
**Mr. Branden Dupree**  
**Mr. Roberto Lara**  
**The Rev. Jonathan Linman**  
**Ms. Maria Rodas**  
**Synod Dcn. Gayle Ruege**  
*The Rev. Lamont Wells*

**Guests**

**Bold = present**

*Italics = excused absence*

**\*Member of Executive Committee**

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**Worship:** *Pr. Jonathan Linman led opening worship at 9:30 am*

**Observer:** *Ms. Hazel Goldstein*

**Call to Order:** *Ms. Renee Wicklund*

**1. Adoption of the Agenda:** adopted as presented

**2. Adoption of the Minutes (22 June 2018):** adopted as presented

**3. Bishop's Report**

**A. Calls**

- a. **The Rev. Robert Kasting: Interim Pastor, St. John's, Lindenhurst effective Oct 1, 2018**

**ACTION SC18:09/01**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council extend a call to The Rev. Robert Kasting as Interim Pastor for St. John's, Lindenhurst effective October 1, 2018.**

**ADOPTED**

- b. **The Rev. Carol Schneider: retirement status effective Sep 1, 2018**

**ACTION SC18:09/02**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve retirement status for The Rev. Carol Schneider, effective September 1, 2018.**

**ADOPTED**

- c. **The Rev. Kimberli Lile: OLFC effective June 18, 2018**

**ACTION SC18:09/03**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council extend On Leave from Call Status to The Rev. Kimberli Lile effective June 18, 2018.**

**ADOPTED**

- d. **S.Dcn. Donna-Mari Fieldsa: OLFC status effective July 22, 2018**  
e. **S.Dcn. John Malone: renewal OLFC status effective June 1, 2018**

**ACTION SC18:09/04**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council extend On Leave from Call status to S.Dcn. Donna-Mari Fieldsa effective July 22, 2018 and renewal of On Leave from Call status to S.Dcn. John Malone effective June 1, 2018.**

**ADOPTED**

**B. Appointments:** Bp. McCoid announced the following appointments

- a. **The Rev. Dr. Laurie Anderson: Transitional consultant, St. Peter's, 219<sup>th</sup> St, Bronx effective Aug 15, 2018.**

**b. The Rev. Harald Peeders: Bridge Pastor, St. Andrew's, Smithtown effective Sep 17 2018**

**c. The Rev. Martha Cruz: Leadership Development Grant Review Team**

**d. Cynthia Corley: Natural Systems Advisory Panel**

**e. Pr. Kevin O'Hara: Candidacy Committee**

**f. Christ, Islip Terrace: Advisory Panel**

- Dcn. Margy Schmitt Ajer
- Pr. Joanne Bond
- S.Dcn. Steven Daniels
- Renee Wicklund

#### **4. Report of the Strategic Plan Working Group**

**A. Joint Committee Meeting: September 15, 2018**

**B. GATHERED**

Ms. Hazel Goldstein reported on emphases of Gathered Strategy Committee

- **Leadership Development Grants EXHIBIT A**  
Presented by Ms. S. Brandt

**ACTION SC18:09/05**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the Leadership Development Grants reviewed by the Leadership Development Grant Review Team and recommended by the Executive Committee.**

**ADOPTED**

- **Congregation Capital Improvement Grants EXHIBIT B**  
Presented by Ms. S. Brandt

**ACTION SC18:09/06**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the Congregation Capital Improvement Grants proposed by the Congregation Capital Improvement Grant Review Team and recommended by the Executive Committee.**

**ADOPTED**

**C. CLAIMED**

- **Communication Strategy: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Metrics Review /**  
Mr. R. Lara presented communication metrics.
- **Theology of Inclusion / follow-up events**  
Pr. J. Linman reported on emphases of teaching, retreats, etc.  
Also on work synod is doing to emphasize inclusion.
- **Continued emphasis on First Thirds Ministry**  
Dcn. M. Ajer spoke on work being done in areas of youth and  
campus ministry.

**D. SENT**

- **Advocacy**  
Mr. C. Vergara reported on two marches that were participated in
- **Ministry in Detention Center(s)**  
Mr. C. Vergara reported on work being done in accompaniment.

**E. FMC**

Mr. J. Litke (Syn. Treas.) spoke briefly about efforts in area of the  
supporting organization (Evangelical Lutheran, Inc.)

**F. ANTI-RACISM**

- **Candidacy Program**
- **Diakonia Program**  
Pr. J. Linman reported on the inclusion of anti-racism modules in  
both the candidacy and Diakonia programs in the synod.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

**A. Mission Support Report (August 31, 2018) EXHIBIT C**

**B. Financials 7.31.18 EXHIBIT D**

Mr. J. Litke (Syn. Treas.) spoke about need to made reports easier to  
understand and to examine carefully the trend in mission support.

**6. Synod Assembly Update EXHIBIT E (rate schedule)**

Ms. R. Wicklund (VP) reported that the Assembly Planning Committee confirmed  
the theme for the 2019 Synod Assembly will be "Care of Creation". The three  
day assembly is scheduled for May 16-18 2019 at the Westchester Marriott,  
Tarrytown.

**ACTION SC18:09/07**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the proposed rate schedule for the 2019 Synod Assembly.**

**ADOPTED**

**7. Old Business**

**A. Eltingville Church & School**

Ms. R. Wicklund (VP) gave historical background of situation with Eltingville, which was placed under S13.24 by the Synod Council on Mar 15 2016.

**8. New Business**

**A. Leif Ericson Day School**

Ms. R. Wicklund (VP) and Pr. J. Linman spoke about ministry of school, which is a ministry of our synod since the congregation closed several years ago. A dynamic ministry that synod will continue to financially support. A mission plan for school is being worked on.

**B. Extension of Fifth Avenue Committee Contract**

**ACTION SC18:09/08**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council extend the contract with FAC 6309 Fourth Avenue LP for the property located at 6307 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn through March 1, 2019 in accordance with the terms of the Third Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement.**

**ADOPTED ( 21 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions)**

**C. 2019 Pastors Compensation Guidelines **EXHIBIT F****

**ACTION SC18:09/09**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the 2019 Clergy Compensation Guidelines as presented.**

**ADOPTED**

**D. Redeemer, Flatbush / Brooklyn**

Pr. J. Linman reported that this was a federated congregation that had already closed on December 31, 2017, pursuant to the Presbyterian procedures.

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WHEREAS, the members of the congregation of the Flatbush Church of the Redeemer (Lutheran-Presbyterian) have agreed that it is no longer possible for it to function as a congregation and have voted to conclude its ministry, it is  
RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Brooklyn, New York, be removed from the roster of congregations of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA.

**ACTION SC18:09/10**

**RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Brooklyn, New York, be removed from the roster of congregations of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA, effective December 31, 2017.**

**ADOPTED**

**E. Property former Trinity, St. Albans: contract for sale**

**ACTION SC18:09/11**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the sale of property located at 200-12 119<sup>th</sup> Ave, St. Albans, NY to Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh Day Adventists for the purchase price of \$1,800,000.**

**ADOPTED ( 21 in favor, 0 opposed. 0 abstentions)**

**F. St. James – St. Matthew’s, Ozone Park: sale of parsonage**

**ACTION SC18:09/12**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council take no exception to the sale of the parsonage owned by St. James – St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church (So. Ozone Park) located at 115-14 149<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Ozone Park, NY 11420.**

**ADOPTED**

**G. 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of resolutions at 2009 CWA / Welcome & Inclusion LGBTQ+ people**

**ACTION SC18:09/13**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council request that the Assembly Planning Committee acknowledge and celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the 2009 CWA resolutions that embraced the welcome and inclusion of Gay and Lesbian people in our church at the 2019 Synod Assembly and will extend the welcome and inclusion to the LGBTQ+ community; and be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council ask the ELCA Church Council to advise planners of the Churchwide Assembly to include observance of this anniversary in the program and worship of the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.**

**ADOPTED**

## **9. Observers' Evaluation**

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm, with prayer by Bp. McCoid.

**Next Executive Committee Meeting: Oct 11, 2018 \***

**Next Synod Council Meeting: October 23, 2018**

**\*Proposed items for the Synod Council agenda should be submitted to Gayle Ruege ([gruege@mnys.org](mailto:gruege@mnys.org)) for consideration by the Executive Committee on or before Oct 5.**

**All committees are to provide a digital copy of meeting minutes to Regina Daniels ([rdaniels@mnys.org](mailto:rdaniels@mnys.org)) for the synod files.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Secretary**