

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

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The Rev. Craig Miller 2014
***The Rev. Paul Milholland** 2014
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Mr. Brian Reardon 2012
***The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop** 2014
The Rev. Kit Robison 2014
***The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.** 2014
Mr. Jonathan Westerlund 2012

26 Voting Members

AUXILLIARY MEMBERS

STAFF

The Rev. Percy Butiku
Ms. Sarah Gioe
The Rev. Dr. Jack Horner
The Rev. Kathleen Koran
The Rev. Jonathan Linman
Mr. John Litke
The Rev. Dr. Gary Mills
Dcn. Gayle Ruege
Ms. Kathleen Schmidt

GUESTS

Mr. Tom Massey

Bold = present

Italics = excused absence

***Member of Executive Committee**

Worship: Bp Rimbo led Eucharist

Call to Order by VP del Toro at 1:35pm.

1. **Adoption of Agenda**
Adopted.
2. **Adoption of Minutes: 25 October 2011**
Adopted.
3. **Bishop's Report**
 - A. **Children, Youth & Family Network Report: Dcn. Charles Germain (EXHIBIT A)**
 - B. **Appointments**

a. **Audit Committee: Ms. Eileen Weber**

ACTION SC11:11/01

RESOLVED, that Eileen Weber be appointed to a first three year term on the Audit Committee commencing February 1, 2012.

ADOPTED

C. Calls

a. **Rev. George Handzo: Health Care Chaplain**

ACTION SC11:11/02

RESOLVED, that Rev. George Handzo be called to specialized ministry to serve as Health Care Chaplain.

ADOPTED

D. Legal Updates

a. **St. Luke's, Bronx**

Pr Mills reported. Waiting to see if an appeal will be filed.

b. **Property formerly Bethlehem, Pacific Street, Brooklyn**

Pr. Mills reported that appeal has been filed by M. Tillinghast and N. David.

c. **Grace, North Branch**

Pr. Mills reported. Congregation has requested that Bp approve the ordination of individual presently serving in pastoral role. Letter has been sent notifying congregation that this request will not be granted.

4. Treasurer's Report (EXHIBIT B)

R. Buescher reported. Noted that FMC is currently working on budget to be presented May 2012, and estimating the revenue available in future years.

5. Old Business

A. Zion/Sion, 119th Street, Manhattan update

Bp Rimbo reported. Meeting to be held with congregation leaders on November 21, 2011.

B. Congregations under synod administration (monthly report) (EXHIBIT C)

K. Schmidt reported.

C. Congregational Loan Status / Synod Properties update (EXHIBIT D)

K. Schmidt reported.

D. Committee on the Election of the Bishop update

Pr. Schoepflin reported.

E. Committee on Congregational Viability Norms update

Pr. Baum reported.

F. Congregations that voted to leave the ELCA

Pr. Baum presented following resolutions. [Note: Action on Christ Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, NY deferred to December synod council meeting.]

ACTION SC11:11/03

RESOLVED, that Saint James Lutheran Church, Stewart Manor, NY, being served by a pastor not on the roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and having petitioned the Synod Council of the Metropolitan New York Synod for release from the communion of its congregations to unite with another Lutheran church body, is hereby released from membership in the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in

America acknowledges its continuing fellowship with Saint James Lutheran Church in the Body of Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this action is taken with prayer for the eventual reunion of the congregation and the Metropolitan New York Synod.

ADOPTED: 18 for; 1 against; 0 abstentions.

ACTION SC11:11/04

RESOLVED, that Advent Lutheran Church, Elmont, NY, being served by a pastor not on the roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and having petitioned the Synod Council of the Metropolitan New York Synod for release from the communion of its congregations to unite with another Lutheran church body, is hereby released from membership in the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America acknowledges its continuing fellowship with Advent Lutheran Church in the Body of Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this action is taken with prayer for the eventual reunion of the congregation and the Metropolitan New York Synod.

ADOPTED: 18 for; 1 against; 0 abstentions.

ACTION SC11:11/05

RESOLVED, that Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New Rochelle, NY, being served by a pastor not on the roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and having petitioned the Synod Council of the Metropolitan New York Synod for release from the communion of its congregations to unite with another Lutheran church body, is hereby released from membership in the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America acknowledges its continuing fellowship with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in the Body of Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this action is taken with prayer for the eventual reunion of the congregation and the Metropolitan New York Synod.

ADOPTED: 18 for; 1 against; 0 abstentions.

G. Synod Assembly Registration Fees

ACTION SC11:11/06

RESOLVED, that registration fees for the 2012 Synod Assembly be set at: \$100.00 per voting member; \$50.00 for visitor; and \$150.00 for meal..

ADOPTED

H. Pending

- a. **St. Luke's, Bronx**
- b. **Grace, North Branch**
- c. **St. Peter's, 140th Street, Bronx**
- d. **Office Space Task Force**
- e. **Committee on Congregational Viability Norms**
- f. **Resolution: Call to Celebrate and Support LMHE**

Discussion concerning the diminishing financial support for campus ministry and the importance of finding a way through our strategic plan, our ecumenical partners, etc., to continue to offer Word and Sacrament ministry on our campuses.

6. New Business

A. Reformation Korean Lutheran Church, Brooklyn: Remove from roster

ACTION SC11:11/07

RESOLVED, that Reformation Korean Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, NY, be removed from the roster of congregations of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA.

ADOPTED: 19 for; 0 against; 0 abstentions.

7. Other Reports

8. Announcements/Events

Bp announced Synod Ordination on Saturday, December 3, at Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City.

Another ordination on December 10.

Pr. Mills reported that assembly registration information will be mailed to congregations on Wednesday, November 23.

9. Meeting Evaluation

Pr. Milholland noted that discussion during morning session on strategic planning was dominated by staff and clergy.

J. Westerlund noted that timing and location of this retreat is difficult for youth and young adult, and that much of our scheduling seems to be based upon pastors' schedules.

Pr. Miller noted that we need to be intentional about attending to items raised in prior meetings.

Pr. Linman thanked G. Ruege for all of her work in planning and organizing retreat.

Meeting adjourned at 3:18pm. C. Lopez led our Sending Prayer.