

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

***The Rev. William Baum** 2016
The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite 2016
Ms. Christine Connell, DM 2014
**Ms. Maria del Toro, Vice President* 2014
The Rev. Khader El-Yateem 2016
Dcn Charles Germain 2014
Ms. Hazel Goldstein 2016
Ms. Barbara Hansen 2014
The Rev. Marc Herbst 2014
Mr. Eugene Hiigel 2014
The Rev. Brenda Irving 2016
**Ms. Barbara Johnson* 2016
Ms. Savanah Lochansingh, Youth 2014
Dr. Carlos Lopez 2014
Dcn. John Malone 2014
***Ms. Minerva Melendez** 2014
***The Rev. Paul Milholland** 2014
The Rev. Craig Miller 2014
Dcn. John Prosen 2016
Mr. Brian Reardon 2016
***The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop** 2014
The Rev. Kit Robison 2014
Ms. Terra Rowe 2016
***The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.** 2014
Ms. Abby Triebel, Young Adult 2016
***Mr. Frank Suttell, Treas** 2016
Mr. Christopher Vergara 2016
Ms. Karen Woolley 2016

AUXILLIARY MEMBERS

STAFF

The Rev. Percy Butiku
Ms. Sarah Gioe
The Rev. Jack Horner
The Rev. Kathleen Koran
The Rev. Jonathan Linman
Dcn. Gayle Ruege
Ms. Kathleen Schmidt
Ms. Rebekah Wedge

GUESTS

Mr. Tom Massey, Consultant
Mr. Ed Wagner, FMC

Bold = present

Italics = excused absence

***Member of Executive Committee**

Devotions: *Ms. Abby Triebel*

Observer: *Dcn. John Malone*

Call to Order: *Bp. Robert Alan Rimbo at 5:18pm.*

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda:** adopted as presented.
- 2. Adoption of the Minutes:** 22 January 2013. Adopted as corrected.
- 3. Financial Management Committee:** 10 Year Plan Presentation, Mr. Edward Wagner, Chair

4. Mr. Wagner presented “a” 10-Year Plan. He spoke of need to develop a sustainable balance between investments and income and establishment of an investment fund to support ministry.

5. Strategic Plan

- A. Progress Report: Tom Massey
- B. Daxko Consulting: Contract for Implementation (Tom Massey) **EXHIBIT A**

ACTION SC13:02/01

RESOLVED, that contract with Daxko Consulting for implementation of strategic plan for period January – December, 2013 be entered into with the Purpose, Principles and Professional Services/fees as stated in the contract.

ADOPTED

6. Bishop’s Report

- A. Calls:
 - a. Rev. Stephen Beyer: On Leave from Call status effective: 1 November 2012

ACTION SC13:02/02

RESOLVED, that Rev. Stephen Beyer be granted On Leave from Call status, effective November 1, 2012.

ADOPTED

- b. Rev. Ben Stallings: On Leave from Call status effective: 15 December 2012

ACTION SC13:02/03

RESOLVED, that Rev. Ben Stallings be granted On Leave from Call status, effective December 15, 2012.

ADOPTED

- c. Rev. Marianne Tomecek: On Leave from Call status effective: 1 December 2012

ACTION SC13:02/04

RESOLVED, that Rev. Marianne Tomecek be granted On Leave from Call status, effective December 1, 2012.

ADOPTED

B. Appointments

- a. St. Luke’s, Brooklyn / Mission Planning Team
 - *Rev. Khader El-Yateem, Trustee*
 - *Ms. Kathleen Schmidt, Trustee*
 - *Rev. Dr. Kipp Zimmermann, Trustee*
 - *Rev. Dr. Jack Horner, DEM*
 - *Aaron Soldner*

ACTION SC13:02/05

RESOLVED, that Rev. Khader El-Yateem, Ms. Kathleen Schmidt, Rev. Dr. Kipp Zimmermann, Rev. Dr. Jack Horner, and Mr. Aaron Soldner be appointed to the St. Luke’s Brooklyn Mission Planning Team.

ADOPTED

b. Ms. Linda Upright: MNYS Candidacy Committee

ACTION SC13:02/06

**RESOLVED, that Ms. Linda Upright be appointed to the MNYS Candidacy Committee.
ADOPTED**

c. Rev. Dennis O'Rourke: *Intentional Interim Pastor / Immanuel, Kingston*

ACTION SC13:02/07

**RESOLVED, that Rev. Dennis O'Rourke be appointed as Intentional Interim Pastor
of Immanuel, Kingston.
ADOPTED**

C. Leif Ericson Day School, Brooklyn

Report given by Pr. Jonathan Linman on work being done to partner with school

D. SANDY Relief efforts

a. Report of the Disaster Response Coordinator

Pr. Craig Miller reported on meetings he has had with congregations affected by storm. There is an opportunity for congregations to host and house groups from other areas that are coming to do restoration work. A survey is included in synod e-letter.

Pr. Miller is working on forming a disaster response committee to help coordinate the work. Requested help in attending meeting of long term recovery groups.

b. Hearing on FEMA Funding for Storm Damaged Houses of Worship

Pr. William Baum reported on NYC Council meeting that he reported to.

E. Conference Visits

Bp. Rimbo reported.

F. Wider Church Fund Distribution: acknowledgements

G. 2013 Synod Assembly:

Ms. Rebekah Wedge reported on Assembly registration procedure.

7. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Frank Suttell gave verbal report to the Synod Council. Mr. Suttell reported that investment account is being changed and requires a resolution on signatories.

ACTION SC13:02/08

**RESOLVED, that any two of the following individuals are authorized to execute transactions
for the Waldon Asset Management Accounts: Robert A. Rimbo, Frank Suttell, Kathleen Schmidt
and Kathleen Koran.**

ADOPTED

7. New Business

- A. Trexler Grant: *Rev. Justin Lathrop*

ACTION SC13:02/09

RESOLVED, that Rev. Justin Lathrop be given a \$1,000 Trexler grant to assist him in traveling to participate in a Lutheran Seminary Program in Spanish language, culture, liturgy and music.

ADOPTED

8. Old Business

- A. St. Thomas, Bronx: List church property for sale

Ms. Kathleen Schmidt reported on work that was done to ready property for sale, but noted that parsonage would be held and used as potential housing for interns, Lutheran Volunteer Corps workers, etc. Some of the proceeds from sale of church would be used to restore the parsonage.

ACTION SC13:02/10

RESOLVED, that the church building and property of St. Thomas Lutheran Church, located at 222 East 178th Street, Bronx, NY (excluding the parsonage) be listed for sale at price suggested by real estate broker.

ADOPTED

- B. Sutter Memorial Archives / Region 7 Archives in Philadelphia

Ms. Kathleen Schmidt reported that the cost of moving the synod's archives to the Region 7 Archives in Philadelphia would be approximately \$80,000. This is reasonable when compared to the expense of expanding existing site of our archives at Wagner College. There will be an annual fee of \$6,000 to maintain and service the archives, and a one-time fee of \$5,000 per closed congregation for archive staff/professionals to gather, move, organize, catalog and store records of the closed congregations.

ACTION SC13:02/11

RESOLVED, that the Sutter Memorial Archives be moved to the Region 7 Archives in Philadelphia and that synod bear costs associated with such move.

ADOPTED

- C. Congregations under synod administration **(no update)**

- D. Congregational Loan Status / Synod Properties **(no update)**

- E. Pending:

a. Leif Ericson Day School: addressed earlier.

b. MNYS Committee structure analysis

Committee summary sheets have been completed by most Committee chairs.

Information has been provided to the SENT committee for review and analysis

c. Process for the Election of the synodical bishop: **(no update)**

d. 2013 Churchwide Assembly: report given earlier.

9. Other Reports

- A. Children, Youth & Family Ministry Report: Dcn. Charlie Germain **EXHIBIT B**

a. ELCA Practice Discipleship Initiative: next session is Sunday, Feb. 17, 4pm EST

b. Youth Ministry NOW @ Yale

c. Heart of Ministry – Award of Distinction

10. Announcements/Events

- A. Leaders Retreat: March 8 / Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, Garrison, New York
The Diaconate Council is hosting a retreat for all rostered leaders on March 8 at the Graymoor. The retreat will support the Strategic Plan's implementation process. Presenters include our Consultant, Tom Massey, our VP, Maria del Toro, and the Key Strategy Chairs (Pr. Scott / Pr. Baum / Barbara Johnson) Pr. Linman and Pr. Horner will also attend. Bp Rimbo will preach and preside at the closing Eucharist.
Members of synod council are invited to attend.

- B. March 19 SC meeting location: TIC – Conference rooms C-D

- C. April 27 SC meeting location: St. John's, Middletown

11. Meeting Evaluation

12. Observer's Evaluation: [Dcn. John Malone](#)

Bp Rimbo asked synod council members to keep VP Maria Del Toro in prayer for healing and strength.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm with prayer by Pr. Jonathan Linman.