A special assembly of the Synod was called by the Synod Council for the purpose of electing officers, synod council members, consultation committee members, and discipline committee members. Voting members of the 2021 Regular Assembly were the voting members for this Special Assembly. The plenary session of the assembly was held via Zoom, and the opening and closing worship via Facebook and YouTube.

Service of the Word and Opening of the Assembly was held at 9:45am.

**Friday, May 6, 2022**

**Plenary Session**

At 10:02 am Bishop Egensteiner called the plenary session to order.

Bishop Egensteiner welcomed the voting members and set forth the procedures for this digital assembly.

Bishop Egensteiner then introduced the Synod Assembly Coordinator, Pastor Paul Johnsen, the Assembly Parliamentarian, The Rev. C. Anderson James, the chair of the Worship Committee, The Rev. William Kroeze, and the chair of the Nominations and Election Committee, The Rev. Kevin O’Hara, and thanked them for their work.

Bishop Egensteiner then introduced the Synod staff:
- Ms. Karen Falco, Chief Operating Officer;
- S.Dcn. Gayle Ruege, Executive Assistant to the Bishop;
- Mr. Branden Dupree, Director for Evangelical Mission;
- Mr. Roberto Lara, Assistant for Communications and Development;
- The Rev. Gladys Diaz, The Rev. Christopher Mietlowski and The Rev. Kevin Vandiver, Assistants to the Bishop who serve as his deployed staff;
- S.Scn. Donna-Mari Fieldsa, Director for Finance, Administration and Grant Management;
- Mr. Mark Goodwin, Manager for Synod-owned properties;
- Ms. Regina Daniels, Ms. Kaitlin Kowalec, Ms. Claire Mazza, Ms. Maria Rodes, Ms. Nancy Lindeburg, Administrative Support Staff; and

Bishop Egensteiner introduced the Conference of Deans.
- The Rev. Jeffrey Koenig: Hudson
- The Rev. Mary Lou Baumgartner: Delaware Hudson
Bishop Egensteiner noted that the rules of procedure adopted at the 2021 Regular Synod Assembly would be followed at this Special Assembly.

Robert Lara then explained the digital voting procedure.

The Rev. Kevin O’Hara, Chair of Nominations and Elections, gave a report on the election process and noted that the report of the committee is published on the 2021 Assembly Platform.

**First Report on Registration and Attendance**

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**Adoption of Agenda**
The agenda for the assembly was adopted as presented.

**2022 DIGITAL SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY AGENDA**

**FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022**

9:45 am  
Service of the Word + Opening of the Assembly  
*Facebook & YouTube*

10:00 am - 1:00 pm | Plenary Session  
Welcome
Synod Assembly Resources + Digital Voting Process
Introduction of 2022 Nominations and Elections
Registration and Attendance
Adoption of the Agenda
Introduction of Synod Officers and Synod Council
Report of the Vice-President
Moment of Thanksgiving
Prayer for Officers’ Election
Common Ballot I
ELCA Churchwide Report
Common Ballot II
Bishop’s Report
Common Ballot III OR End of Plenary Session
End of Plenary Session

1:00 pm
Service of the Word for the Closing of the Assembly with the Rite of Installation of Our New Synod Council

Adoption of Rules of the Assembly
The Rules were adopted as presented.

Introduction of Synod Officers and Synod Council
Bishop Egensteiner introduced the officers and council to the Assembly.

Ms. Renee Wicklund, Vice President
The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Secretary
Mr. John Litke, Treasurer
Ms. Cynthia Corley (Executive Committee)
S.Dcn. Steven Daniels
The Rev. George Dietrich
Mr. David Ehlers (Executive Committee)
Ms. Hazel Goldstein,
The Rev. Marva Jenkins
Mr. Erich Markert
Ms. Lily Sage Mathias
Mx. Anna Moritz (young adult)
The Rev. Jeanine Owens (Executive Committee)
The Rev. David Parsons
The Rev. Daniel Peter Penumaka
Mr. Aiden Sargent (youth)
Mr. Thomas Sargent
Cecil “Chip” Spurlock-Shackelton
The Rev. Gary Squire (Executive Committee)
The Rev. Brooke Swertfager
Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum
S. Dcn. Anita Martin-Williams
The Rev. Dr. Kimberly Wilson

**Report of the Vice President**
VP Renee Wicklund gave her report to the Assembly, after which Bishop Egensteiner spoke warm words of thanks for her leadership.

VP candidate Christopher Vergara addressed the Assembly.

**Second Report on Registration and Attendance**

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**First Common Ballot**

Bishop Egensteiner invited Pr. Kevin O’Hara to conduct voting on the first common ballot.

**ACTION SA2022:05.01**

Elected as Vice President: Mr. Christopher Vergara

Elected as Secretary: The Rev. Robert Schoepflin

Elected to Synod Council:
The Rev. Linda Manson
The Rev. Patty Avila
The Rev. Ernst Mossl
The Rev. David Parsons
Ms. Monique Davis
S.Dcn. Dave Ehlers
Mr. Tom Sargent
S.Dcn. Philip Jenks
Mr. Cecil Spurlock-Shackleton
Mr. Aiden Sargent

**ELCA Churchwide Report**
The Rev. Dr. Ruben Duran, ELCA Senior Advisor for New Ministry Development addressed the Assembly and presented a video address of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

**Second Common Ballot**

Bishop Egensteiner invited Pr. Kevin O’Hara to conduct voting on the first common ballot.
ACTION SA2022:05.02
Elected to Consultation Committee:
The Rev. Marcia Parkinson-Harrison
The Rev. John Saraka
Ms. Elaine Peters-Guthrie
Mr. Peter Tomasai

Elected to Discipline Committee:
The Rev. Dr. Joann Heaney-Hunter
The Rev. Alex Raabe
Ms. Jeanne Matson

Bishop’s Report

Final Thoughts from our Bishop
Bishop Egensteiner extended thanks to his staff, Synod Council officers and members, the churchwide representative, the Assembly planning committee, the Assembly chaplain, the Nominations and Elections committee, the Worship Committee, the Assembly Parliamentarian, and all the individuals who managed the technology to make the digital assembly possible.
He then closed the session and invited voting members and guests to attend the Service of the Word for the Closing of the Assembly with the Rite of Installation of new Synod Council at 1:00 pm, via Facebook or YouTube.

The Service of the Word for the Closing of the Assembly with the Rite of Installation of Synod Council members was held at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert Schoepflin
Secretary, MNYS