

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present

The Rev. William Baum
The Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Bouman, Bishop
Ms. Rene Chapman
Mr. Alan Chen
Ms. Elizabeth Hoffmann
Mr. Paul Jensen, Treasurer
The Rev. James G. Krauser, Secretary
Mr. John Litke, Vice President
Dcn. Paul Lumpkin
Mr. Kamy Moghbeli
Dcn. Gayle Ruege

Excused

The Rev. Christine Bohr
Ms. Elizabeth Hurst
The Rev. Paul Johnsen

The Rev. Abraham Lu
The Rev. Barbara Lundblad
The Rev. Stephen Marsh
Ms. Joanne Means
Dcn. Carol Straub
Dcn. Edward Tatlian

Absent

Mr. Matthew Geiser

AUXILIARY REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Charles Kalhorn, LMM

STAFF

Mr. Tony Aguilar
The Rev. Cherlyne Beck
Ms. Joanne Strunck
Mr. Robert Parker
The Rev. Robert Wollenburg

I. CALL TO ORDER Mr. John Litke

II. DEVOTIONS Mr. John Litke

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented with minor adjustments

IV. MINUTES, 29 April 2003, consideration of

The minutes were adopted as corrected – to change the heading from “Agenda” to “Minutes” after page 1.

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Lutheran Statewide Advocacy (LSA)
The Rev. David Preisinger; Assistant to the Bishop, Upstate NY Synod
The Rev. Dan Hahn, Director Lutheran Statewide Advocacy

Pr. Preisinger serves as chair of the Lutheran Statewide Advocacy (LSA) board. LSA is a partnership between the two synods of New York and the ELCA Division for Church in Society. He spoke of a need to strengthen the partnership between the synod and the agency. Mr. Tony Aguilar currently serves on the board; we need to provide four more people who can be depended upon to attend meetings.

Pr. Hahn spoke in greater detail about the specific work of LSA, which is marking its 20th anniversary this year. Their chief concern recently has been the large shortfalls in the state budget and its impact on human services programs.

VI. REPORT OF THE BISHOP

A. Synod Assembly

Bishop Bouman was particularly impressed with the worship, preaching, the breadth of people we interacted with, and the positive spirit that prevailed. He also lifted up the constitutional work that was accomplished.

B. Social Ministry Organizations

A proposal to bring a consultant on board to move along the alliance among our Social Ministry Organizations is being developed. Mr. Paul Jensen, retired CEO of Eger, is helping with this.

C. Trip to the Holy Land

Bishop Bouman gave a brief overview of his recent trip with Bishop Hanson and a small delegation to the Holy Land. He distributed the beginnings of his reflections on this trip (**Attachment A**) and promised to email further reflections as he writes them. On Sunday June 8 the bishop participated in a radio interview in which he shared his experience of this trip.

D. Ecumenism.

Cardinal Cassidy, apostle of the pope on ecumenism, will be a guest at the October 2003 Conference of Bishops meeting as the fifth anniversary of the Joint Declaration with the Roman Catholics approaches. Bishop Bouman plans to invite him to New York.

Bishop Bouman will preach at the worship service of the annual meeting of the Lutheran/Roman Catholic Dialogue (LARC), which is to take place on June 12 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Manhattan. Both Bishop Sisk and Cardinal Egan plan to be in attendance.

E. LDR/Center for Public Theology/Church at Ground Zero

Lutheran Disaster Response of New York will soon be moving to an office overlooking Ground Zero. Our new pastor to the Lower Manhattan community will have an office there, as will, possibly, the Center for Public Theology.

F. Mission Support.

Bishop Bouman expressed to Synod Council that he expects them to be a part of breaking the downward cycle we are in with mission support. Staff has called those congregations who have not made a commitment; Synod Council will be asked to make follow-up calls in the fall to those who remain uncommitted.

G. Confirmations

Bishop Bouman lifted up the variety of confirmations at which he has presided this spring

and expressed his love for this part of his job as bishop.

- H. Bishop Bouman is engaging in one-on-one conversations with religious leaders in metropolitan New York to discuss how we can work together to develop a vision for the city. How can we help the people of God to “stretch out their hopes”? Where is a place for them to talk about values? The Center for Public Theology may be the way. So far he has had fruitful conversations with the Rev. Dr. James Forbes and Bishop Mark Sisk.

- I. Dissolution of Constitution Revisions and Elections Process Committees

**ACTION (SC03:6/1) RESOLVED that Synod Council formally dissolves the Constitution Revisions and Elections Process Committees, with thanks for their work.
ADOPTED**

- J. Dissolution of Finance, Investment and Budget Committees

ACTION (SC03:6/2) RESOLVED that Synod Council formally dissolves the Finance, Investment and Budget Committees. ADOPTED

- K. Appointments

1. Audit Committee

The charter calls for 3 persons. Synod Council consented to the appointment of Ms. Marie Wurst. Two others have been asked and have not yet replied.

2. Financial Management Committee

The charter calls for 5-8 persons, in addition to the treasurer. Synod Council consented to the appointment of Ms. Kathy Schmidt, chair; Ms. Candy Eng; Mr. David Hutson, Dr. John Scibilia, Ms. Eileen Weber; Mr. Richard Case; Mr. Walter Jensen; and the Rev. John Heller.

3. Compensation Guidelines Committee

The charter calls for 5 persons. Synod Council consented to the appointment of Mr. Bob Hastedt, chair, quadrant 3; the Rev. Jane Gaeta, quadrant 3; the Rev. Al Martin, quadrant 2; and Ms. Ellen Jetto, quadrant 1
Calls are out to others.

4. Constitution Committee

The charter calls for 6. Synod Council consented to the appointment of Mr. Ed Saunders, Quadrant 3. In selecting others, an attempt will be made to have equitable representation from each quadrant. As secretary of the synod the Rev. James Krauser is the official convener of this committee.

- L. Calls

1. The Rev. Fritz Wendt (**Attachment B**)

ACTION (SC03:6/3) RESOLVED That Synod Council call the Rev. Fritz Wendt to serve as Director of Worship and Music/Organist for Trinity Lutheran Church Manhattan, effective June 19, 2003. This is a renewable six-month term call.

2. The Rev. Rhonda Hoehn (**Attachment C**)

ACTION (SC03:6/3) RESOLVED That Synod Council call the Rev. Rhonda Hoehn to serve as Lutheran Campus Pastor (three-quarters time) at Columbia University, effective June 1, 2003.

3. The Rev. Dr. Gerard Gaeta (**Attachment D**)

ACTION (SC03:6/3) RESOLVED that Synod Council call the Rev. Dr. Gerard Gaeta to serve as interim pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Plainview, effective September 18, 2002.

The above three calls were adopted en block.

M. Staff reports

1. Mr. Tony Aguilar

Mr. Aguilar reported that Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation has approved a conditional grant in the amount of \$111,000 for the Urban Leaders Institute. Thrivent is open to considering a second phase of this grant, dependent upon the proven measurable success resulting from the Urban Leaders Institute project over the next 12-18 months.

2. Bob Wollenburg

- a. Resolution to raise money for North Western Diocese of the ELCT from Christ, Woodstock (**Attachment E**)

ACTION (SC03:6/4) RESOLVED that the Synod Council grant its consent to Rev. Sonja Tillberg, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Woodstock, NY, to appeal to congregations and members of the Synod for donations to the one million dollar permanent endowment fund for Christian education in the North Western Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and be it further

Resolved that the Synod Council offer its good wishes

and prayers for success and safety as Pastor Tillberg seeks to raise money for this endowment through the running of the New York City Marathon.

ADOPTED

b. Request from Redeemer, Queens Village

A prepared resolution (**Attachment F**) requesting an emergency loan of \$20,000 in order to install a fire alarm system prior to the fall opening of Redeemer's nursery school was presented to the Synod Council, along with a draft document containing guidelines for loans to congregations (**Attachment G**).

Mr. Litke presented the following Executive Committee recommendation:

ACTION (SC03:6/5) RESOLVED THAT the request from Redeemer, Queens Village be referred to the Financial Management Committee; THAT the Financial Management Committee consider the request using the guidance of the draft guidelines for a study of a congregation loan fund; THAT the finance Management Committee recommend appropriate action to the Executive Committee in July; AND THAT the Executive Committee be empowered to act on their recommendations on behalf of the Synod Council.

ADOPTED

The Executive Committee will consider it at their July meeting so there will be time to install the alarm system prior to the beginning of school if the loan is granted.

c. Report on Tanzania Jubilee

Pastor Wollenburg expressed gratitude to Synod Council and the Synod Assembly for their endorsement of the effort to build a one million dollar permanent endowment fund for the benefit of Christian education in the North Western diocese of the ELCT by 2008. He reported that there has been \$131,000 in pledges to date. He will be forming a committee which will include former members of the Companion Synod Committee. Pr. Wollenburg asked Synod Council to keep in mind potential donors and pledgers. He is particularly looking for major donors.

N. Vice President Litke:

1. Reminded members of attendance standards approved at the assembly and their role to continue to solicit mission support commitments. Members will be receiving calling assignments in the fall.

2. Asked for suggestions to the Evangelical Outreach Commission, which was approved at the Synod Assembly.
3. Announced the resignation of the Rev. Amandus Derr. In September council will vote on someone to complete his term., which expires at the next Assembly.
4. Reminded council that we will be electing a new Executive Committee at the September meeting.

VII. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Mr. Paul Jensen

Mr. Jensen was unable to report on the current financial condition of the synod since he did not have access to recent contribution and financial reports due to vacation schedules.

He continues to be concerned, as should Synod Council members as trustees of synod assets, about the lack of financial reports. The auditor's management letter also raised this issue (See Attachment H from the April Synod Council meeting.)

With the restructuring and appointment of a new Financial Management Committee, and additional accounting staff, Mr. Jensen expressed confidence that we can and will get on a fast track toward financial accountability and reporting.

As of 4/30/03:

Comparison of 2003 commitments to challenge figure:

1. Congregations whose commitment was higher than the challenge:	016
2. Congregations whose commitment was the same as the challenge:	052
3. Congregations whose commitment was less than the challenge:	100
4. Congregations that have not responded:	<u>054</u>
Total Congregations in Metro New York Synod	222

Comparison of 2003 commitments to 2002 Actual Giving:

1. Congregations whose commitment is higher than 2002 actual:	110
2. Congregations whose commitment is the same as 2002 actual:	024
3. Congregations whose commitment is less than 2002 actual:	034
4. Congregations that have not responded:	<u>054</u>
Total congregations in Metro New York Synod	222

Please see the following attachments associated with the treasurer's report:

Attachment H Mission Support Comparison as of May 31 (chart)

Attachment I Mission Support Contribution Detail by Conference

Attachment J Mission Support 1998-2003

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approval of charter for Constitution Committee

The Constitution Committee membership shall consist of six persons appointed by the Bishop for three year terms with the advice and consent of the Synod Council.

Reappointments may be made for two additional terms. In addition to the six members, the Synod Secretary shall serve as convener of the committee.

Responsibilities of the committee include

1. Reviewing for form and content the constitutions of congregations of this synod submitted for review. They shall examine these constitutions for conflicts with the models and governing documents of the ELCA and the Metropolitan New York Synod.
2. Studying and making recommendations to the Synod Council on any proposed changes to the synod's governing documents.
3. Providing consultation to the bishop in furtherance of the duties described in S8.12 for the administration of the constitution within the synod.
4. Reporting annually to the Synod Council.

(Established by action of the Synod Council on 4/16/2002
Members of this committee are: TBD)

**ACTION (SC/06:6) RESOLVED that Synod Council approve the charter for the Constitution Committee as printed above.
ADOPTED**

B. Congregations under synodical administration:

- Hope Lutheran Church, Scarsdale
- Christ Lutheran Church, Yonkers
- Holy Trinity, Hollis
- Zion, Harlem

C. Congregation Constitutions Mr. Paul Jensen for Mr. Ed Saunders

Constitution and bylaws submitted (2001) – Approved
Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Jamaica

Constitution and bylaws submitted (2000) – Corrections
Grace & St. Paul's Church, Manhattan

Congregations have been notified.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Holy Trinity Hollis – resolution to transfer title

ACTION (SC03:6/7)

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

WHEREAS, after having been advised by **THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY - HOLLIS, LONG ISLAND, N.Y.** (“Holy Trinity”) that there were no remaining members of the congregation and that all members of the Church Council had resigned, and in order to protect the real property owned by Holy Trinity from waste and deterioration, the Synod has heretofore taken charge and control of all of the assets including the real property known as and located at (a) 90-20 191st Street, Queens, New York (a/k/a 90-03 190th St., a/k/a 90-02 90th Avenue) (Block 10446, Lot 20) and (b) 90-26 191st Street, Queens, New York (Block 10446, Lot ??; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2003, the Synod served notice on the last known members of the Church Council of Holy Trinity, with copies to all of the last known members of the congregation, that the Synod Council had taken charge and control of the said property “to hold, manage and convey same on behalf of the Synod,” in accordance with S13.24 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Synod as well as Article IV of the Constitution of Holy Trinity, advising also that any appeal to this decision should be made to the Synod Assembly to be held on May 17-18, 2003; and

WHEREAS, no appeal was taken to the Synod Assembly, or otherwise; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Constitutions and By-Laws of the Synod and Holy Trinity, as well as applicable law, the said real property of Holy Trinity has passed by operation of law to the Synod; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined upon advise of legal counsel that it would best protect and serve the administrative needs of the Synod for it to hold the said real property described herein in a limited liability company in which the Synod is the sole member; and

WHEREAS, upon advice of counsel, it has been determined that in order to be certain that the holder of the properties will be able to insure title to same with a reputable title insurance company, the consent of the Attorney General and the approval of a Supreme Court Justice to the said transfer be sought and obtained;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Synod take such actions as are deemed necessary to transfer legal title of the aforesaid real property into a limited liability company in which the Synod is the sole member and that the same is hereby authorized, approved and adopted by the Council as the binding act and deed of the **METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Officers of the **METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**, each and any of them acting individually, are hereby authorized and directed to execute, acknowledge, verify, deliver and cause to be filed such Petition as may be required by law to obtain the approval of such transfer by the Courts of the State of New York and the Attorney General of the State of New York; and, in the event that such approvals, if

any, shall be obtained, to thereafter execute, acknowledge and deliver a Deed of conveyance and all such other documents, and to pay all such fees and expenses including attorney and other professional fees and otherwise do all such things as may, upon advice of Capell & Vishnick, LLP, be reasonable, necessary, proper or convenient in order that the transactions contemplated herein be effectuated; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Property be used by the limited liability company of which the Synod is the sole member, in furtherance of the religious and mission purposes for which it and Holy Trinity were formed; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the dissolutions of Holy Trinity or the Synod are not contemplated following the transfer of the Property.

Approved **Unanimous** **12 present**

Bishop Bouman explained that this is the first step in taking ownership.

- B. Christ, Yonkers – resolution for sale

ACTION (SC03:6/8)

**METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

WHEREAS, CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF YONKERS, NEW YORK, a New York corporation formed under the Religious Corporations Law, with principal address at 65 Crisfield Street, Yonkers, New York [herein “**CELC**”] is one of the rostered Church congregations affiliated with the **METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA** [herein “**SYNOD**”]; and

WHEREAS, upon the counsel of, and with the prior knowledge and acquiescence of **SYNOD, CELC** did, by its Council, at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on Monday, May 7, 2001, and by its Members at a special meeting thereof duly, called, noticed and held on Sunday, June 10, 2001, enact and ratify, respectively, certain Resolutions authorizing and directing the sale of the real property owned by **CELC** known as and by street address 65-81 Crisfield Street, Yonkers, New York [the “Property”], to **SUNRISE DEVELOPMENT, INC.** [herein “**SUNRISE**”] for a total purchase price of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$2,500,000.00) Dollars, pursuant to the terms, provisions and conditions of a certain Purchase and Sale Agreement between **CELC** and **SUNRISE** dated June 10, 2001, as modified by First Supplement to Purchase and Sale Agreement dated June 6, 2002, Agreement Regarding Property Development between **CELC** and **SUNRISE** dated June 10, 2001 as modified by First Supplement to Agreement Regarding Property Development dated June 6, 2002, and the subsequently finalized Lease dated June 6, 2002 between **SUNRISE**, as Landlord, and **CELC**, as Tenant, as supplemented by Letter Agreement

dated June 6, 2002 between Brian J. Lubkeman, Esq., counsel for **SUNRISE**, and Alan R. Pollack, Esq., counsel for **CELC**, true and complete copies of the Resolutions and Agreements above referred to, being annexed hereto and made a part hereof upon the review thereof by **SYNOD** Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforesaid Resolutions and Agreements, **CELC** applied for the consent of the Attorney General of the State of New York and the approval of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, by its Verified Petition dated June 10, 2001, a true and complete copy of which including of all Exhibits annexed thereto, being annexed hereto and made a part hereof upon the prior review of said Verified Petition by **SYNOD** Council; and

WHEREAS, an Order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Westchester, by Hon. Nicolas Colabella, Supreme Court Justice, was made and entered on July 31, 2001 authorizing and directing the sale by **CELC** of the Property, and the execution, acknowledgment and delivery of a Deed of Conveyance, Agreement of Lease, and all such other documents, and the payment of all such fees, costs and expenses, including those set forth in the Budget annexed as Exhibit I to the Verified Petition, as may be reasonable, necessary, proper or convenient in order that the terms, provisions, intents and agreements of the aforesaid Agreements be fulfilled and effectuated, and that the net proceeds of the sale be used by **CELC** substantially in the manner specified in the said Budget, all in furtherance of the purpose of providing religious and mission services to the community, including educational, civic and social activities for religious and mission purposes in accordance with the Constitution and By Laws of **CELC**, a true and complete copy of said Order being annexed to this Certificate of Secretary and made a part hereof, upon the prior review thereof by **SYNOD** Council; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 2001 **CELC** entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with The H.L. Schlicker Company, Ltd. with respect to the repair, refurbishment, and the reinstallation of the **CELC** organ, as modified by the requirement for additional work necessitated by the change in volume of the Church space, resulting in an additional cost of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred (\$13,500.00) Dollars, for which **SUNRISE** has agreed to provide credit of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred (\$17,500.00) Dollars to **CELC** against the amount of the Tenant Plans and Development Costs and the Required Reserve Fund identified in the aforesaid Agreements between **CELC** and **SUNRISE**, a true and complete copy of said Memorandum of Agreement being annexed hereto and made a part hereof, upon the prior review thereof by **SYNOD** Council; and

WHEREAS, the final worship service was conducted at **CELC** on July 8, 2001, with its Pastor, Kent Lee, thereafter accepting a call to serve elsewhere within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, whereupon, pursuant to the Constitution and By Laws of **SYNOD** and of **CELC**, and pursuant to and consistent with the Resolutions adopted by **CELC** Council and Members, the congregation and operations of **CELC** were placed in the hands of **SYNOD** under Constitutional provisions pertaining to Synodical Administration, with a Steering Committee thereafter having been appointed and empowered with all rights, discretions and authorities of the Executive Mission Team of **CELC** Council, to consist of Dorothea Roche, Janet

Manning, Alan R. Pollack, Esq. of Capell & Vishnick, LLP, and a representative designated by Bishop Stephen Bouman, initially Pastor Chris Mietlowski, thereafter being succeeded by Pastor Carla Meier; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement, **SUNRISE** has given its written notice that closing of title to the sale of the Property, the payment of the purchase price therefore, and all other matters required and contemplated under said Agreement are to be performed and paid on June 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, upon discussions among and between Members of **CELC** Steering Committee and Bishop Stephen Bouman of **SYNOD**, and upon due and careful and thorough consideration and evaluation of all of the facts, circumstances, rights, obligations and agreements of all concerned, including those hereinabove referenced, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid recitals are hereby agreed to be true and accurate, and are incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth as Resolutions herein; and it is further

RESOLVED, that it is consistent with the provisions and intent of Synodical Administration, and in the considered best interests of the people and community heretofore served by **CELC**, the Community and people of the **SYNOD** and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as well as being consistent with terms, provisions and requirements of the Order of the Supreme Court of the County of Westchester heretofore referenced, for the heritage and objectives of **CELC** to be honored by the continuation of worship, ministry and mission activities at and from the Property as it will be developed and made available for occupancy under the aforesaid Lease Agreement with **SUNRISE** ; and it is further

RESOLVED, that it is in the best interests of **CELC**, and the people and former Members of **CELC** and the Community which it served, as well as the best interests of facilitating the ability of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, through its Metropolitan New York Synod to bring and spread its ministry and mission activities to the people of God in the southern Westchester County, New York State region, for all rights and interests, including all obligations of **CELC**, to be transferred and assigned to, and assumed by, **SYNOD** on behalf of the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and that therefore **SYNOD** is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to assume all of the rights, obligations and responsibilities of **CELC**, which survive the closing of title of the sale of the Premises to **SUNRISE**, including, but not limited to, those of **CELC**, as Tenant, under the Agreement of Lease as aforesaid; and in connection therewith, **CELC**, as Assignor and **SYNOD**, as Assignee, shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to and with each other an assignment and assumption of the Lease, as well as **SYNOD**, as Lessor, and **CELC**, as Lessee, executing and delivering with each other an Agreement of Sublease, upon substantially the same terms as are contained in the said Lease, in order for mission and ministry activities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to be continued at and from the location demised in the Lease; and it is further

RESOLVED, that **SYNOD** is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to accept

the entire net proceeds of the sale by **CELC** of its real property, and **SYNOD** hereby agrees that all of same, after the payment of all costs and expenses associated with the closing of title, including, but not limited to, legal fees, architectural fees, title insurance expenses, real property transfer taxes, and the like, shall be held, managed, invested and utilized by **SYNOD** in a manner fully consistent with the terms, provisions and conditions of the aforesaid Order of the Supreme Court, Westchester County and of the Estimated Budget that is incorporated by reference thereto in said Order; and it further

RESOLVED, that Dorothea Roche, as President of **CELC**, and Janet Manning as Secretary of **CELC**, be hereby further authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver to and with **SUNRISE**, or its permitted successors or assigns, any and all such documents and instruments as may, upon advice of Capell & Vishnick, LLP, counsel to **CELC** and **SYNOD**, be reasonable, necessary, proper or convenient to consummate and effectuate the transactions contemplated by the various Agreements referenced and heretofore made and entered into between **CELC** and **SUNRISE**; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Required Reserve Fund [same consisting of Tenant Plans and Development Costs and as that term is otherwise defined in the Agreement Regarding Property Development, as amended] be segregated and deposited in a separate and identified investment-type account by **SYNOD**, such that all payments required to be made pursuant to the aforesaid Agreements to **SUNRISE**, together with interest as required, be timely paid on an amortized blended self-liquidating basis of equal monthly installments over a period of twenty-five (25) years, **SYNOD** acknowledging and agreeing that such fund shall remain segregated and intact, containing at all times an amount no less than the remaining unpaid balance of the Tenant Plans and Development Costs; and it is further

RESOLVED, that **SYNOD** hereby indemnifies and holds harmless **CELC**, its officers, Council and Members from and against any and all liabilities and damages which they or any of them may sustain or incur by virtue of the failure of **SYNOD** from and after the date of the commencement of Synodical Administration, to perform any of the obligations of **CELC** pursuant to the aforesaid Agreements and Order, all of which are hereby expressly assumed by **SYNOD**; and it is further

RESOLVED, that any of the officers of **SYNOD** be and each hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to take all actions, pay all such sums, and to execute and deliver all documents necessary or desirable in order that the provisions of these Resolutions and of the said Order of the Supreme Court, Westchester County authorizing the sale of **CELC**'s real property effectuated and fulfilled; and it is further

RESOLVED, that **SYNOD** shall, by separate Resolution, and within a reasonable time hereafter, designate and appoint both a Council and Pastor, in whatever capacity is deemed appropriate and consistent with the obligations of **SYNOD** expressed in these foregoing Resolutions, to serve **CELC**, and insure that religious mission and services, including educational, civic and social activities for such purposes are provided to the southern Westchester County, New York State Community, consistent with the aforesaid Order of the Supreme Court, Westchester County; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the **SYNOD** hereby, and on behalf of the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with much appreciation, recognizes and commends the tireless dedication and efforts of Dorothea Roche and Janet Manning, who have consistently and at all times acted as good shepherds and who have served as a shining example to all congregants of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Approved Unanimous 12 present

Bishop Bouman explained that this is the last step towards the synod becoming official owners of the property. This puts the synod rather than the handful of people left as members of Christ, Yonkers in control. Our obligation is to provide for a church and pastoral care.

- C. Memorial 1 from Synod Assembly referred to Synod Council: To Study and Reform the Candidacy Process for Ordained Ministers (**Attachment K**)

The Executive Committee made the following recommendation

ACTION (SC03:6/9) RESOLVED that Memorial 1 be referred to the Candidacy Committee for study and comment. ADOPTED

- D. Annual Deans' Report

ACTION (SC03:6/10) RESOLVED that in conformity with S12.05.03.20, the report of each dean shall be delivered to Synod Council at the first scheduled Synod Council meeting after February 1 of each year. Each Dean shall be encouraged to use the outline provided by the synod. ADOPTED

- X. DEANS' REPORT The Rev. Terrence Weber, STS

No report

- XI. YOUTH REPORT Ms. Elizabeth Hurst

Ms. Rene Chapman noted that Pinecrest Leadership Camp is in need of leaders for this year's event. Interested persons should contact Pr. Paul Egensteiner.

Deacon Kamy Moghbeli reported that a number of youth will be attending the multicultural event at the Youth Gathering this summer.

- XII. AUXILLIARY ORGANIZATIONS

- A. Women of the ELCA Ms. Suzanne Canty

No report

- B. Lutheran Men in Mission Mr. Charles Kalhorn

Mr. Kalthorn reminded us of the LMM Bible give-away program, but to date no request has been made for them from our synod. Therefore from our supply Mr. Kalthorn has provided Bibles to other synods.

Dialog has been on-going with Seaman's House leading to the development of a 'Bible Pen-Pals' program, building a relationship between a seaman and a 'land-lubber'. Two congregations are currently committed to this effort. Mr. Kalthorn also suggested that this might be an opportunity for Women of the ELCA as 40% of today's seafarers are women.

LMM has gotten a grant to support a retreat on stress for Region 7.

Mr. Kalthorn is also in conversation with Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia about including on their syllabus how to have effective men's' ministry.

XIII. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Bishop Bouman adjourned with prayer. The next meeting is on Tuesday, September 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Strunck
Administrative Assistant to the Bishop