

SYNOD COUNCIL

Present

The Rev. James Anderson
The Rev. Edward Barnett
The Rev. William Baum
Mr. Bob Buescher, Treasurer
Mr. Alan Chen
Ms. Chris Connell, DM
Ms. Maria del Toro
Ms. Elizabeth Hoffmann
Ms. Maria del Toro
The Rev. Marva Jenkins
The Rev. Kathleen Koran
The Rev. James Krauser, Secretary
Mr. John Litke, Vice President
Ms. Christina Lord-Barry
Dr. Earl Marsan
The Rev. Fred McElderry
Mr. Stuart Meade
The Rev. Annemarie Noto, PhD
Ms. Beverly Small
Ms. Marion Steadman
Ms. Sharon Wilson

Excused

The Rev. Al Ahlstrom
Mr. William Anderson
Bishop Stephen Bouman
Mr. Patrick O'Brien

Absent

Mr. Leonard Bartkus
Mr. Jonathan Westerlund

STAFF

The Rev. Gary Mills
Ms. Joanne Strunck
The Rev. Robert Wollenburg

GUEST

Mr. Howard Capell, Esq.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. DEVOTIONS – The Rev. Dr. Gary Mills
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with minor modifications.

- IV. MINUTES, March 21, 2006, consideration of

The minutes were adopted as presented

- V. SPECIAL GUEST

Mr. Howard Capell, Esq. reviewed the holdings in the cases litigated between the unauthorized person claiming to be a pastor at St. Peter's in Brooklyn and the synod. He stressed the importance the governing documents played in this case and how critical it is for churches to have access to their governing documents.

- VI. REPORT OF THE BISHOP

Pastor Gary Mills reported for the bishop who was at a meeting with the Lily Foundation in Indianapolis.

A. Comments on issues of the wider church, synod, congregations, and the public arena.

1. The bishop completed his one-on-one visitations with congregation pastors, achieving a 96% completion rate with several meetings still pending due to scheduling conflicts.
2. A consultation process is scheduled to begin at Epiphany, Hempstead. There are three other situations which seem to be heading in this direction.
3. We have several congregations we will be talking with about coming under synod administration. Pastor Mills noted that there are several instances in which congregations have not paid the salary or health care for their pastors for as much as two years or more. We need to be alert to places that are struggling so we can address the situation before it gets this critical.

B. Mission Development Board (MDB)

The Mission Reinvestment Grant process has been revised. A training meeting will be held for those interested in applying for grants. This process now on a one-year cycle.

Southwest Brooklyn continues in a conversation on the sharing of ministry and resources. These conversations are beginning to produce a helpful conference-wide missional strategy for the conference ministerium.

C. Appointments - None

D. Calls

1. The Rev. Barbara Hosmer, as interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Port Jefferson, effective March 1, 2006
2. The Rev. William Bogholtz, as interim pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Flushing, NY, effective March 15, 2006.

ACTION (SC06.5/1): RESOLVED that the calls of the Rev. Barbara Hosmer and the Rev. William Bogholtz be approved en bloc.

ADOPTED

E. Staff reports

The Rev. Robert Wollenburg introduced Ms. Sarah Gioe, who has joined the staff to help manage the mission interpretation initiative adopted at synod council's

March meeting. Pastor Wollenburg distributed her resume and a position description (**Exhibit A**)

VII. REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Mr. Robert Buescher

Mr. Buescher reported that the audit is now complete and ready for distribution. It reflects a cash loss of \$50,000 for the last year. This was about the same as the shortfall in mission support.

Mission support contributions are running behind for this fiscal year, as are commitments. This is not uncommon in our experience but both are lagging significantly behind last year.

The usual reports were not available for distribution at the meeting because we have not received final numbers defining our beginning balance for the year from the auditors. Financial reports will be emailed to the members as they are available.

Reports which were available:

Contributions Detail by Conference – **Exhibit B**

Mission Support Summary – **Exhibit C**

Comparison of Mission Support Receipts – **Exhibit D**

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Constitutions – no report

B. Synod Assembly update.

The assembly is set to begin at 1 pm on Thursday June 8.

C. Mission reinvestment proposals that were referred to Mission Planning Team for an opinion: Trinity, Manhattan; Christ, Freeport; Bethlehem, Baldwin. Mission

The Planning Team has not yet submitted an opinion on these proposals.

D. Mission Interpretation Initiative for Expanded Partnerships – The Rev. Robert Wollenburg

Pastor Wollenburg reported on the further development of this initiative and provided a draft budget for this work (**Exhibit E**). The plan calls for an expenditure of approximately \$100,000. Ms. Sarah Gioe has been hired for the purposes of work connected with this initiative. Pastor Wollenburg reviewed the purposes of the various expenditures.

Pastor Wollenburg described a new mission support program for which our synod has been selected as pilot site. The program is called: "*Stories to Tell, Gifts to Share.*" (**Exhibit F**) This new program will fit very well into the purposes of our initiative. In January, synod council passed a resolution (SC06.1.1) not to proceed with a capital campaign at this time and that in the interim the synod devise and implement a program to improve communication and relationships with its congregations.

Mr. Buescher addressed how we should fund this work. He recommended reassignment of \$20,000 within our approved budget. The remaining \$80,000 would be drawn in equal proportion from the Bishop's Mission Fund and from the Metropolitan New York Synod Fund (General Fund). Mr. Buescher noted that there has been additional income realized in the MNYS Fund from the sale of stock and that \$40,000 of that income should be assigned to this program.

ACTION (SC06:5/2) RESOLVED that synod council approve the budget plan for the *Mission Interpretation Initiative for Expanded Partnerships* as presented in Exhibit E.

ADOPTED

ACTION (SC05:5/3) RESOLVED that synod council approve the allocation of funds for the *Mission Interpretation Initiative for Expanded Partnerships* with \$20,000 being assigned from within our approved 2006 budget, \$40,000 from the Bishop's Mission Fund, and \$40,000 from the Metropolitan New York Synod Fund.

ADOPTED

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominations for synod secretary

Nominations were made for the Rev. James Krauser and the Rev. Annemarie Noto. They were approved by unanimous consent.

B. Nominations for synod vice president

Pastor Mills reported that since Mr. John Litke will be joining the synod staff, a new vice president must be elected. So far no nominations have been submitted. Two persons were asked but declined.

C. Synod Assembly 2007 site

The site selection committee is looking at the Marriott in downtown Brooklyn;

they are at the financial negotiation stage. The dates will be May 18-19. If we go back to a church, the only one large enough is St. Peter's Huntington Station.

D. Synod Assembly agenda (**Exhibit G**)

ACTION (SC06:5/4) RESOLVED that synod council commend the agenda as submitted to the synod assembly for adoption.

E. Samuel Trexler Fellowship Grants

Three grants are recommended:

Gaeta, Gerard Rev. Good Shepherd, Levittown	To support participation in the Ecumenical Liturgy and Worship Seminar in Oxford, UK, August 2006	\$1,000
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Jacobi, Rev. Martha Lutheran Counseling Center	To continue skill development in the specialty of EMDR therapy including attendance at a September EMDR conference	\$1,000.00
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Thomas, Rev. James St. Paul's, Parkchester	To participate in a Christian Peacemaker Team delegation to Israel/Palestine July 26-Aug 7	\$1,000.00
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TOTAL TO DISPERSE \$ 3,000.00

ACTION (SC06:5/5) RESOLVED that synod council approve the recommended Trexler Grants.

ADOPTED

F. Bob Wollenburg

X. DEANS REPORT

XI. YOUTH REPORT

XII. AUXILLIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Women of the ELCA. Ms. Delores Gray reported on the decline in women's units participating and the need for our WELCA to address this. The number of active units in our synod impacts on the allocations of representatives our synod receives at the WELCA Triennial Gatherings.

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Ms. Gray also reported on WELCA's efforts on behalf of the Kibeta School project in Tanzania.

Mr. Litke asked if our youth organization was facing similar problems in participation and unit organization. Pr. Koran offered some comments on the challenges facing children, youth and family ministry.

XIII. OTHER

- A. Pastor Koran reported that Deacon Charles Germain is the new chair of the Child, Youth and Family Ministry Task Force.
- B. Ms. Sharon Wilson noted the death of Bernice Fjelman.
- C. The report from the Diaconal Council was distributed. **(Exhibit H)**

XIV. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Pastor Gary Mills closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7 pm

Attachment B

Hudson

Contribution Detail by Conference

February 1, 2006 - April 30, 2006

<i>Synodical ID</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Yearly Commitment</i>	<i>Commitment To Date</i>	<i>Contributions This Period</i>	<i>Variance To Date</i>
01-01	Immanuel - Kingston (Dean)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
01-02	Redeemer - Kingston	\$23,000.00	\$5,750.00	\$4,000.00	(\$1,750.00)
01-03	Trinity - Kingston	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
01-04	Redeemer - New Paltz	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
01-05	First - Poughkeepsie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$262.50	\$262.50
01-06	Mount Calvary - Ruby	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	(\$25.00)
01-07	St. John's - Poughkeepsie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,390.31	\$13,390.31
01-09	St. Paul - Red Hook	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-10	Memorial - Rhinebeck	\$6,500.00	\$1,625.00	\$1,084.00	(\$541.00)
01-12	Third - Rhinebeck	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$157.00	\$157.00
01-13	Atonement - Saugerties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-14	St. Paul - West Camp	\$1,575.00	\$393.75	\$157.50	(\$236.25)
01-15	Christ - Woodstock	\$8,545.00	\$2,136.25	\$2,016.67	(\$119.58)
Totals:		\$39,720.00	\$9,930.00	\$25,917.98	\$15,987.98

Delaware/Hudson

Contribution Detail by Conference

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02-01	St. Thomas - Central Nyack	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
02-02	Christ - Ellenville	\$2,400.00	\$600.00	\$200.00	(\$400.00)
02-03	Grace - Greenwood Lake	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
02-04	First - Jeffersonville	\$2,150.00	\$537.50	\$358.34	(\$179.16)
02-05	St. Paul - Liberty	\$2,835.00	\$708.75	\$945.00	\$236.25
02-06	St. John - Middletown	\$8,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,333.26	(\$666.74)
02-07	St. Paul - Narrowsburg (Dean)	\$7,500.00	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00	\$0.00
02-08	St. Paul - New City	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,667.00	\$417.00
02-09	King of King - New Windsor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
02-10	Christ - Newburgh	\$2,100.00	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$0.00
02-11	Grace - North Branch	\$1,680.00	\$420.00	\$399.00	(\$21.00)
02-12	Good Shepherd - Pearl River	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
02-13	St. Peter - Port Jervis	\$6,300.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,050.00	(\$525.00)
02-14	Christ - Suffern	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Totals:</i>		\$37,965.00	\$9,491.25	\$16,952.60	\$7,461.35

Tappan Zee

Contribution Detail by Conference

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03-01	Trinity - Brewster	\$14,064.00	\$3,516.00	\$3,516.00	\$0.00
03-02	Our Redeemer - Chappaqua	\$4,326.00	\$1,081.50	\$721.00	(\$360.50)
03-03	Our Saviour - Croton-on-Hudso	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
03-04	Dobbs Ferry - Dobbs Ferry	\$13,483.00	\$3,370.75	\$0.00	(\$3,370.75)
03-05	St. John - Mamaroneck (Dean)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
03-06	Resurrection - Mt. Kisco	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
03-07	United - Mt. Vernon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
03-08	Holy Trinity - New Rochelle	\$3,200.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	(\$800.00)
03-09	St. Luke - New Rochelle	\$5,600.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.01	\$0.01
03-10	Emanuel - Pleasantville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
03-11	St. Paul's - Rye-Brook	\$11,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$3,666.66	\$916.66
03-13	Grace - Scarsdale	\$4,725.00	\$1,181.25	\$0.00	(\$1,181.25)
03-14	St. Matthew - White Plains	\$2,548.00	\$637.00	\$906.50	\$269.50
03-15	Trinity - White Plains	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
03-16	Grace - Yorktown Heights	\$23,330.00	\$5,832.50	\$5,826.24	(\$6.26)
03-17	St. Andrew - Yorktown Heights	\$16,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,350.00	(\$2,650.00)
03-20	Christ Lutheran	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Totals:</i>		\$98,276.00	\$24,569.00	\$18,986.41	(\$5,582.59)

Eastern Nassau

Contribution Detail by Conference

February 1, 2006 - April 30, 2006

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04-01	St. John - Bellmore	\$12,200.00	\$3,050.00	\$1,674.11	(\$1,375.89)
04-02	St. Luke - Farmingdale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-03	Redeemer - Hicksville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-04	St. Stephen - Hicksville (Dean)	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00
04-05	Good Shepherd - Levittown,	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-06	St. David - Massapequa Park	\$27,500.00	\$6,875.00	\$6,389.75	(\$485.25)
04-07	St. John - Merrick	\$18,054.00	\$4,513.50	\$5,426.00	\$912.50
04-08	Grace - North Bellmore	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,001.00	\$1,001.00
04-09	Good Shepherd - Plainview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
04-10	Our Redeemer - Seaford	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00
04-11	Faith - Syosset	\$4,800.00	\$1,200.00	\$800.00	(\$400.00)
04-12	Christ - Wantagh	\$26,500.00	\$6,625.00	\$1,747.09	(\$4,877.91)
<i>Totals:</i>		\$119,054.00	\$29,763.50	\$28,037.95	(\$1,725.55)

Western Nassau

Contribution Detail by Conference

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<i>Synodical ID</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Yearly Commitment</i>	<i>Commitment To Date</i>	<i>Contributions This Period</i>	<i>Variance To Date</i>
05-01	Advent - Elmont	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
05-02	Christ - Floral Park	\$16,500.00	\$4,125.00	\$2,000.00	(\$2,125.00)
05-03	Ascension - Franklin Square	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,500.00	\$250.00
05-04	Our Savior's - Glen Head	\$2,500.00	\$625.00	\$0.00	(\$625.00)
05-05	Our Saviour - Manhasset	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	(\$7,500.00)
05-06	Our Saviour - Mineola	\$7,500.00	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00	\$0.00
05-07	Christ - New Hyde Park (Dean)	\$3,780.00	\$945.00	\$945.00	\$0.00
05-08	Gloria Dei - New Hyde Park	\$2,730.00	\$682.50	\$0.00	(\$682.50)
05-09	Our Savior - Port Washington	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
05-10	St. James - Stewart Manor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
05-12	New Hope Luth Ch	\$9,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$1,980.65	(\$269.35)
05-13	St. Andrew's - West Hempstead	\$8,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
05-14	Kalam - Roslyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
<i>Totals:</i>		\$85,010.00	\$21,252.50	\$10,700.65	(\$10,551.85)

Southwest Nassau

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06-01	Bethlehem - Baldwin	\$5,200.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,760.00	\$460.00
06-02	St. Peter's - Baldwin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,829.50	\$2,829.50
06-03	Incarnation - Cedarhurst (Dean)	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
06-04	Christ - Freeport	\$3,600.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	(\$900.00)
06-05	Epiphany - Hempstead	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
06-06	St. John's by the Sea - Long Beach	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	(\$300.00)
06-07	St. John - Lynbrook	\$8,950.00	\$2,237.50	\$0.00	(\$2,237.50)
06-08	Grace - Malverne	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
06-09	Oceanside - Oceanside	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
06-10	Holy Trinity - Rockville Ctr.	\$16,100.00	\$4,025.00	\$2,524.72	(\$1,500.28)
06-11	Good Shepherd - Roosevelt	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$400.00)	(\$400.00)
06-12	Grace - Uniondale	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,250.00
06-14	Resurreccion - Hempstead	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Totals:</i>		\$42,050.00	\$10,512.50	\$9,214.22	(\$1,298.28)

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07-01	St. Michael's - Amagansett	\$2,775.00	\$693.75	\$693.75	\$0.00
07-02	Incarnation - Bridgehampton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
07-03	Holy Cross - Commack	\$4,200.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	(\$1,050.00)
07-05	St. Peter - Greenport	\$13,430.00	\$3,357.50	\$3,357.48	(\$0.02)
07-07	Holy Cross - Lake Ronkonkoma	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
07-08	Advent - Mattituck	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
07-09	Our Savior - Patchogue	\$12,285.00	\$3,071.25	\$3,493.00	\$421.75
07-10	St. Paul - Port Jefferson	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
07-11	St. Mark - Ridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
07-12	Trinity - Rocky Point	\$34,650.00	\$8,662.50	\$8,662.50	\$0.00
07-13	Hope - Selden (Dean)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,537.00	\$1,537.00
07-14	St. Andrews - Smithtown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Totals:</i>		\$67,340.00	\$16,835.00	\$18,743.73	\$1,908.73

Western Suffolk

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08-01	Cross of Christ - Babylon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
08-04	Ascension - Deer Park	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
08-05	Christ - East Northport	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
08-06	St. Paul's - East Northport	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,166.66	\$2,166.66
08-07	Gloria Dei - Huntington Station	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$833.33	(\$1,666.67)
08-08	St. Peters - Huntington Station	\$31,104.00	\$7,776.00	\$7,503.00	(\$273.00)
08-09	Christ - Islip Terrace (Dean)	\$9,306.00	\$2,326.50	\$775.50	(\$1,551.00)
08-10	St. John - Lindenhurst	\$16,800.00	\$4,200.00	\$1,400.00	(\$2,800.00)
08-11	King of Kings - Melville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
08-12	Latvian Church of New York - Melville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
08-13	Trinity - Wyandanch	\$2,200.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	(\$550.00)
08-14	Abiding Presence - Fort Solonga	\$24,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
08-15	Calvary - Hauppauge	\$5,250.00	\$1,312.50	\$1,312.50	\$0.00
<i>Totals:</i>		\$98,660.00	\$24,665.00	\$29,990.99	\$5,325.99

Manhattan

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09-01	Advent - Manhattan	\$15,750.00	\$3,937.50	\$3,937.50	\$0.00
09-03	Christ - Manhattan (Dean)	\$5,750.00	\$1,437.50	\$958.00	(\$479.50)
09-04	New York Finnish - Manhattan	\$2,500.00	\$625.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,875.00
09-05	Grace & St. Paul - New York	\$7,100.00	\$1,775.00	\$1,125.00	(\$650.00)
09-06	Gustavus Adolphus - New York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
09-07	Holy Trinity - Manhattan	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$833.34	(\$1,666.66)
09-08	Immanuel - Manhattan	\$13,500.00	\$3,375.00	\$6,750.00	\$3,375.00
09-09	Our Saviour Atonement - Manhattan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00
09-10	St. John - Manhattan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
09-11	St. Luke - Manhattan	\$9,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	(\$2,250.00)
09-14	St. Peter - Manhattan	\$33,500.00	\$8,375.00	\$3,828.34	(\$4,546.66)
09-15	Transfiguration - Manhattan	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,000.00	(\$250.00)
09-16	Trinity of Manhattan - Manhattan	\$2,375.00	\$593.75	\$0.00	(\$593.75)
09-17	Trinity (Lower Eastside) - Manhattan	\$2,782.50	\$695.63	\$0.00	(\$695.63)
09-18	Zion (119th St.) - Manhattan	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
09-19	Zion - St. Mark - New York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
09-20	Huria Kristen Batak - Jackson Heights	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals:		\$109,257.50	\$27,314.38	\$24,682.18	(\$2,632.20)

Bronx

Contribution Detail by Conference

February 1, 2006 - April 30, 2006

<i>Synodical ID</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Yearly Commitment</i>	<i>Commitment To Date</i>	<i>Contributions This Period</i>	<i>Variance To Date</i>
10-01	Abiding Presence - Bronx	\$6,300.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,575.00	\$0.00
10-02	All Saints - Bronx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$467.00	\$467.00
10-03	Bethlehem - Bronx	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
10-04	New Hope - Bronx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71.00	\$71.00
10-05	Calvary - Bronx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,134.75	\$1,134.75
10-06	Epiphany - Bronx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$420.00
10-07	First - Bronx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$386.00	\$386.00
10-08	Fordham - Bronx (Dean)	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,012.37	\$762.37
10-09	Kingsbridge - Bronx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
10-10	Resurrection - Bronx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$453.83	\$453.83
10-11	St. John - Bronx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-12	St. Luke - Bronx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-13	St. Paul - Bronx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-14	St. Peter's - Bronx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-15	St. Peter - Bronx	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	(\$250.00)
10-16	St. Thomas - Bronx	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	(\$200.00)
10-17	Transfiguration - Bronx	\$3,700.00	\$925.00	\$1,130.00	\$205.00
<i>Totals:</i>		\$19,200.00	\$4,800.00	\$9,749.95	\$4,949.95

Staten Island

Contribution Detail by Conference

February 1, 2006 - April 30, 2006

<i>Synodical ID</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Yearly Commitment</i>	<i>Commitment To Date</i>	<i>Contributions This Period</i>	<i>Variance To Date</i>
11-01	Atonement - Staten Island	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-02	Christ - Staten Island	\$7,875.00	\$1,968.75	\$1,271.18	(\$697.57)
11-03	Eltingville - Staten Island	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-04	Immanuel - Staten Island	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-05	Messiah - Staten Island	\$3,800.00	\$950.00	\$0.00	(\$950.00)
11-06	Our Saviour - Staten Island (Dean)	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	(\$25.00)
11-07	St. Paul's-St. Luke's - Staten Island	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$510.00	\$510.00
11-08	Trinity - Staten Island	\$19,500.00	\$4,875.00	\$1,625.00	(\$3,250.00)
11-09	Zion - Staten Island	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
<i>Totals:</i>		\$37,275.00	\$9,318.75	\$4,906.18	(\$4,412.57)

Queens Southeast

Contribution Detail by Conference

February 1, 2006 - April 30, 2006

<i>Synodical ID</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Yearly Commitment</i>	<i>Commitment To Date</i>	<i>Contributions This Period</i>	<i>Variance To Date</i>
12-01	Prince of Peace - Cambria Heights	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,315.88	\$3,315.88
12-02	Holy Trinity - Hollis (USA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
12-04	New Hope - Jamaica	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
12-05	Our Saviour - Jamaica	\$8,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
12-06	Ephiphany - Laurelton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00	\$875.00
12-07	Redeemer - Queens Village (Dean)	\$6,600.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$0.00
12-09	St. Peter - Springfield Gar	\$1,050.00	\$262.50	\$0.00	(\$262.50)
12-10	Resurrection - St. Albans	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
12-11	Trinity - St. Albans	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Totals:</i>		\$15,650.00	\$3,912.50	\$9,490.88	\$5,578.38

Queens Southwest

Contribution Detail by Conference

February 1, 2006 - April 30, 2006

<i>Synodical ID</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Yearly Commitment</i>	<i>Commitment To Date</i>	<i>Contributions This Period</i>	<i>Variance To Date</i>
13-01	St. Phillip - Brooklyn	\$682.50	\$170.63	\$0.00	(\$170.63)
13-02	Ascension - Glendale	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	(\$150.00)
13-03	St. Barnabas - Howard Beach	\$4,951.00	\$1,237.75	\$0.00	(\$1,237.75)
13-04	Christ - Ozone Park (Dean)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13-05	St. James-St. Matthew's - Ozone Park	\$7,500.00	\$1,875.00	\$0.00	(\$1,875.00)
13-07	St. John - Richmond Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
13-08	St. Pauls - Rich. Hill (114 St)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13-09	St. Paul - Rich. Hill (129 St)	\$8,587.50	\$2,146.88	\$1,500.00	(\$646.88)
13-10	Covenant - Ridgewood	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$224.00	(\$76.00)
13-11	St. Luke - Woodhaven	\$3,000.00	\$750.00	\$437.09	(\$312.91)
<i>Totals:</i>		\$26,521.00	\$6,630.25	\$2,761.09	(\$3,869.16)

Queens Northeast

Contribution Detail by Conference

February 1, 2006 - April 30, 2006

<i>Synodical ID</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Yearly Commitment</i>	<i>Commitment To Date</i>	<i>Contributions This Period</i>	<i>Variance To Date</i>
14-01	Good Shepherd - Bayside	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-02	Holy Trinity - Bellerose (Dean)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,749.99	\$1,749.99
14-03	St. Paul International Lutheran Ch	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$416.66	\$416.66
14-04	Christ - Flushing	\$500.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	(\$125.00)
14-05	Messiah - Flushing	\$5,500.00	\$1,375.00	\$0.00	(\$1,375.00)
14-06	Redeemer - Flushing Hgts.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-08	All Saints Lutheran Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$168.00	\$168.00
14-09	Christ - Little Neck	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
14-10	Ashirwad -Floral Park	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Totals:</i>		\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,334.65	(\$165.35)

Queens Northwest

Contribution Detail by Conference

February 1, 2006 - April 30, 2006

<i>Synodical ID</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Yearly Commitment</i>	<i>Commitment To Date</i>	<i>Contributions This Period</i>	<i>Variance To Date</i>
15-01	Grace - Astoria	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15-02	Augustana - East Elmhurst	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
15-03	Bethany - Elmhurst	\$756.00	\$189.00	\$189.00	\$0.00
15-04	Grace - Forest Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15-05	Atonement - Jackson Heights	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15-06	Trinity - Long Island Cty	\$5,040.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00	\$0.00
15-07	Trinity-St. Andrew's - Maspeth (Dean)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15-08	Trinity - Middle Village	\$5,500.00	\$1,375.00	\$2,334.99	\$959.99
15-09	St. Jacobus - Woodside	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
15-10	Grace Chinese - Elmhurst	\$3,500.00	\$875.00	\$0.00	(\$875.00)
<i>Totals:</i>		\$14,796.00	\$3,699.00	\$6,183.99	\$2,484.99

Brooklyn Bridges

Contribution Detail by Conference

February 1, 2006 - April 30, 2006

<i>Synodical ID</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Yearly Commitment</i>	<i>Commitment To Date</i>	<i>Contributions This Period</i>	<i>Variance To Date</i>
16-01	Bethlehem - Brooklyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16-04	Epiphany - Brooklyn (Dean)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16-05	Espiritu Santo - Brooklyn	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$800.00	\$500.00
16-07	Messiah - Brooklyn	\$2,750.00	\$687.50	\$501.00	(\$186.50)
16-08	Reformation - Brooklyn	\$1,600.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	(\$400.00)
16-09	St. John - Brooklyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
16-10	St. John - St. Matthew - Emanuel - Br	\$12,600.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,000.00	(\$150.00)
16-11	St. Luke - Brooklyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16-12	St. Paul-Williamsburg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16-14	St. Peter - Brooklyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16-15	Zion - Brooklyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Totals:</i>		\$18,150.00	\$4,537.50	\$5,301.00	\$763.50

South Shore (Brooklyn)

Contribution Detail by Conference

February 1, 2006 - April 30, 2006

<i>Synodical ID</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Yearly Commitment</i>	<i>Commitment To Date</i>	<i>Contributions This Period</i>	<i>Variance To Date</i>
17-01	Advent - Brooklyn	\$2,344.00	\$586.00	\$2,344.00	\$1,758.00
17-02	Holy Redeemer - Brooklyn	\$5,250.00	\$1,312.50	\$1,312.50	\$0.00
17-03	Holy Trinity - Brooklyn (Dean)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,021.00	\$3,021.00
17-04	Redeemer - Brooklyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
17-05	St. James - Brooklyn	\$1,800.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	(\$450.00)
17-07	St. Paul's - Brooklyn	\$3,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
17-08	St. Paul - Brooklyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
17-09	St. Stephen - Brooklyn	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,175.01	(\$74.99)
17-10	Trinity - Brooklyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$160.00
<i>Totals:</i>		\$17,394.00	\$4,348.50	\$8,762.51	\$4,414.01

Southwest Brooklyn

Contribution Detail by Conference

February 1, 2006 - April 30, 2006

<i>Synodical ID</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Yearly Commitment</i>	<i>Commitment To Date</i>	<i>Contributions This Period</i>	<i>Variance To Date</i>
18-01	Bethlehem - Brooklyn	\$11,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$0.00	(\$2,750.00)
18-02	Bethany - Brooklyn	\$4,200.00	\$1,050.00	\$700.00	(\$350.00)
18-03	Christ - Brooklyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
18-04	Gloria Dei - Brooklyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
18-05	Good Shepherd - Brooklyn	\$20,600.00	\$5,150.00	\$5,150.00	\$0.00
18-07	Our Saviour - Brooklyn (Dean)	\$9,135.00	\$2,283.75	\$1,665.00	(\$618.75)
18-08	Redeemer - St. John's - Brooklyn	\$4,800.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,250.00	\$50.00
18-09	St. Jacobi - Brooklyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
18-11	Salem - Brooklyn	\$2,400.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
18-12	Trinity - Brooklyn	\$12,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
18-13	Zion - Brooklyn	\$1,250.00	\$312.50	\$0.00	(\$312.50)
18-15	Salam Arabic Church - Brooklyn	\$3,150.00	\$787.50	\$1,050.00	\$262.50
18-16	Reformation-Korean	\$2,800.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	(\$700.00)
<i>Totals:</i>		\$71,335.00	\$17,833.75	\$14,415.00	(\$3,418.75)

Attachment C

**MISSION SUPPORT SUMMARY
for FY 2006**

File: Mission Support Summary Analysis 4-30-2006

	Total \$	MAR 2006		YTD	Month	APR 2006		YTD	Month	APRIL - YTD		
		YTD	Month			YTD	Month			2003	2004	2005
Anticipated in Synod Budget	1,400,000	200,760	104,160	Note 1		325,780	125,020	Note 1				
Commitments for 2006 (Note 2)	927,654	133,026	69,017	Note 1		215,865	82,839	Note 1				
Actual		138,013	89,589			247,048	109,035			361,791	366,319	350,204
Percentage Actual to Budget		68.75%	86.01%			75.83%	87.21%					
Percentage Actual to Commitment		103.75%	129.81%			114.45%	131.62%					
Total Received in year										1,567,106	1,491,905	1,450,845
Percentage of Total Rec'd for Year>										23.09%	24.55%	24.14%
Prediction of Total Year Actual												
(Based on 2005 % thru month)		1,023,484										
(Based on 2004 % thru month)		1,006,151										
(Based on 2003 % thru month)		1,070,094										

Note 1 - Portion of Annual Amounts based on Avg of past 10 years

Note 2 - Commitments rec'd as of the date of this report

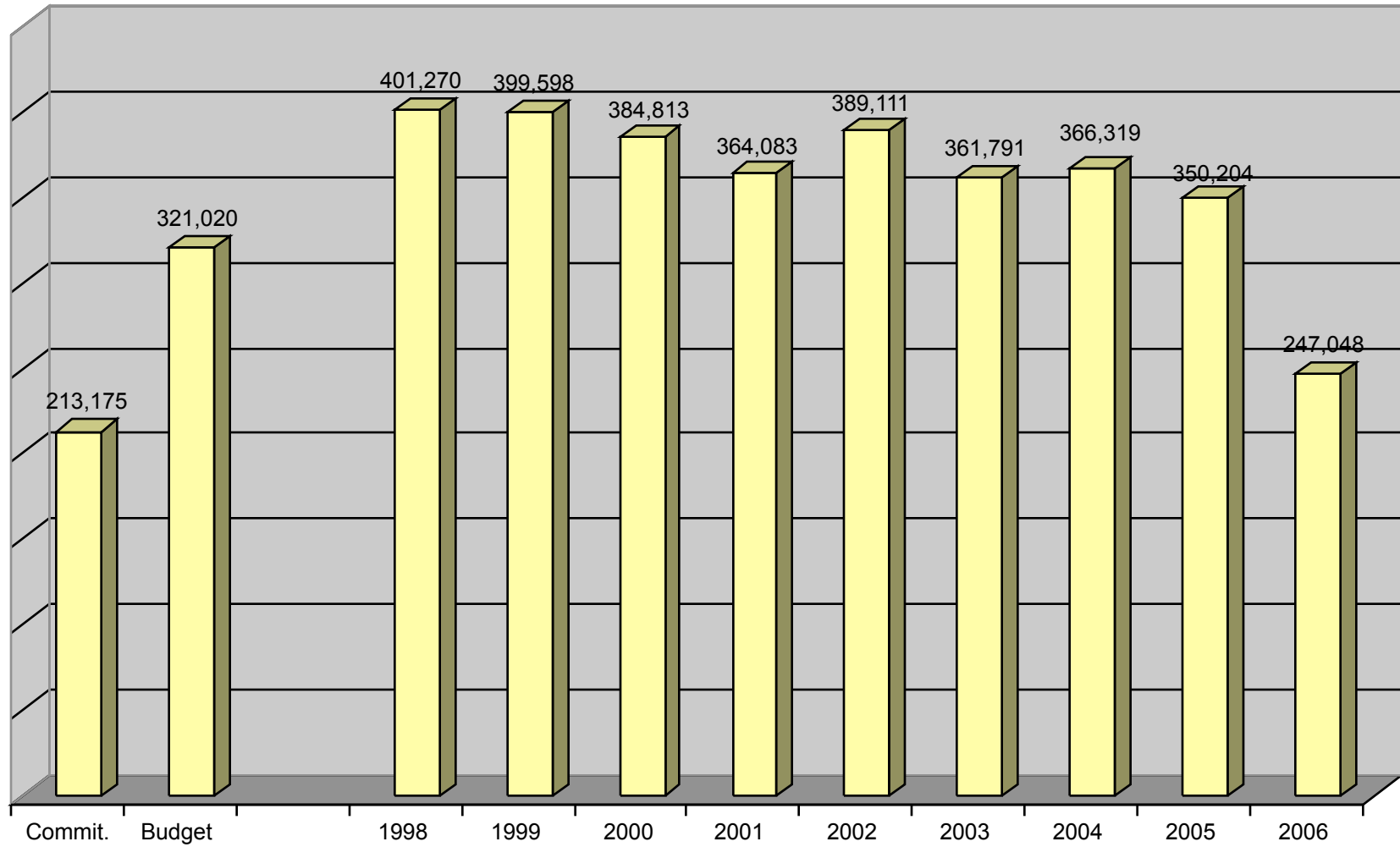
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METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD, ELCA

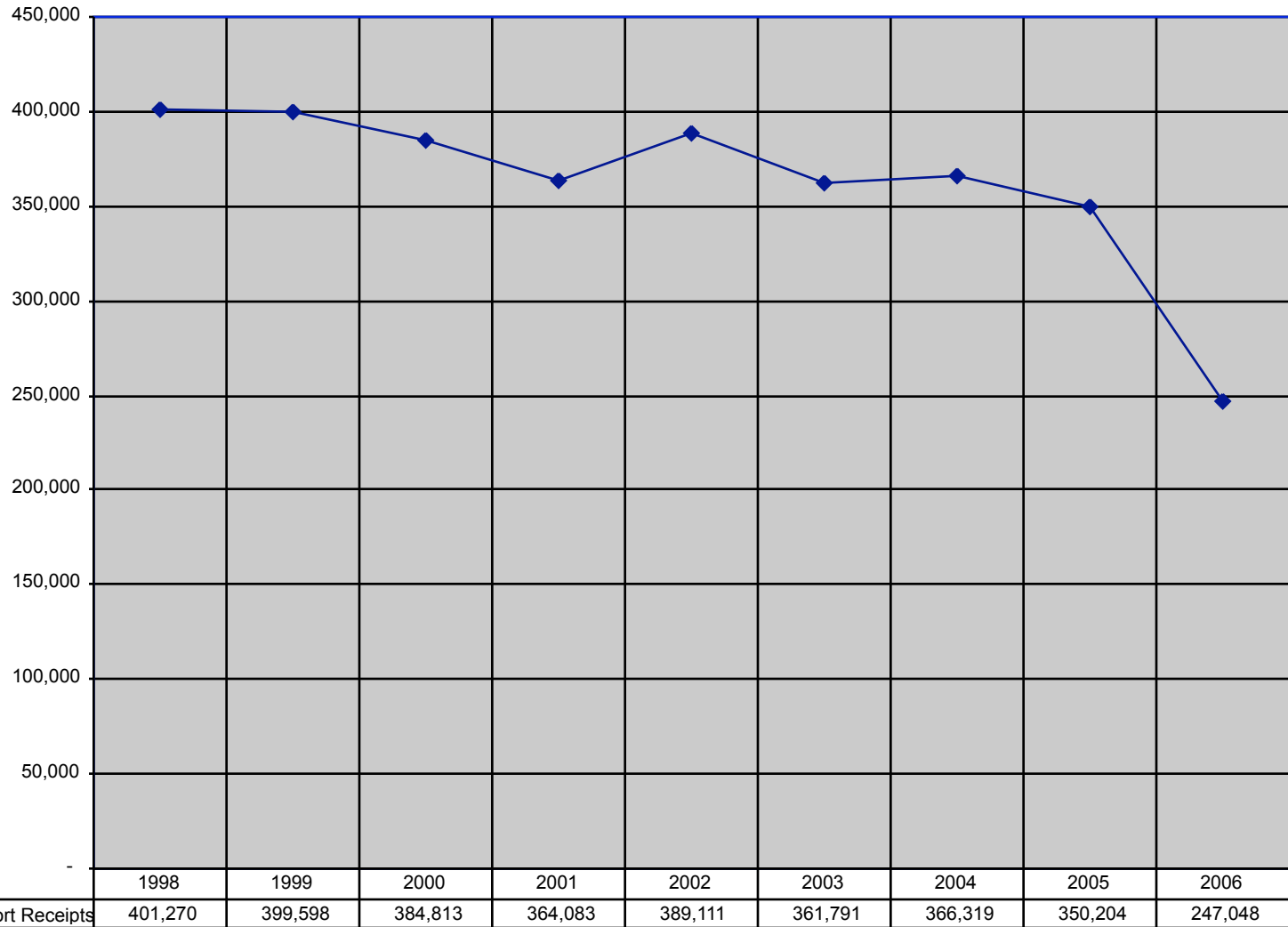
Comparison of Mission Support Receipts

	2006		Actuals										Percent Variances to 2006 Actual:									
	Commit.	Budget	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Comm	Budget	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004		
FEB	62,802	96,600	123,459	105,372	104,565	97,826	137,395	110,020	93,463	107,743	48,424	-22.9%	-49.9%	-12.7%	2.3%	3.0%	10.1%	-21.6%	-2.1%	15.3%		
MAR	132,562	200,760	249,573	235,450	253,642	226,229	216,904	224,081	213,888	208,870	138,013			-16.3%	-11.3%	-17.7%	-7.7%	-3.7%	-6.8%	-2.3%		
APR	213,175	321,020	401,270	399,598	384,813	364,083	389,111	361,791	366,319	350,204	247,048			-12.7%	-12.4%	-9.0%	-3.8%	-10.0%	-3.2%	-4.4%		
MAY	285,625	437,780	525,109	522,788	540,682	486,589	546,447	473,461	469,829	465,767				-11.3%	-10.9%	-13.9%	-4.3%	-14.8%	-1.6%	-0.9%		
JUN	351,766	534,100	642,585	647,341	659,157	606,871	624,258	611,350	578,109	532,266				-17.2%	-17.8%	-19.3%	-12.3%	-14.7%	-12.9%	-7.9%		
JUL	418,836	629,020	785,181	770,588	761,069	722,869	741,065	699,777	682,425	644,145				-18.0%	-16.4%	-15.4%	-10.9%	-13.1%	-8.0%	-5.6%		
AUG	477,371	724,080	880,096	891,308	858,465	835,711	840,287	800,799	787,329	744,235				-15.4%	-16.5%	-13.3%	-10.9%	-11.4%	-7.1%	-5.5%		
SEP	535,349	799,400	1,012,518	1,002,035	949,600	930,873	920,946	895,775	863,480	816,165				-19.4%	-18.5%	-14.1%	-12.3%	-11.4%	-8.9%	-5.5%		
OCT	612,252	927,220	1,133,746	1,151,623	1,088,064	1,056,765	1,064,681	1,015,269	1,004,568	922,060				-18.7%	-19.9%	-15.3%	-12.7%	-13.4%	-9.2%	-8.2%		
NOV	685,258	1,033,620	1,267,613	1,250,132	1,234,948	1,151,526	1,161,643	1,164,762	1,133,409	1,032,657				-18.5%	-17.4%	-16.4%	-10.3%	-11.1%	-11.3%	-8.9%		
DEC	781,085	1,178,940	1,444,815	1,450,326	1,376,484	1,315,662	1,342,040	1,363,150	1,309,315	1,129,355				-21.8%	-22.1%	-18.0%	-14.2%	-15.8%	-17.2%	-13.7%		
JAN	927,654	1,400,000	1,695,777	1,670,714	1,616,732	1,591,386	1,565,097	1,567,106	1,491,905	1,450,845				-14.4%	-13.2%	-10.3%	-8.8%	-7.3%	-7.4%	-2.8%		

March Mission Support Comparison



April Mission Support Receipts



Attachment E

Planning for Expanded Partnerships

May 9, 2006

Estimated Budget for Synod Council

Item	Expense	Detail
Staff Cost	50,000	Includes salary and benefits for Director of Mission Interpretation, some secretarial cost
Travel	1,000	30 sites, average rt 70 \$0.445/mile = \$934.50
Town Hall Meetings - Site	4,500	30 sites, \$150 for heat and electric
Food per site	2,000	Coffee and cake
Town Hall Moderators	15,000	30 sites, \$500 each includes travel
Postage and Mailings	500	3 mailings/220 churches; 30 sites/8 persons; \$0.50/piece
Questionnaire Development	1,500	Professional consultation
Questionnaire Mailings	12,500	\$0.50/piece x 25,000
Analyze Questionnaire, Report to Participants	6,250	What we learned from the questionnaire
Laptop, Special Printing	6,000	Estimated
Stories to Tell	750	June 24 at The Wartburg
	100,000	

Attachment G

Metropolitan New York Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Agenda of the 2006 the Synod Assembly
(Agenda subject to change)

Mid-Hudson Civic Center
14 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, NY
845-454-5800
845-454-5877 (fax)

***Living in God's Amazing Grace:
Reclaiming the
Great Commission***

Thursday June 8

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Registration

1:00 – 2:00 pm Opening Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Susan Briehl
Presiding: Bishop Stephen P. Bouman

2:10 pm Plenary 1

Hosts:

Staff: David Anglada

Opening and welcome

Introduction of Chaplain

The Rev. Eduardo Fabian Arias
Zion Lutheran Church, Manhattan

Report of the Registration and Attendance Committee

The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite, Chair
Epiphany, Elmhurst

Introduction of Parliamentarian

Ms. Dorothy Demarest, PRP

Rules of Procedure

**Metropolitan New York Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Adoption of Agenda

Elections

Mr. James Steipp, Chair
Immanuel, Kingston

Report of Reference & Counsel – procedures

The Rev. John Jurik, Chair
Zion, Staten Island

Introduction of ELCA Representative

The Rev. Sherman Hicks
Executive Director, Multicultural Ministries, ELCA

Introduction of Synod Officers

Mr. John Litke, Vice President (St. Peter's Huntington Station)
The Rev. James Krauser, Secretary (St. Paul's, Port Jefferson)
Mr. Robert Buescher, Treasurer (Our Redeemer, Seaford)

Report of the Bishop 1

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Robert Buescher, Treasurer

Introduction of 2007 Budget

Mr. Robert Buescher, Treasurer

Keynote 1

The Rev Susan Briehl
Distinguished Professor of the Art of Ministry at Wartburg
Seminary

Greetings from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia

The Rev. Dr. Phil Krey, President

Reference and Counsel

The Rev. John Jurik, Chair

Introduction of Assembly Planning Committee

Ms. Louise Litke, Chair
St. Peter's, Huntington Station

**Metropolitan New York Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Agenda of the 2006 the Synod Assembly**

Addresses by Vice-presidential Candidates

Announcements

Ms. Louise Litke

Prayer

The Rev. Eduardo Fabian Arias

5:45 – 7:15 pm Dinner

7:30 – 9:50 pm Healing Service

Location: Mid-Hudson Civic Center

Preaching: Bishop Stephen P. Bouman

Presiding: The Rev. Brenda Smith

Friday, June 9

7:00 – 8:00 am Breakfast/Budget Hearing

8:00 – 8:40 am Service of the Word
The Rev. Eduardo Fabian Arias

8:45 am Plenary II

Hosts:

Staff: Constance Duever

ELCA Representative Report I

The Rev. Sherman Hicks

Executive Director, Multicultural Ministries, ELCA

Greetings from the Episcopal Diocese of New York

The Rt. Rev. Mark Sisk, Bishop

Natural Church Development (NCD)

The Rev. Claire Burkat

Mission Director for Southeast Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Executive Director for Congregational Advancement,

Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Elections

Mr. James Steipp, Chair

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Greetings

The Rev. Dr. Rudolph Ressemeyer

Introduction of Synod Staff

Announcements

Ms. Louise Litke

Prayer

The Rev. Eduardo Fabian Arias, Chaplain

10:50 pm

Breakouts

Principles of Natural Church Development (NCD)

11:55 – 12:55 pm Lunch

1:00 pm

Plenary III

Hosts:

Staff: Robert Wollenburg

Prayer

The Rev. Eduardo Fabian Arias, Chaplain

Candidacy Committee

The Rev. Jeff Kolbo, Trinity Rocky Point

Ms. Constance Duever, Assistant to the Bishop

Greetings, Lutheran Services New York Alliance

The Rev. Gary Grindeland

Executive Director, Seafarer's & International House

Asian Ministry

Ms. Lily Wu, Assistant to the Bishop for Immigrant Outreach
(Asian)

Synod Council Report

Mr. John Litke, Vice-president

Reference & Counsel

The Rev. John Jurik, Chair

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Keynote 2

The Rev. Susan Briehl
Distinguished Professor of the Art of Ministry at Wartburg
Seminary

Introduction of Pastors New to the Synod

Recognition of Anniversaries

The Rev. Dr. Gary Mills
Executive Assistant to the Bishop

Distinguished Disciple

Ms. Ardath Heard
Atonement, Jackson Heights

Announcements

Ms. Louise Litke

Prayer

The Rev. Eduardo Fabian Arias, Chaplain

5:30 – 7:00 pm Dinner

7:30 – 9:30 pm Festival Eucharist

Location: Conference Center
Preaching: The Rev. Sherman Hicks
Presiding: Bishop Stephen Bouman

Saturday, May 22

7:00 – 8:00 am Breakfast

8:00 – 8:30 am Morning Prayer
 The Rev. Eduardo Fabian Arias

8:35 am Plenary IV

Hosts:

Staff: Tony Aguilar

Elections

Mr. James Steipp, Chair

**Metropolitan New York Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Agenda of the 2006 the Synod Assembly**

Report of the Bishop 2
The Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Bouman, Bishop

Adoption of 2007 Budget
Mr. Robert Buescher, Treasurer

Companion Synod
The Rev. Carol Fryer
Saint Peter Lutheran Church, Manhattan

Reference and Counsel
The Rev. John Jurik, Chair

Servant to Servant
The Rev. Ann Tiemeyer
Director, Koinonia NYC

ELCA Rep 2
The Rev. Sherman Hicks
Executive Director, Multicultural Ministries, ELCA

Announcements
Ms. Louise Litke

Prayer
The Rev. Eduardo Fabian Arias, Chaplain

11:40 am – 12:40 Lunch

12:50 pm – 1:50 pm Eucharist

Location: Mid-Hudson Civic Center
Preaching: The Rev. Lermy Lwankomezi
Presiding: Bishop Stephen P. Bouman

1:50 pm Plenary V

Hosts:

Staff: Wendy Healy

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The Diaconate of Metropolitan New York Synod Report for 2006

Calling of the Diaconate

The church continues to be the self-giving servanthood of Jesus in the midst of the world. The presence of a diaconate in the world can help to remind, inspire, organize and lead the church in a renewal of its commitment to servant ministry. The primary area of service is within the congregations and other agencies of our synod. But the total calling and ministry of the deacon is formed by a combination of the needs of our congregations and community, and always with a diaconal focus on doing and enabling servant ministry. The synodical diaconate is also connected to the wider church with a ministry connected ecumenically.

The ultimate purpose for diaconate ministry is mission and outreach—to the poor, the suffering, and those without the Gospel. All of this is dedicated to the memory of the servant Jesus, whose self-giving *diakonia* is at the core of all ordered ministry. As the deacons witness and serve in daily life, the love and ministry of the risen Lord is brought to all that are touched by those ministries.

Mission of the Diaconate Council

The Synod Diaconate Council is established to organize and supervise the overall activities of the diaconate, including reviewing applications and evaluating candidates to be prospective deacons. The goal is to make available for the needs of the wider church a cadre of servants committed to the diaconal outreach throughout the synod and the communities the synod serves. The Council is also responsible for helping to keep the ministries of the deacons connected and serving actively and appropriately. In this regard, under the oversight of the Bishop and in consultation with the congregations they serve, the Council may support and recommend that deacons may be deployed from time to time, to service throughout the Synod.

Members of the Diaconate Council

The Rev. Jeffrey Laustsen, Synod Representative
The Rev. Rose Ann Foege
Deacon Peter Slingerland, Chairperson
The Rev. Emilce Alguera
Deacon Cathy Boyce
The Rev. Laurie Cline
Deacon Thomas Farrell

Deacon Meg Fielding
Deacon Robert Hering
Deacon Donna Nekarda
Deacon Gayle Ruege
Edna Zambo
Deacon Carol Straub, Ex-officio

Diaconate Roster

- The Metropolitan New York Synod has 85 deacons on the active roster, 11 on leave and 5 retired. To date, 38 have filed their annual reports and call renewals with the Synod. 19 Have reported fulfilled their continuing education requirement. The ministries of the deacons include service in:

Youth
Nursing Home
Visitation/Homebound
Worship

Substance Abuse
Bible Study/Teaching
Prison

Immigration
Bereavement /Card
Hospital

- ❑ 5 new Synodically Rostered Deacons were set apart on January 21 at Grace Lutheran Church in Yorktown Heights. The new deacons are:

Barbara Bambina, Christ, Woodstock
Richard Ferolito, St. John's, Poughkeepsie
Karen Nurmi, Emanuel, Pleasantville

Gary Weiler, St. John's, Bellmore
Lynn Weiler, St. John's, Bellmore

Diaconate Life

- ❑ There are currently 5 candidates who have made application to the Diaconate Council to participate in an internship that might lead to a call as a Synodically rostered deacon.
- ❑ A Deacon Retreat was held at Graymoor Retreat Center on March 17, 2006. 38 deacons attended and participated in a discussion of "The Evangelizing Church: A Lutheran Perspective" lead by one of the contributing authors, Dr. Wyvetta Bullock, Executive for Leadership Development in the ELCA. Dr. Bullock was sponsored jointly by the Diaconate Council and the Synod Commission for Evangelical Outreach.
- ❑ A Boundary Workshop for deacons was held on February 4 at Our Savior's Atonement. 12 deacons attended.
- ❑ Diaconate Coordinators in Suffolk County organized and facilitated 2 study workshops during the past year. More opportunities are being investigated throughout the Synod to offer those serving in diaconal ministries interesting and helpful continuing education. In addition, more Saturday offerings of the Boundary Workshop will be planned for to accommodate deacons who are not able to attend during the week.

Diaconate Leadership

- ❑ Pastors David Anglada, Patt Margolis and Jack Malfatti resigned from the Council due to new calls. Deacon Peter Slingerland has been unable to be an active participant since November 2005 due to a serious automobile accident.
- ❑ Pastor Emilce Algera, Pastor Laurie Cline, Deacon Cathy Boyce, Deacon Robert Hering and Edna Zambo joined the Diaconate Council.