

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present

The Rev. Albert Ahlstrom
The Rev. Edward Barnett
The Rev. William Baum
Bishop Stephen P. Bouman
Ms. Hope Card
Mr. Gerald Erikson
Dcn. Charles Germain
Mr. F. Eugene Hügel
Ms. Elizabeth Hoffmann
The Rev. Kathleen Koran
The Rev. James Krauser, Sec'y
Dr. Earl Marsan
The Rev. Fred McElderry
The Rev. Annemarie Noto, PhD
Mr. Patrick O'Brien
The Rev. Robert Schoepflin

Mr. Hans Vogel, V-Pres
Ms. P. Renee Wicklund

Absent

Mr. William Anderson
Mr. Alan Chen
Ms. Christine Connell, DM
Ms. Beverly Small
Mr. Jonathan Westerlund

Excused

Mr. Robert Buescher
Ms. Maria del Toro
The Rev. Perry Kirschbaum
Ms. Minerva Melendez

STAFF

Ms. Joanne Strunck

- I. CALL TO ORDER Vice President Vogel
The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:15 pm.
- II. OPENING PRAYER
The Rev. James Krauser opened with prayer
- III. ORDER OF BUSINESS: Appeal by Albert Dittmer, Helen Oswald, and Charles Pope of Ascension Lutheran Church in Glendale, New York of the congregation council resolution which removed them from membership on the congregation council.

Materials regarding this case were mailed to synod council members prior to the meeting and are attached as Exhibit A.

Vice-President, Mr. Hans Vogel, recused himself from conducting the meeting since he had previously worked with the congregation. Synod Secretary, the Rev. James Krauser, served as hearing officer. He declared Executive Session for the discussion of the appeal.

Moving out of Executive Session, synod council adopted the following resolution:

ACTION (SC06:9/1 special mtg): In the matter brought to the synod council by Charles Pope, Albert Dittmer, and Helen Oswald: RESOLVED that the synod council will not exercise its jurisdiction on the matter, in that the congregation

council had the authority to act under C12.05a of the congregation's constitution (supplemented by NYS Not-for-Profit law Article 7 Section 706) which gives the congregation council oversight concerning its own membership and authority to remove members of the council for cause and the congregation council acted without resort to Chapter 15 of the congregation's constitution regarding the discipline of members.

**Adopted unanimously
(Mr. Vogel and Pr. Krauser did not vote)**

IV. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

The Rev. Fred McElderry closed with prayer at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne P. Strunck
Administrative Assistant to the Bishop