

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Rev. Albert Ahlstrom 2012
Mr. William Anderson 2012
**The Rev. William Baum* 2012
The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite 2012
Ms. Kesley Brown 2012
***Mr. Robert Buescher, Treasurer** 2012
Ms. Christine Connell, DM 2014
***Ms. Maria Del Toro, Vice President** 2014
Dcn Charles Germain 2014
Ms. Barbara Hansen 2014
Mr. Gene Hiigel 2014
Ms. Barbara Holm 2012
The Rev. Brenda Jack 2012
**Ms. Barbara Johnson* 2012
The Rev. Perry Kirschbaum 2014
Mr. Carlos Lopez 2014
Mr. John Malone 2014
***Ms. Minerva Melendez** 2014
The Rev. Craig Miller 2014
***The Rev. Paul Millholland** 2012
Dcn Robert Rainis 2012
Mr. Brian Reardon 2012
***The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop** 2014
The Rev. Kit Robison 2014
***The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Secr.** 2014
Ms. Janet Siry 2014
Ms. Grace Yukich 2012

27 Voting Members

AUXILLIARY MEMBERS

STAFF

The Rev. Percy Butiku
Ms. Sarah Gioe
The Rev. Dr. Jack Horner
The Rev. Kathleen Koran
The Rev. Jonathan Linman
Mr. John Litke
The Rev. Dr. Gary Mills
Dcn. Gayle Ruege
Ms. Kathleen Schmidt

GUESTS

Bold = present
Italics = excused absence
*Member of Executive Committee

9:30 Opening Eucharist – Bp Rimbo presided and preached
Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by VP M. Del Toro at 10:10am, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mineola, NY. Introductions of members.

- 1. Adoption of Agenda** Adopted as presented
- 2. Adoption of Minutes: 8 June 2010** Adopted as amended to indicate that Christ, Ellenville will probably request permanent synodical administration.
- 3. Bishop's Report**

- A. Welcome: Bp Rimbo referenced his report provided to the Council detailing his ministry activities from June 9 through September 10. He brought attention to the most current information from churchwide regarding congregations that have voted to leave the ELCA. 222 congregations have or are in process of leaving ELCA.
- New SC members (Lopez, Brown introductions) – Bp Rimbo welcomed new council members.
 - Council development / Anti-racism training update – Dcn John Malone reported that several meetings of the committee formed to assist in the developing of the culture of the Council and it has worked on drafts for procedure and protocol to be presented to the Council. Following topics have also been discussed: What is role of staff at Council meetings? Who is responsible for spiritual development of Council? Development of agenda. How Council members get to know one another and work together. How we discover the gifts of Council members.
 - Bp Rimbo reported that Pr Linman is seeking resource/person for anti-racism training. Pr Linman will contact Pr Don Stiger to find out who LMC has used for their ethnic sensitivity training. G Yukich suggested doing this training at Nov Council retreat.
- B. Congregations and Ministries
- Christ, Chinese, Brooklyn
 - Has been asked to come to Oct Council mtg. Will come after 7pm
 - St. Stephen's, Brooklyn (loan status)
 - Bp Rimbo and Kathy Schmidt met with congregational leaders to discuss loan from synod. Recommended that congregation sell lot with mobile classrooms. Cong has leased the property instead. Kathy will speak with congregation about beginning to repay the loan. J Litke noted that congregation did promise to repay loan when it was established.
 - St. Peter's, Bronx (140th Street)
 - Pr Horner reported that Synod is working to get 2 parsonages out of in rem with city. Congregation was placed under synodical administration in 2009. Congregation leadership met with Pr Mills and Pr Block and were asked to develop a mission plan. Pr Horner met with congregation on September 9 to discuss how to develop mission plan and discern feasibility of continued ministry in that place given economic status of congregation. Pr Horner and Pr Block will meet with entire congregation on September 30. Over the last twenty years, congregation has received approximately \$1 million from EOCM/ELCA and \$300 thousand from Synod. Date for last worship service tentatively set for November 28. Dcn Rainis requested that Council or Trustees communicate the decisions made and that the status of documents sent to Pr Mills be investigated. VP Del Toro asked Pr Horner to follow up on this. Pr Horner noted that significant ministry is still being carried out in the community. J Litke noted that under synodical administration the Council does not have authority to close a congregation, such authority remains in the congregation.
- St. Luke's, Brooklyn
Congregation is under synodical administration. Pr Horner will preach there

on September 12 and attend a meeting with congregation council. He will attend next three congregation council meetings.

B. Companion Synods (Tanzania / Romania)

Bp Rimbo reported that ministry in Romania going very well, with Prs Michael and Terry Church. Bp was in Tanzania for celebration of evangelism this summer.

- Teachers salary / benefit package update; Kathy Schmidt reported that salaries for Tanzania teachers normally taken out of endowment fund, but because of market conditions, there is no income in fund. So salaries and benefits for teachers are being paid from general operating fund. Kathy Schmidt suggested using wider church fund. She reported that Executive Committee suggested leaving it alone this year and considering this for next year.
- Romania (newsletter)
 - Sarah Gioe is working on fall newsletter updates for Romania and Tanzania.

C. Conference Visits

- Staten Island (September 12-13)
- Western Suffolk (October 24-25)

D. Appointments

- Renee Wicklund: Reference and Counsel
- Rev. Paul Egensteiner: Elections Committee, Chair
- Christine Connell: Nominations Committee, Chair
- Rev. Paul Milholland / Elizabeth Hoffman: Assembly Planning Comm, Co-chairs
- Immanuel Sidabutar / Rev. Tiina Talvitie: Multicultural Commission, Co-chairs
- John Flack: Environmental Stewardship Committee
- Sheldon Erb, Tanzania Committee, Co-chair (with Pr Carol Fryer who will continue as co-chair)
- Rev. William Baum: Committee on Congregational Viability Norms, Chair
- Rev. Jack Horner / Art Upright: Grace, North Branch Advisory Committee.

ACTION SC10:09/01

Adopted en bloc

E. Calls

- Rev. Martin Mahl Zahn: Campus Pastor (Columbia and Queens), LMHE
- Rev. Harriet Wieber: St. Stephen's, Brooklyn – Bp noted may be two years.
- Rev. Anthony Bateza: On Leave from Call (education/study leave)
- Rev. Dianne Loufman: On Leave from Call

ACTION SC10:09/02

Adopted en bloc

Bishop's office will communicate all appointments by Bishop and calls through Council.

F. Islam Community Center/Mosque statement

Bp Rimbo said it is not official statement of ELCA although it is almost being treated as such.

G. Bishop's Advisory Committee on Philanthropic Management for future of the synod

Bp Rimbo, Pr Horner, Kathy Schmidt and Robert Buescher met with consultant Rita F. Adams to consider engaging her services for help with development and

fundraising in synod. R Buescher, who has worked with many consultants with numerous organizations remarked that Ms. Adams presented a solid proposal and recommended engaging her. Pr Craig Miller requested that she supply a list of references and moved to defer decision on engaging until October Council meeting.

Motion to defer adopted.

Synod staff to follow up with Ms. Adams to obtain references.

4. Treasurer's Report

A. August Financials:

- a. R. Buescher walked Council through his financial charts. He noted increase in value and cash position. Cash position increased b/c of sale of St Pauls Richmond Hill. Still underspending budget. About \$94K behind right now. Available cash increased in August due to sale of Richmond Hill. But still not in a comfortable position. Should have \$4M which is enough to pay for one year of expenses. Mission support is down from prior years. Well below what we need to make our budge(\$1.350M)

B. FMC Policies

- a. Financial Management Committee (FMC) recommended adoption of three policies.

- COI / Operational Ethics policy:

ACTION SC10:09/03 ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council adopt the *Operational Ethics Policy* as a synod policy from this date hence for all matters related.

- Individual loan policy:

ACTION SC10:09/04 ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council adopt the *Loans to Officers, Directors and Employees* as a synod policy from this date hence for all matters related.

- Loans to congregations policy:

ACTION SC10:09/05 ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council adopt the *Loans to Congregations and Institutions* as a synod policy from this date hence for all matters related.

C. Audit Committee (bylaw change)

ACTION SC10:09/06 ADOPTED (to be presented to Synod Assembly in 2011)

Recommended New Bylaw to replace continuing resolution SC2010.06

S11.05.01 The Audit Committee membership shall consist of five persons appointed by the Synod Council for three year terms. Two of the appointees shall be members of the synod council. Reappointments may be made for one additional term. The chairperson shall be appointed by the vice president of the Synod Council. Members of the financial management committee and synod employees shall not be members of this committee.

S11.05.02 The functions of the Audit Committee shall be to:

- a. Recommend to the synod council the appointment of an independent auditor.*
- b. Meet with the independent auditor to discuss the scope and approach of the audit.*
- c. Review and evaluate the reports prepared by the independent auditor particularly with respect to any identified weaknesses in the synod's internal accounting and management controls and any recommendations for improvements in such controls.*
- d. Monitor and report to the synod council the progress of remedial actions that may be an appropriate response to the report of the independent auditor.*
- e. Review the annual financial statements with the independent auditor.*
- f. Conduct periodic inquiry into synod procedures for ensuring expenditures (especially in sensitive areas such as professional fees, compensation, and travel and entertainment) are appropriate in nature and reasonable in amount.*
- g. Provide the synod secretary with minutes of all meetings.*

D. Audit Committee membership (resolution)

ACTION SC10:09/07 ADOPTED

RESOLVED that the Synod Council amend the continuing resolution (SC 2010:06/08) to require 2 members of the Audit Committee be members of the Council, and be it further

RESOLVED that at the next Assembly, a bylaw adjustment be submitted for approval, as documented in the "Recommended New Bylaw to replace continuing (as amended) resolution SC 2010:06/08.

++ Al Ahlstrom asked whether we are speaking and listening to pastors and congs. Pr Miller spoke about going to congs as dean and speaking to them about mission support. Pr Horner spoke about work of his stewardship table on this. Will bring proposal to SC in Nov or Dec. Bp said it would be useful for this to come to Assembly so that all can be part of it. Submission of parochial and pastor reports should be part of call process.

5. Old Business

VP Maria Del Toro noted at this point for the Council that only Bishop's office has authority to communicate decisions of Synod Council to those concerned.

A. Committee on Congregational Viability Norms update

- Nominations for committee by SC – identify 2 members of SC for committee – elections at the October SC meeting – Bp noted we are looking for nominations of SC now. Pr Miller nominated John Malone. Pr Milholland nominated Grace Yukich. [Bob Buescher noted we need to fill two positions on audit comm. in Oct] Two nominations for audit comm. Kit Robison and Barbara Holm.

B. Sion, Manhattan (resolution); K. Schmidt presented resolution and said it should be amended to \$125,000 since there are some violations that need to be cleared up.

ACTION SC10:09/07 ADOPTED, as amended

RESOLVED, that the SYNOD be authorized to continue to advance funds to SION, adding to the \$1 Million debt, until March 30, 2010, not to exceed \$125,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SYNOD continue payment for operational expenses of \$2,083.33 per month through a grant to SION, along with continuing contributions of the other churches in the agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if no other source for repayment is found by March 31, 2011, the property located at 217 East 119th Street, New York, New York be sold, and the note be dissolved from proceeds.

C. Salem (Swedish), Brooklyn (resolution)

Resolution to sell property of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 450 67th Street, Brooklyn, NY to St. Matthew's Churches, an Oklahoma nonprofit organization for \$2,650,000.00.

ACTION SC10:09/08 ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Synod in furtherance of the imposition of synodical administration pursuant to Section 13.24 of the Synod Constitution take all steps and actions necessary or desirable to transfer and convey all of the property of SALEM to the Synod; and it is further

RESOLVED, that certain aforementioned resolution of Synod Council of the METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (Synod), adopted December 15, 2009, relating to the imposition of synodical administration of the property of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church of

Brooklyn, N.Y. (Salem), be amended to substitute John Litke in the place and stead of Rev. Gary Mills, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any one of the Trustees appointed pursuant to that certain aforementioned resolution of Synod Council of the METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (Synod), adopted December 15, 2009, relating to the imposition of synodical administration of the property of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brooklyn, N.Y. (Salem), as above amended to substitute John Litke in the place and stead of Rev. Gary Mills, acting solely and on behalf of the Synod, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to sign, verify and cause to be filed such Petition as may be required by law to obtain the approval of the transfer of the premises 450 67th Street, Brooklyn, New York (Premises) from Salem to the Synod 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 shall be obtained, to thereafter execute, acknowledge and deliver a Deed of Conveyance and all such other documents as may be required to convey title to the Premises, and to pay all customary and/or required closing costs, transfer taxes, attorney and other professional fees incurred in connection with the transfer of the Premises from Salem to the Synod; and otherwise do all such things as may, upon advice of Capell Barnett Matalon & Schoenfeld LLP, counsel to the Synod, be reasonable, necessary, proper or convenient in order that the implementation of synodical administration be fulfilled and that title to the Premises be transferred from Salem to the Synod; and it is further;

RESOLVED, that the portion of the aforementioned resolution of Synod Council of the METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (Synod), adopted December 15, 2009, relating to the imposition of synodical administration of the property of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brooklyn, N.Y. (Salem) relating to a transfer of the Premises to NEW YORK SYNOD-67TH STREET LLC be rescinded and of no force and effect; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the certain written Agreement of Purchase and Sale between METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH IN AMERICA, as Seller, and SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCHES AN OKLAHOMA NON PROFIT CORPORATION, as Purchaser, for the sale of premises 450 67th Street, Brooklyn, New York (Premises) in consideration of the sales price of \$2,650,000.00 to be paid by the Purchaser be and the same is hereby authorized, approved, ratified and adopted by the Synod Council as the binding act and deed of the METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA and upon the closing of title to such sale the METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA pay to The Remax Team a sum equal to 4% of the sales price if, as, and when title closes and out of the proceeds of sale; and it is further

RESOLVED, that any one of the Trustees appointed pursuant to that certain aforementioned resolution of Synod Council of the METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (Synod), adopted December 15, 2009, relating to the imposition of synodical administration of the property of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brooklyn, N.Y. (Salem) as amended herein to substitute John Litke to serve in the place and stead of Rev. Gary Mills, acting solely and on behalf of the Synod, be authorized, empowered and directed to execute that aforesaid certain Agreement of Purchase and Sale between METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, as Seller, and SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCHES AN OKLAHOMA NON PROFIT CORPORATION, as Purchaser, for the sale of premises 450 67th Street, Brooklyn, New York (Premises) in consideration of the sales price of \$2,650,000.00 to be paid by the Purchaser, all cash at closing, and that any one of said Trustees is thereafter authorized, empowered and directed to execute the sign, verify and cause to be filed such Petition as may be required by law to obtain the approval of such sale to SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCHES AN OKLAHOMA NON PROFIT CORPORATION, for the sum of Two Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$2,650,000.00) Dollars, 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, shall be obtained, to thereafter execute, acknowledge and deliver a Deed of Conveyance and all such other documents as may be required to convey title to the Premises, and to pay all customary and/or required closing costs, transfer taxes, brokerage,

attorney and other professional fees incurred in connection with the sale of the Premises; and otherwise do all such things as may, upon advice of Capell Barnett Matalon & Schoenfeld LLP, counsel to the Synod, be reasonable, necessary, proper or convenient in order that the terms, provisions and agreements of such Agreement of Purchase and Sale be fulfilled and the transactions contemplated therein be effectuated; and it is further

RESOLVED, that net proceeds from the sale of the Property, after payment of the customary and/or required closing costs, transfer taxes, attorney and other professional fees relating to the sale, be utilized in furtherance of the purposes for which the Synod was formed, in accordance with its Certificate of Incorporation and Constitution and By-Laws; and if is further

RESOLVED, that the dissolution of the Synod is not contemplated following the transfer of the Property.

D. Salam, Arabic, Brooklyn (resolution): Motion to accept changes to Proposal to Salam Arabic that have been approved by congregation was approved.

Resolution regarding placement of Salam Lutheran Church under temporary synodical administration.

ACTION SC10:09/09 ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the SYNOD temporarily assume administration of SALAM, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any officer be authorized and empowered to execute all documents, agreements and other papers and instruments to effectuate and continue temporary administration for the duration of its imposition.

E. Salems Danish, Brooklyn (resolution):

Resolution to assume synodical resolution of Salems Danish Lutheran Church.

ACTION SC10:09/10 ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council of the SYNOD shall apply synodical administration of SALEMS and shall take charge and control of the property of SALEMS to hold, manage and convey the same on behalf of the SYNOD and shall administer

synodical administration to SALEMS, and be it further.

RESOLVED, that any one of the Officers of the METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (SYNOD), in furtherance to the imposition of synodical administration of the property of DANISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, also known as SALEMS DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH, also known as SALEMS DANSKE EVANGELISK LUTHERSK MENIGHED (SALEMS), acting solely and on behalf of the SYNOD, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to sign, verify and cause to be filed such Petition as may be required by law to obtain the approval of the transfer of the premises 345 Ovington Avenue, Brooklyn, New York (Property) from SALEMS to the SYNOD 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, shall be obtained, to thereafter execute, acknowledge and deliver a Deed of Conveyance and all such other documents as may be required to convey title to the Premises, and to pay all customary and/or required closing costs, transfer taxes, attorney and other professional fees incurred in connection with the transfer of the Premises from SALEMS to the SYNOD; and otherwise do all such things as may, upon advice of Capell Barnett Matalon & Schoenfeld LLP, counsel to the SYNOD, be reasonable, necessary, proper or convenient in order that the implementation of synodical administration be fulfilled and that title to the Premises be transferred from SALEMS to the SYNOD.

F. Holy Trinity, Hollis (resolution):

Resolution to sell Holy Trinity, Hollis, NY to NYC Muslim Center. Moved and seconded. Dcn Rainis moved an amendment that was seconded.

Amendment: Prior to giving possession, the MNYS or its authorized agent shall

- 1) remove and dispose of all Christian symbols, ie: cross (on bldgs), altar, font, pulpit and lectern.
- 2) Any sign or symbol which identifies the bldg or ground of once being used by, owned by or under custody of a Christian community of faith (to include the cornerstone).

Amendment defeated 19-1.

ACTION SC10:09/11

ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council of the SYNOD in furtherance of the desire of the SYNOD to sell the Property to N Y C MUSLIM CENTER (BUYER), as the sole

Member of HOLY TRINITY LLC, hereby authorizes, empowers and directs any one of its officers, as the binding act and deed of the METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, to sign, verify and cause to be filed on behalf of HOLY TRINITY LLC and the SYNOD the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, upon the terms, provisions and conditions as set forth in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale annexed hereto, for a sale price of \$3,000,000.00 and thereafter to Petition as may be required by law to obtain the approval of the transfer of the premises 90-20 191st Street (a/k/a 90-03 190th Street and a/k/a 90-02 90th Avenue) Hollis, in the County of Queens, City and State of New York (Property) from HOLY TRINITY LLC to the BUYER 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 shall be obtained, then pursuant to and subject to the terms and provisions of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale to thereafter execute, acknowledge and deliver a Deed of Conveyance and all such other documents as may be required to convey title to the Property, from HOLY TRINITY LLC to the BUYER and to pay all customary and/or required closing costs, brokerage fees, transfer taxes, attorney and other professional fees incurred in connection with the transfer of the Property to the BUYER; and otherwise do all such things as may, upon advice of Capell Barnett Matalon & Schoenfeld LLP, counsel to the Synod, be reasonable, necessary, proper or convenient in order that title to the Property be transferred from HOLY TRINITY LLC to the BUYER including but not limited to the payment to The Remax Team a sum equal to 4% of the sales price if, as, and when title closes and out of the proceeds of sale; and it is further

RESOLVED, that net proceeds from the sale of the Property, after payment of the customary and/or required closing costs, transfer taxes, attorney and other professional fees relating to the sale, be utilized in furtherance of the purposes for which the SYNOD was formed, in accordance with its Certificate of Incorporation and Constitution and By-Laws; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the dissolution of the SYNOD is not contemplated following the transfer of the Property.

G. Epiphany, Hempstead update: Reconsideration of resolutions brought to Synod Council at its June 2010 meeting that were postponed until the present meeting.

To wit:

Resolved, that the synod may pay the remainder of what is owed to Pr. Oberkehr, \$22,000, and

Resolved, that the synod loan \$50,000 to Epiphany, interest free, for a period of five years.

Pr Milholland moved that we strike the second resolve. Seconded. Passed.

Motion to pay remainder of what is owed to Pr. Oberkehr (\$22K). Seconded. This would be a grant to congregation, not to pastor.

ACTION SC10:09/12 ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the synod may pay the remainder of what is owed to Pr. Oberkehr, \$22,000.

H. Synod Properties / Congregations under synod administration: Kathy Schmidt reported properties owned by synod or under synodical administration.

I. Congregations that have voted to sever ties with ELCA / denied authorization by MNYS

- Advent, Elmont
- Holy Trinity, New Rochelle
- St. James, Stewart Manor
- (Christ Chinese, Brooklyn)

Bp Rimbo spoke of need for Council to reconsider its earlier decisions in light of ELCA decision that it does not recognize dual rostering. At October meeting of Council discussion concerning the above congregations and further action will be on agenda. Options for next steps will be presented. Pr Milholland will report his research on provisions of constitutions. Dcn Malone asked that we explore the viability of each of these congregations and to provide information from prior minutes concerning these congregations.

6. New Business

A Proposed new continuing resolution: Defining appeal process of synod administration.

ACTION SC10:09/13 ADOPTED (but to be included on Oct SC agenda for potential medication)

If the Synod Council adopts a resolution pursuant to the authority of the constitutional provisions S 13.23, S13.24, or S13.25, the congregation may appeal that decision as follows. At a properly called and convened congregational meeting, within 45 days of the synod council action, and at which a representative of the Office of the Bishop is present with voice, the congregation by majority vote may contest one or more provisions of the synod council action.

If a motion to contest a provision is adopted by a majority of those present and voting, a quorum being present, the congregation shall notify the Office of the Bishop in writing of the specifics of their appeal and the resolution processes appropriate to S17.11 shall be followed. If the appeal concerns an action for which the constitution and bylaws specify an appeal to the Synod Assembly as an available remedy, then the final arbiter of the S17.11 process shall be the Synod Assembly. Otherwise, the final arbiter shall be according to the provisions of S17.11.

B. Atonement, Jackson Heights: sale of parsonage

ACTION SC10:09/14 ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council take no exception to the sale of the Atonement Lutheran Church parsonage located at 3050 90th Street, East Elmhurst, NY.

C. St. Michael's, Amagansett: property sale: Katrina Foster spoke about senior housing proposal at St Michael's. These residences (40 units) are for elderly low income residents of the east end.

ACTION SC10:09/15 ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council take no exception to the sale by St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Amagansett, NY of approximately 5.382 acres of its 6.302 acres to St. Michael's LP (49% owned by St Michael's church), for the sum of \$1M.

D. Oceanside, Oceanside (resolution):

R Buescher presented resolution on Status of Funding for Oceanside Lutheran Church.

Whereas, Oceanside Lutheran Church (Oceanside), had previously been granted financial support of \$126,000 between August 2008 and July 2012, and

Whereas, Oceanside has agreed to certain obligations (recorded in resolution SC 08:6/8 (SC minutes of meeting of June 17, 2008), and

Whereas, in recent months the Synod has been remitted approximately \$56,000 against this grant, and continues to provide \$2,000 per month (which will not achieve the total amount by July 2012),

Resolved, that these payments be considered and treated as a Mission Project (rather than a "cost" of Synodical Administration) and be if further

Resolved that such monthly payments be continued for the immediate future, and that the Mission Director assess the compliance of the Congregation's obligations under its agreement, and in consultation with the trustees, recommend any changes in payment rate or program for fulfillment of the obligation of the Synod.

Wording in second resolve was changed to "Director of Evangelical Mission."

ACTION SC10:09/16 ADOPTED, as amended.

RESOLVED, that these payments be considered and treated as a Mission Project (rather than a “cost” of Synodical Administration) and be if further

RESOLVED, that such monthly payments be continued for the immediate future, and that the Director of Evangelical Mission assess the compliance of the Congregation’s obligations under its agreement, and in consultation with the trustees, recommend any changes in payment rate or program for fulfillment of the obligation of the Synod.

E. 2011 Pastors Compensation Guidelines:

ACTION SC10:09/17 ADOPTED

Proposed Compensation Guidelines adopted with proposal 3 (\$500 increase per year)

At next Council meeting will look into appointing committee to revamp the salary guidelines to include other experience, etc.

F. EC / SC meeting dates 2010-2011: **ADOPTED**

G. Eltingville, Staten Island: sale of parsonage: **Defer until October Council meeting**

6. Other Reports

C Germain spoke about Young Adults meeting. Will give full report.

7. Announcements/Events

Bp Rimbo noted that Al Ahlstrom is getting award from Lutheran Ministries in Higher Education.

- **Ordination:** 4 December 2010 / St. Paul’s International, Floral Park 2pm.

- **Assembly:**

Dates May 13 – 14, 2011

Study: 2011 (Diane Jacobson – Bible study – and 10 commandments)

2012 (Tim Wengert – 3rd article of the Creed)

2013 (2nd article of the Creed)

2014 (1st article of the Creed)

2015 (Lord’s Prayer)

2016 (Office of the Keys)

2017 (500 year anniversary celebration)

3:23pm. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Bp Rimbo

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Robert Schoepflin
Secretary, MNYS