
SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Rev. Albert Ahlstrom 2012
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***The Rev. William Baum** 2012
The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite 2012
Ms. Kelsey Brown 2012
***Mr. Robert Buescher, Treas.** 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
Dr. Carlos Lopez 2014
Mr. John Malone 2014
***Ms. Minerva Melendez** 2014
The Rev. Craig Miller 2014
***The Rev. Paul Milholland** 2014
Mr. Brian Reardon 2012
***The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop** 2014
The Rev. Kit Robison 2014
***The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.** 2014
Ms. Janet Siry 2014
Dr. Grace Yukich 2012

26 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

Ms. Virginia S. Tong, MSW

Bold = present

Italics = excused absence

*Member of Executive Committee

Call to Order: VP Maria Del Toro called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

Opening Devotions: *Dcn. John Malone*

- 1. Adoption of Agenda**
Adopted.
- 2. Adoption of Minutes: 15 February 2011**
Adopted

3. Bishop's Report

A. Sale: Property formerly Bethlehem, Pacific Street, Brooklyn

Motion made and seconded. Kathy Schmidt spoke about terms of sale.

ACTION SC11:03/01

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 THE TEMPLE OF RESTORATION, as Purchaser, for the sale of the real property designated on the Tax Map of Kings County as Block 191, Lots 29, 30, 35, 37 and 38 ("the Property") in consideration of the sales price of Five Million Eight Hundred Thousand (\$5,800,000.00) Dollars to be paid by the Purchaser in accordance with the terms, provisions and conditions as set forth in that certain Agreement of Purchase and Sale 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 that upon the closing of title to such sale the METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA pay to the RE/MAX TEAM a sum equal to 4% of the sales price payable if, as, and when title closes and out of the proceeds of sale; and it is further

RESOLVED, that any two of the aforesaid Trustees duly appointed, as above stated, by the METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, acting solely and on behalf of the Synod, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed 1) to sign, verify and cause to be filed such Petition as may be required by law to obtain the approval of such sale to THE TEMPLE OF RESTORATION for the sum of Five Million Eight Hundred Thousand (\$5,800,000.00) 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, then, 2) any one of such Trustees 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, 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 Property; 3) 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 on the part of the Synod to be observed and/ or performed 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 it is further

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

ADOPTED: 19 for; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

B. Resurrection, St. Albans

Bp Rimbo reported.

C. For Report: Bp Rimbo reported on following topics

- *Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School Chapel / visit to LuDay, St. Paul's, E. Northport*
- *Christian Cultural Center, Brooklyn*
- *Delaware-Hudson Conference visit*
- *CCCNy meeting with NYC Schools Chancellor Cathie Black*
- *ELCA Conference of Bishops*
- *Regional Assignment of Candidates*
- Rev. Jack Horner spoke of need to return parochial, rostered leader, and mission support commitments

4. Treasurer's Report

A. February 2011 financials

Mr. Robert Buescher presented the financial reports and charts. He noted that mission support is below what is needed, but higher than last year. He reported that sale of Holy Trinity, Hollis closed.

5. Introduction to Cultural Competency: Ms. Virginia S. Tong, MSW: Vice President, Cultural Competence, Lutheran HealthCare, Brooklyn, NY

Rev. Jonathan Linman introduced Ms. Virginia S. Tong, MSW. After Ms. Tong's presentation there was a period for questions.

6. Old Business

A. Committee on Congregational Viability report: Pr. William Baum, Chair

Rev. William Baum presented report.

B. Zion/Sion, 119th Street update

Ms. Kathleen Schmidt reported on work with developer.

C. Mount Calvary, Ruby

Rev. William Baum explained need to make the following resolutions regarding Mount Calvary, Ruby.

ACTION SC11:03/02

RESOLVED, that SC11:02/06 be rescinded.

ADOPTED

ACTION SC11:03/03

RESOLVED, that synodical administration imposed under SC08:11/04, be removed.

ADOPTED

ACTION SC11:03/04

RESOLVED, that the congregation of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, located at Church Street, Ruby, New York 12475, has ceased to exist as a congregation and its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is terminated; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Synod Council shall notify the Synod Assembly and any known members of the congregation of Mount Calvary of this termination and of this Resolution; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Synod Council shall notify the Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America of this termination and Resolution so that Mount Calvary be removed from the roster of congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

ADOPTED: 19 for; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions.

D. MNYS lay female nominations to serve on ELCA Church Council

Christine Connell and Nicole George have been nominated. Council will vote on these nominations in April.

E. Congregations under synod administration (monthly report)

Ms. Kathleen Schmidt presented report.

7. New Business

A. Resignation: Dr. Grace Yukich, MNYS Synod Council

VP Maria Del Toro indicated that Grace's resignation, effective May 14, 2011, is accepted with sadness, and that we rejoice over the news of her acceptance of a tenure-track teaching appointment at Quinnipiac University.

B. 2011 MNYS Synod Assembly agenda

ACTION SC11:03/05

RESOLVED, that agenda for Synod Assembly be adopted as presented.

ADOPTED

C. First, Jeffersonville: list for sale

ACTION SC11:03/06

RESOLVED, that the Synod-owned properties known as First Lutheran, Jeffersonville, and Grace Lutheran, North Branch, be listed for sale and offers solicited.

ADOPTED

D. Grace, North Branch: list for sale

See action above.

E. MNYS Audit Committee election: Ms. Eileen Weber (3 year term)

ACTION SC11:03/07

RESOLVED, that Eileen Weber be elected to a 3-year term on the MNYS Audit Committee.

ADOPTED

F. Proposed Revised 2011 budget / Proposed 2012 budget

Mr. Robert Buescher presented revised 2011 budget and proposed 2012 budget.

ACTION SC11:03/08

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council approve the adjusted 2011 budget, and the proposed 2012 budget for presentation to the Synod Assembly in May 2011.

ADOPTED

8. Other Reports

- Dr. Grace Yukich reported on the work of the MNYS Environmental Stewardship Committee.
 - Dcn. Charles Germain reported on training events for youth ministry.
- VP Maria Del Toro thanked Dcn. John Malone for his work on the draft of the Synod Council Directory.

9. Announcements/Events

A. Ordinations:

- Linda Bell, April 2 @ 2pm (Good Shepherd, Roosevelt)

B. Region 7 Women of Color Conference: Mar 19 (Advent, Manhattan)

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Bp. Rimbo closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Secretary