

**SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS**

<b>*The Rev. William Baum</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Ms. Christine Connell, DM</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>*Ms. Maria del Toro, Vice President</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>The Rev. Khader El-Yateem</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Dcn Charles Germain</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Ms. Hazel Goldstein</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Ms. Barbara Hansen</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>The Rev. Marc Herbst</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Mr. Eugene Hiigel</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>The Rev. Brenda Jack</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>*Ms. Barbara Johnson</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Ms. Savannah Lochansingh, Youth</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Dr. Carlos Lopez</b>	<b>2014</b>
<i>Dcn. John Malone</i>	<i>2014</i>
<b>*Ms. Minerva Melendez</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>*The Rev. Paul Milholland</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>The Rev. Craig Miller</b>	<b>2014</b>
<i>Dcn. John Prosen</i>	<i>2016</i>
<b>Mr. Brian Reardon</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>*The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>The Rev. Kit Robison</b>	<b>2014</b>
<i>Ms. Terra Rowe</i>	<i>2016</i>
<b>*The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Ms. Abby Triebel, Young Adult</b>	<b>2016</b>
<i>*Mr. Frank Suttell, Treas</i>	<i>2016</i>
<b>Mr. Christopher Vergara</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Ms. Karen Woolley</b>	<b>2016</b>

**AUXILLIARY MEMBERS**

**STAFF**

**The Rev. Perucy Butiku**  
**Ms. Sarah Gioe**  
**The Rev. Jack Horner**  
**The Rev. Kathleen Koran**  
*The Rev. Jonathan Linman*  
**Dcn. Gayle Ruege**  
*Ms. Kathleen Schmidt*  
**Ms. Rebekah Wedge**

**GUESTS**

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

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*Devotions: Dr. Carlos Lopez / Ms. Minerva Melendez*  
*Observer: Ms. Barbara Johnson*

**Call to Order:** at 5:29 pm by VP Del Toro

- 1. Adoption of Agenda:** adopted as presented.
- 2. Adoption of Minutes: 27 October 2012:** adopted as presented.
- 3. Synod Council Retreat** (*evaluation/reflections*)
- 4. Bishop's Report**
  - A. Super Storm SANDY**
    - a. Disaster Response**

Staff made telephone calls to every pastor / congregation within the first week. Follow-up was made in subsequent weeks. Bishop had conference call with Churchwide staff, LSSNY and LDR regarding next steps. Bishop met with Staten Island clergy on Nov 6 to assess damage.

b. Congregations affected / Action taken

- + St. Barnabas, Howard Beach
- +St. Paul's, Coney Island: J. Linman has been contact
- +St. James, Gerritson Beach: K. Koran / Kipp Zimmermann
- +St. John's by the Sea, Long Beach: J. Horner / Danielle Miller (Oceanside)
- +Trinity, Lower East Side
- Received 20K directly to date: provided 10K to Holy Trinity, Bellerose / 5K to St. Barnabas, Howard Beach
- Contracted consultant: Richard Biebe to assess damage at four congregations
- Several distribution sites throughout synod: Oceanside, Staten Island, East New York, Lindenhurst, St. Jacobi (Brooklyn)

Pr. Craig Miller to be hired as part-time disaster relief coordinator

c. LWF delegation

Bishop Mark Hanson  
Bishop Elisa Buberwa, NWD, Tanzania (LWF)  
Bishop Rimbo noted that Bishop Buberwa gave a gift of \$1,000 to synod for disaster relief  
Bishop Cindy Halvarson, ELCIC (LWF)  
Dr. Viecko Munyika, Namibia (LWF)  
Stephen Bouman  
Mike Stadie, Lutheran Disaster Relief  
Joe Chu, Lutheran Disaster Relief

B. Request for On Leave from Call Status

- a. Rev. Michael Church: On Leave from Call status (effective September 1, 2012)

**ACTION SC12:12/01**

**RESOLVED, Rev. Michael Church be granted On Leave from Call status, effective September 1, 2012.  
ADOPTED**

- b. Rev. Terri Church: On Leave from Call status (effective September 1, 2012)

**ACTION SC12:12/02**

**RESOLVED, Rev. Terri Church be granted On Leave from Call status, effective September 1, 2012.  
ADOPTED**

- c. Rev. Laurence McFarland: On Leave from Call status (effective October 15, 2012)

**ACTION SC12:12/03**

**RESOLVED, Rev. Laurence McFarland be granted On Leave from Call status, effective  
October 15, 2012.  
ADOPTED**

- d. Rev. Cathy Rosenholtz: Annual Renewal / On Leave from Call status (study) (thru 2014)

**ACTION SC12:12/04**

**RESOLVED, Rev. Cathy Rosenholtz be granted renewal of her On Leave from Call status for graduate study, through 2014.**

**ADOPTED**

- e. Dcn. Andrea Smernoff: On Leave from Call status (effective October 20, 2012)

**ACTION SC12:12/05**

**RESOLVED, Dcn. Andrea Smernoff be granted On Leave from Call status effective October 20, 2012.**

**ADOPTED**

- C. Call: Rev. Emily MD Scott: St. Lydia's, Brooklyn (*Congregation under Development*)  
Executive Committee extended a call to Emily at the meeting on 4 Dec 12. Emily was ordained on 8 Dec and installed on 9 December.

**ACTION SC12:12/06**

**RESOLVED, Rev. Emily MD Scott be called to serve as Pastor of St. Lydia's, Brooklyn, effective December 4, 2012.**

**ADOPTED**

- D: Appointments  
a. Mr. Daniel Pieper: CLAIMED Strategy Committee  
b. Ms. Zena Spence: SENT Strategy committee

**ACTION SC12:12/07**

**RESOLVED, that Mr. Daniel Pieper be appointed to the CLAIMED Strategy Committee and Ms. Zen Spence be appointed to the SENT Strategy Committee.**

**ADOPTED**

- E. Leif Ericson Day School Site Visit:  
Site visit on November 14: Bishop / F. Suttell / J. Linman / C. Miller with the Board.  
Working to continue to restore relationship with the leadership. Bishop will Preside and preach at the Ash Wednesday family service.
- F. Legal Updates :  
a. First, Jeffersonville moved to Old Business  
b. St. Luke's, Bronx: Joe Milano contact lawyer for prospective buyer to confirm intent to purchase and request for engineer's report.  
c. Grace, North Branch: J. Milano will bring a motion to dismiss their case to court in January

**5. Strategic Plan**

- A. Orientation / Launch with Committee Members and Bishop's Liaisons  
Tom Massey's presentation on December 4. **EXHIBIT A**

**6. Treasurer's Report**

- A. November financials **EXHIBIT B**
- B. FMC: 10 YR Plan: FMC has been working on the development of a 10 year plan and interviewing investment firms for investment of synod monies.

**7. Old Business**

- A. Congregations under synod administration (*monthly report*) **EXHIBIT C**  
a. J. Horner reported on St. Luke's Lutheran Church Ministry Review. Discussion ensued.

Decision to defer proposal until January so further discussion may take place between involved parties.  
Motion to replace Dcn. Roberta Detmers with Rev. Khader El-Yateem as Trustee.

**ACTION SC12:12/08**

**RESOLVED, that Rev. Khader El-Yateem replace Dcn. Roberta Detmers as Trustee..**  
**ADOPTED**

- B. Congregational Loan Status / Synod Properties update (*monthly report*) **EXHIBIT D**
- C. Process for the election of the synodical bishop: R. Schoepflin reported.
- D. Conflict of Interest / Synod Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy:  
Policy was adopted by the Synod Council in September 2010. The policy mandates distribution of the policy to SC members and staff. Checking with Office of the Secretary regarding a Disclosure form to be signed by SC members
- E. First, Jeffersonville: **Sale of property**

**ACTION SC12:12/09**

**RESOLVED, that the Synod Council, 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 Jeffersonville to the Synod, including the real property located at and known as and by street address 4974 State Route 52, Jeffersonville, New York; and it is further**

**RESOLVED, that any one of the Officers of the Synod, 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 real property located at and known as and by street address 4974 State Route 52, Jeffersonville, New York (the "Property"), from Jeffersonville to the Synod by the Supreme Court 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, the Trustees appointed by resolution of the Synod Council to administer the property of Jeffersonville on behalf of the Synod, or any two of them, are authorized, empowered and directed 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 to the Synod, 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 Property from Jeffersonville 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 Property be transferred from Jeffersonville to the Synod; and it is further**

**RESOLVED, that the Contract of Sale between the Metropolitan New Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as Seller, and James Douglas Gorr and Meaghan Mullally-Gorr (collectively the "Purchasers"), for the sale of the real property known as and by street number 4974 State Route 52, Jeffersonville, New York, with a tax map designation of Town of Delaware 7-5-22 and 7-4-1 (collectively the "Property"), in consideration of the sales price of One Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$120, 000.00) Dollars to be paid by the Purchasers, be and the same is hereby authorized, approved, ratified and adopted by the Synod Council as the binding act and deed of the Synod and upon the closing of title to such sale the Synod shall pay to Rieber Realty, Inc. a sum equal to 6% of the sales price, payable only if, as, and when title closes and out of the proceeds of sale; and it is further**

**RESOLVED**, that any one of the Officers of the Synod 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 such sale to the Purchasers for the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$120, 000.00) Dollars, by the Supreme Court 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 Property to the Purchasers, 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; 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 conditions of the Contract of Sale be fulfilled and the transactions contemplated therein be effectuated; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the 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.

**ADOPTED (24 in favor, 0 opposed, 0absentions)**

- F. Pending
  - a. Zion/Sion, 119<sup>th</sup> Street, Harlem property: K, Schmidt received an appraisal of \$2,420,000 for property
  - b. Working Group for Racial and Ethnic Awareness and Sensitivity
  - c. Office Space Task
  - d. Leif Ericson Day School Covenant
  - e. MNYS Committee Structure analysis

## **8. New Business**

- A. Sutter Memorial Archives:

### **ACTION SC12:12/10**

**RESOLVED**, that the Sutter Memorial Archives of the Metropolitan New York Synod be moved from Wagner College to the Region 7 Archives at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

**ADOPTED.**

- B. 2013 Synod Assembly (May 31 – June 1) registration
  - a. Registration: \$125
  - b. Visitor: \$50
  - c. Meal Plan: \$175

### **ACTION SC12:12/11**

**RESOLVED**, that fees for the 2013 Metropolitan New York Synod Assembly are set at:  
registration fee for voting member - \$125  
registration fee for visitor - \$50  
fee for Meal Plan - \$175.

**ADOPTED**

D. Housing Allowances

**ACTION SC12:12/12**

**RESOLVED**, that the 2013 housing allowance portion of the budgeted compensation for pastors under synodical call of the Metropolitan New York Synod be set as follows:

<b>Jonathan Linman</b>	<b>\$37,080.00</b>
<b>Kathleen Koran</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>
<b>Benjamin McKelahan</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>Robert Rimbo</b>	<b>\$54,000.00</b>
<b>Emily Scott</b>	<b>\$21,600.00</b>

**ADOPTED**

E. Trexler Grant: Rev. Dr. Richard Hill

**ACTION SC12:12/13**

**RESOLVED**, that the Rev. Dr. Richard O. Hill receive a Trexler grant in the amount of \$1000 toward his sabbatical travel from April – July 2013.

**9. Other Reports**

**A. Children, Youth and Family Committee:** Deacon Charlie Germain reported.

**B. Report of November Meeting of Church Council of the ELCA:** presented by Christine Connell.

**EXHIBIT E**

**10. Announcements/Events**

Pr. Craig Miller is individual to contact if any congregation or group is interested in disaster relief servant work in our Synod.

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration – January 6 at St. Luke's, Brooklyn.

**11. Meeting Evaluation**

**12. Observer's Evaluation**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm with prayer by Bishop Rimbo.