

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

*The Rev. William Baum	2016
The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite	2016
*Mr. Robert Buescher, Treas.	2012
Ms. Christine Connell, DM	2014
*Ms. Maria del Toro, Vice President	2014
The Rev. Khader El-Yateem	2016
<i>Ms. Miryan Fernandez</i>	2016
Dcn Charles Germain	2014
Ms. Barbara Hansen	2014
<i>Mr. Eugene Hiigel</i>	<i>2014</i>
The Rev. Brenda Jack	2016
*Ms. Barbara Johnson	2016
The Rev. Perry Kirschbaum	2014
Ms. Savanah Lochansingh, Youth	2014
Dr. Carlos Lopez	2014
Dcn. John Malone	2014
*Ms. Minerva Melendez	2014
*The Rev. Paul Milholland	2014
The Rev. Craig Miller	2014
Dcn. John Prosen	2016
Mr. Brian Reardon	2016
*The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop	2014
The Rev. Kit Robison	2014
Ms. Terra Rowe	2016
<i>*The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.</i>	2014
Ms. Abby Triebel, Young Adult	2016
<i>*Mr. Frank Suttell, Treas-elect</i>	2016
Mr. Christopher Vergara	2016
Ms. Karen Woolley	2016

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
Dcn. Gayle Ruege
Ms. Kathleen Schmidt
Ms. Rebekah Wedge

GUESTS

The Rev. Leo E. (“Jay”) Longan, Conference of Deans
Tom Massey, Daxko T2
Rev. Albert Ahlstrom
Ms. Barbara Holm

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

Devotions: *Pr. Brenda Jack*
Observer: *Ms. Barbara Johnson*

Call to Order: at 5:17 pm
Welcome of newly elected Synod Council Members

- 1. Adoption of Agenda**
ADOPTED
- 2. Adoption of Minutes: 28 April 2012**
ADOPTED as presented

3. 2012 Synod Assembly Review

The Synod Council engaged in post Assembly discussion and evaluation. Bp. Rimbo met with the Assembly Planning Committee and reported that the online evaluations were positive regarding cost, location, food, forums, worship and voting devices.

4. Strategic Plan (EXHIBIT A)

The Synod Council began taking next steps for the implementation of the Strategic Plan approved at the Synod Assembly. The Executive Committee presented Ms. Emily Scott as the candidate to chair the CLAIMED Strategy and the Rev. William Baum as the candidate to chair the GATHERED Strategy. A candidate for the SENT Strategy has yet to be identified. Strategy Chairs will begin drafting a charge for each committee. A committee member application process will be developed. The approved Strategic Plan is posted on the website. Discussion and evaluation of the current MNYS committee structure in relation to the Strategic Plan will be reviewed at the September Synod Council meeting.

ACTION SC12:6/01

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the appointment of Ms. Emily Scott as Chair of the CLAIMED Strategy Committee and the Rev. William Baum as Chair of the GATHERED Strategy Committee effective June 12, 2012.

APPROVED

5. Bishop's Report**A. Leif Ericson Day School (EXHIBIT B)**

Pr. Jonathan Linman and Ms. Kathleen Schmidt met with the Leif Ericson Day School Board. Ordained synod staff provided worship leadership on several occasions during the Lenten season. Pr. Linman reported on the vibrant and essential ministry the school provides to the community.

B. Brooklyn Bridges/South Shore Brooklyn Conferences visit:

Bishop Rimbo and the staff were present in the Brooklyn Bridges and South Shore Brooklyn Conferences June 3-4. St. Luke's, Clinton Hill hosted the Lay Leaders Dinner. Holy Trinity, Ave R hosted the ministerium for both conferences.

C. Calls

- a. The Rev. Ursula Scheike: *Retirement status effective April 29, 2012*
- b. The Rev. J. Barrie Lawless: *Retirement status effective June 10, 2012*
- c. The Rev. Mack Smith: *Retirement status effective June 30, 2012*
- d. The Rev. R. Griffin Thomas: *On Leave from Call status effective July 1, 2012*
- e. Dr. Belen Gonzalez y Perez: *Removal from ELCA roster effective June 25, 2012*

ACTION SC12:6/02

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council acknowledge retirement roster status for the Rev. Ursula Scheike, the Rev. J. Barrie Lawless, the Rev. Mack Smith.

APPROVED en bloc

ACTION SC12:6/03

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve *On Leave from Call Status* for the Rev. R. Griffin Thomas effective July 1, 2012.

APPROVED

ACTION SC12:6/04

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the removal of Dr. Belen Gonzalez y Perez from the roster of ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America effective June 25, 2012.

APPROVED

D. Appointments

- a. Mr. Craig Aarseth: Audit Committee (2nd term thru 1/31/2015)

ACTION SC12:6/05

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the appointment of Mr. Craig Aarseth to the MNYS Audit Committee through January 31, 2015.

APPROVED

E. Legal Updates

Bishop Rimbo provided updates on St. Luke's, Bronx and the property at 490 Pacific Street, Brooklyn.

F. Staff (EXHIBIT C)

- a. Staff reports: executive staff provided written reports to the Synod Council (Jan-Apr 2012)
 b. Ms. Mary Tennermann, Administrative Assistant: retirement effective August 1, 2012
 c. Staff portfolio adjustments: Bp. Rimbo reported on the present distribution of responsibilities from Pr. Gary Mills portfolio to current staff :
- Pr. Jack Horner: Domestic and multicultural missions including the companion synods
 - Pr. Percy Butiku: Tanzania Companion Synod
 - Ms. Kathleen Schmidt: Legal responsibilities

G. Companion Synods

- a. Romania: Pr. Michael Church and Pr. Terri Church will return to US in August 2012
 b. Tanzania: Missionary teachers will return to US in December 2012.

6. Treasurer's Report: (EXHIBIT D)

Mr. Buescher guided the SC through the financial data/charts for the period ending May 31, 2012

- Property Assets
- Non-Property Assets & Invested Portion
- Net Income & Operations Plan
- Mission Support Receipts
- 2012 Mission Support Budget / Mission Support Summary

VP del Toro thanked Mr. Buescher on behalf of the entire SC for his work as Synod Treasurer from August 2004 – August 2012.

7. Old BusinessA. Manhattan Latino Strategy update:

Bp. Rimbo, Pr. Jack Horner and Pr. Ruben Duran met with the pastors and lay leaders of Manhattan congregations with Latino ministries.

B. First, Jeffersonville:

Verbal offer has been received for the property of First, Jeffersonville. Anticipating a written confirmation to follow.

C. St. Thomas, Bronx: request for synod administration: **(EXHIBIT E)**

Request for *Permanent Synod Administration (SI3.24)* was presented to the SC by the St. Thomas Parish Council dated May 16, 2012

ACTION SC12:6/06

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council place The Lutheran Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Bronx under Permanent Synod Administration (S13.24) effective June 12, 2012 and be it further

RESOLVED, that Rev. Jack Horner (staff), Rev. Paul Block (Dean), Ms. Minerva Melendez (Synod Council) be appointed as Trustees

APPROVED

D. Congregations under synod administration (monthly report) (EXHIBIT F)

The monthly report prepared by Ms. Schmidt was presented for the Synod Council's review. Recent staff changes require the appointment of new trustees for congregations under synod administration in accordance with MNYS policy.

ACTION SC12:6/07

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council appointment Ms. Kathleen Schmidt (staff), Rev. Ernst Mossel (Dean), Rev. Kit Robison (Synod Council) as Trustees for First Lutheran Church, Jeffersonville, New York

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council appoint Ms. Kathleen Schmidt (staff), Rev. Kipp Zimmermann (Dean), Dcn. Roberta Detmers as Trustees for St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, New York

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council appoint Rev. Jack Horner (staff), Rev. Paul Block (Dean), Rev. James Sudbrock as Trustees for St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 140th Street, Bronx, New York

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council appoint Ms. Kathleen Schmidt/ Rev. Jack Horner (staff), Rev. William Heisley (Dean), Dr. Carlos Lopez (Synod Council) as Trustees for Zion (Sion) Lutheran Church, Harlem, New York

APPROVED

E. Congregational Loan Status / Synod Properties update (monthly report) (EXHIBIT G)

The monthly report prepared by Ms. Schmidt was provided for the Synod Council's review.

F. Pending

- a. Zion/Sion, 119th Street, Harlem property: Property will be listed for sale
- c. Working Group for Racial and Ethnic Awareness and Sensitivity: no report
- d. Christ Chinese, Brooklyn: no report
- e. Office Space Task: no report
- f. Grace, North Branch: Copies of recent correspondence provided. Place on September SC agenda.

8. New BusinessA. Executive Committee Elections: (EXHIBIT H)

Ms. Barbara Johnson: ELECTED
 Rev. Paul Milholland: ELECTED
 Rev. William Baum: ELECTED
 Ms. Minerva Melendez : ELECTED

B. Synod Council Seat: Rev. Perry Kirschbaum (2010-2014)**ACTION SC12:6/08**

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council declare the Synod Council seat of the Rev. Perry Kirschbaum vacant in accordance with the constitutional provisions of S10.06.01

APPROVED

C. EC & SC meeting schedule Aug 2012 – June 2013 (EXHIBIT I)
APPROVED as presented

D. Synod Assembly 2013

Anticipated items on the 2013 Synod Assembly Agenda warrant a two day assembly.

Recommendation from the Executive Committee that the Synod Council authorize a two day Synod Assembly for May 31 – June 1, 2013 at the Westchester Marriott, Tarrytown, New York.

ACTION SC12:6/09

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council schedule the 2013 Synod Assembly for May 31 – June 1, 2013 at the Westchester Marriott, Tarrytown, New York.

APPROVED

9. Other Reports: none

10. Announcements/Events:

A. MNYS Urban Leaders Institute: July 25-27, 2013

B. ELCA National Youth Gathering: July 18-22, 2013 in New Orleans

11. Meeting Evaluation

VP del Toro facilitated discussion

12. Observer's Evaluation :

Ms. Barbara Johnson provided report

13: Next Synod Council Meeting: September 22, 2013 (9am – 4pm)

New Hope Lutheran Church

60 Oliver Street

Valley Stream, NY 11580

Observer: Ms. Minerva Melendez

Eucharist: Bp. Robert Rimbo

Discussion: articles distributed at the June meeting