

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>*The Rev. William Baum</i>	2016
The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite	2016
Ms. Christine Connell, DM	2014
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<i>Dcn Charles Germain</i>	2014
Ms. Hazel Goldstein	2016
Ms. Barbara Hansen	2014
The Rev. Marc Herbst	2014
Mr. Eugene Hiigel	2014
<i>The Rev. Brenda Irving</i>	2016
*Ms. Barbara Johnson	2016
<i>Ms. Savannah Lochansingh, Youth</i>	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
<i>Ms. Abby Triebel, Young Adult</i>	2016
*Mr. Frank Suttell, Treas	2016
Mr. Christopher Vergara	2016
Ms. Karen Woolley	2016

AUXILLIARY MEMBERS

STAFF

The Rev. Percy 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

The Rev. Leo Longan, Conf. of Deans

Bold = present

Italics = excused absence

**Member of Executive Committee*

Devotions: Ms. Barbara Hansen

Observer: Ms. Karen Woolley

Call to Order: at 5:18 pm by VP Del Toro

- 1. Adoption of Agenda:** adopted as presented.
- 2. Adoption of Minutes:** 11 December 2012: adopted as presented.
- 3. Strategic Plan**
 - A. The GATHERED Committee has met several times in January. The CLAIMED Committee is scheduled to meet on January 23. The SENT Committee scheduled to meet February 9
 - B. SC Retreat PowerPoint Presentation: Provided to SC via email and in hard copy **(EXHIBIT A)**

4. Bishop's Report

- A. Bishop's written report (**EXHIBIT B**)
- B. Legal updates
 - a. First, Jeffersonville: Contract has been signed. MNYS legal counsel has filed with the Attorney General's office to proceed with the sale.
 - b. St. Luke's, Bronx: Contract still pending
 - c. Grace, North Branch: Pending / legal counsel
 - d. Billmeier Estate : Pending
- C. Calls:
 - a. Rev. John Jurik: *Intentional Interim Pastor / Church of Our Saviour, Manhasset*
 - b. Rev. Raymond Ormand: *retirement status*
 - c. Rev. Annemarie Noto: *retirement status*
 - d. Ms. Margaret Schuffenhauer, AiM: *retirement status*
 - e. Rev. ElizaBeth Nebrasky: *annual renewal normative OLFC status*

ACTION: SC13:1/01

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council issue a call to the Rev. John Jurik as Intentional Interim Pastor to the Church of Our Saviour, Manhasset, New York.

ADOPTED

ACTION: SC13:1/02

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council acknowledge **RETIRED** roster status for: Rev. Raymond Ormand effective December 1, 2012; Rev. Annemarie Noto effective December 31, 2012; Ms. Margaret Schuffenhauer, AiM effective January 15, 2013;

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan new York Synod Council renew the Rev. ElizaBeth Nebrasky's On Leave from Call status effective January 23, 2011.

APPROVED en bloc

D. SANDY follow-up

- a. MNYS Disaster Response Coordinator/LDR grant (**EXHIBIT C**)
Kathy Schmidt prepared and submitted to LDR a proposal for a P/T Synod Disaster Response Coordinator. Proposal accepted / grant was approved. Pastor Craig Miller has begun work in this capacity.

E. Appointments

- a. Rev. Craig Miller: *MNYS Disaster Response Coordinator, eff. Jan 1, 2013*
- b. Rev. Raymond Ormand: *Intentional Interim Pastor / Calvary, Hauppauge, eff. Nov 1, 2013*
- c. Mr. Edward Allawh: *Salam Ministry Fund Board, eff. Jan 22, 2013*
- d. Ms. Renee Wicklund: *Chair, 2013 Synod Assembly Reference & Counsel*

ACTION SC13:1/03

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the appointments of Rev. Craig Miller: MNYS Disaster Response Coordinator, effective Jan 1, 2013; Rev. Raymond Ormand: Intentional Interim, Calvary Lutheran Church, Hauppauge effective Nov 1, 2013; Mr. Edward Allawh: Salam Ministry Fund Board, effective Jan 11, 2013; Ms. Renee Wicklund: Chair, 2013 Synod Assembly Reference & Counsel.

APPROVED en bloc, Craig Miller abstaining.

F. Staff

- a. staff reports (**EXHIBIT D**)

- G. Bishop's Benevolence Task Force/Wider Church Fund distribution
 - +Koinonia: \$50,000
 - +Lutheran Music Program: \$15,000
 - +Association of Lutheran Church Musicians: \$15,000
 - +New York Interfaith Power & Light: \$15,000
 - NYIPL is a state-wide interfaith community dedicated to educating faith communities regarding global warming and care for creation.*
 - +Seafarers & International House: \$15,000

6. Treasurer's Report (EXHIBIT E)

- A. Mr. Suttell provided the Council with a summary of the financial results through 31 December 2012
- B. The FMC has retained Walden Asset Management investment services.

7. New Business.

- A. Saint Peter's / Sion / MNYS Ministry Covenant (**EXHIBIT F**)
Ms. Kathleen Schmidt presented the Covenant for mission and stewardship growth between the Metropolitan New York Synod, Sion Lutheran Church/East Harlem, Saint Peter's Church, Manhattan

ACTION SC13:1/04.

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the Covenant for Mission and Stewardship Growth between the Metropolitan New York Synod, Sion Lutheran Church, East Harlem and Saint Peter's Church, Manhattan

ADOPTED

- B. MNYS Partnership Grants (**EXHIBIT G**)

Pastor Jack Horner presented the proposed 2013 Partnership Grant Ministries for approval.

ACTION SC13:1/05

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the proposed 2013 Partnership Grants as presented.

ADOPTED (1) abstention

- C. Bethlehem, Bronx: request for synod administration

VP Maria del Toro presented Bethlehem's request to the Synod Council dated 18 January 2013

ACTION SC13:1/06

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council place Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bronx under Permanent Synod Administration (S13.24) effective 22 January 2013 and be it further

RESOLVED, that Rev. Jack Horner (staff), Rev. Paul Block (Dean), Dr. Carlos Lopez (Synod Council) be appointed as Trustees

ADOPTED

8. Old Business

- A. Sion property update: Property ready to list.
- B. Synod Ethics Conflict of Interest Policy / Disclosure Form
The Synod Council reviewed the MNYS Operational Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy. A *Disclosure Form* was distributed to SC members and synod staff for certification and signature. Disclosure Forms will remain on file in the synod office.

- C. St. Luke's Ministry Review / recommended actions to the Synod Council (**EXHIBIT H**)
In accordance with the Ministry Review conducted by The Rev. Ruben Duran, Director
For New Starts, ELCA and the Rev. Dr. Jack Horner, synod staff,

ACTION SC13:1/07

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the recommended actions noted in the report of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Ministry Review held 6 October 2012 prepared by the Rev. Ruben Duran and the Rev. Dr. Jack Horner.

ADOPTED

- D. Congregations under synod administration (monthly report) (**EXHIBIT I**)
E. Congregational Loan Status / Synod Properties update (monthly report) (**EXHIBIT J**)
F. Pending:
a. Leif Ericson Day School: Trustees / Covenant
b. MNYS Committee structure analysis
c. Process for the Election of the synodical bishop:
d. 2013 Synod Assembly
e. 2013 Churchwide Assembly

9. Other Reports

- A. Christine Connell gave an updated report regarding continuing SANDY relief efforts through Lutheran Social Services of New York.

10. Announcements/Events

11. Meeting Evaluation

12. Observer's Evaluation

Pr. Khader El-Yateem closed the meeting with prayer. VP Maria del Toro adjourned at 6:50 pm.