

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Daquan Baker (Youth) 2016
The Rev. William Baum 2016
The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite 2016
***Ms. Maria del Toro, Vice President 2018**
The Rev. Khader El-Yateem 2016
**Ms. Hazel Goldstein 2016*
The Rev. Brenda Irving 2016
Ms. Barbara Johnson 2016
The Rev. Amy Kienzle 2018
Mr. John Litke 2018
Dr. Carlos Lopez 2018
Dcn. John Malone 2018
Ms. Karen Maulen 2018
The Rev. Craig Miller 2018
Mr. Walter Nash 2018
Dcn. Lulu Paolini 2018
The Rev. Daniel Peter 2018
Dcn. John Prosen 2016
Mr. Brian Reardon 2016
**The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop 2020*
Ms. Terra Rowe 2016
***The Rev. Harry Schenkel 2018**
***The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect. 2018**
***Mr. Frank Suttell, Treasurer 2016**
Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum 2018
Ms. Abby Triebel (Young Adult) 2016
***Mr. Christopher Vergara 2016**
***Ms. Karen Woolley 2016**

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

STAFF

The Rev. Perucy Butiku
The Rev. Marc Herbst
The Rev. Kathleen Koran
The Rev. Jonathan Linman
Dcn. Gayle Ruege
Ms. Kathleen Schmidt
Ms. Rebekah Thornhill
The Rev. Lamont Wells

GUESTS

Mr. Tom Massey

Bold = present

Italics = excused absence

*Member of Executive Committee

Opening Worship: Pr. Margaret Payne

Observer: Pr. Craig Miller

Call to Order: Ms. Maria del Toro at 7:30pm

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda:** adopted as presented
- 2. Adoption of the Minutes:** 27 October 2015: adopted as presented
- 3. Bishop's Report**
 - A. Appointments
 - a. Candidacy Committee

1. Dcn. Ingrid Compton (*Nov 1, 2015 – Oct 31, 2018*)
2. Dcn. Kamy Moghbeli (*Nov 1, 2015 – Oct 31, 2018*)
3. Madelyn L. Soussoudis (*Nov 1, 2015 – Oct 31, 2018*)

The Steering Committee has recommended and the Executive Committee has approved the appointment of the persons listed under each of the Strategy Committees.

Staggered terms were determined by the SENT Committee Co-Chairs. The CLAIMED and GATHERED Committees plan to do the same.

b. Claimed Strategy Committee

1. The Rev. Mark Erson, Interim Chair
2. Gary Schaeffer
3. Erik Stenswold
4. The Rev. Justin Lathrop

c. Financial Management Committee

1. Edward Wagner, Chair (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2018*)
2. The Rev. Craig Miller (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2017*)
(completing a two-year unexpired term)

d. Gathered Strategy Committee

1. The Rev. William Baum, Chair
2. The Rev. Mary Lou Baumgartner
3. The Rev. Amandus Derr
4. Hazel Goldstein
5. William Henderson
6. The Rev. Brenda Irving
7. The Rev. Khader Khalilia
8. The Rev. Gary Schulz
9. Benjamin Snipes

e. Sent Strategy Committee

1. The Rev. Marsh Drege, Co-Chair (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2018*)
2. Barbara Johnson, Co-Chair (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2018*)
3. The Rev. Albert Ahlstrom (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2016*)
4. The Rev. Linda Bell (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2016*)
5. Dcn. Ingrid Compton (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2018*)
6. Zachary Dean (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2017*)
7. Dcn. Eric Faret (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2018*)
8. Dcn. Paul Lumpkin (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2016*)
9. The Rev. Kevin O'Hara (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2018*)
10. The Rev. Anna Rieke (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2017*)
11. Dorothy Scholz-Beyer (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2018*)
12. Emma Turner (*Dec 1, 2015 – Nov 30, 2016*)

- f. Anti-Racism Task Force
 - 1. Marret Arfsten
 - 2. Dcn. Ingrid Compton
 - 3. Dcn. Eric Faret
 - 4. The Rev. James Rowe
 - 5. The Rev. Rebecca Seely
 - 6. Matthew Zemanick

- g. Conference Re-alignment Task Force
 - 1. The Rev. Robert Cederstrom / Dean, Western Nassau Conference
 - 2. The Rev. Paul Egensteiner / Dean, Tappan Zee Conference
 - 3. The Rev. Joseph Mantovani / Dean, Northwest Queens Conference
 - 4. The Rev. David Parsons / Dean, Brooklyn Bridges Conference

- h. The Rev. Joseph Mantovani: Interim Dean / Southwest Queens Conference
- i. The Rev. Romeo Dabee: Interim Pastor / Redeemer, Queens Village
(effective 12/1/15)

B. Calls

- a. Carol Schneider: Chaplain / Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola

ACTION SC15:11/01

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council extend a call to Candidated Carol Schneider for specialized ministry with HealthCare Chaplaincy Network to serve as Staff Chaplain to Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola, NY.

ADOPTED

- b. The Rev. Marianne Tomecek: Interim Pastor / New Hope, Jamaica

ACTION SC15:11/02

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council extend a call to the Rev. Marianne Tomecek as Interim Pastor for New Hope Lutheran Church, Jamaica, NY.

ADOPTED

- c. The Rev. Dr. J. Elise Brown: On Leave From Call (effective 30 July 2015)

ACTION SC15:11/03

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve *On Leave from Call* Status to The Rev. Dr. J. Elise Brown effective 30 July 2015.

ADOPTED

- d. Dcn. Karen Maulen: On Leave From Call (effective 1 November 2015)
- e. Dcn. Carol Straub: On Leave From Call (effective 1 November 2015)

ACTION SC15:11/04

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve *On Leave from Call Status to Deacon Karen Maulen, effective 1 November 2015 and Deacon Carol Straub, effective 1 November 2015.*

ADOPTED

C. Immanuel, Manhattan

Pr. Jonathan Linman was the synod representative at the meeting of the congregation on Nov 8 and reported on the vote taken by the congregation to leave the ELCA.

4. Strategic Plan Implementation

A. Grant Initiatives

a. Congregation Capital Improvement Grants

The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Steering Committee, approved the re-allocation of funds to increase the 2015-2016 Congregation Capital Improvement Grant budget to \$400,000.

The Committee, chaired by Pr. Gary Schulz, vetted and reviewed the applications and made recommendations to the Executive Committee. The EC has reviewed and approved the Grant Review Team's recommendations and presents them to the Synod Council for approval.

SC members Frank Suttell, John Prosen, Wally Nash and Wendy Tannenbaum serve on the Grant Review Team.

ACTION SC15:11/05

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the 2015-2016 Congregation Capital Improvement Grants reviewed by the Capital Improvement Grant Review Team and recommended by the Executive Committee.

ADOPTED

b. Leadership Development Grants

The Leadership Development Grant Review Team meets quarterly. The following grants are recommended by the EC for approval by the Synod Council.

Pr. Jonathan Linman, Pr. Harry Schenkel and Dcn. Gayle Ruege serve on the Review Team.

ACTION SC15:11/06

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the Leadership Development Grants reviewed by the Leadership Development Grant Review Team and recommended by the Executive Committee.

ADOPTED

B. Western Nassau Pilot Project – Phase 2
Action on this project was deferred until December SC meeting.

C. Unifying Ministry and Message: Tom Massey spoke about the next phase of the Strategic Plan – sharing with the world who we are.

5. Treasurer's Report

A. Mission Support

Frank Suttell reported that for the month of October, we received \$88,758 vs. a budgeted amount of \$116,255, putting us under budget for the month by \$27,497. However, we were about \$26,000 ahead of budget at the end of September, so as of October 31st, we are behind by (\$1,546). Total MS received YTD is \$777,267 vs. a budgeted amount of \$778,813.

B. October Financials **EXHIBIT A**

6. Old Business

A. Congregations / properties under synod administration

- a. Christ, Ozone Park: awaiting contract
- b. St. Philips, Brooklyn: awaiting contract
- c. Property: at 105-107 Barbey St., Brooklyn, New York

ACTION SC15:11/07

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council authorize an 18 month \$250,000 purchase money mortgage at 6% interest to Citadel of Praise and Worship, Inc. as an addendum to the contract for the property located at 105-107 Barbey St., Brooklyn, New York, for the sale price of \$2,300,000, said mortgage to be secured by liens upon the subject property and the residence of the pastor of Citadel.

ADOPTED: 20 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

- d. Messiah Lutheran Senior Apartments / Wartburg partnership

ACTION SC15:11/08

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council renew the contract between the Metropolitan New York Synod and the Wartburg, for development of Messiah Lutheran Senior Apartments, through December 1, 2016.

ADOPTED

7. Observer's Evaluation

Next Synod Council Meeting: December 15, 2015 (Meeting rooms C-D / First Floor)

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm by VP Del Toro, after closing prayer by R. Schoepflin

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert P. Schoepflin, Secretary