

**SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS**

<b>Mr. Leonel E. Avila</b>	<b>2020</b>
<i>The Rev. William Baum</i>	2017
<b>Ms. Cynthia Corley</b>	<b>2020</b>
<i>Ms. Muriel Davis</i>	2020
<b>*Ms. Maria del Toro, Vice President</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Ms. Tabitha Johnson (youth)</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>*The Rev. Amy Kienzle</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Mr. John Litke</b>	<b>2018</b>
<i>*Dr. Carlos Lopez</i>	2018
<b>Dcn. John Malone</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Ms. Karen Maulen</b>	<b>2018</b>
<i>The Rev. Christopher Mietlowski</i>	2020
<i>Mr. Walter Nash</i>	2018
<b>The Rev. Jeanine Owens</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Dcn. Lulu Paolini</b>	<b>2018</b>
<i>The Rev. Daniel Peter</i>	2018
<b>Dcn. John Prosen</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>*The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Ms. Denise Rutherford-Gill</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>*The Rev. Harry Schenkel</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>*The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>The Rev. Garry Squire</b>	<b>2017</b>
<i>*Mr. Frank Suttell, Treasurer</i>	2020
<b>Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Ms. Abby Triebel</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Ms. Emma Turner (Young Adult)</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>*Mr. Christopher Vergara</b>	<b>2020</b>

**AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

**STAFF**

**Ms. Susan Brandt**  
*Mr. Branden Dicks*  
*The Rev. Percy Butiku*  
**The Rev. Kathleen Koran**  
**The Rev. Jonathan Linman**  
**Dcn. Gayle Ruege**  
**Ms. Kathleen Schmidt**  
**Ms. Rebekah Thornhill**  
*The Rev. Lamont Wells*

**GUESTS**

**Bold = present**

*Italics = excused absence*

\*Member of Executive Committee

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**Observer:** Abby Triebel

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

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda:** adopted
- 2. Adoption of the Minutes:** 24 September 2016: adopted
- 3. "Tell your story"**  
M. Del Toro shared.

#### 4. Bishop's Report

- A. Special Assembly cancellation: Bp. Rimbo explained reason to council
- B. Calls
  - a. ELCA Deacon Carleen Miller: *Executive Director, Church World Services effective 1 October 2016*
  - b. Deacon Florence Poeschke: *retirement status effective 1 July 2016:for information*
  - c. The Rev. Donald Stiger: *retirement status effective 1 September 2016*

#### **ACTION SC16:10/01**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council extend a call to Carleen Miller to serve as Senior Director for Operations, Immigration Refugee Program for Church World Services, New York City, effective October 1, 2016.**

**ADOPTED**

#### **ACTION SC16:10/02**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council acknowledge retirement status for the Rev. Donald Stiger, effective 1 September 2016.**

**ADOPTED**

- C. Appointments: Bp. Rimbo announced the following appointments
  - a. Pastors Compensation Guidelines Task Force: *Ms. Hazel Goldstein; Ms. Barbara Hansen; Pr. Harry Schenkel; Ms. Kathleen Schmidt; Mr. Frank Suttell*
  - b. Capital Improvement Grant Review Team: *Ms. Hazel Goldstein*
  - c. Stewardship and Mission Support Table: *Mr. Ravindra (Rob) Sinanan*
  - d. Assembly Planning Committee: *Ms. Cynthia Corley (SC Liaison)*
  - e. Financial Management Committee: *Ms. Sarah Poist*
  - f. Disaster Response Task Force: *Pr. Michael Poole; Mr. John Tidona*

#### 5. Strategic Plan Implementation

- A. Strategic Plan Review and Refresh Update: M. Del Toro reported on the review and update.
- B. Gathered Committee
  - M. Del Toro announced the resignation of The Rev. William Baum as chair and that the executive committee recommends the appointment of Ms. Hazel Goldstein as chair.

#### **ACTION SC16:10/03**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council appoints Ms. Hazel Goldstein as Chair of the Gathered Strategic Committee, effective November 1, 2016.**

**ADOPTED**

- C. Congregation Capital Improvement Grants **EXHIBIT A**
  - S. Brandt reported on the grant review process and presented the recommendations of the Grant Review Team.

#### **ACTION SC16:10/04**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approves the Congregation Capital Improvement Grants, totaling \$532,958, proposed by the Congregation Capital Improvement Grant Review Team and recommended by the Executive Committee.**

**ADOPTED, with 1 recusal (R. Schoepflin, whose congregation was awarded a grant)**

**6. New Business**

A. 2017 Pastors Compensation Guidelines **EXHIBIT B**

Pr. Schenkel reported on the work of the Guidelines Task Force and the process involved in making the recommendations.

**ACTION SC16:10/05**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approves the 2017 Pastors Compensation Guidelines proposed by the Pastors Compensation Guidelines Task Force and recommended by the Executive Committee.**

**ADOPTED**

B. Saint Peter's, Manhattan: Lease / sale of property

C. Vergara, M. Del Toro and K. Schmidt (members of Saint Peter's Church) explained the terms of the agreement.

**ACTION SC16:10/06**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approves the lease/sale agreement between Saint Peter's Church, Manhattan and Boston Properties for commercial properties owned by Saint Peter's at 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY.**

**ADOPTED, with 2 recusals (M. Del Toro and C. Vergara who are members of Saint Peters)**

C. Leif Ericson Day School Board elections

**ACTION SC16:10/07**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council appoints the following individuals to serve on the Leif Ericson Day School Board effective September 1, 2016: Ms. Joanne Cavalleri and The Rev. Robert Wollenburg to one-year terms; Ms. Catherine Adams, Ms. Gail Adamski, and The Rev. Robert Isaksen to two-year terms; Mr. Eugene Hiigel, Ms. Lisamarie Alba, Mr. Mark Goodwin, and The Rev. Khader Khalilia to three-year terms; and The Rev. Gary Squire as the representative of the Metropolitan New York Synod Council.**

**ADOPTED**

**7. Observer's Evaluation**

**8. Announcements**

**NO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING IN NOVEMBER**

**Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Dec 6, 2016 \***

**Adjourned at 9:07pm**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Secretary**