

**SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Mr. Leonel E. Avila** 2020  
**\*Ms. Cynthia Corley** 2020  
**\*Ms. Maria del Toro, Vice President** 2018  
**The Rev. Justin Johnson** 2018  
*Ms. Tabitha Johnson (youth)* 2018  
*The Rev. Amy Kienzle* 2018  
**Mr. John Litke** 2018  
**Dr. Carlos Lopez** 2018  
**Synod Dcn. John Malone** 2018  
*Ms. Karen Maulen* 2018  
**The Rev. Christopher Mietlowski** 2020  
*Mr. Walter Nash* 2018  
**\*The Rev. Jeanine Owens** 2020  
**The Rev. Daniel Peter** 2018  
**Ms. Denise Rutherford-Gill** 2020  
**\*The Rev. Harry Schenkel** 2018  
**\*The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.** 2018  
**The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe** 2020  
**The Rev. Garry Squire** 2020  
**Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum** 2018  
*Ms. Abby Triebel* 2020  
**Ms. Emma Turner (Young Adult)** 2020  
*\*Mr. Christopher Vergara* 2020  
**Ms. Karen Woolley** 2020

**AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

**STAFF**

**Dcn. Margy Schmitt Ajer**  
**Ms. Susan Brandt**  
*The Rev. Percy Butiku*  
**Ms. Regina Daniels**  
**Mr. Branden Dupree**  
**Mr. Roberto Lara**  
*The Rev. Jonathan Linman*  
**Ms. Maria Rodas**  
**Synod Deacon Gayle Ruege**  
*The Rev. Lamont Wells*

**GUESTS**

**Bold = present**

*Italics = excused absence*

\*Member of Executive Committee

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**Opening Devotions: Pr. Justin Johnson**

**Observer: Cynthia Corley**

**Call to Order: Ms. Maria del Toro at 5:10pm.**

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda:** adopted as presented  
VP Del Toro asked members of the council to share feelings and thoughts over the resignation of our bishop.  
Pr. Daniel Peter led members in prayer.
- 2. Adoption of the Minutes**

**A. Synod Council: 23 January 2018:** adopted as presented

**3. Trexler Grants**

- A. The Rev. Robert Fritch
- B. The Rev. John Heidgerd

**ACTION SC18:02/01**

**RESOLVED, that Trexler Travel and Study grants in the amount of \$1,000 each are hereby granted to The Rev. Robert Fritch and The Rev. John Heidgerd.**

**ADOPTED**

**4. Financial Report EXHIBIT A**

Ms. Susan Brandt presented the financials.

**5. Synod Assembly updates:**

Syn. Dcn. Gayle Ruege reported on the work of the Assembly Planning Committee.

**6. New Business**

- A. Staff extensions

**ACTION SC18:02/02**

**RESOLVED, that the calls of The Rev. Jonathan Linman, The Rev. Lamont Wells, The Rev. Perucy Butiku, and Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer, to serve on Synod Staff, are hereby extended until a newly elected bishop takes office.**

**ADOPTED**

**B. Interim Bishop appointment**

VP Del Toro introduced the nominated and led discussion.

Pr. Christopher Mietlowski led the members in prayer.

**ACTION SC18:02/03**

**RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of Section S8.54 of the Constitution of the Metropolitan New York Synod, the Synod Council hereby appoints The Reverend Donald J. McCoid as Interim Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod (the "Synod"), effective March 12, 2018. Compensation and benefits shall be contracted for this position and shall be approved by the Executive Committee within the limits of the 2018 budget of the Synod, and the Vice President of the Synod is hereby authorized to sign the Letter of Agreement setting forth such terms.**

**ADOPTED**

- C. Feb 15 (meeting / Mass / reception)

VP Del Toro spoke about the meeting and mass at which Presiding Bishop Eaton and Interim Bishop McCoid will be present.

## **7. Old Business**

### **A. SA Actions (Pending)**

- SA2015:05.08 / MNYS Disaster Response Task Force
- 2016 SA Actions
  1. SA2016:05.4 On Mission Partnerships
  2. SA2016:05.11 On Advocacy and Justice for Refugees

## **8. Observers' Evaluation**

**Next Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, March 8, 2018 \***

**Next Synod Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 (Meeting room A-B)**

**\*Proposed items for the Synod Council agenda should be submitted to Gayle Ruege ([gruege@mnys.org](mailto:gruege@mnys.org)) for consideration by the Executive Committee on or before March 2.**

**All committees are to provide a digital copy of meeting minutes to Regina Daniels ([rdaniels@mnys.org](mailto:rdaniels@mnys.org)) for the synod files.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm, with prayer by Pr. Schenkel.**

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