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. Perucy Butiku
Ms. Regina Daniels
Mr. Branden Dupree

GUESTS
The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe
The Rev. Garry Squire
Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum
Ms. Abby Triebel
Ms. Emma Turner (Young Adult)
*Mr. Christopher Vergara
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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) 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) for the synod files.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Secretary