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Mr. Leonel E. Avila 2020
Mr. Adam A.D. Campbell (Youth) 2020
*Ms. Cynthia Corley 2020
The Rev. Chryll Crews 2022
Synod Dcn. Steven Daniels 2022
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Mr. David Ehlers 2022
Ms. Hazel Goldstein 2022
The Rev. Marva Jenkins 2022
*Mr. John Litke, Treasurer 2022
*Bishop Donald McCoid 2019
The Rev. Christopher Mietlowski 2020
Mr. John Ogren 2020
*The Rev. Jeanine Owens 2020
The Rev. David Parsons 2022
The Rev. Daniel Peter 2022
Ms. Denise Rutherford-Gill 2020
*The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect. 2022
The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe 2020
Mr. Cecil Spurlock-Shackelton 2022
The Rev. Garry Squire 2020
Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum 2022
Ms. Abby Triebel 2020
Ms. Emma Turner (Young Adult) 2020
*Mr. Christopher Vergara 2020
Synod Dcn. Anita Martin-Williams 2022
Ms. Karen Woolley 2020

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

Guests
Ms. Denise Rutherford-Gill 2020
The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe 2020

*Member of Executive Committee

Observer: Cynthia Corley
Call to Order: Ms. Maria Del Toro at 7:10 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Installation of Synod Council members
   Bishop McCoid installed new Synod Council members and officers

3. Adoption of the Agenda: adopted as amended.
4. Adoption of the Minutes (21 April 2018): adopted.

5. Synod Assembly debrief

6. Bishop’s Report

   A. Calls

ACTION SC18:06/01
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council extend a call to The Rev. Jeffrey Koenig as Interim Pastor for St. John’s, Poughkeepsie effective June 1, 2018.
ADOPTED

   b. The Rev. Robert Rainis: OLFC (with restrictions) effective March 11, 2018

ACTION SC18:06/02
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council grant authority to the synodical bishop to place limitations upon the availability for service of a rostered minister who is on leave from call.
ADOPTED

   c. The Rev. Laurie Cline: retirement status effective July 31, 2018

ACTION SC18:06/03
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council place the Rev. Robert Rainis On Leave from Call status, effective March 11, 2018, with limitations and restrictions that include not available for call at this time.
ADOPTED

   d. The Rev. Jared Stahler: Chair, Worship Committee
   e. The Rev. Leonard Duncan, Jr.: Worship Committee
   f. Guillermo Vaisman: Worship Committee

   B. Appointments (For report)
      d. The Rev. Jared Stahler: Chair, Worship Committee
      e. The Rev. Leonard Duncan, Jr.: Worship Committee
      f. Guillermo Vaisman: Worship Committee
g. Natural Systems Process Advisory Panel
   ▪ Cynthia Corley (Quad 3)
   ▪ The Rev. Justin Johnson (Quad 1)
   ▪ The Rev. John Jurik (Quad 2)
   ▪ The Rev. Amy Kienzle (Quad 3)
   ▪ Syn.Dcn. Carlos Lopez (Quad 4)
   ▪ Syn.Dcn. John Malone (Quad 3)
   ▪ Syn.Dcn. Karen Maulen (Quad 1)
   ▪ Wally Nash (Quad 4)
   ▪ The Rev. Harry Schenkel (Quad 2)
   ▪ Renee Wicklund (Vice President)

C. Town Hall Meetings
   Sep 16-17: Quadrant 3
      ▪ Sun, Sep 16 location TBD
      ▪ Mon, Sep 17 location TBD
   Sep 23 – 24: Quadrant 2
      ▪ Sun, Sep 23 @ St. Paul’s, East Northport (3-5 pm)
      ▪ Mon, Sep 24 @ St. Luke’s, Farmingdale (9:30 am – 2:00 pm)
   Nov 4 – 5: Quadrant 1
      ▪ Sun, Nov 4 @ King of Kings, New Windsor (3-5 pm)
      ▪ Mon, Nov 5 @ King of Kings, New Windsor (9:30 am – 2:00 pm)
   Nov 11-12: Quadrant 4
      ▪ Sun, Nov 11 location TBD
      ▪ Mon, Nov 12 location TBD

ACTION SC18:06/05
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council direct Bp. McCoid and the Natural Systems Advisory Panel to conduct the Town Hall Quadrant meetings as proposed and recommend to Peter Steinke that the Bridge Builder process begin after the newly elected bishop assumes office in 2019.
ADOPTED

7. Report of the Strategic Plan Working Group

   A. Leadership Development Grants EXHIBIT A

ACTION SC18:06/06
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. Policy for Synod Real Property Projects  EXHIBIT B

ACTION SC18:06/07
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council adopt the Policy for Synod Real Property Projects as presented.
ADOPTED

C. Fordham, Bronx
Hazel Goldstein spoke about the project the congregation is involved in.

ACTION SC18:06/08
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve an interim grant of $25,000 to Fordham Lutheran Church to assist with ongoing expenses of the congregation during the project’s development phase.
ADOPTED

Report will be given in September.

A. Mission Support Report  (May 31, 2018)

9. New Business
A. Atonement, Jackson Heights: Parsonage sale

ACTION SC18:06/09
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council take no exception to the sale of the parsonage apartment owned by Atonement Lutheran Church (Jackson Heights) located at 3520 Leverich Street, B421, Jackson Heights, NY 11372.
ADOPTED

B. Salam Arabic Church

ACTION SC18:06/10
RESOLVED, that accrued but unpaid salary in the amount of $40,202.91 be paid to The Rev. Khader El-Yateem out of the Salam Mission Fund.
ADOPTED
ACTION SC18:06/11
RESOLVED, that monies be paid out of the Salam Mission Fund to support the ministry of Salam Arabic Lutheran Church provided that the congregation engage in a process to formulate a ministry development plan.
ADOPTED
C. Trinity, St. Albans

ACTION SC18:06/12
RESOLVED that ACTION SC18:03/15 is rescinded and that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council accept an offer and enter into contract with Bethlehem SDA Church for a sale price of $1,800,000 for the properties of the former Trinity, St. Albans.
ADOPTED (18 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

C. Synod Council
   a. Resignation of Abby Triebel
   b. Appointment of Monica Gavryszewski (unexpired term – lay female Hudson)

ACTION SC18:06/13
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council accept the resignation of Abby Triebel and appoint Ms. Monica Gavryszewski to serve on the Synod Council until the 2019 Synod Assembly in the lay female/Hudson Conference seat.
ADOPTED

   c. Appointment of Thomas Sargent (Lay Male: Eastern Nassau)

ACTION SC18:06/14
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council appoint Mr. Thomas Sargent to serve on the Synod Council until the 2019 Synod Assembly in the lay male / Eastern Nassau Conference seat.
ADOPTED

D. Election of Executive Committee

Nominated: Christopher Vergara, Jeanine Owens, Cynthia Corley, Daniel Peter Penumaka

ACTION SC18:06/15
RESOLVED, that Mr. Christopher Vergara, Ms. Cynthia Corley, The Rev. Jeanine Owens, and The Rev. Daniel Peter Penumaka are elected to serve on the Executive Committee from June 2018 to June 2019.
ADOPTED

E. Separation of Families
Christopher Vergara spoke of need to do something to assist unaccompanied minors separated from their families who are on the ground of our synod. One action is for our synod to sign the letter to Presiding Bishop Eaton. EXHIBIT C

ACTION SC18:06/16
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council join in the letter to Presiding Bishop Eaton.
ADOPTED
E. SC meeting dates

- Sat, Sep 22 (9:30 – 3 pm) : LSSNY Board Room / Suite 1244
- Tues, Oct 23 (5 – 8 pm) : LSSNY Board Room / Suite 1244
- Tues, Dec 11 (5-8 pm) : LSSNY Board Room / Suite 1244
- Tues, Jan 22 (5-8 pm)
- Tues, Feb 19 (5-8 pm)
- Tues, Mar 19 (5-8 pm)
- Sat, Apr 27 (9:30 – 3 pm)

10. Observers’ Evaluation: Cynthia Corley

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Sep 11, 2018 *
Synod Council: September 22, 2018

*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 Sep 5.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm with Night Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Secretary