SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Leonel E. Avila 2020
Mr. Adam A.D. Campbell (Youth) 2020
*Ms. Cynthia Corley 2020  STAFF
The Rev. Chryll Crews 2022  Dcn. Margy Schmitt Ajer
S. Dcn. Steven Daniels 2022  Ms. Susan Brandt
Mr. David Ehlers 2022  The Rev. Perucy Butiku
Ms. Monica Gavryszewski 2020  Ms. Regina Daniels
Ms. Hazel Goldstein 2022  Mr. Branden Dupree
The Rev. Marva Jenkins 2022  Mr. Roberto Lara
*Mr. John Litke, Treasurer 2022  The Rev. Jonathan Linman
*Bishop Donald McCoid 2019  Ms. Maria Rodas
The Rev. Christopher Mietlowski 2020  Synod Dcn. Gayle Ruege
S. Dcn. John Ogren 2020
*The Rev. Jeanine Owens 2020
The Rev. David Parsons 2022
*The Rev. Daniel Peter 2022  Guests
S. Dcn. Denise Rutherford-Gill 2020
Mr. Thomas Sargent 2020
*The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect. 2022
The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe 2020
Mr. Cecil Spurlock-Shackleton 2022
The Rev. Garry Squire 2020
Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum 2022
Ms. Emma Turner (Young Adult) 2020
*Mr. Christopher Vergara 2020
*Ms. Renee Wicklund, VP 2022
S. Dcn. Anita Martin-Williams 2022
Ms. Karen Woolley 2020

Bold = present
*Italics = excused absence
*Member of Executive Committee

Opening Devotions: Evening Prayer
Observer: S.Dcn. John Ogren
Call to Order: Ms. Renee Wicklund at 7:30 pm.

1. Adoption of the Agenda: adopted
2. Adoption of the SC Minutes 27 April 2019: adopted
3. 2019 Synod Assembly debrief

4. Bishop’s Report
In his final report to Synod Council, Bishop McCoid spoke of his fondness for our Synod, his joy in serving as our Interim Bishop, and affirmed those serving in leadership positions in our Synod.
The members of Synod Council heartily and warmly thanked Bishop McCoid for his leadership and ministry.

A. Calls
   a. The Rev. Linda Bell: retirement status effective 1 July 2019

ACTION SC19:06/01
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve retirement status for the Rev. Linda Bell effective 1 July 2019.
ADOPTED

   b. The Rev. Frank Nelson: retirement status effective 1 September 2019

ACTION SC19:06/02
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve retirement status for the Rev. Frank Nelson, effective 1 September 2019.
ADOPTED

   c. The Rev. Robert Rainis: renewal of OLFC

ACTION SC19:06/03
ADOPTED (with 1 abstention)

   d. The Rev. Lamont Anthony Wells: On Leave from Call effective 30 April 2019

ACTION SC19:06/04
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council grant On Leave from Call status for the Rev. Lamont Anthony Wells effective 30 April 2019.
ADOPTED
e. The Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer: *resignation from ELCA roster effective 31 July 2019*

**ACTION SC19:06/05**
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council accept and receive the resignation the Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer from the ELCA roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament effective 31 July 2019.
ADOPTED

f. The Rev. Amy Kienzle: *resignation as Mission Developer / Park Church Co-op, Brooklyn*

**ACTION SC19:06/06**
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council accept and receive the resignation the Rev. Amy Kienzle as Mission Developer for the Park Church Co-op, Brooklyn effective 19 May 2019.
ADOPTED

5. **Report of the Vice President**

VP Wicklund reported that since our last SC meeting she has worshiped at Trinity, LES on May 5 for the installation of Pr. William Kroeze, at St. Paul’s, Narrowsburg on May 25, at Advent, Mattituck on June 2, and at St. Barnabas, Howard Beach on June 9 for the anniversary celebration of Pr. William Baum.

She also met with several pastors of our synod: Pr. David Anglada on May 6, Pr. Lenny Duncan on May 8, Pr. Amy Kienzle on May 22, and Pr. Ernie Mossl on May 26. She attended a Mets game on June 7 with Pr. Bob Kasting, Pr. Marc Herbst and Pr. Eric Olson.

On May 28, VP Wicklund hosted VP Gail Kiyomura of the Sierra-Pacific Synod.

VP Wicklund, along with Tom Sargent, Pr. Gerry Squire and Pr. Chryll Crews, met with pastors of the Western Queens conference to present response to their October 2018 letter concerning redevelopment.

On June 5 she attended a summit with Bishop Lecakes (Atlantic District-LCMS), Bishop McCoid, and Bishop-Elect Egensteiner on the future of Lutheran schools in our region.

6. **Strategic Plan**

A. Gathered: Leadership Development Grants *EXHIBIT A*
ACTION SC19:06/07
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. FMC
   a. Engage GRO (architectural firm) for preliminary work for Christ Center, Harlem / Jehu’s Table, Brooklyn

7. Treasurer’s Report
   Treasurer Litke reported that Mission Support received in May totaled $69,708.19, which is $4,545 less than budgeted for May. Mission Support received year-to-date is $284,323.52, which is $5,277 less than budgeted year-to-date. Good news is that annual Mission Support Commitments are up $54,000 from 2018 and $238,981 from 2017.

B. Financials (30 April 2019) EXHIBIT B

8. Old Business
   A. Western Queens
   VP Wicklund reported that she met with the Western Queens conference on June 5 to present the response to the Western Queens Inquiry. SC members in attendance with her were Tom Sargent, Pr. Chryll Crews and Pr. Garry Squire.

   She presented the following resolution:

   Whereas members of the Western Queens Conference have expressed a desire to continue exploration of establishing a new ministry site or sites on their territory; and

   Whereas the congregations of Christ Evangelical Lutheran, Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Philip, and St. Luke’s Evangelical Lutheran Church completed their ministry in the hope and desire that a new ministry site or sites could be established,

   Therefore, be it resolved

   That the Metropolitan New York Synod shall provide a financial record-keeping mechanism to record the net value of the assets released to the Synod by the three Western Queens congregations that completed their ministry; and
That this record-keeping mechanism shall record also the financial costs to the Synod of exploring and/or establishing and nurturing a new ministry site or sites in the territory of Western Queens; and

That the net value in the record keeping mechanism shall provide guidance for the financial resources available for exploration and/or establishment and nurturance of a new ministry site or sites in the territory of Western Queens; and

That the continuation of the record-keeping mechanism shall be considered again by the synod council no more than five years after establishment of the mechanism.

ACTION SC19:06/08
RESOLVED:

That the Metropolitan New York Synod shall provide a financial record-keeping mechanism to record the net value of the assets released to the Synod by the three Western Queens congregations that completed their ministry; and

That this record-keeping mechanism shall record also the financial costs to the Synod of exploring and/or establishing and nurturing a new ministry site or sites in the territory of Western Queens; and

That the net value in the record keeping mechanism shall provide guidance for the financial resources available for exploration and/or establishment and nurturance of a new ministry site or sites in the territory of Western Queens; and

That the continuation of the record-keeping mechanism shall be considered again by the synod council no more than five years after establishment of the mechanism.

ADOPTED

B. Consultation Panel Report: St. Paul’s, Rye Brook / William Ross
Bishop McCoid reported that the Consultation Panel has completed its work with the congregation of St. Paul’s and Mr. William Ross. The panel was unable to resolve the issue and recommended the situation be referred to the Discipline Committee.

C. Jeffersonville Property offer

ACTION SC19:06/09
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council accept the offer of $25,000 for the property located at 5 Main Street, Jeffersonville, NY.
ADOPTED (22 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)
D. MNYS 585 East 163 LLC offer

ACTION SC19:06/10
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council accept the offer of $1,400,000 for the property located at 585 East 163rd St., Bronx.
ADOPTED (22 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

E. Leif Ericson School
   VP Wicklund reported on student accepted by Lutheran Elementary School for enrollment.

9. New Business

A. 2020 Synod Assembly theme: We are Church Together
   R. Lara reported on planning for the 2020 Synod Assembly.

B. Election of the Executive Committee

ACTION SC19:06/11
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 2019 to June 2020.
ADOPTED

C. St. Paul’s, Williamsburg
   Bishop McCoid reported that the congregation of St. Paul’s, Williamsburg notified the synod office of an upcoming special congregation meeting on June 9 to vote on disaffiliation with the ELCA. They were asked to postpone the meeting until the Bishop elect took office in August to begin the consultation process according to our constitution. They declined and scheduled their meeting. Synod representation was not present.

10. Afterthoughts
11. Observers’ Evaluation

Next Executive Committee Meeting: September 5, 2019*
Synod Council Meeting, Saturday, September 21, 2019
*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 August 30.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Secretary