

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

*Ms. Cynthia Corley	2024
S. Dcn. Steven Daniels	2022
The Rev. George Dietrich	2024
*Bishop Paul Egensteiner	2025
*S. Dcn. David Ehlers	2022
Ms. Hazel Goldstein	2022
The Rev. Marva Jenkins	2022
*Mr. John Litke, Treasurer	2022
Mr. Erich Markert	2024
Ms. Lily Sage Mathias	2024
Mx. Anna Moritz (Young Adult)	2024
*The Rev. Jeanine Owens	2024
The Rev. David Parsons	2022
The Rev. Daniel Peter	2022
Mr. Aiden Sargent (Youth)	2023
Mr. Thomas Sargent	2022
*The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.	2022
Mr. Cecil (Chip) Spurlock-Shackelton	2022
*The Rev. Gary Squire	2024
The Rev. Brooke Swertfager	2024
Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum	2022
*Ms. Renee Wicklund, VP	2022
S. Dcn. Anita Martin-Williams	2022
The Rev. Dr. Kimberly Wilson	2024

Bold = present

Italics = excused absence

*Member of Executive Committee

STAFF

Ms. Regina Daniels
The Rev. Gladys Diaz
Mr. Branden Dupree
Ms. Karen Falco
S. Dcn. Donna-Mari Fieldsa
Mr. Mark Goodwin
Ms. Kaitlin Kowalec
Mr. Roberto Lara
Ms. Claire Mazza
The Rev. Christopher Mietlowski
Ms. Maria Rodas
S. Dcn. Gayle Ruege
The Rev. Kevin Vandiver

GUESTS

MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE

Opening Devotions: *Mr. Tom Sargent*

Observer: *Pastor Brooke Swertfager*

Call to Order: *Ms. Renée Wicklund at 5:12 pm.*

1. **Adoption of the agenda:** adopted as presented.
2. **Draft SC minutes 19 October 2021:** adopted as presented.
3. **Report of the Bishop**
 - A. **Calls**
 - a. **The Rev. Martin Malzahn: *Clergy-in Charge / St Paul's Episcopal Church & the Church of the Incarnation, Jersey City effective 31 Oct 2021***

ACTION SC21:12/01

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council extend a call to the Rev. Martin Malzahn to serve a three year term as Clergy-in-Charge to the Episcopal parishes of St. Paul's and the Church of the Incarnation, Jersey City, New Jersey in accordance with the provisions stated in the Call to Common Mission agreement between the ELCA and the Episcopal Church, USA, effective 31 Oct 2021.

ADOPTED

- b. **The Rev. Lorie B. Tatum: *Interim Pastor, St Stephen's, Brooklyn, effective 5 Dec 2021***

ACTION SC21:12/02

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council extend a call to the Rev. Lorie B. Tatum as Interim Pastor to St Stephen's, Brooklyn, NY, effective 5 December 2021.

ADOPTED

- c. **S.Dcn. John Malone: *OLFC / Holy Trinity, Rockville Centre effective 1 November 2021***

ACTION SC21:12/03

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council grant On Leave from Call status to S.Dcn. John Malone, effective 1 Nov 2021.

ADOPTED

B. Appointments

- a. **The Rev. Christian Scharen: *Interim Pastor / Grace, Forest Hills effective 3 January 2022***

C. Pastoral Care / Ecumenical & Interfaith participation

38 Pastoral calls / meetings / visits with rostered leaders

- **Congregation / Councils / Staff**
 - + **Christ, Newburgh (15 yr ordination Pr. Ernie Moss)**

- + **St. Paul's, Narrowsburg (25 yr. ordination Pr. Phyllis Haynes)**
- + **St. Barnabas, Howard Beach (kick-off of 100th anniversary / Pr. Baum's retirement)**
- + **Our Saviour, Port Washington (Pr. Vogeley retirement)**
- + **Christ, New Hyde Park (75th anniversary / Western Nassau Conference meeting)**
- + **Our Saviour, Patchogue (75th anniversary)**
- + **Trinity, Rockville Centre**

- **Conference Visits**

- + **Southeast Queens**
- + **Western Nassau**

- **Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School (LuHi) Chapel / Tour**
- **Lutheran Counseling Center annual gala**
- **Lutheran Social Services NY annual gala**
- **MNYS Candidacy Committee**
- **MNYS Conference of Deans**
- **ELCA Region 7 Bishops meet weekly**
- **ELCA Conference of Bishops**
- **Visitors from Finnish Seamen's Mission / Ministry to Finns Abroad**
- **Men's Group / Emanuel, Pleasantville**
- **Monthly BET**

D. Staff / Updates

a. Synod Owned Properties

K. Falco reported that Bailey Ave. property has closed.

b. Legal updates

K. Falco reported that child protective acts lawsuits have been filed against Synod relating to Scout troops meeting in our congregations.

E. Communications / Events

R. Lara reported.

a. Wellness Day for rostered leaders: Nov 17

b. Bishop videos: 5 have been produced to view in congregations.

c. Lutheran New Yorker: Gratitude Issue

d. Holiday post card was sent to congregations and agencies.

F. Reparative Justice / Proposal

Bishop reported that he has received feedback on proposal to share with BET.

4. Report of the Vice-President

A. Visits

VP Wicklund reported that she has been traveling extensively out of town since last meeting. Has had meetings with lay leaders in synod, and has met with Synod VP council.

B. Other activities

5. Strategic Plan Report

A. Vision 2025

- a. Bishop / weekly meetings with Pr. William Baum and Renee Wicklund
- b. Tom Massey: Triangle 2 Consulting
- c. Vision Team gathering: Nov 20 / Church of Our Saviour, Manhasset

6. Treasurer's Report

A. Mission Support Report YTD thru Nov 2021 EXHIBIT A

J. Litke gave financial report, noting that the November 2021 Mission Support offerings totaled \$82,711.04. YTD Mission Support actuals through November 30, 2021 are \$764,330.92. There are still 50 congregations that have not given mission support YTD. But he reported that we are projected to end the fiscal year in fairly good position.

B. Financials (Nov 2021) EXHIBIT B

C. Final Proposed budgets

Donna-Mari Fieldsa presented the proposed budgets.

7. Old Business

A. Sale: 750 Kelly Street, Bronx property (former parsonage Transfiguration, Bronx)

ACTION SC21:12/04

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the sale of 750 Kelly Street, Bronx to Christopher Curmi and DaeShawn Hall for \$815,000.00.

ADOPTED (18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absention)

8. New Business

A. Synod Council / Lay Male / So. Shore, Brooklyn: Mr. Edward Liburd

B. Synod Council / Lay Male / Tappan Zee: pending

C. 2022 Housing Allowances

ACTION SC21:12/05

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the designated 2022 Housing Allowances as presented.

ADOPTED

D. Reparative Justice

Bishop reported on this above.

E. Vision 2025: Committees; sub-committees; working groups; task forces

ACTION SC21:12/06

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council of the Metropolitan New York Synod delegates to the bishop's strategic plan (also known as Vision 2025) the dissolution, formation and coordination of any committee, subcommittee, or working group of this Synod other than those committees required by the Synod Constitution.

ADOPTED

9. Afterthoughts

A. Devotions January: Cynthia Corley

B. Observer January: Cecil (Chip) Spurlock-Shackelton

10. Observer's Evaluation

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm with prayer by Bishop.

Upcoming dates:

Executive Committee Meeting: January 6, 2022 via zoom

Synod Council Meeting: January 18, 2022 via zoom

***Proposed items for the Synod Council agenda should be submitted to Gayle Ruege (gruege@mnys.org) for consideration by the Executive Committee by: January 2, 2022**

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Schoepflin,
Secretary