Meeting was held via Zoom conference

**Opening Devotions:** Pastor Daniel Peter Penumaka

**Observer:** Pastor David Parsons

**Call to Order:** Ms. Renée Wicklund at 9:45am.

1. **Adoption of the agenda:** adopted as presented.
2. **Draft SC minutes 22 March 2022**: adopted as presented.

3. **Report of the Bishop**
   
   **A. Calls**
   
   a. The Rev. Dr. Martha Cruz: *Interim Pastor / Fordham, Bronx effective 3 Apr 2022*

   **ACTION SC22:04/01**
   
   RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council extend a call to the Rev. Dr. Martha Cruz to serve as Interim Pastor for Fordham, Bronx effective 3 April 2022.  
   ADOPTED

   b. S.Dcn. Grace Sabella: *Holy Trinity, Rockville Centre, OLFC status effective 1 June 2022*

   **ACTION SC22:04/02**
   
   RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council grant On Leave from Call status to S.Dcn. Grace Sabella effective 1 June 2022.  
   ADOPTED

   **B. Pastoral Care / Ecumenical & Interfaith participation**

   a. Pastoral calls / meetings / visits with rostered leaders (12)

   - Congregation visits / Councils
     - Our Saviour, Mineola / 100th Anniversary
     - Epiphany, Hempstead / Passion Sunday
     - Christ, Little Neck / Holy Closure

   b. **Worship Services**

   - Funeral Mass: The Rev. William Paulsen
   - Funeral Mass: The Rev. Dr. Jane Gaeta
   - Chrism Mass

   c. **Ecumenical Events**

   - Lutheran – Anglican – Roman Catholic worship gathering
   - Lutheran Bishops at Yale Divinity School
   - LOFT event (Lutheran seminarians: Princeton, Yale, Harvard, and Union) @ Union Seminary
   - Chapel for the World @ JFK Luncheon fundraising event
• Episcopal – Lutheran collaborative ministry: Bp. Dietsche and Diocesan staff

d. Wider Church
  • Conference of Bishops (now meet bi-weekly)
  • Region 7 Bishops (meet weekly)
  • Anti-racism Committee
  • BET (monthly)

C. Communications / Events
  a. Special Meeting of the Synod Assembly Agenda

ACTION SC22:04/03
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council present for adoption the proposed agenda for the Special Meeting of the Synod Assembly on May 6, 2022.
ADOPTED

D. Staff / Updates
  a. Synod Owned Properties
     K. Falco reported that properties are being well managed by M. Goodwin. Sale of Suffern cemetery will close in the coming week.
  b. Legal updates

4. Report of the Vice-President
   A. End of Term
   B. Succession Plan
   C. Remaining Goals
   D. Outgoing SC members
      • S.Dcn. Steven Daniels
      • S.Dcn. David Ehlers (nominated for re-election)
      • Hazel Goldstein
      • Pr. Marva Jenkins
      • John Litke
      • Pr. David Parsons (nominated for re-election)
      • Tom Sargent (nominated for re-election)
      • Pr. Daniel Peter Penumaka
      • Pr. Robert Schoepflin
      • Wendy Bean Tannenbaum
      • Renée Wicklund
      • S.Dcn. Anita Martin-Williams
5. **Strategic Plan Report** (given by Bishop)
   A. **2025 Vision**
      a. Bishop / weekly meetings with Pr. William Baum and Renee Wicklund
      b. Vision Team meeting: 19 Mar 2022 (in person) /next: April 30
      c. Ministry Legacy Project Manager update
         R. Wicklund reported that someone is prayerfully considering this position.

6. **Treasurer’s Report**
   A. **Mission Support Report**
      a. Conference detail February and March
         J. Litke reported that the February 2022 Mission Support actuals through February 28, 2022, are $26,560.32 which is $28,700.13 less than YTD February 2021. The March 2022 Mission Support offerings totaled $88,022.92. YTD Mission Support actuals through March 31, 2022, are $114,583.24 which is $42,891.10 less than YTD March 2021.
   
   B. **Financials (31 March 2022)**

   C. **Annual audit**
      J. Litke reported that the audit was just completed. The auditors will complete and submit the report. Donna-Mari will convene the Audit Committee to review the completed report.

7. **Old Business**

   A. **129 Russell Street, Brooklyn (former Messiah Lutheran Church): sale offer**
      K. Falco reported that three offers are being vetted.

      **ACTION SC22:04/04**
      RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council grant authority to the Executive Committee to enter into contract with a buyer for the property located at 129 Russell Street, Brooklyn for a sale price of $4,100,000 or higher.
      ADOPTED (18 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions)

   B. **Giles Street, Bronx: update**
      R. Wicklund reported that Synod Council gave approval for a former offer in the amount of $760,000. The former offer has been withdrawn. A new offer from Van Cortland Jewish Center for $850,000 has been received. We will proceed with contract.
C. 1037 72nd Street, Brooklyn: sale offer

ACTION SC22:04/05
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the sale of the property located at 1037 72nd Street, Brooklyn to Levi Leifer (or entity controlled by him) in the amount of $5,150,000.00.
ADOPTED (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention)

D. 3 Church Road, Suffern: lease

ACTION SC22:04/06
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council lease the property located at 3 Church Road, Suffern to Virgin Mary & St. Pakhomious Coptic Orthodox Church.
ADOPTED (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention)

8. New Business
   A. SC nomination for Secretary: The Rev. Robert Schoepflin

ACTION SC22:04/07
RESOLVED, that the Rev. Robert Schoepflin be nominated for the office of Synod Secretary.
ADOPTED

9. Afterthoughts
   A. Devotions June: D. Parsons
   B. Observer June: D. Ehlers

10. Observer’s Evaluation

Executive Committee Meeting: June 2, 2022 via zoom
Synod Council Retreat: June 10-11 (Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington)

*Proposed items for the Synod Council agenda should be submitted to Gayle Ruege (gruege@mnys.org) for consideration by the Executive Committee by May 26, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Schoepflin, Secretary