

**SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS OF THE
2021 METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

The 208 voting members meeting digitally on August 20-21, 2021, approved two resolutions and one memorial, elected members of the Synod Council, Consultation Committee and Discipline Committee, Voting Members of the 2022 Churchwide Assembly, and adopted budgets.

Memorial Adopted

ACTION SA2021:08.08

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod memorialize the 2022 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to commit to create discussion programs, including but not limited to coordinated church-wide discussion groups, to address the intersection of issues of racial justice and faith; and be it further

RESOLVED, the life and ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America be empowered to use resources to work together to incorporate these issues into a cohesive message of inclusion and acceptance.

ADOPTED

General Resolutions Adopted

ACTION SA2021:08.04

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod comprised of 17 unique conferences, which have all suffered the loss of beloved stewards, invite all of our worshipping bodies to commemorate the first Sunday in March 2022 (March 6) and 2025 (March 2) as a joint *Remembrance of the Loss of Our Beloved Siblings to COVID-19* throughout the state and especially within our congregations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Synod and its conferences*:

- 1. include locally a celebration and special recognition of loved ones; and also**
- 2. honor and lift up first responders; and also**
- 3. honor and lift up essential workers; and also**
- 4. honor and lift up educators; and also**
- 5. continue to fight and advocate for fair medical treatment, practice and affordable care for all persons; and also**
- 6. lift up all persons regardless of race, sexual orientation and class understanding that we are a village and have come to fully realize what happens in one part of the globe can happen globally if we do not act responsibly together.**

ADOPTED

ACTION SA2021:08.07

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod create discussion programs, including but not limited to coordinated conference-wide discussion groups, to address the intersection of issues of racial justice and faith by the spring of 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Anti-Racism Committee, Evangelism Task Force, and any other appropriate committees of the Metropolitan New York Synod use their resources to work together to incorporate these issues into a cohesive message of inclusion and acceptance by the 2022 Metropolitan New York Synod Assembly.

ADOPTED

Budget Resolution Adopted

ACTION SA2021:08.09

Adopted a Revised Budget of \$4,827,132 for F.Y. 2022

Adopted a Proposed Budget of \$4,335,808 for F.Y. 2023

ADOPTED

Elections Completed

ACTION SA2021:08.01

Elected to Synod Council:

The Rev. Dr. Kimerly Wilson

The Rev. George Dietrich

The Rev. Brooke Swertfager

The Rev. Gary Squire

Ms. Lily Sage Mathius

The Rev. Jeanine Owens

Mr. Erich Markert

Mx. Anna Moritz

Mr. Aidan Z. Sargent

ACTION SA2021:08.02

Elected to Consultation Committee:

S.Dcn. Paul Lumpkin

ACTION SA2021:08.03

Elected to Discipline Committee:

The Rev. William Baum

S.Dcn. Tracy Hill

ACTION SA2021:08.04

Elected as voting members to Churchwide Assembly:

The Rev. Linda Bell

The Rev. Christopher Mietlowski

S.Dcn. Roberta C. Detmers

Mr. John Litke

Mr. Edgar Guerrero

Ms. Cynthia Corley

Mr. Christopher Vergara

The Rev. Justin Johnson

The Rev. Jennifer E. Boyd

Ms. Hazel Goldstein

ACTION SA2021:08.05

Elected to Synod Council:

Ms. Cynthia Corley

ACTION SA2021:08.06

Elected to Consultation Committee:

The Rev. Khader Khalilia