SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS OF THE
2023 METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 326 voting members meeting May 5-6, 2023, at the Long Island Marriott in Melville, NY approved three resolutions, elected members of the Synod Council, Consultation Committee and Discipline Committee, Voting Members of the 2025 Churchwide Assembly, and adopted a budget for 2024.

General Resolutions Adopted

ACTION SA2023:05.01

Resolved, that the bylaw S10.01.04 be amended as follows:
The terms of the members of the Synod Council (other than the officers) shall begin at the date specified for each elected synod council position.

ADOPTED

ACTION SA2023:05.02

Resolved:

1. That all members of the MNYS be encouraged to put their names in for consideration, and

2. That MNYS members that have attended at least 2 ELCA Churchwide Assemblies be encouraged to withdraw their names for consideration on ballots where they are not the sole candidate.

ADOPTED

ACTION SA2023:05.03

RESOLVED that the Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA direct the Synod Council to form a synodical team, led by a qualified pastor, deacon, or lay person and including a synod staff person to:

1. conduct a study of innovative ways our synod can assist clergy making personal decisions about retirement as well as already retired clergy, to consider their options for continuing to serve the church after retirement, and

2. research and experiment with different models from around the world and other Christian denominations for creating, training, and using shared ministry teams that make use of the gifts of all God’s people, including lay members,
rostered ministers, and retired clergy, on a salaried and a voluntary basis, to
serve and support local congregations and conferences, and

3. oversee, foster, and assist in creating local and conference strategies for
shared ministry, by providing training for clergy and local congregational leaders
that will enable them to create and serve in shared ministry teams in their own
local settings.

ADOPTED

Budget Resolution Adopted

ACTION SA2023:05.08
Adopted a Proposed Budget of $5,448,775 for F.Y. 2024

ADOPTED

Elections Completed

ACTION SA2023:05.04
Elected to Synod Council:
The Rev. Sonja Tillberg Maclary
The Rev. Kristen Wuerffel
The Rev. Dr. Arden Strasser
The Rev. Gary Squire
Ms. Mary Downing
Ms. Cynthia Roberti
Ms. Lily Sage Mathias
Mr. Peter Teichmann
Mr. Devon Brooks

ACTION SA2023:05.05
Elected to Consultation Committee:
The Rev. Christopher Chantelau
Mr. Philip E. Jenks

**ACTION SA2023:05.06**
Elected to Discipline Committee:
The Rev. Rebecca Pollicino
The Rev. Luis Echandia

**ACTION SA2023:05.07**
Elected as voting members to Churchwide Assembly:
The Rev. Leticia Alanis
S.Dcn. Roberta C. Detmers
Mr. Roberto Lara Aranda
Mr. Edgar Guerrero
Ms. Maria Rodas

**ACTION SA2023:05.09**
Elected to Synod Council:
The Rev. Kevin O'Hara
S.Dcn. Denise Rutherford-Gill

**ACTION SA2023:05.09**
Elected as voting members to Churchwide Assembly:
The Rev. Linda Bell
The Rev. George Dietrich
The Rev. William Kroeze
Ms. Belynda Barton
Mr. Edgar Guerrero Avila