

**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