

**SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS OF THE 2006 SYNOD ASSEMBLY OF THE
METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK**

AMENDMENTS TO GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The Constitution was amended to conform to the changes adopted at the 2005 Churchwide Assembly in Orlando. (Other amendments to required provisions were inserted by the secretary upon receipt.)

SA2006.06.04.

S7.26. This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council that permit representatives of mission settings formed with the intent of becoming chartered congregations and authorized worshiping communities of the synod, under ELCA bylaw 10.02.03., to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with †S7.21. Authorized worshiping communities, acknowledged under criteria, policies, and procedures approved by the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall accept and adhere to the Confession of Faith and Statement of Purpose of this church, shall be served by leadership under the criteria of this church, and shall be subject to the discipline of this church.

Two new bylaws were adopted.

SA2006.06.03.

S7.01.04. d. Publication of minutes for congregations and rostered persons using electronic means in a secure format that cannot be altered is permissible providing that printed alternatives are available for those that request them

SA2006.05.08.

S7.12.01. The Synod Council shall take care in the scheduling of special meetings of the synod assembly that sufficient time is allowed for the distribution of material in advance of the date of the assembly by mail to all registered voting members.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

MEMORIAL

SA2006.06.01.

ON ISRAELI PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

RESOLVED, That the Metropolitan New York Synod memorializes the 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to “take appropriate action where it finds that its corporate investments* support the occupation of Palestinian Lands or violence against innocent Israelis, and encourage investment strategies that support the infrastructure of a future Palestinian State.”; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the ELCA, through appropriate channels, support an implementation of UN Resolutions 242 and 338 directed towards peace, justice and co-existence in the Holy Land.

*Reference to companies that contribute to the infrastructure of Israel's ongoing occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and companies that have connection to organizations responsible for violence against Israel.

SA2006.06.02

ON INTER-RELIGIOUS COOPERATION FOR PROGRESS ON PEACE

RESOLVED,

- To pledge ourselves to prayer and advocacy on behalf of peace in the Middle East in solidarity with our fellow Lutherans there and also with people of other faiths and
- To annually commemorate the memory of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his witness that “The church is church only when it exists for others” and his commitment to give his own life in the cause of opposing racial, political and religious oppression; and
- To continue in Bonhoeffer’s work to see discipleship in light of the theology of the cross as a call to solidarity with those who suffer and following the prophetic approach of Jesus as we see it for our time and
- To respond against religious fanaticism with tolerance, fellowship and cooperation at the congregational and synodical level, expanding on our ecumenical progress with interfaith action; and be it further

RESOLVED, That

- We commend Bishop Bouman for his leadership of the May 4, 2005 Holocaust Commemoration at Saint Peter’s in Manhattan jointly with the Central Synagogue.
- We commend Bishop Hanson for his leadership together with Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders in a national campaign called “Walk the Road to Peace.” Together they have organized to support more active U.S. leadership in the effort to find peace between Israelis and Palestinians, and to partner with Arabs and Jews who are working together. [www.walktheroadtopeace.org]
- We will continue to seek to find Jews, Muslims and other people of faith who want to work together for the healing of our world as the way of greatest integrity and success.

SA2006.06.05.

ON HOLY SCRIPTURE AND THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

RESOLVED, That in view of current disagreements in the MNYS over the authority and interpretation of Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions in matters of Christian ethics, the MNYS, in the next year, will initiate under its own sponsorship an on-going theological dialogue within the synod, to be concluded by Spring, 2009, to include discussion of topics such as the freedom and obedience of faith; the content of the enduring will of God; the sanctified life of the baptized.

SA2006.06.06.

ADDRESSING THE STATUS OF SA 2005.10.3

RESOLVED, That Resolution “C” [SA2005.10.3.] passed at the Saturday, October 29, 2005 special meeting of the Metropolitan New York Synod at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in New York City be rescinded.

SA2006.06.07.

ON ESTABLISHING A SYNODICALLY APPROVED CALL PROCESS

RESOLVED, That the Metropolitan New York Synod adopt as a continuing resolution a call process for the calling of pastors and other rostered leaders by congregations at our next regular assembly in 2007, and

RESOLVED, That a panel consisting of the bishop (or his representative), the secretary of the synod, and twelve additional members appointed by the Synod Council be charged with the review of our present practices, and the preparation of revised policy which it shall recommend to the 2007 synod assembly for adoption, and

RESOLVED, The members of the panel shall be nominated in the following manner: two members of the conference of deans (nominated by the bishop), and two laypersons from each quadrant (nominated by the deans of that quadrant), and two representatives (one lay and one clergy) from the synod council (nominated by the Vice President).

SA2006.06.10.

ON PASTORAL CARE

RESOLVED, That the Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA, meeting in assembly, request that the bishop, his staff, the synod council, and the conference deans, after examination of existing programs in other ELCA synods and in other church bodies, consider ways to provide a person and/or team of people, to effectively represent the bishop in providing pastoral care to rostered persons, their families, and congregations in our synod; and be it further

RESOLVED, That rostered persons in their conferences discuss among themselves ways in which they might address these pastoral care needs collegially, and

RESOLVED, That the bishop, his staff, the synod council, and the conference deans develop a plan to implement such a supplemental pastoral care program prior to report to the 2007 Synod Assembly.

OTHER ACTIONS

SA2006.06.12.

Approved F.Y. 2007 Budget of \$3,662,599

ELECTIONS

SA2006.06.09.

First Ballot

Vice President (4 yrs.)

Mr. Hans Vogel

Secretary (4 yrs.)

Pr. James Krauser

Synod Council (4 yrs.)

Pr. Edward Barnett
Ms. Hope Card
Mr. Gerald Erickson
Mr. Charles Germain
Mr. F. Eugene (Gene) Hiigel
Pr. Perry Kirschbaum
Dr. Earl Marsan
Ms. Minerva Melendez
Pr. Robert Schoepflin
Ms. Renee Wicklund
Mr. Jonathan Westerlund

Consultation Committee (6 yrs.)

Pr. Mary Chang
Pr. Amandus Derr
Pr. Rose Ann Foege
Pr. Paul Schmiede

Discipline Committee (6 yrs.)

Pr. Lyle Guttu
Pr. Ann Tiemeyer
Mr. Homer Alexander
Mr. Joe Giakette [2 yr. term]

Mission Development Board
(4 yrs.)

Ms. Mary Heller
Pr. Craig Miller

Mr. Kamy Moghbeli

2007 Churchwide Assembly

Ms. Christine Connell, DM
Ms. May Fielding
Ms. Allison Guttu
Ms. Elizabeth Hoffman
Ms. Holly Jacobsen
Mr. John Litke
Mr. Jeremy Posadas

**SA2006.06.13.
Second Ballot**

Synod Council (4 yrs.)
Pr. Annmarie Noto

Discipline Committee (6 yrs.)
Ms. Billie Lee Whelan

2007 Churchwide Assembly
Mr. Robert Busch
Pr. William Baum
Pr. Mary Chang
Mr. Paul Lumpkin
Pr. Jeffrey Kolbo
Mr. Manuel Melendez
Pr. Paul Milholland
Pr. Craig Miller
Pr. Frank Nelson

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