

SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS OF THE 2011 METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 418 voting members meeting May 13-14, 2011 at the Melville Marriott in Melville, New York, approved resolutions, elected leaders, amended governing documents and adopted budgets.

Memorial Resolution Adopted

SA2011.05.02 A Memorial Calling the Church to Speak Against and Act to Prevent Bullying, Harassment, and Related Violence

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Assembly encourages new partnerships among our congregations, the synods, the Churchwide Organization, outdoor ministries, campus ministries, Lutheran School Associations, Lutherans Concerned North America, Lutheran Social Service organizations, public schools, counseling centers, and other governmental organizations in order to support and offer preventative programs addressing bullying, harassment, and other related violence especially with higher-risk populations; and

RESOLVED, that these partnerships be encouraged to create or join with existing preventative programs that

- a. utilize positive, inclusive, empowering, and developmentally appropriate materials,
- b. raise participants' awareness about the issue,
- c. focus on prevention,
- d. seek to change bystander behavior into ally behavior, and
- e. create partnerships between youth and adults; and

RESOLVED, that these partnerships seek funding for these efforts from a combination of existing funds and new funding sources not otherwise accessible individually such as foundation grants, synod and other Lutheran organizational grants (for example Thrivent, Wheat Ridge Ministries, Women of the ELCA, etc.), and private and governmental funding sources, and

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod memorializes the 2011 Churchwide Assembly to encourage, support, and publicize new partnerships in ministry that emerge in our church addressing the prevention of bullying, harassment, and related forms of violence.

General Resolutions Adopted

SA2011.05.03 A Resolution Supporting the Implementation of the Goal Adopted at the 2010 MNYS Assembly to Provide for a Minimum of 10 Percent Representation for Youth and Young Adults on the Synod Council, Synod Committees, Taskforces, Etc., and in Congregations

- a. Recommend to the synod council the appointment of an independent auditor.
- b. Meet with the independent auditor to discuss the scope and approach of the audit.
- c. Review and evaluate the reports prepared by the independent auditor particularly with respect to any identified weaknesses in the synod's internal accounting and management controls and any recommendations for improvements in such controls.
- d. Monitor and report to the synod council the progress of remedial actions that may be an appropriate response to the report of the independent auditor.
- e. Review the annual financial statements with the independent auditor.
- f. Conduct periodic inquiry into synod procedures for ensuring expenditures (especially in sensitive areas such as professional fees, compensation, and travel and entertainment) are appropriate in nature and reasonable in amount.
- g. Provide the synod secretary with minutes of all meetings.

Budget Resolutions Adopted

SA2011.05.08 Ratified an Adjusted Budget of \$3,318,228 for F.Y. 2011
SA2011.05.09 Adopted a Budget of \$3,318,565 for F.Y. 2012

Elections Completed

	SA2011.05.01 First Common Ballot	SA2011.05.07 Second Common Ballot
Synod Council—One Year	Mr. Jonathan Westerlund	Ms. Bobbi Paulik
Church Council ¹	Ms. Christine Connell	Ms. Nicole George

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¹ Assembly was to elect two lay female nominees for ELCA Church Council, one of whom will be elected at the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August.