

## ***SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS OF THE 2014 METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD ASSEMBLY***

The 483 voting members meeting May 29-31, 2014 at the Hilton Long Island in Melville, New York, approved resolutions, elected leaders, amended governing documents and adopted budgets.

### **General Resolutions Adopted**

#### **SA2014.05.06                      A Resolution to Encourage Transparent and Accountable Congregation Management**

RESOLVED, That this assembly instructs the Metropolitan New York Synod Council to request that the Church Council propose an amendment to the Model Constitution for Congregations by adding this clause to the end of C12.09:

“...including financial reports that fairly represent the financial status of the congregation.”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Metropolitan New York Synod Assembly direct the Metropolitan New York Synod Council to forward this resolution to the Church Council for consideration and possible action.

#### **SA2014.05.07                      A Resolution to Study Diversity at the Synod Assembly**

RESOLVED, That registration documents for the 2015 Metropolitan New York Synod Assembly have optional fields for sex, ethnicity, primary language, and age bracket (<19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-59, 60+); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That reports based on the diversity of voting members of the 2015 Metropolitan New York Synod Assembly be included in the final report of the 2015 Synod Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Metropolitan New York Synod Council examine the registration documents and diversity reports after the 2015 Synod Assembly to develop a process to track the progress of our synod’s goals for diversity at synod assemblies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Assembly recommends that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council and Synod Assembly Planning Committee encourage congregations to elect voting members that increase this assembly diversity in the aforementioned categories of ethnicity, primary language, and age.

## **Constitutional Amendment**

### **SA2014.05.08                      To create a single Committee on Nominations and Elections**

S9.03 amended to read as follows:

S9.03 Additional nominations may be made from the floor for all elections for which nominations are made by the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

S9.05 amended to read as follows:

S9.05 The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall nominate at least two persons for vice-president; additional nominations may be made from the floor.

## **Budget Resolutions Adopted**

**SA2014.05.04                      Ratified an Adjusted Budget of \$4,314,825 for F.Y. 2014**  
**SA2014.05.05                      Adopted a Budget of \$4,490,488 for F.Y. 2015**

## **Elections Completed**

### **SA2014.05.01 First Ballot**

Vice President	Ms. Maria Del Toro
Secretary	Pr. Robert Schoepflin
Synod Council	Pr. Israel Daniel Penumaka Pr. Amy Kienzle Pr. Craig Miller Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum Ms. Barbara Hansen Ms. Daquan Baker Mr. John Litke Mr. Walter Nash Dcn. John Malone Dcn. Carlos Lopez
Consultation Committee	Pr. Sarah Geddada Pr. Jared Stahler Ms. Dorothy Scholz-Beyer Mr. Mark Goodwin

Discipline Committee

Pr. Stephanie Kershner  
Ms. Anita Williams  
Mr. Brian Reardon

**SA2012.05.02**  
**Second Ballot**

Synod Council

Pr. Harry Schenkel  
Ms. Lulu Paolini

**SA2014.05.03**

Bishop

Bishop Robert A. Rimbo

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