

**Allegheny Synod – ELCA**  
**Sequanota Synod Council Retreat & Meeting**  
July 30, 2022

The July Synod Council meeting was called to order by Ann Ferry at 9:02AM

Upon motion by Gary Gable, second by Pr. Amanda McCaffrey

- **SC22.07.01** - to adopt the agenda for today's meeting as amended... the motion is adopted

Bishop Paula led us in prayer

Upon motion by Bishop Paula, seconded by Dave Finney

- **SC22.07.02** - To modify Synod Council motion **SC22.05.04** granting Retired Roster status to the Rev. Linda McElroy Thomas, by changing the effective date to May 1, 2022... the motion is adopted.

Upon motion by Pr. Amanda McCaffrey, seconded by Pr. Ralph Hamer

- **SC22.07.03** – to authorize the transfer of \$79,000 from the 1st Summit checking account to the 1st Summit Trust account... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Pr. Ralph Hamer, seconded by Gary Gable

- **SC22.07.04** – to authorize that the 2023 Allegheny Synod Assembly shall be held at the Blair County Convention Center on June 17, 2023... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Pr. Amanda McCaffrey, seconded by Michele Peese

- **SC22.07.05** – to appoint Pr. Glen Foster & Tom Horn to the Consultation Committee for terms of 6-years... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Bishop Paula, seconded by Ann Ferry

- **SC22.07.06** – the Allegheny Synod Council acknowledges receipt of the letters of dis-affiliation received from Trinity – Johnstown & The Central Bedford Lutheran Parish (Bald Hill Lutheran Church, St James Lutheran Church, St Mark Lutheran Church)... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Pr. Amanda McCaffrey, seconded by Pr. Marty Jo Irvin-Stellabotte

- **SC22.07.07** – the Allegheny Synod Council acknowledges receipt of a letter from Christ Casebeer – Somerset, dated May 23, 2021, indicating that this congregation has modified their constitution as per the processes required under chapters 16, 17 & 18 of the 2019 Model Constitution for Congregations... the motion is adopted<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Note that neither the Secretary of the Allegheny Synod (\*C16.03.), nor the Allegheny Synod Constitution & Bylaws Committee (S11.01.02d) have reviewed or endorsed these changes.

Upon motion by Bishop Paula, seconded by Andrea Paul

- **SC22.07.08** - that Suzanne Egan Glenn & William Thompson be appointed to 3-year terms the Board of Trustees of Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries beginning January 2023... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Gary Gable, seconded by Pr. Amanda McCaffrey

- **SC22.07.09** – That Rick Kazmer (editor of the digital Lutheran Letter) be granted an increase in his remuneration from \$600 per issue to \$750 per issue effective immediately... the motion is adopted

The next Synod Council meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2023

Vice President Ann Ferry adjourned the meeting at 12:08pm.

Synod Council members in attendance... 11 of 14

- Executive Committee (*1-ordained, 4-lay*)
  - Bishop Paula Schmitt - present
  - VP Ann Ferry - present
  - Secretary Dave Finney – present
  - Treasurer Bill Layton – absent
  - Vicar Allen Stump – absent
- Council Members (*5-ordained, 4-lay*)
  - Gary Gable – present
  - Pr. Ralph Hamer - present
  - Pr. Nancy Hoover - present
  - Pr. Rebecca Horn – absent
  - Pr. Marty Jo Irvin-Stellabotte - present
  - Joyce Long – present
  - Pr. Amanda McCaffery - present
  - Andrea Paul – present
  - Michele Peese – present
- Synod Staff
  - DEM Pr. Kevin Shock – present
- Guests
  - none