

Allegheny Synod – ELCA
Synod Council Meeting
Remote meeting via Zoom
March 20, 2021

Upon motion by Marlin Plymette, seconded by Bishop Rhyne (*via email*)

- **SC21.02.01** – to adopt the minutes of the January 23, 2021 Synod Council meeting as amended... the motion is adopted.

The March Synod Council meeting was called to order at 9:02am by Gary Gable

Upon motion by Tom Horn, seconded by Casey Colledge

- **SC21.03.01** - to adopt the agenda for today's meeting... the motion is adopted

Devotions - Bishop Rhyne; Luke 24: 13-35 On the road to Emmaus

Officer's comments

Treasurer Bill Layton – The financial statements for January 2021 are not yet complete, we are still in the process of closing out the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Secretary Dave Finney – Note that during the 2021 Synod Assembly, we will need to present (as a motion to adopt) the most recent recommended changes to the synod constitution, as adopted by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. These changes will be indicated by *blue text* in the constitution document, as found in the 2021 Bulletin of Reports.

Upon motion by Bishop Rhyne, seconded by Pr. Becky Horn

- **SC21.03.02** – that the Rev. Jennifer Soltis be granted On Leave from Call status effective February 28, 2021... the motion is adopted.

Upon motion by Bishop Rhyne, seconded by Casey Colledge

- **SC21.03.03** – that the Rev. Jim Rill be granted Retired Roster status effective August 1, 2016... the motion is adopted,

Leadership & Congregation Support & Development

Upon motion by Bishop Rhyne, seconded by Joyce Long

- **SC21.03.04** - To affirm the call of the Rev. Rebecca West as pastor of Moxham Lutheran in Johnstown... the motion is adopted

Bill Layton - Financial Overview as of January 2021

- We were able to disburse a 100% level of funding to the ELCA & partner ministries in the 2020-21 fiscal year.
- We are still waiting for forgiveness of the \$60,000 loan obtained thru the Paycheck Protection Plan - CARES Act (*March 2020*).
- We should end the 2020-21 fiscal year on a “modestly positive” note

Upon motion by Bill Layton, seconded by Tom Horn

- **SC21.03.05** - to receive the reports of “Grace Delivered” as presented... the motion is adopted

The next Synod Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday – May 15, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am

Synod Council members in attendance... 12 of 15

- Executive Committee
 - Bishop Rhyne – present
 - Gary Gable - present
 - Dave Finney – present
 - Bill Layton – present
 - Pr. Sharron Erb - absent
- Council Members
 - Pr. David Bowman – absent
 - Casey Colledge – present
 - Olivia Day - absent
 - Pr. Rebecca Horn - present
 - Tom Horn – present
 - Joyce Long - present
 - Andrea Paul – present
 - Marlin Plymette – present
 - Pr. Judy Simonson – present
 - Pr. Jennifer Soltis – present
- Synod Staff
 - Pr. Becca Ehrlich – present