Allegheny Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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MISSION: *Inviting people to love each other.*
VISION: *All creation living in harmony with Christ.*

SYNOD COUNCIL Meeting Minutes May 16, 2026, in Hollidaysburg and on Zoom

1. The meeting was called to order by VP Ann Ferry at 9:02 am.
2. Devotions – Tim Albright
    A. Matthew 6:25-34 & "If We Had Hurried" by Billy Rose, as reprinted in *Stories for the Heart: Over 100 stories to encourage your soul*; Compiled by Alice Gray
    B. Questions for reflection
        1.) Hurrying and worrying went hand in hand in the story we just read. How have we as a synod in the past few years handled situations that could have led to hurrying to handle our worries?
        2.) What are some things that we as a synod council worry about/pray about?
        3.) What is the difference between worrying and planning?
        4.) Can you think of ways the Lord has provided for this synod for needs about which we might have worried recently?
    C. Concluded with prayer.
3. **Consent Agenda:** *with one motion, all items can be adopted/approved; or, any item can be removed from the consent agenda for further conversation and consideration.*
    A. To adopt the May 16, 2026 agenda as amended.
    B. To approve the minutes of the March 21, 2026 meeting and the minutes for Synod Council Actions via email 01/17/2026-03/10/2026.
    C. To affirm appointment of Traci Naugle as Synod Attorney.
    D. To affirm the vote of Christ Lutheran Claysburg to disaffiliate from the ELCA
    E. *SC26.05.01* – Motion to adopt and approve the Consent Agenda, motion made by Paula Nihoff, seconded by Peggy Thatcher, motion carried.
4. **Mission Conversation**
    A. What philosophical or theological topic would you like to tackle at our retreat?
        1.) Building relationship – how do we bring that relationship back to our congregations?
        2.) Asking "why have congregations/people left the synod/ELCA?"
        3.) Mission and Vision statement conversation – how do we live into these better?
    B. August 7 at 5:30 pm – August 8 around lunch at Sequanota
5. **Reports of Staff and Officers**
    A. Bishop:
        1.) Congregational Worship and Visits—St. Paul's Mundy's Corner; St. John Summerhill; Synod Chrism Mass at Trinity Altoona; Ecumenical Choral Prog. at Grace State College; Lenten Worship and Lunch at St. John Clearfield; Lenten Breakfast at First Altoona; Geeseytown-Newry Parish; Mt. Calvary Johnstown (x2); Zion Johnstown; St. Matthew Martinsburg; Grace Bellwood Worship and Anniversary Luncheon; Sequanota Benefit Dinner; Christ Granstville; Bishop's Afternoon at Duncansville; St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish
        2.) Meetings—ELCA Global Prog. Director Meeting; Lenten Book Study (leading with Sequanota); ELCA Racial Justice Check-in; Clearfield Conf. Meeting; ALSM Board; First Altoona Call Committee; Formation Check-in (ongoing); Transition Check-in

(ongoing); KELC Meeting; Conf. of Bishops; Pulpit Supply App Meeting; Worship Team; Consultation with Christ Claysburg Council; Staff Meeting (x2); Blair-Huntingdon Clergy; Anniversary Recognition Meeting; Nittany Conf. Clergy; Capitol Day Webinar; Psych. Eval. Meeting; Assembly Committee; Deans Meeting (x2); Episcopal Cluster Meeting; Lutheran Day at the Capitol; PA Bishops Advocacy Event; GTIITM Steering Committee (x2); Investment Committee; Exec. Committee; Nittany Pre-Assembly; Clearfield Pre-Assembly; Blair-Huntingdon Pre-Assembly; COB Class of 2025; First Portage Council; FCTE Planning; Laurel Highlands and Johnstown Pre-Assembly; Bedford Pre-Assembly; Call Vote Training; Candidacy Committee; Reconciliation Team; Region 8 Assignment; Sequanota Board Meeting

3.) Visits—In-person: 8 Rostered/5 Lay; Remote: 13 Rostered/6 Lay
4.) *Vacation*: Jul 2-8; Aug 31—Sep 6; Oct 15-24

B. Assistant to the Bishop for Formation – Rev. Deacon Alicia Anderson

1.) For more than 30 years I have served in campus ministry, walking with students while they learn and grow. I have endeavored to help students, each with their own particular circumstances, to explore vocation – the many ways we serve God and God's creation through our work, our relationships and personal lives, and our activities. I am honored as students share with me the joys and struggles of collegiate life. Eventually, they graduate and begin post-college lives using their gifts to bless God's world in the places they work, the communities where they live, the families they form, and the congregations they join. Though our ministry misses students when they leave, I take comfort in the knowledge that God is calling them places where they will use their learning and their gifts, and through God's spirit they will bless the communities where they live and work.
2.) I am surprised to find myself serving as Assistant to the Bishop for Formation in the Allegheny Synod, yet working in the areas of candidacy and learning are closely tied to the work I've been called to in campus ministry. Through the years, I've worked with students discerning a variety of callings, including the call to public ministry. Now, in addition to helping students listen to the promptings of the spirit and helping them sort out how they will use their gifts in their daily work, I also assist people who are curious about public ministry and candidacy in the ELCA (inquirers) and people in the process of pursuing a public ministry role in the ELCA (candidates) while they discern and make their way through the candidacy process. In addition to my daily campus work supporting students as they tackle university classes, I will help our synod offer relevant and meaningful education opportunities for assist laity and rostered leaders. These opportunities will help laity and leaders grow as people of faith and leaders in the church. Also, I will also help keep our leaders informed about continuing education opportunities that are available to them in the region and around the church.
3.) In this new role, I am grateful to work alongside Pastor Sharon Erb, chair of the Allegheny Synod Candidacy Committee, and the members of the Candidacy Committee. As I learn the process and become conversant in the candidacy process, I am grateful I can rely on the expertise and experience of both Bishop Kevin Shock and Pastor Becky Resch, Candidacy and Leadership Manager for Region 8. As we move forward planning Bishop's Convocation and other educational opportunities, I am grateful for ideas and support from the other Assistants to the Bishop, Michelle Bossler, and Bishop Kevin.
4.) Thank you to Bishop Kevin for this invitation. Thank you to Synod Council for your confidence and support as I navigate two related but separate parts of my call.
5.) Please pray for all who are in the candidacy process and for the many, many people who are part of supporting, guiding, teaching and helping them learn, discern, and hear God's call.

C. Assistant to the Bishop for Transition – Rev. Tyler Graham (report period February – April)

1.) While the transition into the role of Assistant to the Bishop for Transition took a little time for processing of database access, file sharing, and acquiring knowledge of procedures and resources, I am confident to that that we are moving forward with positivity and momentum. I am grateful for the confidence and partnership of the Bishop within this role and for the support that is received among the staff, council, and congregations of the Allegheny Synod.

2.) Following are a few notes / highlights related to the past three months:

a) Routine/weekly meetings with Bp Shock to share conversation of questions, concerns, and status of candidates/congregations in transition

b) Development of an internal *Mobility Report* with notes of transitional status (congregation/candidate), Interim/Covenant Pastoral calls, tasks to focus on, and meeting details/notes

a. Future: Evaluation of report format to share with Synod Staff

c) Review of all active RMPs (Rostered Minister Profiles) within the database to seek potential candidates for the Allegheny Synod

a. On-going bi-weekly review of newly activated RMPs

3.) Meetings:

a) Synod Staff Mtgs: February 2nd; February 24th; April 9th

b) Zoom Mtg w/ A2B Rev Beth Martini (LSS): April 2nd

c) Portico workshop for A2B via Zoom: April 30th

4.) Clergy / Candidate Contacts:

a) (15) within the Allegheny Synod

b) (22) outside of the Allegheny Synod

5.) Congregational Contacts (Council / Call Committee / Other as noted):

a) (21): Mt Calvary Lutheran (Johnstown) x3; St John Lutheran (Clearfield) x2; First Lutheran (Altoona) x2; Abiding Faith Lutheran Cooperative (Clearfield Conference) [Zoom mtg w/ Ben Hoffman to share update]; Trinity Lutheran (State College) x5; Good Shepherd Lutheran (Windber) x2; St David Lutheran (Davidsville); Laurel Mountains Lutheran Parish (Rockwood area) x2; St John Lutheran (Summerhill) x3

6.) Upcoming:

a) A2B Gathering (Indianapolis, IN): July 9th ~ 11th, 2026

D. Assistant to the Bishop for Communications – Rev. Marty Jo Irvin-Stellabotte

1.) No Report

E. Assistant to the Bishop for Life Together – Rev. Traci Marriott

1.) Finance Committee:

a) Finance did not meet since the last Synod Council meeting. A meeting is scheduled for this coming Thursday, May 21st at 6:00 pm by Zoom so that the committee can discuss any questions about the budget from folks who attended the Spring Conference Caucus meetings; as of now, I have not received any questions beyond a clarification that the budgeted amounts to partners are in addition to any "pass through" gifts from congregations to partners that are processed through designated giving to the Synod.

2.) Endowment Committee

a) Endowment met Thursday, April 23rd by Zoom. They are reviewing the Proposed Synod Investment Policy which was written in 2022 but never approved by Synod Council. When that document is updated, it will come to Council for approval. The members Council appointed when the committee was revived are to be filling out Nomination forms to be elected at Assembly. We have also received one Nomination form from an additional person interested in serving on the

committee. Endowment's next meeting is scheduled for June 23rd. For Council consideration:

b) **Motion from Al Ilgen, seconded by Andrea Paul requesting Council to assign an account number to the $70,000 gift from Moxam, to be kept in the Reserve Account until the gift task force* is convened to determine its use.**
    a. ***This would require Council to establish a task force to write a gift policy for the Synod, which we do not currently have. Sister Marianne Brock's position with the ELCA foundation involves working with church organizations to write these policies (for free).***
    b. Looking for 5 people and Sister Marianne Brock (with ELCA Foundation); finance/endowment person (perhaps Rev. Paul Tomkiel), council representative(s) (perhaps Michele Peese, and/or Rev. Rebecca Horn), Traci Naugle, and Assistant to the Bishop for Life Together Rev. Traci Marriott.
c) **Motion from Paul Tomkiel, seconded by Andrea Paul requesting Council to convene a task force to explore broadening the use of the Seminarian Support Fund.***
    a. ****The Seminarian Support Fund has been used exclusively to give money to candidates for educational expenses while they are students. The legal documents establishing the fund do not specify that this is the only use; other forms of support, such as loan forgiveness, could be an incentive for clergy to move to or stay in our synod.***
    b. Regarding forming the task force – include TEEM Candidates/ministers, someone from council (Rev. Christy Harford), someone from the endowment committee (perhaps Rev. Paul Tomkiel), Bob Thomas (originally on team that received documentation), Treasurer, Paula Nihoff, and Assistant to the Bishop of Life Together Rev. Traci Marriott.
d) **Clarification Needed:** How many signatures (and whose signatures) does Council want for transactions regarding: Investment Fund, Reserve Fund, and Seminarian Support Fund? – Signers are Bishop Kevin Shock, VP Ann Ferry, Treasurer Paula Nihoff

3.) Audit Committee:
    a) Audit Committee has not met. I will try to schedule a meeting with the Audit Committee in time for a report to be made to Synod Council by the retreat in August.
4.) Nominations & Related 'Human Resources':
    a) In addition to seeking elected members of the Council and committees—the positions that are on the Nomination form for Assembly—we are attempting to create a contact list of synod members and their experience and interest to serve in unelected positions or new ministries. We created and distributed a paper copy of a survey at the Spring Conference Caucus meetings for which there is a digital link to Google Form. (We had a glitch with QR which we've now fixed; revised copies of the form and the poster pointing people to the form need to be distributed at Assembly and through MJ's other avenues of communication). As of this writing, we have received one paper response (indicating an interest in pastoral ministry!) and one digital response; I may try to incentivize people to respond at Assembly by bribing voting members with prizes.
5.) Stewardship:
    a) We have not yet revived a Stewardship Committee
6.) Youth Event:

a) Planning for The Weekend out event (December 11-13) continues. I met with St. James Huntingdon's Council at the end of March to discuss building use and volunteer needs. The event will be advertised at Synod Assembly with registration opening around the beginning of the school year.

7.) Other:

a) I attended the five Spring Conference Caucus meetings to present the budget and the gifts and interest survey.

b) I attended a Portico Zoom seminar for Assistants to the Bishop regarding clergy benefits. The big takeaway there is that expenses for clergy healthcare in 2025 was about double what Portico had estimated.

F. Director for Evangelical Mission – Rev. Deacon Sue Ellen Spotts (March & April)

1.) Work with Congregations

a) March: I had several conversations in support of ongoing efforts with Laurel Mountain Lutherans and Clearfield Conference. Both are working through new models for ministry that respond to the specific realities of their context. Laurel Mountain Lutherans are working with a coach to redefine roles, adjusting to having a bi-vocational pastor. Clearfield is in the final steps of forming a new parish relationship among some of the congregations.

b) April: Several congregations in the Nittany Conference have indicated an interest in exploring shared ministry. I have had several conversations with congregation leaders regarding this. We have a meeting scheduled for June 1to begin that exploration.

a. I met with a goal setting committee of St. Mark, Snydertown to lead them through some framework and initial steps. I continue to support St. John, Bellefonte in similar strategic planning.

2.) Synod Initiatives

a) March: Nittany Conference congregations had a half day workshop to build relationships and consider ways to work together and support each other. There were forty attendees, representing fourteen congregations and including twelve pastors. One outcome is that the lay leaders expressed a desire to meet regularly (perhaps quarterly). Another outcome was identifying congregations that wish to explore shared ministry in some form(s).

a. I am looking forward to the preassembly conference meetings.

b. I also look forward to conversations with the new Assistants to the Bishop to see where our work might overlap and how I can support them.

b) April: We used the conference preassembly caucuses to initiate thinking on the theme, "God is doing a new thing." We plan to build on this at the assembly, inviting more identification of new things God is doing. I am working on ways to continue the conversation and sharing after assembly. First thoughts are to host virtual meetings at least quarterly at which representatives (ambassadors) from congregations can share the new things, the learnings, the questions, the impact on ministry. Expect to hear more at synod assembly. If you have thoughts on how to make this effective, I welcome your sharing them.

3.) Beyond the synod

a) March: A significant amount of time this month was spent at regional and churchwide DEM events. The semi-annual churchwide DEM gathering in Chicago provided time for sharing with colleagues as well as learning a process from Greater Milwaukee Synod (Adventures in Renewal).

a. The Region 8 DEMs and A2Bs (Assistant to the Bishop) gathered for an overnight meeting for sharing. I find these meetings insightful since no

two synods line up responsibilities the same way, and there is learning to be had from the overlaps.

b) April: ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grant cycle for 2027 is open. These are grants for up to $10,000/year for up to three years for ministries that tackle the root causes of hunger (including programs addressing related issues like substance abuse, housing, water). First step in the process is to submit a letter of inquiry prior to July 1. For more information or assistance, contact me or go to elca.org/domestichungergrants.

4.) Things to remember
   a) March: The Allegheny Synod provided some support (through the DEM mission funds) to the Lutherans Campus Ministry (Penn State) spring break service trip to North Carolina. Watch for reports on that trip in synod publications and social media.

5.) Calendar
   a) June 20 Synod Assembly
   b) June 25-28 Tend Festival at Sequanota
   c) June 28-July 1 Adult Bible Study leader at Camp Mount Luther
   d) July 20-23 Churchwide staff retreat in Chicago
   e) July 24-Aug 2 Vacation

G. Director of Go Tell It IN The Mountains (GTIITM) – Rev. John Kratz

1.) Goal 1: Ordained and lay preachers will be equipped to utilize traditional and non-traditional techniques including different modes of delivery to develop skills and practices that will communicate the Gospel message in more compelling ways.
   a) Financial support for synod speakers and trainings.
   b) Website resource library
   c) Educational videos (Appalachia, AI Use, and LGBTQ)
   d) 3 times per year online trainings on preaching
   e) United Seminary Preaching Event in August
   f) Cohorts, large and small group
   g) Pericope studies quarterly
   h) The Pastors Workshop online resource

2.) Goal 2: Aspiring preachers will be recruited and engaged in a variety of compelling preaching strategies that educate, empower, and support competency in their ministry.
   a) Faith+Lead Courses
   b) Preachers to Pulpit tool
   c) Allegheny Synod Lay Ministry Task Force and Lay Ministry fellowship organization and support.
   d) Website resource library
   e) United Seminary Preaching Event (formerly Festival of Homiletics support)
   f) Cohorts, large and small group
   g) Pericope studies-weekly
   h) The Pastor's Workshop online resource

3.) Goal 3: Existing members of congregations and new community audiences within our 3 Lutheran partner synods will respond to compelling preaching opportunities and content by integrating the gospel message into their attitudes, actions and ministries in daily life.
   a) Zeteo: Lutheran Edition creation and promotion
   b) "Ready for Sunday" videos creation and distribution
   c) Pilot Sites
   d) Book studies: Listeners Dare, I Will
   e) Surveys

f) Social Media outreach

4.) OTHER:
   a) Annual reporting: financial and program reports
   b) Annual Lilly Endowment event in Indianapolis
   c) Consultant meetings and assistance
   d) Staff and Deans meetings
   e) Communications, Assessment, Curriculum, and Digital task Forces

5.) Update on honoring Janice Hughes – will be honored during the GTIITM report at the Synod Assembly

H. Synod Vice President

I. Secretary

J. Treasurer

1.) Balance Sheet and Income, Budget – see submitted reports

2.) Analysis of Revenue and Expenses
   a) Showing a loss of $95,000 (includes $73,000 from investments; reimbursements from GTIITM is behind because of when the monthly accounts are closed) – If we adjust for all of these, we have a gain of $5,500.

3.) Discussion: Dedicated account interest guidance
   a) Should dedicated accounts receive interest? Since all monies are in a general fund, currently all interest goes back to the general account.
      a. If coming from a specific large bequest, determine the interest and allocate the monies back to the bequest.
      b. Refer this interest question to the Gift Policy Task Force.

4.) Discussion: Audit Committee and retaining Audit firm
   a) Refer to the management letter for overall discrepancies.
   b) Synod Council will allow for the Audit Committee to review the report and make a recommendation to for Synod Council.
   c) Regarding the letter to retain Beer Ream for the next Audit, Synod Council would like to have a recommendation from the Audit Committee.

5.) ***SC26.05.02*** **– Motion to accept the submitted reports as provided by the Treasurer, Paula Nihoff. Motion made by Rev. Rebecca Horn, seconded by Terry Koch, motion carried.**

K. Office Manager

1.) Update on finding an alternative to ALSM Guest wi-fi use
   a) They can create a separate Allegheny Synod Guest – one-time fee $300-600
   b) 100mbps would be free; the fastest would be 200mbps which would incur $75/mo/50mbps.

2.) ***SC26.05.03*** **– Motion to approve the creation of an Allegheny Synod Guest Wi-fi and to start with the free 100mbps option. Motion made by Terry Koch, seconded by Gretel Kaltenbaugh, motion carried.**

6. **Reports of Partner Ministries**

A. ALSM – golf tournament is July 20th, please encourage people to sign up.

B. Camp Sequanota

C. Lutheran Campus Ministry at Penn State

D. The ELCA Foundation

E. LAMPa – Lutheran Day April 20th, registration is open.

F. United Lutheran Seminary (ULS)

1.) Need to connect with Region 8 Archivist regarding proposed fees

2.) VP Ann Ferry is working on contacting regional Synod VPs who manage their own archives.

G. KELC

1.) Update: Attending Consecration of Bp.-Elect Catherine Musau Ngina and Deputy Bp.-elect Dominic Onsongo Nyambisa on 24 May 2026
    a) Itinerary is planned. Representatives from the ELCA churchwide office are attending. Other world partners attending.
2.) Discussion: How to fund the above trip
    a) Bishop's Discretionary Fund has a sizeable amount – Bishop Kevin Shock feels this could be an appropriate use of the dedicated monies. Synod Council agrees this is an appropriate use of the account.
    b) Mission Trips dedicated account – would like to see this used for mission trips.

H. Global Refuge
I. Grace Delivered – discussion in the Laurel Highlands to gift the trailer to Sequanota since it is currently not being utilized to its full potential.

7. **Leadership and Congregational Support and Development**
   A. Clergy Appointment updates – The Rev. Mary Jo Bruinooge at St. John, Clearfield (Presbyterian Church USA)
   B. Congregation status updates – Christ, Claysburg disaffiliated and are affiliating with the NALC
   C. Committee Updates
      1.) Assembly
      2.) Candidacy
          a) Discussion: Seminarian Support Fund Task Force – see above for the discussion and proposed appointments to this Task Force
      3.) Constitution
      4.) Hunger Team – have not met, talk to Rev. William (Ted) Williams.
      5.) Nominations – they are very slow
      6.) Reconciliation – met Thursday, May 14, 2026. Discussion on having the teams who go to congregations be called "Listening Teams"; more will be presented at Synod Assembly
      7.) Worship
          a) Update: Exploring Sundays and Seasons subscription and licensing for Synod worship services – no update currently.
   D. Portico Benefits
   E. Congregational Planning
      1.) Possibility of Episcopal Partnerships there are 5 congregations in the Allegheny Synod without clergy. Two prefer ecumenical partnership, one prefers staying within their own denomination, but open to ecumenical partnership. Since then the Episcopal church in Altoona is now working with Bethany Lutheran, Altoona and they are working on ways to support one another's ministry.

8. **Faith Formation**
   A. Authorized Lay Worship Leaders
   B. Faith Formation Team
      1.) Planning underway for The Weekend Jr./Sr. High Event in Huntingdon for December 11-13, 2026.
      2.) What about a "Weekend" for adults? Something to think about.
   C. Allegheny Synod's Lutheran Letter
      1.) 20th Anniversary Edition is out
   D. Pericope and Continuing Education opportunities
   E. Tend Podcast

9. **Planning and Resources**
   A. Congregation Vitality and Innovation Grants
   B. Development of Policy manuals
      1.) Continue work on creating policies/guidelines, especially for use of funds.

C. Ongoing Tasks
1.) Resolutions passed at 2025 Synod Assembly:
a) To Continue the Collaborative Work of the Allegheny Synod
b) Rural Life and Ministry
2.) ULS – Seeking someone to serve on the Board of Trustees

10. **Upcoming Events:**
A. KELC Visit: May 20-27
B. Synod Assembly: June 20, 2026 at Blair County Convention Center
C. Tend Festival at Sequanota: June 25-28
D. Bishop's Training: June 28—July 1
E. Synod Council Retreat: August 7-8
F. Lutheran Day at the Curve: August 16
G. Bishop's Convocation: September 14-16 at Sequanota
H. Conference of Bishops: September 22-26
I. The Weekend: December 11-13
11. **Next Meeting:** August 7-8, 2026 at Sequanota. Devotions by the Office of the Bishop
A. Recognition of those ending service on Council.
1.) Michele Peese (not eligible for another term)
2.) Tim Albright (open to being on council for another term)
3.) Rev. Ralph Hamer (not eligible for another term)
12. **Adjournment**
A. V.P. Ann Ferry called the meeting to a close at 11:22 am.

Synod Council members in attendance... 13 of 15

- Executive Committee *(3-ordained, 2-lay)* (election year)
  - Bishop Kevin Shock – present
  - VP Ann Ferry (2021/2025) – present
  - Secretary Rev. Rebecca Horn (2024) – present
  - Treasurer Paula Nihoff (2024) – present
  - Member at Large Rev. Nancy Hoover (2024) – present (Zoom)
- Council Members *(4-ordained, 5-lay)*
  - Timothy Albright (2023) – present (Zoom)
  - Rev. Ralph Hamer (2020/2023) – absent
  - Manetta Horn (2025, Youth) – present
  - Gretel Kaltenbaugh (2025) – present
  - Terry Koch (2024) – present
  - Burton Peese (2025, Young Adult) – present (Zoom)
  - Michele Peese (2021 partial term/2023) – present
  - Rev. Nathan Pile (2025) – absent
  - Margaret (Peggy) Thatcher (2024) – present
  - Kenneth Weschler (2025) – present (Zoom)
- Synod Staff (not voting members)
  - Assistant to the Bishop for Communications, Rev. Marty Jo Irvin-Stellabotte – absent
  - Assistant to the Bishop for Formation, Rev. Deacon Alicia Anderson – absent
  - Assistant to the Bishop for Transition, Rev. Tyler Graham – absent
  - Assistant to the Bishop for Life Together, Rev. Traci Marriott – present
  - Director of Evangelical Mission, Rev. Deacon Sue Ellen Spotts – present
  - Director of Go Tell It IN The Mountains, Rev. John Kratz – absent
- Guests

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Rebecca L. Horn, Allegheny Synod Council Secretary