

Allegheny Synod - ELCA  
Synod Council Zoom Meeting  
January 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ann Ferry at 9:02am

Devotions were led by Bishop Paula; Agnes of Rome<sup>1</sup> - Children of the Heavenly Father

Upon motion by Gary Gable, seconded by Michele Peese

- *SC24.01.01* - to adopt the agenda for today's meeting... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Tim Albright, seconded by Pr. Ralph Hamer

- *SC24.01.02* - to adopt the minutes of the November 2023 Synod Council meeting as presented... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Pr. Becky Horn, seconded by Gary Gable

- *SC24.01.03* – that Bishop Paula Schmitt, William Layton, Ann Ferry & Paula Nihoff be approved as signers for the Allegheny Synod checking account for 2024

Upon motion by Pr. Amanda McCaffrey, seconded by Tim Albright

- *SC24.01.04* – to approve the algorithm for defined compensation for Synod Staff ((base salary + years of experience) x premium for synod office) + SS offset = Defined Compensation.... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Bishop Paula, seconded by Pr. Amanda McCaffrey

- *SC24.01.05* – to approve the Articles of Agreement for Laurel Mountain Lutherans, the Salisbury Parish & to approve the bylaws for Brush Valley Fusion of Faith... the motion is adopted

The next Synod Council meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am by Vice President Ann Ferry

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<sup>1</sup> Agnes of Rome (c. 291 – c. 304) is a virgin martyr, venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church, Oriental Orthodox Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church, as well as the Anglican Communion and Lutheran Churches. She is one of several virgin martyrs commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass.

Synod Council members in attendance... 12 of 13

- Executive Committee (*1-ordained, 3-lay*)
  - Bishop Paula Schmitt - present
  - VP Ann Ferry – present
  - Secretary Dave Finney – present
  - Treasurer Paula Nihoff – present
- Council Members (*5-ordained, 4-lay*)
  - Timothy Albright – present
  - Pr. Ralph Hamer – present
  - Pr. Nancy Hoover - present
  - Pr. Rebecca Horn – present
  - Pr. Marty Jo Irvin-Stellabotte - present
  - Joyce Long – present
  - Pr. Amanda McCaffery - present
  - Andrea Paul – absent
  - Michele Peese – present
- Synod Staff (*1-ordained, 1-lay*)
  - Assistant to the Bishop Pr. Kevin Shock – present
  - DEM Sue Ellen Spotts - present
- Guests