

**Allegheny Synod – ELCA**  
**Synod Council - Zoom Meeting**  
January 15, 2022

The January Synod Council meeting was called to order by VP Ann Ferry at 9:05AM

Upon motion by Ann Ferry, second by Bishop Paula

- **SC22.01.01** - to adopt the agenda for today's meeting... the motion is adopted

Pr. Karen Ward lead us in devotions

Upon motion by Gary Gable, seconded by Joyce Long

- **SC22.01.02** – to adopt the minutes of the November Synod Council meeting as presented... the motion is adopted

***Bishop's Comments***

- Trinity - Johnstown is considering disaffiliation from the ELCA
- Trinity - Hooversville & Grace - Stoystown are both planning to close

***Synod Officer Comments***

- Dave Finney offered some clarity on how Robert's Rules functions in our motions & discussions

***Old Business***

Bishop Paula spoke on refining the roles of the Executive Committee & the Synod Council, allowing each body to work in asynchronous collaboration.

***1. Worship & Service***

Upon motion by Bishop Paula, seconded by Marlin Plymette

- **SC22.01.03** – to approve Ms. Tommi Burchfield as a candidate to serve on the ALSM Board of Trustees as a member-at-large<sup>1</sup> (January 2022 thru December 2023)... the motion is adopted

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<sup>1</sup> An At-Large position means that **the person represents an entire state/district/ body**, etc. instead of only representing one portion of it.

## **2. Leadership & Congregational Development**

Assistant to the Bishop/DEM; The compensation package has been reviewed by the Executive Committee & the Finance Committee

Upon motion by Bishop Paula, seconded by Gary Gable

- **SC22.01.04** – that the Allegheny Synod Council extend a call to the Rev. Kevin Shock to serve as Assistant to the Bishop/Director of Evangelical Mission of this Synod, effective March 1, 2022... the motion is adopted

## **3. Faith Formation**

The Synod Council considered the **Memorial to Restructure the Governance of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** submitted by Bp. James Dunlop, Lower Susquehanna Synod – ELCA. This Memorial will be placed in the 2022 Bulletin of Reports as motion **SA22.06.01** for consideration by the 2022 Allegheny Synod Assembly.

Upon motion by Allen Stump, seconded by Pr. Amanda McCaffery

- **SC22.01.05** – that this Memorial **SA22.06.01** be forwarded to the 2022 Allegheny Synod Assembly with no recommendation... the motion is adopted.

Upon motion by Pr. Becky Horn, seconded by Pr. Amanda McCaffery<sup>2</sup>

- **SC22.01.06** – to convey Resolution **SA21.06.01 - Allegheny Synod Bishop's Sabbatical** to the Finance Committee for consideration & a recommendation... the motion is adopted

## **4. Planning & Resources**

## **5. Financial Management**

Upon motion by Pr. Becky Horn, seconded by Andrea Paul...

- **SC22.01.07** – to approve the Letter of Understanding received from the auditing firm of **Beer & Ream**, relative to the Synod's annual audit, thereby allowing Bishop Paula to sign & return the document... the motion is adopted

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<sup>2</sup> Upon motion by the Committee on Reference & Counsel...

- **SA21.06.07** –that resolution **SA21.06.01** be conveyed to Synod Council, the Finance Committee & the ELCA for further consideration... the motion is adopted (*reference page 160 of the 2021 BOR*)

## Treasurer Bill Layton – Financial Report

Synod Council Discussion; relative to restoring funding for five partner ministries to pre-COVOD levels.

- Sequanota Conference Center & Camp; \$28,500 → \$33,500
- Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries; \$4,500 → \$8,000
- United Lutheran Seminary; \$13,500 → \$23,500
- Lutheran Campus Ministry at PSU; \$9,500 → \$11,000
- Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA – LAMPa; \$1,422 → \$2,078

The Synod Council reached a consensus opinion; that we restore our financial support for these five partner ministries to the pre-COVID levels, incurring an additional expense of \$20,656 to our annual giving during fiscal year 2021-22.

Ann Ferry adjourned the meeting at 11:10AM

The next Synod Council meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2022.

Synod Council members in attendance... 14 of 14

- Executive Committee
  - Bishop Paula Schmitt - present
  - VP Ann Ferry - present
  - Secretary Dave Finney – present
  - Treasurer Bill Layton – present
  - Vicar Allen Stump – present
- Council Members
  - Gary Gable - present
  - Pr. Nancy Hoover - present
  - Pr. Rebecca Horn - present
  - Joyce Long – present
  - Pr. Amanda McCaffery - present
  - Andrea Paul – present
  - Michele Peese – present
  - Marlin Plymette – present
  - Pr. Karen Ward – present
- Synod Staff