

Allegheny Synod - ELCA
Synod Council Meeting
March 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ann Ferry at 9:03am

Devotions were led by Pr. Becky Horn; John 13 – “I give you a new commandment”

Upon motion by Gary Gable, seconded by Timothy Albright

- **SC24.03.01** - to adopt the agenda for today’s meeting... the motion is adopted

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

- **SC24.03.02** - to adopt the minutes of the January 2024 Synod Council meeting as amended... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Pr. Becky Horn, seconded by Pr. Amanda McCaffrey

- **SC24.03.03** – The Allegheny Synod authorizes the following ministries that are continuing as Synod Authorized Worshiping Communities in 2024... the motion is adopted
 - Gloria De Dios – Pr. Paul Tomkiel, leader
 - Grace Delivered
 - United Lutheran Seminary
 - Global Refuge
 - The ELCA Foundation

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

- **SC24.03.04** – to remove the Rev. Kevin McNamara from the roster of the ELCA at his request, effective March 16, 2024... the motion is adopted

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

- **SC24.03.05** – that the Allegheny Synod Office will relocate to the Lutheran Home at Hollidaysburg (ALSM)... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Pr. Amanda McCaffery, seconded by Joyce Long

- **SC24.03.06** - to adopt the proposed Investment Policy Statement (*parts 1-10 inclusive*) & convey this document to the 2024 Synod Assembly... the motion is adopted

The next Synod Council meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm by Vice President Ann Ferry

Synod Council members in attendance... 13 of 14

- Executive Committee (*1-ordained, 4-lay*)
 - Bishop Paula Schmitt - present
 - VP Ann Ferry – present
 - Secretary Dave Finney – present
 - Treasurer Paula Nihoff – present
 - Gary Gable – present
- Council Members (*5-ordained, 4-lay*)
 - Timothy Albright – present
 - Pr. Ralph Hamer – absent
 - 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