

## Allegheny Synod Council Meeting

May 20, 2023

The meeting is called to order by Bishop Paula at 9:02am

May 2023 meeting agenda...

- *SC23.05.01* – the meeting agenda is adopted by unanimous consent

Upon motion by Gary Gable, seconded by Bishop Paula

- *SC23.05.02* - to adopt the minutes of the March 2023 Synod Council meeting as presented... the motion is adopted

Invited speaker – Olivia L. Martin-Call, member of the ELCA Church Council (via Zoom)

Invited speaker – Deacon Alicia Anderson, campus minister at Lutheran Campus Ministry at Penn State (via Zoom)

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

- *SC23.05.03* – that a gift in the amount of \$10,000 be contributed to the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Penn State, from the Expense Reserve Fund... the motion is adopted

### Report of the Treasurer

#### Financial Summary

- Feb & March total revenue were at \$146,000
- Investment Portfolio – still under water by \$4,600
  - The trend is going in a positive direction
- Net cash position is a net \$6,000 year to date

#### Revenue Statements

- Combined year to date - mission support is approximately \$100,000
- Mission support for the ELCA is currently at the 46% level

#### Balance Sheet

- A cash position of \$135,000
- Investment Portfolio of \$1.6 million
- Total Restricted Funds of \$528,000 (represents how much of our investment portfolio is spoken for – requiring an act of Synod Assembly to dispense)

Pr. Kevin Shock & the Vision Process

- A review of the 8 responses to Google Vitality Pole (all how people feel)
- What are we doing, what can we be doing and what ought we be doing?
  - Invite, educate, encourage questioning, create space, embolden, reflect, empowering, permission to fail, explore (options and opportunities), speak truth, burry, acceptance, affirm, evolve, connect, welcoming (not assimilation), survival vs. missional, community minded, try, brave, willingness, planning, adapt, collaborate, love.

Upon motion by Bishop Paula, seconded by Pr. Ralph Hamer

- **SC23.05.04** – to adopt modifications to the second half-year of the 2023-24 Allegheny Synod Budget & to adopt two alternative versions of the 2024-25 Allegheny Synod Budget & convey these items to the 2023 Synod Assembly, along with the recommendation to adopt one of the two budget plans... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Bishop Paula, seconded by Pr. Marty Jo Irvin-Stellabotte

- **SC23.05.05** – to designate the offering from the Synod Worship Service on June 11, 2023, to the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Penn State... the motion is adopted

Upon motion of Bishop Paula, seconded by VP Ann Ferry

- **SC23.05.06** – to affirm the first vote-of-disaffiliation taken by the congregation at St. Paul Lutheran Church / Buckstown (Somerset County)... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Gary Gable, seconded by Pr. Ralph Hamer

- **SC23.05.07** – to convey the 2024 Compensation & Benefits Manual to the 2023 Synod Assembly, along with the recommendation to adopt... the motion is adopted

Vice President Ann Ferry adjourned the meeting at 11:51am

Synod Council members in attendance... 10 of 14

- Executive Committee (*1-ordained, 4-lay*)
  - Bishop Paula Schmitt - present
  - VP Ann Ferry - present
  - Secretary Dave Finney – present
  - Treasurer Bill Layton – present
  - Vicar Allen Stump – absent
- Council Members (*5-ordained, 4-lay*)
  - Gary Gable – present
  - Pr. Ralph Hamer - present
  - Pr. Nancy Hoover - present
  - Pr. Rebecca Horn – present
  - Pr. Marty Jo Irvin-Stellabotte - present
  - Joyce Long – absent
  - Pr. Amanda McCaffery - absent
  - Andrea Paul – absent
  - Michele Peese – present
- Synod Staff
  - DEM Pr. Kevin Shock – present
- Guests (via Zoom)
  - Olivia L. Martin-Call - ELCA Church Council
  - Deacon Alicia Anderson - Lutheran Campus Ministry at Penn State