

**Allegheny Synod – ELCA**  
**Synod Council Meeting**  
May 21, 2022

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

Upon motion by Marlin Plymette, second by Bill Layton

- **SC22.05.01** - to adopt the agenda for today's meeting as amended... the motion is adopted

Michele Peese led us in devotions & prayer

Hearing no amendments, the minutes of the March 2022 Synod Council meeting were adopted by unanimous consent.

***Bishop's Comments***

The Synod Council entered into Executive Session from 9:12am to 9:37am... there were no actions to report out of the general council session.

Pr. Dena Gable addressed the Synod Council

- her term on the ELCA Church Council is ending at Churchwide Assembly 2022
- she shared some of the operational details of Church Council & Churchwide Assembly
- she spoke about the work of younger leaders on the Church Council

***New Business***

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

- **SC.22.05.02** – received the *Memorial to Recommend a Structured Process for the Pre-Assembly Identification of Nominees for the Election of a Presiding Bishop* (**SA22.06.02**) & to convey this Memorial to the Committee on Reference & Counsel for their recommendation & to the 2022 Allegheny Synod Assembly for deliberation... the motion is adopted

***Worship & Service***

***Leadership & Congregation Support & Development***

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

- **SC22.05.03**– to affirm the closing of Trinity - Hooversville & Simpson Temple - Altoona... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Bishop Paula, seconded by Joyce Long

- **SC22.05.04** – that the Rev. Linda McElroy Thomas be granted Retired Roster status effective May 21, 2022... the motion is adopted

### ***Planning & Resources***

#### ***Synod Assembly...***

Upon motion by Bishop Paula, seconded by Gary Gable

- **SC22.05.05** - to rescind motion **SC21.11.05a** that would have asked the Synod Assembly to determine future Assembly formats by ballot. This action will allow the Synod Council to decide the scope & structure of future Synod Assemblies based on an evaluation of pertinent data & personal feedback... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Gary Gable, seconded by Andrea Paul

- **SC22.05.06** –to convey to the 2022 Synod Assembly resolution **SA21.06.01**. Funding for this resolution will include establishment of an annual \$1,000 transfer of funds to the Ordained Synod Staff Sabbatical Fund, capped & maintained at \$5,000, along with a recommendation to adopt the Resolution... the motion is adopted

### ***Financial Management***

Treasurer Bill Layton – Financial Report

Upon motion by Bishop Paula, seconded by Gary Gable

- **SC22.05.07** – to allocate \$2,500 for staff development & training plus \$5,000 for Vitality & Innovation Grants for Congregations. These funds would be drawn from the Expense & Reserve Fund... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Pr. Nancy Hoover, seconded by Allen Stump

- **SC22.05.08** – to accept the fiscal-year 2023-24 budget as presented by the Finance Committee & convey this budget to the 2022 Synod Assembly, along with a recommendation to adopt.... the motion is adopted

Ann Ferry adjourned the meeting at 12:25pm

The next Synod Council meeting is scheduled for July 2022

Synod Council members in attendance... 13 of 13

- 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
- Synod Staff
  - DEM Pr. Kevin Shock – present
- Guests
  - Pr. Dena Gable – ELCA Church Council
  - Fay Dellinger – Chair ASWO