

**Allegheny Synod – ELCA**  
**Synod Council Meeting**  
November 19, 2022

The November Synod Council meeting was called to order by Ann Ferry at 9:02AM

Upon motion by Gary Gable, second by Vicar Allen Stump

- **SC22.11.01** - to adopt the agenda for today's meeting as amended... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Andrea Paul, second Pr. Marty Jo Stellabotte

- **SC22.11.02** – to adopt the minutes of the September Council meeting... the motion is adopted

The devotions were led by Pr. Marty Jo Stellabotte - *We Pray with Her: Encouragement for All Women Who Lead*

Report of the Treasurer – Bill Layton

- Revenue summary
  - Operation revenue fiscal year to date is \$493,000
  - Net revenue of \$31,000 for the first 8-months of the fiscal year
  - Investment loss of \$260,000 fiscal year to date
- Mission Support to budget has fallen behind by \$12,000, the equivalent of a 2% decline. We are expecting a seasonal Christmas cash flow bump.
- We continue to direct 45% of our gross mission support revenues to the ELCA
- Balance Sheet
  - \$121,000 in cash
  - \$1.5 million – market value of securities
- The annual budget meetings have started with Pr. Scott Klimke – the budget will be presented to the Synod Council in January
- The annual Audit was completed in November 2022, there were no material findings

***Disaffiliations in Process***

Upon motion by Vicar Allen Stump, seconded by Pr. Amanda McCaffrey

- **SC22.11.03** – to confirm the disaffiliation of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church-Johnstown from the ELCA, effective November 6, 2022... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Vicar Allen Stump, seconded by Pr. Amanda McCaffrey

- **SC22.11.04** – to confirm the disaffiliation of the Central Bedford Lutheran Parish from the ELCA, effective October 30, 2022... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Pr. Marty Jo Stellabotte, seconded by Pr. Amanda McCaffery

- **SC22.11.05** – to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> vote results (Sept 18, 2022) in favor of the disaffiliation of Christ Lutheran Church-Dubois from the ELCA... the motion is adopted

### ***Financial Management***

The Synod Youth Team, requesting \$6,000 for deposit money that will be returned to the Synod thru enrollment fees in their mission trip

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

- **SC22.11.06** – that we provide refundable funding in the amount of \$6,000 (intended to make travel deposits) plus a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to support the youth mission trip being planned for Florida hurricane recovery work in July 2023 ... the motion is adopted (Pr. Amanda McCaffrey abstained).

Pr. Shock is introducing the ***Visioning Process*** to the Allegheny Synod... “We will feel a lot better about our spending if we understand our vision.”

Upon motion by Bishop Schmitt, seconded by Pr. Amanda

- **SC22.11.07** - To affirm the selection of Katherine Peese to serve on the Board of the Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center & Camp... the motion is adopted

### ***Leadership & Congregational Support & Development***

Upon motion by Bishop Schmitt, seconded by Andrea Paul

- **SC22.11.08** – to extend an interim call to the Rev. Suzanne Morelli to serve The Abby Reformed UCC church in Huntingdon County... the motion is adopted

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

- **SC22.11.09** – that the sum of \$9,000 be distributed to those eligible seminarians identified by the Office of the Bishop, as per continuing resolution **SI5.40.A18**... the motion is adopted

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

- **SC22.11.10** – that the sum of \$5,900 be transferred from the AmeriServ account to the Leadership Fund... the motion is adopted

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

- **SC22.11.11** – that the Allegheny Synod Council recommends Portico’s Gold+ plan for all rostered ministers in the Synod... the motion is adopted

The next Synod Council meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2023

Vice President Ann Ferry adjourned the meeting at 12:05pm

**Synod Council Executive Committee Meeting**  
December 6, 2022 – via email<sup>1</sup>

Upon motion by Dave Finney, seconded by Vicar Allen Stump

- **SCEC12.06.01** – to remove the Rev. Toby Holland from the ELCA Roster of Ministers of Word & Sacrament as a result of Trinity-Johnstown’s disaffiliation from the ELCA... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Dave Finney, seconded by Vicar Allen Stump

- **SCEC12.06.02** – to correct Michelle Bossler’s salary as published in the 2023-24 budget, the correct amount is \$45,494.40... the motion is adopted

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 Bill Layton – present
  - Vicar Allen Stump – present
- 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 - present
  - Andrea Paul – present
  - Michele Peese – present
- Synod Staff
  - DEM Pr. Kevin Shock – present
- Guests
  - none

---

<sup>1</sup> **S11.01.C18** – Continuing resolution authorizing the Executive Committee to vote via email.  
**S10.03.B18** – Continuing resolution authorizing the Synod Council to vote via email.