

Allegheny Synod – ELCA
Synod Council Meeting
Remote meeting via Zoom
November 21, 2020

Upon motion by Bill Layton, seconded by Casey Colledge (*via email*)

- *SC20.09.09* – to adopt the minutes of the September 19, 2020 Council meeting as presented... the motion is adopted.

Upon motion by Marlin Plymette, seconded by Casey Colledge (*via email*)

- *SC20.10.01* - that the Allegheny Synod Council approve the Portico Gold plus plan with 12% pension contribution for Allegheny Synod staff for the coming year... the motion is adopted

Upon motion of Bishop Rhyne, seconded by Marlin Plymette (*via email*)

SC20.10.02 – that the Rev. Vickie Beilfuss be appointed to serve on the ALSM Board of Trustees, as the representative from Clearfield County... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Bishop Rhyne, seconded by Marlin Plymette (*via email*)

SC20.10.03 – Synod council accepts the corrected & amended Minimum Compensation Guideline Recommendation for 2021, previously adopted via motion *SC20.09.06*... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Bishop Rhyne, seconded by Tom Horn (*via email*)

SC20.11.01 – that Dr. Karen Srba be appointed to serve on the ALSM Board of Trustees filling an At-Large-I seat vacated by Dr. Tom Coakley... the motion is adopted.

The November Council meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Bishop Rhyne

Upon motion by Pr. Dave Bowman, seconded by Tom Horn

- *SC20.11.02* - to adopt the agenda for today's meeting with one additional item (mission support to churchwide)... the motion is adopted

Devotions - Bishop Rhyne; John 20 – the story of Jesus & Mary in the garden

Correspondence Received – Mt. Calvary, Pr. Scott Klimke

- Communication – Finance Team & Finance Committee Meeting Notes

Bishop's Comments

- We welcome Sister Marianne Brock – ELCA Foundation representative for the Allegheny (8C), Lower Susquehanna (8D) & Upper Susquehanna (8E) Synods.

Officer's Comments

Treasurer Bill Layton

- The audit is progressing
- Payroll Protection Plan – we are applying for forgiveness of this \$60,000 loan/grant
- The Finance Committee recommends that the sum of \$17,500 be disbursed to Seminarians in 2020

Upon motion by Bill Layton, seconded by Tom Horn

- *SC20.11.03* - that the sum of \$17,500 be disbursed to those eligible seminarians identified by the Office of the Bishop, as per Continuing Resolution *S15.40.A18*...the motion is adopted

Secretary Dave Finney – By the end of 2020, two Congregations (Parishes) will have completed the process of updating their Constitutions, by adopting all of the required & recommended provisions as published in the 2019 Model Constitution for Congregations.

- St. David's Lutheran Church – Davidsville, PA – Pr. Faron Johnson
- New Centerville Lutheran Parish – New Centerville, PA – Pr. Lee Gable

New Business

Upon motion by Tom Horn, seconded by Pr. Becky Horn

- *SC20.11.04* – that the Lutheran Letter be transitioned to an all-digital publication of the Allegheny Synod ... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Bishop Rhyne, seconded by Pr. Judy Simonson

- *SC20.11.05* – that the Allegheny Synod extend Pr. Becca Ehrlich's call as DEM thru January 31, 2021... the motion is adopted

Financial Management

- We are marginally positive on a Cash Basis, despite fluctuations in the equities markets
- Due to the COVID pandemic, the Finance Committee will need more time to formulate the 2021-22 budget
- Synod Council reaffirmed their commitment to motion *SC20.05.07* – *ELCA Mission Support will drop from 50% to 45% for this budget year (2020-21).*

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday – January 23, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36pm

Synod Council members in attendance... 10 of 15

- Executive Committee
 - Bishop Rhyne – present
 - Gary Gable – present
 - Dave Finney – present
 - Bill Layton – present
 - Pr. Sharron Erb - absent
- Council Members
 - Pr. David Bowman – present
 - Casey Colledge – absent
 - Olivia Day - absent
 - Pr. Rebecca Horn - present
 - Tom Horn – present
 - Joyce Long - present
 - Andrea Paul – present
 - Marlin Plymette – absent
 - Pr. Judy Simonson – present
 - Pr. Jennifer Soltis – absent
- Synod Staff
 - Pr. Becca Ehrlich – present
- Guest
 - Sister Marianne Brock