

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Leonel E. Avila	2020
Mr. Adam A.D. Campbell (Youth)	2020
*Ms. Cynthia Corley	2020
The Rev. Chryll Crews	2022
Synod Dcn. Steven Daniels	2022
Ms. Maria Del Toro, VP	2018
Mr. David Ehlers	2022
Ms. Hazel Goldstein	2022
The Rev. Marva Jenkins	2022
*Mr. John Litke, Treasurer	2022
*Bishop Donald McCoid	2019
The Rev. Christopher Mietlowski	2020
Mr. John Ogren	2020
*The Rev. Jeanine Owens	2020
The Rev. David Parsons	2022
The Rev. Daniel Peter	2022
Ms. Denise Rutherford-Gill	2020
*The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.	2022
The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe	2020
Mr. Cecil Spurlock-Shackelton	2022
The Rev. Garry Squire	2020
Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum	2022
Ms. Abby Triebel	2020
Ms. Emma Turner (Young Adult)	2020
*Mr. Christopher Vergara	2020
Synod Dcn. Anita Martin-Williams	2022
Ms. Karen Woolley	2020

STAFF

Dcn. Margy Schmitt Ajer
Ms. Susan Brandt
The Rev. Perucy Butiku
Ms. Regina Daniels
Mr. Branden Dupree
Mr. Roberto Lara
The Rev. Jonathan Linman
Ms. Maria Rodas
Synod Dcn. Gayle Ruege
The Rev. Lamont Wells

Guests

Bold = present

Italics = excused absence

*Member of Executive Committee

Observer: *Cynthia Corley*

Call to Order: *Ms. Maria Del Toro at 7:10 pm.*

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Installation of Synod Council members

Bishop McCoid installed new Synod Council members and officers

3. Adoption of the Agenda: adopted as amended.

4. Adoption of the Minutes (21 April 2018): adopted.

5. Synod Assembly debrief

6. Bishop's Report

A. Calls

a. The Rev. Jeffrey Koenig: Interim Pastor: St. John's, Poughkeepsie effective June 1, 2018.

ACTION SC18:06/01

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council extend a call to The Rev. Jeffrey Koenig as Interim Pastor for St. John's, Poughkeepsie effective June 1, 2018.

ADOPTED

b. The Rev. Robert Rainis: OLFC (with restrictions) effective March 11, 2018

ACTION SC18:06/02

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council grant authority to the synodical bishop to place limitations upon the availability for service of a rostered minister who is on leave from call.

ADOPTED

ACTION SC18:06/03

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council place the Rev. Robert Rainis On Leave from Call status, effective March 11, 2018, with limitations and restrictions that include not available for call at this time.

ADOPTED

c. The Rev. Laurie Cline: retirement status effective July 31, 2018

ACTION SC18:06/04

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve retirement status for The Rev. Laurie Cline, effective July 31, 2018.

ADOPTED

B. Appointments (For report)

a. Syn.Dcn. Roberta Detmers: Diaconate Council

b. Syn.Dnc. Donna –Mari Fieldsa: Diaconate Council

c. Syn.Dcn. Camille Holman: Diaconate Council

d. The Rev. Jared Stahler: Chair, Worship Committee

e. The Rev. Leonard Duncan, Jr.: Worship Committee

f. Guillermo Vaisman: Worship Committee

g. Natural Systems Process Advisory Panel

- Cynthia Corley (Quad 3)
- The Rev. Justin Johnson (Quad 1)
- The Rev. John Jurik (Quad 2)
- The Rev. Amy Kienzle (Quad 3)
- Syn.Dcn. Carlos Lopez (Quad 4)
- Syn.Dcn. John Malone (Quad 3)
- Syn.Dcn. Karen Maulen (Quad 1)
- Wally Nash (Quad 4)
- The Rev. Harry Schenkel (Quad 2)
- Renee Wicklund (Vice President)

C. Town Hall Meetings

Sep 16-17: Quadrant 3

- Sun, Sep 16 location TBD
- Mon, Sep 17 location TBD

Sep 23 – 24: Quadrant 2

- Sun, Sep 23 @ St. Paul's, East Northport (3-5 pm)
- Mon, Sep 24 @ St. Luke's, Farmingdale (9:30 am – 2:00 pm)

Nov 4 – 5: Quadrant 1

- Sun, Nov 4 @ King of Kings, New Windsor (3-5 pm)
- Mon, Nov 5 @ King of Kings, New Windsor (9:30 am – 2:00 pm)

Nov 11-12: Quadrant 4

- Sun, Nov 11 location TBD
- Mon, Nov 12 location TBD

ACTION SC18:06/05

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council direct Bp. McCoid and the Natural Systems Advisory Panel to conduct the Town Hall Quadrant meetings as proposed and recommend to Peter Steinke that the Bridge Builder process begin after the newly elected bishop assumes office in 2019.

ADOPTED

7. Report of the Strategic Plan Working Group

A. Leadership Development Grants EXHIBIT A

ACTION SC18:06/06

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the Leadership Development Grants reviewed by the Leadership Development Grant Review Team and recommended by the Executive Committee.

ADOPTED

B. Policy for Synod Real Property Projects EXHIBIT B

ACTION SC18:06/07

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council adopt the Policy for Synod Real Property Projects as presented.

ADOPTED

C. Fordham, Bronx

Hazel Goldstein spoke about the project the congregation is involved in.

ACTION SC18:06/08

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve an interim grant of \$25,000 to Fordham Lutheran Church to assist with ongoing expenses of the congregation during the project's development phase.

ADOPTED

8. Financial Report

Report will be given in September.

A. Mission Support Report (May31, 2018)

9. New Business

A. Atonement, Jackson Heights: Parsonage sale

ACTION SC18:06/09

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council take no exception to the sale of the parsonage apartment owned by Atonement Lutheran Church (Jackson Heights) located at 3520 Leverich Street, B421, Jackson Heights, NY 11372.

ADOPTED

B. Salam Arabic Church

ACTION SC18:06/10

RESOLVED, that accrued but unpaid salary in the amount of \$40,202.91 be paid to The Rev. Khader El-Yateem out of the Salam Mission Fund.

ADOPTED

ACTION SC18:06/11

RESOLVED, that monies be paid out of the Salam Mission Fund to support the ministry of Salam Arabic Lutheran Church provided that the congregation engage in a process to formulate a ministry development plan.

ADOPTED

C. Trinity, St. Albans

ACTION SC18:06/12

RESOLVED that ACTION SC18:03/15 is rescinded and that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council accept an offer and enter into contract with Bethlehem SDA Church for a sale price of \$1,800,000 for the properties of the former Trinity, St. Albans.

ADOPTED (18 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

C. Synod Council

a. Resignation of Abby Triebel

b. Appointment of Monica Gavryszewski (unexpired term – lay female Hudson)

ACTION SC18:06/13

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council accept the resignation of Abby Triebel and appoint Ms. Monica Gavryszewski to serve on the Synod Council until the 2019 Synod Assembly in the lay female/Hudson Conference seat.

ADOPTED

c. Appointment of Thomas Sargent (Lay Male: Eastern Nassau)

ACTION SC18:06/14

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council appoint Mr. Thomas Sargent to serve on the Synod Council until the 2019 Synod Assembly in the lay male / Eastern Nassau Conference seat.

ADOPTED

D. Election of Executive Committee

Nominated: Christopher Vergara, Jeanine Owens, Cynthia Corley, Daniel Peter Penumaka

ACTION SC18:06/15

RESOLVED, that Mr. Christopher Vergara, Ms. Cynthia Corley, The Rev. Jeanine Owens, and The Rev. Daniel Peter Penumaka are elected to serve on the Executive Committee from June 2018 to June 2019.

ADOPTED

E. Separation of Families

Christopher Vergara spoke of need to do something to assist unaccompanied minors separated from their families who are on the ground of our synod.

One action is for our synod to sign the letter to Presiding Bishop Eaton. **EXHIBIT C**

ACTION SC18:06/16

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council join in the letter to Presiding Bishop Eaton.

ADOPTED

E. SC meeting dates

- **Sat, Sep 22 (9:30 – 3 pm) : LSSNY Board Room / Suite 1244**
- **Tues, Oct 23 (5 – 8 pm) : LSSNY Board Room / Suite 1244**
- **Tues, Dec 11 (5-8 pm) : LSSNY Board Room / Suite 1244**
- **Tues, Jan 22 (5-8 pm)**
- **Tues, Feb 19 (5-8 pm)**
- **Tues, Mar 19 (5-8 pm)**
- **Sat, Apr 27 (9:30 – 3 pm)**

10. Observers' Evaluation: Cynthia Corley

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Sep 11, 2018 *
Synod Council: September 22, 2018

***Proposed items for the Synod Council agenda should be submitted to Gayle Ruege (gruege@mnys.org) for consideration by the Executive Committee on or before Sep 5.**

All committees are to provide a digital copy of meeting minutes to Regina Daniels (rdaniels@mnys.org) for the synod files.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm with Night Prayer.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Secretary**