

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Rev. Albert Ahlstrom	2012
Mr. William Anderson	2012
*The Rev. William Baum	2012
The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite	2012
<i>Ms. Kesley Brown</i>	2012
<i>*Mr. Robert Buescher, Treas.</i>	2012
<i>Ms. Christine Connell, DM</i>	2014
*Ms. Maria Del Toro, Vice President	2014
Dcn Charles Germain	2014
Ms. Barbara Hansen	2014
<i>Mr. Gene Hiigel</i>	2014
Ms. Barbara Holm	2012
The Rev. Brenda Jack	2012
<i>*Ms. Barbara Johnson</i>	2012
The Rev. Perry Kirschbaum	2014
<i>Dr. Carlos Lopez</i>	2014
Mr. John Malone	2014
*Ms. Minerva Melendez	2014
The Rev. Craig Miller	2014
*The Rev. Paul Milholland	2014
Mr. Brian Reardon	2012
*The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop	2014
The Rev. Kit Robison	2014
*The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.	2014
<i>Ms. Janet Siry</i>	2014
<i>Dr. Grace Yukich</i>	2012

26 Voting Members

AUXILLIARY MEMBERS

STAFF

- The Rev. Percy Butiku*
- Ms. Sarah Gioe*
- The Rev. Dr. Jack Horner*
- The Rev. Kathleen Koran**
- The Rev. Jonathan Linman*
- Mr. John Litke**
- The Rev. Dr. Gary Mills*
- Dcn. Gayle Ruege**
- Ms. Kathleen Schmidt*

GUESTS

- Ms. Rita Fuerst Adams**

Bold = present
Italics = excused absence
 *Member of Executive Committee

Worship: *Bp. Robert Alan Rimbo led opening Eucharist*

Call to Order by VP Maria Del Toro at 10:14am.

- 1. Adoption of Agenda**
Adopted.
- 2. Adoption of Minutes: 15 March 2011**
Adopted.
- 3. Discussion: Committee on Congregational Viability Norms**
 - Interim Report:** presented by Pr. William Baum, chair of committee.

- **Koran Report:** Pr. Baum noted that this will not be distributed at synod assembly, but it already has a wide distribution through the conference of deans and synod council.
- 4. **Discussion: Committee on the Election Procedures for a Bishop:** report presented by Pr. Robert Schoepflin, chair of commission.
- 5. **Discussion: Synod Council's Strategic Planning:** presentation and discussion led by VP Maria Del Toro.

ACTION SC11:04/01

By motion of Executive Committee:

RESOLVED, that the synod council will coordinate and undertake a strategic planning process for the synod; and

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee will interview and engage an outside consulting firm to assist the synod council in this process; and

RESOLVED, that the cost of the outside consultant and of the planning process will be paid for out of the mission project portion of the sale proceeds of properties; and

RESOLVED, that monthly reports will be made to the synod council and a report made to the synod assembly in 2012.

ADOPTED

Recessed for Lunch at 12:10pm

Reconvened at 12:50pm

6. **Synod Philanthropy Committee: Rita Fuerst Adams**
Committee had its initial meeting on April 4, 2010. Ms. Adams has interviewed each member of executive committee and synod staff. She will be interviewing 25 individuals at synod assembly. She asked that names of interviewees be emailed to her by April 16.
7. **Bishop's Report**
 - A. **St. John's, Christopher Street, Manhattan**
Bp. Rimbo reported that Father Lyndon Harris was removed as pastor of St. John's.
 - B. **Calls:**
 - **Karen Syrdahl: remove from roster of AiMs**

ACTION SC11:04/02

RESOLVED, that Karen Syrdahl is removed from the roster of AiMs.

ADOPTED

C. Congregation Appeals to the Synod Assembly

Bp. Rimbo reviewed appeal process.

- **Grace, North Branch**
Bp. Rimbo reported. Pr. Gary Mills attending meeting at congregation today.
- **St. Luke's, Bronx**
Bp. Rimbo reported. Consultation committee will be meeting with congregation on April 27.

D. Resolutions/Memorials to the Synod Assembly

- Prevention of Bullying, Harassment and Related Violence
- Youth/Young Adults on MNYS Council, Committees, Taskforces
- Bylaw Adjustment/New bylaw to replace CRSC2010.06

8. Treasurer's Financial Documents (no report)

Bp. Rimbo announced that audit is complete and will be presented to synod assembly.

9. Old Business

A. Salam, Brooklyn

Bp. Rimbo reported.

ACTION SC11:04/03

RESOLVED, that Salam Arabic Lutheran Church be removed from synodical administration under S13.25.

ADOPTED

B. Congregation Appeal Process for S13.24 (SC10:09/13)

ACTION SC 11:04/04

RESOLVED, that SC10:09/13, as amended by SC10:10/09, (continuing resolution regarding how a congregation may appeal imposition of synodical administration under S13.24) be rescinded (process is already provided for in constitution and bylaws of MNYS).

ADOPTED

C. MNYS lay female nominations to serve on ELCA Church Council

- Christine Connell, DM
- Nicole George

ACTION SC11:04/05

RESOLVED, that Christine Connell and Nicole George be presented to synod assembly to be elected as nominees for lay female seat on Church Council.

ADOPTED

E. Congregations under synod administration (report distributed)

10. New Business

No new business brought forward.

11. Other Reports

None.

12. Announcements/Events

A. Chrism Mass: April 19, Holy Trinity, CPW @ 1:00 pm

B. Deacons Setting-Apart: May 7, Grace, Yorktown Heights @ 2:00 pm

C. Ministerium: Towards Understanding Islam: May 25, Interchurch Ctr @ 9:00 am

D. Pr. Craig Miller reported on developments at Eger Lutheran Home.

E. Dcn Charles Germain reported on youth ministry events.

F. Pr. Brenda Jack reported on event for African-American youth.

Meeting adjourned at 2:27pm.

Bishop closed with prayer.

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