

Special Meeting of the
Synod Council of the Metropolitan New York Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
MINUTES

February 20, 2016
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SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Daquan Baker (Youth)	2016
The Rev. William Baum	2016
The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite	2016
<i>*Ms. Maria del Toro, Vice President</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>The Rev. Khader El-Yateem</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>*Ms. Hazel Goldstein</i>	<i>2016</i>
The Rev. Brenda Irving	2016
Ms. Barbara Johnson	2016
The Rev. Amy Kienzle	2018
Mr. John Litke	2018
Dr. Carlos Lopez	2018
<i>Dcn. John Malone</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Ms. Karen Maulen</i>	<i>2018</i>
The Rev. Craig Miller	2018
Mr. Walter Nash	2018
Dcn. Lulu Paolini	2018
The Rev. Daniel Peter	2018
Dcn. John Prosen	2016
Mr. Brian Reardon	2016
*The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop	2020
<i>Ms. Terra Rowe</i>	<i>2016</i>
*The Rev. Harry Schenkel	2018
<i>*The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.</i>	<i>2018</i>
*Mr. Frank Suttell, Treasurer	2016
Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum	2018
<i>Ms. Abby Triebel (Young Adult)</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>*Mr. Christopher Vergara</i>	<i>2016</i>
*Ms. Karen Woolley	2016

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

STAFF

The Rev. Percy Butiku
The Rev. Kathleen Koran
The Rev. Jonathan Linman
Dcn. Gayle Ruege
Ms. Kathleen Schmidt
Ms. Rebekah Thornhill
The Rev. Lamont Wells

GUESTS

Bold = present

Italics = excused absence

**Member of Executive Committee*

Call to Order: Bishop Robert Rimbo at 9:30 am

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Adopted as presented

2. Adoption of the Minutes: 19 January 2016

The January minutes will be presented for approval at the March 15 Synod Council meeting.

3. Bishop's Report

A. Calls

a. **The Rev. Dr. Deborah DeWinter: *Renewal of Contract for Extended Service / First, Poughkeepsie***

Pastor DeWinter is a UCC pastor serving First, Poughkeepsie under an Invitation to Extended Service which requires annual renewal by the SC.

ACTION SC16:2(S)/01

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council *renew the Invitation to Extended Service to the Rev. Dr. Deborah DeWinter serving First Lutheran Church, Poughkeepsie effective 30 September 2015 – 30 September 2016.*

ADOPTED

b. **The Rev. Michael Thomas: *Termination of Call effective 29 February 2016***

Pastor Thomas was issued a call through the Synod Council to serve New Hope Lutheran Church, Bronx in May 2002. Pr. Thomas was a coverage pastor for All Saints and St. Peter's, 140th Street, as well. New Hope for All Saints has been a partnership congregation of the synod / ELCA for several years. The recent full ministry review / consultation by ELCA staff and Pr. Lamont Wells, concluded that Pr. Thomas has completed his service at this mission site. The SC, as the issuing agency for his call, is required to terminate the call.

ACTION SC16:2(S)/02

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council terminate the call of the Rev. Michael Thomas to New Hope Lutheran Church, Bronx effective 29 February 2016.

ADOPTED

c. **Dcn. Roberta Paulik: *OLFC effective 1 Nov 2015***

d. **Dcn. Gary Weiler: *OLFC effective 1 Aug 2014***

e. **Dcn. Lynn A. Weiler: *OLFC effective 1 Aug 2014***

ACTION SC16:2(S)/03

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve On Leave from Call status to Deacon Roberta Paulik, effective 1 November 2015; Deacon Gary Weiler, effective 1 August 2014 and Deacon Lynn A. Weiler, effective 1 August 2014.

ADOPTED

4. Strategic Plan Implementation **(EXHIBIT A)**

D. Financial Management Committee: MNYS Investment Policy:

The 2015 Synod Assembly directed that the Synod divest investments in fossil fuel companies within five years. Our investment manager, Walden Asset Management, has closed the one fund that contained fossil fuel securities and presently all the Synod's investments are fossil fuel free.

Accordingly, the Financial Management Committee has proposed a revised investment policy.

ACTION SC16:2(S)/ 04

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council adopt the revised MNYS Investment Policy as approved by the Financial Management Committee.

ADOPTED

5. New Business

A. Our Savior's, Glen Head: sale of property

The SC has received a request from Our Savior's, Glen Head to take no exception to the sale of house located at 19 Glenwood Rd, Glen Head and an open lot bordered by Glenwood Rd and Willard Place. This property is not the parsonage.

ACTION SC16:2(S)/05

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council take no exception to the sale of property located at 19 Glenwood Road, Glen Head and an open lot bordered by Glenwood Road and Willard Place, Glen Head, NY.

ADOPTED

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am

Dcn. Gayle Ruege
Senior Assistant to the Bishop