

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

27 Voting Members

AUXILLIARY MEMBERS

STAFF

The Rev. Perucy 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
Ms. Rebecca Wedge

GUESTS

The Rev. Leo E. ("Jay") Longon (Conference of Deans)
Mr. Tom Massey (Daxko T2)

Bold = present

Italics = excused absence

*Member of Executive Committee

Devotions: *Deacon Bobbi Paulik*
Observer: *Pr. Craig Miller*

Call to Order: at 9:58 am by VP Del Toro.

- 1. Adoption of Agenda:** adopted.
- 2. Adoption of Minutes: 20 March 2012:** adopted.
- 3. Book Discussion: Revolution (George Barna):** led by Tom Massey.

4. Strategic Plan: Mr. Tom Massey

- A. Original document with suggested revisions (staff/deans)
Tom reminded SC that we are developing a strategic plan and not a tactical plan.
Strategy=what. Tactical=how.
- B. Mission Statement: *Working Group for Racial and Ethnic Awareness and Sensitivity*
Report given by Ms. Barbara Johnson
- C. Plans for conference visitation/ meetings (re: implementation of the Strategic Plan)
Tom Massey reviewed ways of presenting the plan.
- D. Discussion: EC Advisory Group

5. Bishop's Report

- A. Calls
 - a. The Rev. Albert Triolo: *On Leave from Call status*

ACTION SC12:04/01

RESOLVED, that The Rev. Albert Triolo be granted On Leave from Call Status.
ADOPTED

- b. The Rev. Judith Delgado: *On Leave from call status*

ACTION SC12:04/02

RESOLVED, that The Rev. Judith Delgado be granted On Leave from Call Status.
ADOPTED

- B. Appointments
 - a. Daniel D'Antonio: FMC (2nd term thru 5/31/2015)
 - b. Rev. Craig Miller: FMC (1st term thru 5/31/2015)
 - c. Jeffrey Peterson: FMC (completion of term 5/31/2013)
 - d. Edward Wagner: FMC Chair (1st term thru 5/31/2015)

ACTION SC12:04/03

RESOLVED, that the appointments are approved, with appointment of Edward Wagner being effective with the sending of appointment letter, and the other appointments being effective June 1, 2012.
ADOPTED

- C. Legal Updates **EXHIBIT A**
Bp Rimbo referenced Kathy Schmidt's report.
- D. Staff
 - a. MNYS Personnel Handbook
 - b. staff positions
Bp Rimbo noted that positions of Mr. John Litke and Ms. Kim Grate have been eliminated as of May 31, 2012, and that a letter of resignation, effective May 31, 2012, has been received from Rev. Gary Mills.

6. Treasurer's Report EXHIBIT B

Mr. R. Buescher presented his report.

7. Old Business

- A. St. Luke's, Brooklyn: resignation of Rev. William Baum, Trustee
Bp. Rimbo noted that synod council will need to appoint a new trustee.
- B. Grace, North Branch
Bp. Rimbo directed our attention to correspondence between the congregation, the Bishop's office and

- the Committee on Reference and Council. **EXHIBIT C**
- C. Congregations under synod administration (*monthly report*) **EXHIBIT D**
 - D. Congregational Loan Status / Synod Properties update (*monthly report*) **EXHIBIT E**
 - E. Committee on Congregational Viability Norms
Rev. Wm. Baum presented Resolution from Committee **EXHIBIT F**

ACTION SC12:04/04

RESOLVED, that the synod council recommend to the Synod Assembly in May 2012 that it adopt the resolution on congregational viability norms as presented.

ADOPTED, unanimously.

- F. Pending
 - a. Zion/Sion, 119th Street, Manhattan
 - b. Manhattan Latino Strategy
Bp Rimbo reported that work is being done on this.
 - c. Working Group for Racial and Ethnic Awareness and Sensitivity
M. Barbara Johnson presented proposed mission statement. SC agreed that it should be incorporated into strategic plan.
 - d. Christ Chinese, Brooklyn
Pr. Mills reported that synod is working with congregation on issue of repayment of grants.
 - e. Office Space Task Force
 - f. Synod Assembly 2012
Pr. Mills reported that 171 clergy are registered, 229 lay members, 26 visitors, 33 volunteers, 9 non-rostered ELCA clergy.
Biographies of persons nominated from the floor will not be distributed to voting members, but will be available for review at the tellers' table. Nominations need 10 signatures.

ACTION SC12:04/05

RESOLVED, that the resolutions coming before the Synod Assembly in May 2012 regarding: 1) congregational viability norms; 2) strategic plan; 3) statement on preaching and sacramental practices; and 4) bishop election procedure, be considered under a consent agenda.

ADOPTED

8. New Business

- A. Trexler Grants
 - a. Rev. Dr. William Rusch
 - b. Rev. Romeo Dabee

ACTION SC12:04/06

RESOLVED, that the Trexler Grants to The Rev. Dr. William Rusch (\$900) and The Rev. Romeo Dabee (\$1,000) be approved.

ADOPTED

- B. Immanuel, Staten Island: sale of parsonage

ACTION SC12:04/07

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council take no exception to the sale by Immanuel Lutheran Church of the parsonage located at 1229 Rockland Avenue, Staten Island, NY.

ADOPTED (19 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions)

C. St. Thomas, Bronx

Bp. Rimbo reported on meeting that he and Pr. Horner had with congregation regarding synod administration. Advisory Panel has recommended permanent synod administration.

9. Other Reports

10. Announcements/Events

At this point we returned to the consideration of the strategic plan.

Tom Massey presented plan after revisions made in morning discussion.

ACTION SC12:04/08

RESOLVED, that ACTION SC12:03/01, pertaining to strategic plan is rescinded, and that the Synod Council recommend that the Synod Assembly in May 2012 adopt the strategic plan as modified. ADOPTED, unanimously.

Information as to why strategic plan was modified will be posted on the website along with the modified plan.

11. Meeting Evaluation

12. Observer's Evaluation

Observations and comments offered by Pr. C. Miller.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Bp. Rimbo at 3:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Schoepflin, Secretary