

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

***The Rev. William Baum** 2016
The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite 2016
Ms. Christine Connell, DM 2014
***Ms. Maria del Toro, Vice President** 2014
The Rev. Khader El-Yateem 2016
Dcn Charles Germain 2014
Ms. Hazel Goldstein 2016
Ms. Barbara Hansen 2014
The Rev. Marc Herbst 2014
Mr. Eugene Hiigel 2014
The Rev. Brenda Jack 2016
***Ms. Barbara Johnson** 2016
Ms. Savannah Lochansingh, Youth 2014
Dr. Carlos Lopez 2014
Dcn. John Malone 2014
***Ms. Minerva Melendez** 2014
***The Rev. Paul Milholland** 2014
The Rev. Craig Miller 2014
Dcn. John Prosen 2016
Mr. Brian Reardon 2016
***The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop** 2014
The Rev. Kit Robison 2014
Ms. Terra Rowe 2016
***The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.** 2014
Ms. Abby Triebel, Young Adult 2016
***Mr. Frank Suttell, Treas** 2016
Mr. Christopher Vergara 2016
Ms. Karen Woolley 2016

AUXILLIARY MEMBERS

STAFF

The Rev. Percy Butiku
Ms. Sarah Gioe
The Rev. Jack Horner
The Rev. Kathleen Koran
The Rev. Jonathan Linman
Dcn. Gayle Ruege
Ms. Kathleen Schmidt
Ms. Rebekah Wedge

GUESTS

The Rev. Leo (“Jay”) Longan, Conf. of Deans

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

Observer: *Rev. Craig Miller and Rev. Kit Robison*

Call to Order. At 1:01pm by VP Del Toro.

1. **Adoption of Agenda.** Adopted as presented.
2. **Adoption of Minutes: 22 September 2012.** Adopted as presented.
3. **Strategic Plan**
 - A. **Committee Charges**

VP Del Toro noted that committee charges have been revised to incorporate changes recommended by Synod Council.

B. Committee Nominations/ Appointments

VP Del Toro reminded council members that strategic plan and committee charges do not change the governing structure of synod as set forth in the constitution.

Pr. C. Miller asked whether executive committee has authority to appoint committee members. Bp. Rimbo acknowledged that executive committee does have that authority but he would like the council to ratify the appointments and to appoint the Bishop's liaisons to each of the committees.

CLAIMED Strategy:

(Rev) Emily Scott, Chair

1. Rev. Mark Erson
2. Rev. Patt Kauffman
3. Rev. Stephanie Kershner
4. Ms. Louise Litke
5. Ms. Jackie Mize-Baker
6. Ms. Terra Rowe
7. Mr. Nick Sollom
8. Mr. Geronimo Desumala

Bishop's Liaisons: Rev. Jonathan Linman / Ms. Rebekah Wedge

GATHERED Strategy:

Rev. William Baum, Chair

1. Rev. Amandus Derr
2. Ms. Maritza Ortiz Cruz
3. Dcn. Meg Fielding
4. Ms. Hazel Goldstein
5. Rev. Brenda Jack
6. Dr. Carlos Lopez
7. Dcn. John Malone
8. Rev. Rebecca Pollicino
9. Dcn. John Prosen
10. Ms. Stephanie Whelpley

Bishop's Liaisons: Rev. Kathleen Koran / Rev. Dr. Jack Horner / Ms. Kathy Schmidt

SENT Strategy:

Ms. Barbara Johnson, Chair

1. Rev. Albert Ahlstrom
2. Rev. Linda Bell
3. Dcn. Ingrid Compton
4. Mr. Zach Dean
5. Mr. Eric Faret
6. Rev. John Flack
7. Rev. Robert Schoepflin
8. Rev. James Sudbrock

Bishop's Liaisons: Rev. Perucy Butiku / Ms. Sarah Gioe

Pr. C. Miller moved that Bishop's staff liaisons as presented be ratified and not counted in the demographic makeup of the committees and that the executive committee be thanked for its work in appointing committee members and that it continue to keep the synod council fully informed on the process. This motion was seconded.

ACTION SC12:10/01

RESOLVED, that Bishop's staff liaisons as presented be ratified and not counted in the demographic makeup of the committees and that the executive committee be thanked for its work in appointing committee members and that it continue to keep the synod council fully informed on the process.

ADOPTED

C. Committee members orientation

VP Del Toro announced that details and the date for this orientation are still being established.

D. Communication training

4. Bishop's Report

A. Grace, North Branch

In response to a question, Bp. Rimbo noted that this case differs from others where congregations left the ELCA because there is no theological dispute between Grace and the ELCA and synod council already voted to impose synod administration.

ACTION SC12:10/02

RESOLVED that the September Resolution and the Trustee Resolution and each of them are hereby ratified by the Synod Council; and it is further

RESOLVED that any and all actions to date hereof of the Trustees or any two of them taken in matters relating to the holding, managing and conveying the property of Grace and administering synodical administration at Grace are affirmed, ratified and binding upon all of the Trustees and the Synod; and it is further

RESOLVED that the signature of any two of the Trustees acting to hold, manage and convey the property of Grace and to administer synodical administration at Grace shall be binding upon and considered as the act of all of the Trustees. No person or party acting in reliance on the signatures of suchs Trustee as binding upon all Trustees shall be charged with notice of any revocation or change of such authority unless he, she or it shall be received actual written notice thereof. No person or party shall be required to look behind the signatures of such Trustees.

ADOPTED: 21 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

B. Calls:

* Rev. Roldano Auguste:: *On Leave from Call extension 12 months (study) eff 27 Oct 2012*

* Rev. Eugene Koene: *On Leave from Call status eff October 1, 2012*

ACTION SC12:10/03

RESOLVED, Rev. Roldano Auguste be granted a 12 month extension for education of his On Leave from Call status, effective 27 October 2012.

ADOPTED

ACTION SC12:10/04

RESOLVED, Rev. Eugene Koene be granted On Leave from Call status, effective 01 October 2012.

ADOPTED

C. Invitation for Extended Service: Rev. Vanessa Cardinale: *Trinity, Brooklyn (46th St)*

Bp. Rimbo noted that an Invitation for Extended Service is mode used when calling a member of one of our Formula of Agreement denomination partners to serve one of our congregations.

ACTION SC12:10/05

RESOLVED, Rev. Vanessa Cardinale be granted an invitation for Extended Service, to serve at Trinity Lutheran Church, 46th Street, Brooklyn.

ADOPTED

- D. Appointment: Dcn. Richard Ferolito: Tanzania Committee

ACTION SC12:10/06

RESOLVED, Dcn. Richard Ferolito be appointed to serve on the Tanzania Committee.

ADOPTED

- D. Leif Ericson Day School Site Visit
Bp. Rimbo noted that Pr. Linman, Pr. Miller and Mr. Suttell will be visiting with principal and board members of school to discuss relationship with synod.

5. Treasurer's Report

- A. September financials
Mr. Suttell presented financials. **EXHIBIT A**
- B. Gift Policies
Mr. Suttell presented Gift Acceptance Policies recommended by the Financial Management Committee. **EXHIBIT B**

ACTION SC12:10/07

RESOLVED, that Gift Acceptance Policies, as presented are hereby adopted.

ADOPTED

Mr. Suttell reported that Financial Management Committee is working on a 10-year plan that is consistent with the strategic plan, particularly the use of proceeds from the sale of properties.

- C. Estate resolutions
Ms. K. Schmidt noted need to grant Bp. Rimbo authority to redeem securities in an estate of which synod is a beneficiary.

ACTION SC12:10/08

RESOLVED, that Bishop Robert A. Rimbo is authorized to redeem, assign and transfer securities registered in the name of the Metropolitan New York Synod.

ADOPTED

6. Old Business

- A. Congregations under synod administration (*monthly report*) **EXHIBIT C**
Ms. Schmidt reported.
- B. Congregational Loan Status / Synod Properties update (*monthly report*) **EXHIBIT D**
- C. Pending
 - a. Zion/Sion, 119th Street, Harlem property
 - b. Working Group for Racial and Ethnic Awareness and Sensitivity
 - c. Office Space Task
 - d. Leif Ericson Day School Covenant
 - e. First, Jeffersonville
 - f. St. Luke's, Bronx

7. New Business

- A. St. Stephen's, Brooklyn: sale of parsonage
Congregation requested synod council to take no exception to sale of its parsonage so that it could purchase a new parsonage for a future pastor.

ACTION SC12:10/09

RESOLVED, that synod council take no exception to the sale of the parsonage located at 726 East 22nd Street, Brooklyn, New York, by St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 2806 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.
ADOPTED

8. Other Reports

9. Announcements/Events

- A. Bishop's Retreat: November 28-30, 2012
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT
- B. Synod Ordinations: December 8, 2012 @ 10 am
Saint Peter's, Manhattan
- C. Bp. Rimbo reported on his trip to Finland at the invitation of the Church of Finland to present at the annual worship conference.

10. Meeting Evaluation: by Pr. Kit Robison

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm with Bp. Rimbo leading us in the closing rite for our weekend retreat, including Affirmation of Christian Vocation, song and blessing.

December Observer: Barbara Johnson.

December Devotions: Dr. Carlos Lopez / Ms. Minerva Melendez

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert Schoepflin
Secretary, MNYS