

**SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS**

<b>Mr. Daquan Baker (Youth)</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>*The Rev. William Baum</b>	<b>2016</b>
<i>The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite</i>	<i>2016</i>
<b>*Ms. Maria del Toro, Vice President</b>	<b>2018</b>
<i>*The Rev. Khader El-Yateem</i>	<i>2016</i>
<b>*Ms. Hazel Goldstein</b>	<b>2016</b>
<i>The Rev. Brenda Irving</i>	<i>2016</i>
<b>Ms. Barbara Johnson</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>The Rev. Amy Kienzle</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Dr. John Litke</b>	<b>2018</b>
<i>Dr. Carlos Lopez</i>	<i>2014</i>
<b>Dcn. John Malone</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>The Rev. Craig Miller</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Mr. Walter Nash</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Dcn. Lulu Paolini</b>	<b>2018</b>
<i>The Rev. Daniel Peter</i>	<i>2018</i>
<b>Dcn. John Prosen</b>	<b>2016</b>
<i>Mr. Brian Reardon</i>	<i>2016</i>
<b>*The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop</b>	<b>2020</b>
<i>Ms. Terra Rowe</i>	<i>2016</i>
<b>The Rev. Harry Schenkel</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>*The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>*Mr. Frank Suttell, Treasurer</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Ms. Amy Triebel (Young Adult)</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>*Mr. Christopher Vergara</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Ms. Karen Woolley</b>	<b>2016</b>

**AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

**STAFF**

**The Rev. Perucy Butiku**  
**Ms. Sarah Gioe**  
**The Rev. Marc Herbst**  
**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

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*Morning Prayer: Pastor Amy Kienzle*  
*Observer: Walter Nash*  
*Call to Order: by VP Maria del Toro at 9:45am.*

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda:** adopted as presented.
- 2. Adoption of the Minutes:** 27 September 2014. Adopted as amended.
- 3. Vice President's Report**
  - A. Manual for SC Training and Formation

VP Del Toro briefly reviewed the manual and asked members to read it to become better acquainted with synod council procedure.

B. Synod Vice Presidents visit to Churchwide

VP Del Toro reported on her meeting for synod vice presidents at Churchwide.

C. Committee nomination form

VP Del Toro reviewed the nomination form that may be posted on the website and/or sent electronically to select groups of synod leaders when a committee initiates a search for members. Bp. Rimbo noted that all nominations should reflect the diversity of our synod.

**4. Strategic Plan / Steering Committee**

A. Capital Improvement Grant recipients

VP Del Toro reported that when the Capital Improvement Grant initiative was introduced at the Synod Assembly, the common understanding by the Assembly was an allocation of \$200K a year for five years. The 2014 budget allocated \$50K, followed by \$200K annually in the subsequent years. The 2014 grant application requests totaled somewhere between \$800K – \$900K. It was determined by the EC that the distribution schedule be modified to allocate \$200K for distribution in 2014.

**ACTION SC 14:10/01**

**RESOLVED, that the Capital Grants to Congregations budget line for 2014 be increased from \$50,000 to \$200,000.**

**ADOPTED**

Dcn. John Prosen, a member of the Congregation Capital Improvement Grant Review Team, spoke briefly about the work of the committee. Bp. Rimbo asked Mr. Walter Nash and Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum to share their thoughts as members of the Grant Review Team.

**ACTION SC 14:10/02**

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the Congregation Capital Improvement Grants proposed by the Congregation Capital Improvement Grant Review Team and recommended by the Executive Committee.**

**ADOPTED**

B. Quadrant Visits:

- a. Jan 30 – Feb 1: Quadrant 4 (Bronx, Manhattan, Staten Island)
- b. Feb 27 – Mar 1: Quadrant 3 (Brooklyn, Queens)
- c. Mar 27 – 29: Quadrant 1 (Hudson, Delaware-Hudson, Tappan Zee)
- d. May 1-3: Quadrant 2 (Nassau, Suffolk)

VP Del Toro reported that the Quadrant visits will focus on congregation strategic planning and mutual conversation and consolation. The Bishop will schedule individual appointments with pastors prior to the weekend events – which will include a clergy appreciation dinner on Friday evening and Sunday preaching /greeting sites by synod staff and synod council members.

Bp. Rimbo noted that all SC members are invited to attend the Quadrant Meetings to bring greetings from the synod council.

## 5. Bishop's Report

Bp. Rimbo noted that his goal is to meet individually with every rostered leader before the next synod assembly.

### A. Conference of Bishops

Bp Rimbo spoke of a new spirit in the conference, due largely to Bishop Eaton.

### B. Calls

a. Rev. Roldano Auguste: *removal from the ELCA roster (effective 10 Sep 2014)*

Bp. Rimbo noted that Pastor Auguste was recently placed on the roster of the Episcopal Diocese in Haiti.

## ACTION SC 14:10/03

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council remove the Rev. Roldano Auguste from the ELCA roster of ordained ministers effective September 10, 2014.**

## ADOPTED

### C. Appointments

- a. John Goldstein: *Assembly Planning Committee SA15-SA17*
- b. Dcn. John McDonnell: *Assembly Planning Committee SA15-SA17*
- c. Dcn. Patricia McDonnell: *Assembly Planning Committee SA15-SA17*
- d. Susan Brandt: *Assembly Planning Committee SA15-SA17*
- e. John Ogren: *Assembly Planning Committee SA15-SA17*
- f. Phil Fox Rose: *Assembly Planning Committee SA15-SA17*
- g. Amy Finney: *Assembly Planning Committee SA15-SA17*

Bp. Rimbo announced these appointments. No synod council action was required.

## 6. New Business

### A. Nomination for vacant synod council seat: Ms. Karen D. Maulen

VP Del Toro reported that the executive committee has recommended the appointment of Ms. Karen Maulen to the Synod Council through the 2015 Synod Assembly, to fill the seat left vacant by the resignation of Barbara Hansen.

## ACTION SC 14:10/04

**RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council appoint Karen Maulen to the Synod Council through the 2015 Synod Assembly.**

## ADOPTED

### B. SA2014.05.06: A Resolution to Encourage Transparent Accountable Congregation Management

## ACTION SC 14:10/05

**RESOLVED, that the Synod Council of the Metropolitan New York Synod, in accordance with the direction of the Synod Assembly in SA2014.05.06, hereby requests the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to propose an amendment to the Model Constitution for Congregations by adding this clause to the end of C12.09: "...including financial reports that fairly represent the financial status of the congregation."**

**ADOPTED**

**7. Old Business**

A. St. Luke's, Brooklyn

Ms. Kathleen Schmidt reported. Pr. William Baum expressed the council's thanks to Ms. Schmidt for her careful work.

**ACTION SC 14:10/06**

**RESOLVED, that the property located at 259 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, formerly known as St. Luke's Lutheran Church, be placed on the market with Studley for sale or lease.**

**ADOPTED**

B. Messiah, Flushing

**ACTION 14:10/07**

**RESOLVED, that Messiah Lutheran Church, Flushing, NY, be placed under permanent administration pursuant to Section S13.24 of the Constitution of the Metropolitan New York Synod, if the congregation votes to request such administration at its meeting on November 2, 2014.**

**ADOPTED**

**8. Announcements/Events**

A. Bishop's Retreat: Oct 28-30 (Holy Family Retreat Center, W Hartford, CT)

B. Film Screening: The Stones Cry Out Nov 15 10am – 1 pm (Good Shepherd, Brooklyn)

C. Risk Management Insurance 101: Nov 15 10 – 11:30 am (Wheatly Hills Golf Course, East Williston)

**9. Observer's Evaluation**

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am with prayer by Pr. William Baum.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert P. Schoepflin, Secretary