

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Daquan Baker (Youth)	2016
*The Rev. William Baum	2016
The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite	2016
*Ms. Maria del Toro, Vice President	2018
*The Rev. Khader El-Yateem	2016
<i>*Ms. Hazel Goldstein</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>The Rev. Brenda Irving</i>	<i>2016</i>
Ms. Barbara Johnson	2016
The Rev. Amy Kienzle	2018
<i>Dr. John Litke</i>	<i>2018</i>
Dr. Carlos Lopez	2014
Dcn. John Malone	2014
Ms. Karen Maulen	2015
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
Ms. Terra Rowe	2016
The Rev. Harry Schenkel	2018
*The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Sect.	2018
*Mr. Frank Suttell, Treasurer	2016
Ms. Wendy Bean Tannenbaum	2018
<i>Ms. Abby Triebel (Young Adult)</i>	<i>2016</i>
*Mr. Christopher Vergara	2016
Ms. Karen Woolley	2016

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**

Observer: Ms. Terra Rowe

Opening Prayer: Pastor Daniel Peter Penumaka

Call to Order: Maria del Toro at 5:10pm

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda:** adopted as presented.
- 2. Adoption of the Minutes:** 25 October 2014: adopted as presented.
- 3. Strategic Plan / Steering Committee**

A. CLAIMED Strategy

Dcn. John Malone reported on the work of the Claimed committee.

B. GATHERED Strategy

a. Capital Improvement Grant notifications

Pr. Marc Herbst reported that the Executive Committee had approved the grants awarded by the Grant Committee and that congregations had been notified.

b. Leadership Grants **EXHIBIT A**

Pr. Jonathan Linman reported on the grants that are recommended to be awarded.

ACTION SC14:11/01

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approve the Leadership Development Grants proposed by the Leadership Development Grants Review Team and recommended by the Executive Committee.

ADOPTED

c. Congregation Strategic Plan

Pr. Marc Herbst reported that several applications were received and that it was determined that the 2015 Quadrant visits would serve as the platform to provide the training workshops and resources for congregations to develop a strategic plan. Mr. Tom Massey and Pr. Marc Herbst will be trainers.

d. Website Grants

Pr. Marc Herbst reported on the grants for websites as well as the other grant initiatives.

e. Proposed Amendment for Transition and Call Process **EXHIBIT B**

Pr. Marc Herbst walked the council through the amendment and the purpose behind it.

ACTION SC14:11/02

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council recommend to the Synod Assembly meeting in May 2015 that it adopt the proposed amendment to the Transition and Call Process.

ADOPTED

f. Pilot Project Updates

- Bronx – Pr. Herbst reported on the progress of the conference in reviewing and responding to
- Hudson – Pr. Herbst reported on the insurance audit that was conducted.
- SW Queens – Pr. Herbst reported on the merger plan of five congregations.
- Western Nassau – Pr. Herbst reported on the exploration of shared ministry that is being conducted.

C. SENT Strategy

Ms. Barbara Johnson, co-chair of the Sent Committee, spoke of the work and mission of a Congregation-based Community Organizer.

D. Financial Management Committee

Mr. Frank Suttell noted that due to computer problems in the synod office no written report could be presented. The proposed budget will be initially presented at the December meeting of the council.

4. Bishop's Report

A. Middle East Working Group

Bp. Rimbo referenced a letter from Pr. Amy Kienzle requesting that a Mideast Working Committee be formed by the synod council.

ACTION SC14:11/03

RESOLVED, that a Mideast Working Committee be formed by the synod council.

ADOPTED

5. Treasurer's Report – no report

A. Mission Support update – no report

B. October 2014 Financials – no report

6. Old Business

A. Congregations under synod administration/Synod properties

a. **Property: 259 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn (formerly St. Luke's, Brooklyn)**

ACTION SC14:11/04

RESOLVED, that a contract be entered into for the sale of the property located at 259 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, formerly known as St. Luke's Lutheran Church, to Triangle Equities for the sale price of \$8,500,000.

ADOPTED (23 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

B. Congregational Loan Status – no report

Pr. Kathleen Koran spoke on the purposes and procedures of the various forms of synod administration.

C. Messiah, Flushing **EXHIBIT C (for full resolution including whereas clauses)**

Bp. Rimbo led the council in prayer before the vote was taken.

ACTION SC14:11/05

RESOLVED, that for the reasons set forth above, all of which are included and incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if fully set forth, the Synod Council, pursuant to the authority granted to it by section 13.24 of the Synod's Constitution, does hereby impose synodical administration upon Messiah, Flushing ("Messiah"), to take charge and control of Messiah's property to hold, manage and convey that property on behalf of the Synod; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby appointed as trustees, with the full power and authority to hold, manage and convey the property of Messiah on behalf of the Synod in all regards relating directly or indirectly to and in furtherance of synodical administration, by taking charge and control of the property of Messiah and holding, managing and conveying that property on behalf of the Synod, to wit: The Rev. Daniel Peter Penumaka; Mr. Christopher Vergara; The Rev. Marc Herbst ("Trustees"); and it is further

RESOLVED, that the signature of any two of the Trustees acting for and on behalf of the Synod to take charge and control of the property of Messiah and to hold, manage and convey the property of Messiah on behalf of the Synod shall be binding upon and considered as the act of all of the Trustees. No person or entity acting in reliance on the signatures of any two of such Trustees as binding upon all Trustees shall be charged with notice of any revocation or change of such authority unless he, she or it shall have received actual written notice thereof. No person or entity shall be required to look behind the signatures of such Trustees.

ADOPTED (23 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

7. New Business

A. Redeemer, Flushing

ACTION SC14:11/06

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod assume temporary administration, under Section 13.25 of the Constitution of the Synod, over Redeemer Lutheran Church, Flushing, New York, in accordance with the request of the Congregation Council of such congregation dated November 2, 2014, and that The Rev. Lamont Wells, The Rev. I. Daniel Peter Penumaka and Ms. Karen Woolley be appointed as Trustees.

ADOPTED (23 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

B. Messiah, Brooklyn **EXHIBIT D (for full resolution including whereas clauses)**

Bp. Rimbo led the council in prayer before the vote was taken.

ACTION SC14:11/07

RESOLVED, that at the request of the congregation council for the reasons set forth above, all of which are included and incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if fully set forth, the Synod Council, pursuant to the authority granted to it by section 13.24 of the Synod's Constitution, does hereby assume permanent synodical administration over The Lutheran Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn ("Messiah") to take charge and control of Messiah's property to hold, manage and convey that property on behalf of the Synod; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby appointed as trustees, with the full power and authority to hold, manage and convey the property of Messiah on behalf of the Synod in all regards relating directly or indirectly to and in furtherance of synodical administration, by taking charge and control of the property of Messiah and holding, managing and conveying that property on behalf of the Synod, to wit: The Rev. David Parsons; The Rev. Khader El-Yateem, The Rev. Lamont Wells ("Trustees"); and it is further

RESOLVED, that the signature of any two of the Trustees acting for and on behalf of the Synod to take charge and control of the property of Messiah and to hold, manage and convey the property of Messiah on behalf of the Synod shall be binding upon and considered as the act of all of the Trustees. No person or entity acting in reliance on the signatures of any two of such Trustees as binding upon all Trustees shall be charged with notice of any revocation or change of such authority unless he, she or it shall have received actual written notice thereof. No person or entity shall be required to look behind the signatures of such Trustees.

ADOPTED (23 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

C. MNYS Disaster Response Plan

Pr. Miller introduced the plan and requested that the council review the draft before its next meeting on December 16, when it will be presented for adoption.

8. Other Reports

A. Continuing Education Opportunity

Ms. Terra Rowe reported that Wartburg Theological Seminary is embarking on a new adventure. Building on the core belief that theological education and formation are for the whole church, Wartburg is creating new ways for all the baptized, of all vocations, and from all locations to access theological education. Knowing that people have different learning needs and learning goals, Wartburg is looking to create multiple options for people in their formation journey. Learning is for Life. Seminary is for Everyone.

9. Announcements/Events

10. Observer's Evaluation

11. Closing Devotions: Pastor Daniel Peter Penumaka

Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert P. Schoepflin, Secretary