

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C. SYNOD OF THE ELCA**  
**SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 18, 2016**  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, GAITHERSBURG, MD**

**Call to Order** Dr. White called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Devotion** Dr. White began the meeting with a brief devotional message.

Dr. White presented the proposed agenda for the meeting.

**SC16.06.32:** To approve the agenda for the June 18, 2016, Synod Council meeting.

**Greetings** Secretary Kevin Anderson provided a brief history and profile of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The draft minutes of the May 21, 2016, Synod Council meeting and the 2015 Synod Assembly were presented to the Council for approval. Before formally requesting a vote on the two sets of minutes, Secretary Kevin Anderson advised the Council of one minor correction to each of the minutes. Vice President White asked for additional corrections or amendments. There were none.

**SC16.06.33:** To approve the minutes of the May 21, 2016, Synod Council meeting and the 2015 Synod Assembly.

**1. Staff and Officer Reports**

**a. Bishop's Report**

- i. Roster Matters for Synod Council Action. Bishop Graham brought four roster matters to the Synod Council.

**SC16.06.34:** That:

1. The Rev. Amy Feira be placed on leave from call for graduate study, effective June 5, 2016;
2. The Rev. Margrethe Kleiber be called to specialized ministry as interim pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Herndon, Virginia, effective June 1, 2016;
3. The Rev. Heidi Moore be called to specialized ministry as interim pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Leesburg, Virginia, effective June 1, 2016; and

4. The Rev. Ron Qualley be called to specialized ministry as interim pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Haymarket, Virginia, effective, June 1, 2016.
- ii. Roster Matters for Information. Although not requiring any action on the part of the Synod Council, Bishop Graham's written report to the Council noted that the Rev. Mark Olsen was called by the Church Council of the ELCA to serve as the Associate Director for the Fund for Leaders, effective June 20, 2016.

**b. Vice President's Report**

- i. Assembly Registration Summary. Secretary Kevin Anderson reported that the advance registration for the 2016 Synod Assembly consisted of 106 rostered leaders, 149 lay voting members, and 27 non-voting visitors, staff, volunteers, and guests.
- ii. Agenda Preview. Dr. White previewed the agenda for the one-day Synod Assembly and responded to questions from the Synod Council.
- iii. Reference and Counsel Report. Pastor Mark Edwards, Chair of the Committee on Reference and Counsel, advised the Synod Counsel that there were eight resolutions to bring before the Synod Assembly. However, inasmuch as three of these resolutions were submitted after the established deadline, each resolution would first have to receive the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the Assembly voting members in order to be considered by the Assembly.
- iv. Nominations/Elections Summary. The current state of the nominations process was previewed for the Synod Council. With the exception of the Maryland Conference lay member, which had no nominees, all of the open positions for the Synod Council had one nominee. For the four open positions on the Consultation Committee, only one nominee had been previously identified by the Nominating Committee. Two of the outgoing Synod Council members expressed their willingness to be nominated for the Consultation Committee.

**c. Treasurer's Report**

- i. Review of Financial Statements and Audit. Pastor Knoll reported that the final external auditor's report on the financial statements for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2016, had just been produced earlier in the morning. He had provided to the Synod Council copies of the financial results for the four

months ended May 31, 2016, reflecting a surplus in undesignated receipts over expenditures of approximately \$59,000.

**d. Assistant to the Bishop, Pr. Sevimli**

- i. Pastor Sevimli referred to the announcement of her resignation that had been previously distributed throughout the Synod in advance of the meeting. Her resignation is expected to become effective at the end of July in connection with a planned move for her family to Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia. She expressed her thanks and appreciation for her colleagues in the Synod office and throughout the Synod.

**The meeting adjourned** with the Lord's Prayer at 8:45 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Time and place to be determined.