# METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C. SYNOD OF THE ELCA

# SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 16, 2018

# LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

**Call to Order** Vice President Crenshaw called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Devotion** Michael Sonnenberg provided a brief devotional message to open the meeting.

Vice President Crenshaw presented the proposed agenda for the meeting.

**SC18.06.25:** To approve the agenda for the June 16, 2018, Synod Council meeting.

**Greetings** Christina Jackson-Skelton was present as the representative from the churchwide organization to the 2018 Synod Assembly. Ms. Jackson-Skelton brought greetings on behalf of the ELCA.

The draft minutes of the May 19, 2018, Synod Council meeting were presented to the Council for approval. Vice President Crenshaw asked for corrections or amendments. There were none.

**SC18.06.26:** To approve the minutes of the May 19, 2018, Synod Council meeting.

The draft minutes of the 2017 Synod Assembly had been previously distributed to the Synod Council for an electronic approval on June 9, 2018. Such approval was subsequently obtained. The prior approval was brought before the meeting to be ratified.

**SC18.06.27:** To ratify the prior approval of the minutes of the 2017 Synod Assembly.

1. **Synod Council Primary Mission Table**
	1. King of Kings Update

Pastor Hirsch provided a brief update on the status of the second site for King of Kings Lutheran Church, Fairfax, Virginia. An announcement of this development will be made to the Synod Assembly.

1. **Staff and Officer Reports**
2. Bishop Graham:
3. Roster Matters for Synod Council Action. No roster matters were brought to the Synod Council at this meeting.
4. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Bishop Graham advised the Synod Council that the congregation council of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Washington, D.C., had voted within the last week to have the congregation be placed under voluntary synodical administration for a brief period of time, expected not to exceed six months. If the request is approved by the Synod Council, Bishop Graham will appoint a three-member committee to provide conservatorship for the congregation. In collaboration with the Synod’s counsel, Bishop Graham will draft a resolution to be submitted to the Synod Council for an electronic vote prior to the next regular meeting of the Synod Council.
5. Assistant to the Bishop, Pr. Ortiz:
6. Building Puentes Update. Pastor Ortiz noted that the Delaware-Maryland Synod had approved the transfer to our synod of approximately $87,000 that it had collected to support our efforts to work alongside the Caribbean Synod.
7. Assistant to the Bishop and DEM, Pr. Hirsch:

There were no additional items to report beyond the report of the Primary Mission Table.

1. Treasurer’s Report:

In the absence of the Treasurer, there was no specific report. In advance of the meeting, members received a copy of the financial statements for the first four months of the Synod’s current fiscal year, *i.e.*, the period ended May 31, 2018.

1. Vice President Crenshaw:

A brief overview of the 2018 Synod Assembly, to be held immediately upon adjournment of the Synod Council meeting, was provided by several of those present. Pastor Edwards previewed the resolutions that will be brought to the floor of the Synod Assembly for consideration. A summary of the current status of nominations for elected office was also provided.

Finally, the proposed Rostered Ministry Compensation Guidelines for 2019 were brought before the Synod Council for approval. With one limited exception, the guidelines were developed by applying a cost-of-living adjustment to all of the dollar amounts set forth in the guidelines for 2018.

**SC18.06.28:** To approve the proposed Rostered Ministry Compensation Guidelines for 2019 and to recommend their adoption by the 2018 Synod Assembly.

1. **New Business**

Secretary Kevin Anderson identified those members of the Synod Council whose terms had expired with the 2018 Synod Assembly, who were not eligible to be elected to another term, or who otherwise were not returning to a new term on the Synod Council. The departing members were thanked for their service on the Synod Council.

**The meeting adjourned** with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:43 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: To be determined.