

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON D.C. SYNOD OF THE ELCA
SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 21, 2014
LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, FAIRFAX, VA

Call to Order Dr. White called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Devotions Dr. White offered devotions on the subject of forgiveness.

Dr. White extended a special welcome to Ms. Jodi Slattery, who was present as the representative of the churchwide offices to the Synod Assembly. Ms. Slattery introduced herself and provided a brief summary of her background and duties as the Assistant to the Presiding Bishop for Governance.

SC14.06.20: To approve the agenda for the June 21, 2014, Synod Council meeting.

SC14.06.21: To approve the minutes of the May 10, 2014, Synod Council meeting.

Discussion of Bylaw Amendments: Vice President White referred to the proposed changes to the By Laws, as set forth in the final materials for the Synod Assembly. Interim Secretary Anderson noted that, although proposed changes to the Chapter 11 Bylaws had been approved by the Synod Council on May 10, 2014, slight changes to other parts of the Synod's Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions were also being proposed for approval by the Synod Assembly. The purpose of the action at this meeting is to provide comprehensive approval for all such changes and to recommend the same to the Synod Assembly for approval.

SC14.06.22: To approve the proposed changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Synod as presented to the Synod Council, and to recommend approval by the Synod Assembly.

Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel: Pr. Stephan, Chair of the Committee, reported that two substantive resolutions had been submitted to the Committee and will be presented to the Synod Assembly for approval. The Committee will also submit two other traditional resolutions, *i.e.*, the "Greetings" resolution near the beginning of the Assembly and the "Thanks and Gratitude" resolution at the end of the Assembly.

Report on River of Grace: Pr. Sevimli provided an update on River of Grace Lutheran Church, a congregation currently under synodical administration. Pr. Sevimli reported that an employment-related claim had been filed by a former employee of the congregation with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission but had been rejected by the Commission. An

appeal from this decision is available to the individual. Pr. Sevimli will advise the Council as to any further developments on this matter.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Handley noted that the examination of the Synod's financial statements for the years ended January 31, 2013 and 2014, by the independent accounting firm of Yount, Hyde & Barbour, P.C., Winchester, Virginia, had been successfully completed. Mr. Handley also requested the approval of additional signature authority for the brokerage account maintained by the Faith Fund with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Specifically, he requested that Bishop Graham and Pr. Sevimli be added as authorized signatories with respect to this account.

SC14.06.23: To approve the addition of Bishop Richard H. Graham and Pr. Amy Sevimli as authorized signatories with respect to the brokerage account maintained by the Faith Fund with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, or one of its affiliates, and to authorize any officer of the Synod to execute such certifications as Thrivent may require to signify this approval.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.