

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C. SYNOD OF THE ELCA
SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 3, 2021
ELECTRONIC/ZOOM MEETING

Call to Order The meeting was held electronically, using the Zoom platform, in light of the public-health recommendations to avoid in-person meetings. Interim Vice President Droney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The roll was called to verify attendance.

Interim Vice President Droney presented the proposed agenda for the meeting.

SC21.06.21: To approve the agenda for the June 3, 2021, Synod Council meeting.

The draft minutes of the May 15, 2021, Synod Council meeting were presented to the Council for approval. Interim Vice President Droney asked for corrections or amendments. There were none.

SC21.06.22: To approve the minutes of the May 15, 2021, Synod Council meeting.

1. Remarks from Churchwide Representative

Bishop Ortiz introduced Mikka McCracken, the ELCA Executive for Innovation and the churchwide representative to the 2021 Synod Assembly. Following extensive introductions of Ms. McCracken and each of the meeting participants, she provided an update from the churchwide organization and a preview of some of the remarks to be made to the Assembly. Topics included the Future Church organizational structure, Presiding Bishop Eaton's re-election to a second six-year term at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, Open Doors grants, and the plans for a breakout luncheon discussion on ministry innovations on Saturday, June 4.

2. Overview of Synod Assembly

Secretary Kevin Anderson provided a brief summary of the matters to be taken up at the Synod Assembly, including an overview of the many elections to take place and which elections were contested, *i.e.*, having more candidates than positions. The Assembly will consider six resolutions, including the traditional greetings to other synods meeting in assembly at the same time, gratitude for all those who participated in the planning of the Assembly, and one resolution that was submitted late and will not be considered unless the Assembly votes to take it up.

Bishop Ortiz expressed her appreciation for the work of the Synod Assembly Planning Committee, recognizing the unique challenges that were presented by the use of a first-ever virtual Synod Assembly.

3. Recognition of Departing Members

The Synod Council recognized those members whose service on the Council ends at the 2021 Synod Assembly or shortly thereafter:

- Interim Vice President Jackson Droney
- Barbara Bilodeau
- Pr. Sandra Kessinger
- Cynthia Reese
- Michael Sonnenberg
- Pr. Albert Triolo
- Joseph Triolo
- Madelyn Wheeler
- Pr. Jeffrey Wilson
- Pr. Ronald Zschoche

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:05 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: July 10, 2021; Zoom/Electronic.