

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C. SYNOD OF THE ELCA
SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING – June 3, 2023
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gaithersburg, MD

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Gaithersburg, MD is the original and ancestral homelands of the Piscataway peoples. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

Present:

Bishop Leila Ortiz, Bishop
Jennifer Slagle Peck, Vice President
Barbara Bilodeau, Secretary
Julie Hamre, Treasurer
Sheena Foster, DC
Pr. Judith VanOsdol, DC
Melody Stachour, Fairfax
Pr. Elijah Mwitanti, Fairfax
Pr. Sarah Scherschligt, Potomac
Anita Smallin, Montgomery
Pr. Betty Landis, Montgomery
Don Wallace, Virginia
Pr. Eva Steege, At-Large
Andre Dangin, At-Large
Kirsten Nusum, At-Large Young Adult

Absent:

Pr. Henry Langknecht, Virginia

Synod Staff:

Pr. Lamar Bailey, Assistant to the Bishop, Director of Evangelical Mission
Pr. Sarah Garrett Krey

Guests:

Pr. Mark Edwards, Reference & Counsel
Keith Fry, Office of the Secretary, ELCA Representative to the Assembly

Vacancies:

MD Lay
MD Rostered
Potomac Conference Lay
Member of Youth Organization

Devotions led by Vice President Slagle Peck

Call to Order Vice President Slagle Peck called the meeting to order at 8:10am. The secretary verified the attendance.

Moved/Seconded/Adopted: SC23.06.18 To approve the agenda for the June 3, 2023, Synod Council meeting; and to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2023.

Reports and Other Matters

1. Council and Assembly Matters

- a. **Moved/Seconded/Adopted: SC23.06.19** To authorize a hybrid synod assembly which includes voting members physically present as well as voting members via videoconference.
- b. Introduce and welcome to ELCA Representative, Pr. Keith Fry

2. Staff and Officer Reports

- a. Bishop Ortiz
 - i. Roster matters: none
 - ii. Noted a new podcast being launched: “The World is About to Turn,” about the synod.
 - iii. Synod attorney Bob Tuttle is retiring. With his coordination, a new attorney has been selected to work with us. Will share his bio this week.
- b. Pr. Mark Edwards reviewed resolutions that will be presented to the Assembly.

3. New Business

- a. The council recognized and gave thanks for the service of council members whose terms on council concluded at the Assembly.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 with prayer.

Next Scheduled Meeting: **September 9, 2023 on Zoom**

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Bilodeau
Secretary