

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C. SYNOD OF THE ELCA
SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING – June 1, 2024, 8:00 a.m.
at Synod Assembly, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Fairfax, VA**

Lord of Life Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Piscataway and Manahoac 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 – Lay
Melody Stachour, Fairfax - Lay
Pr. Elijah Mwitanti, Fairfax - Rostered
Brother Love, Maryland – Lay
Pr. Eric T. Randolph, Maryland - Rostered
Anita Smallin, Montgomery - Lay
Pr. Betty Landis, Montgomery – Rostered
Wendell Anderson, Potomac – Lay
Pr. Alexander P. Stall, Jr., Potomac – Rostered
Don Wallace, Virginia - Lay
Kirsten Nusum, At-Large Young Adult

Absent:

Pr. Henry Langknecht, Virginia – Rostered
Pr. Judith VanOsdol, DC – Rostered
Breeze L, At-Large Youth

Synod Staff:

Pr. Sarah Garrett Krey
Katharyn Wheeler
Deacon Julie Stecker
Pr. Jason Shank

Guests: ELCA Representative, Pastor A. David Anglada, Senior Director for Leadership within the Christian Community and Leadership for the ELCA
Pr. Mark Edwards, Assembly Reference & Counsel

Vacancies:

None.

Devotions led by VP Slagle Peck

Call to Order Vice President Slagle Peck called the meeting to order at 8:02. The secretary verified the attendance.

Moved/Seconded/Adopted: SC24.6.21 To approve the agenda for the June 6, 2024 Synod Council meeting; to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2024 Synod Council Meeting, and to approve the minutes of the 2023 Synod Assembly.

Reports and Other Matters

1. Council

- a. Business Introduction of ELCA Representative: Pastor A. David Anglada, Senior Director for Leadership within the Christian Community and Leadership for the ELCA
- b. Review of Memorials and Resolutions - Secretary and Mark Edwards

2. Staff and Officer Reports

- a. Bishop Ortiz
 - i. Roster matters – none to report
 - ii. Events, activities, and other updates – seen in written report
- b. Treasurer's Report, Ms. Julie Hamre
 - i. Financial reports: Status was briefly summarized.
- c. Assistant to the Bishop and DEM, Pr. Jason Shank
 - i. New and Renewing Missions Table – Presented grant request from Saint Michael's Truth Grant. **Moved/Seconded/Adopted: SC24.6.22** to provide St. Michael's Truth Evangelical Lutheran Church, Temple Hills, MD, with \$9500 in accordance with the request, to support the second phase of making their Community Garden more accessible
- d. Secretary's Report, Barbara Bilodeau

For information and record, the following Congregation Constitutions were reviewed since the prior meeting:

 - i. Reviewed and Concurred – Requested final for official approval after voted on by Congregation:
 1. Church of the Covenant, Dale City (15 May 2024)
 2. Christ the Servant, Reston (17 May 2024)
- e. Vice President's Report, VP Slagle Peck
 - i. Schedule for next year's council meetings will be shared via email over the summer. First meeting of the year will be in September.
 - ii. If issues arise over the summer, we'll be in touch over email. Please respond, as needed, to any such emails
 - iii. Gifts were presented to outgoing Council members Wendell Anderson, Melody Stachour, and Kirsten Nusum

The meeting adjourned at 8:32am with prayer.

Next Scheduled Meeting: September 2024. Schedule will be shared over the summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Bilodeau
Secretary