

# Northwestern Ohio Synod Synod Council Phone Meeting

January 15, 2020

Present: Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Melissa Peper Firestone, Becky Seibert, Brent Gardner, Deb Noll, Rev. Steve Ramsey, Tom Ritter, Rev. Jarrod Schaaf, Michelle Schaffer, Rev. Ed Strietelmeier, Christina Wheeler, Jacob Henry-Synod Administrator

Absent/Excused: Casey Cox, Cindy Harris, Rev. Ann Marshall, Cindy Milbry, Jacob Nekoranec, Rev. Mindy Elliott, Phillip Koenig, Diana Schneider, Rev. Janine Shearer, Jari Knowlton Simard

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Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m., roll call was taken and Bishop Daniel opened with prayer.

Synod Administrator, Jacob Henry, presented Action SC20.01 and reviewed the interview process for the Director for Community Engagement. Included in previous email was the resume for the Rev. Sarah Schaaf for review by Council members prior to this Phone Meeting.

## Action Items

### Action **SC20.01 Director for Community Engagement**

"Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, Synod Council extends a call to the Rev. Sarah Schaaf to serve as the Director for Community Engagement for the Northwestern Ohio Synod. Total Defined Compensation is set at \$66,400 (including Housing allowance designation of \$9,835)."

*(this comes as a motion from the Executive Committee)*

President Melissa Peper Firestone called for motion for Action SC20.01. Motion to approve was made by Deb Noll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rev. Ed Strietelmeier. Vote to approve was taken and motion was passed. The Rev. Jarrod Schaaf abstained due to close relationship with Rev Sarah Schaaf being his wife.

Bishop Daniel shared Rev Sarah's strong leadership and learning qualities. Rev Sarah has strong community engagement and varied experience in different areas. "She knows how to encourage and grow people." Rev. Sarah presently serves as Conference Dean. Her official start date will be February 15, 2020. All were asked to wait a week to share this call, so Rev Sarah's congregation has time to receive the news.

Bishop Daniel gave a sending blessing and meeting was concluded.

Becky Seibert  
Synod Council Secretary