



Northwestern Ohio Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA August 5, 2017 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Present: Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Melissa Peper Firestone, Becky Seibert, Peter Bowmer, Casey Cox, Steven Edmiston, Brent Gardner, Richard Genzman, Ann Marshall, Cindy Milbry, Jacob Nekoranec, Diane Ninke, Deborah Noll, Julie Parsell, Tom Ritter, James Schwabero, Jacob Henry, Jennifer Prueter
Absent: Phil Koenig Nancy Green, Susan J. Lawrence, Christina Wheeler, Mark Wentz, Kent Wilson, Cassie Yeager, Sherry Krieger

1. Opening Eucharist 8:30AM **Bishop Daniel G. Beaudoin**
Devotions led by Deb Noll. Diakonia Course Outline for Opening Devotions: Why, What Biblical, Meditation, Closing---Martin Luther Are we Saint or Sinner, Both Faith Alone, Luther's Rose
2. Business Meeting Call to Order **Melissa Peper Firestone, Vice President**
 - Welcome and Introductions Melissa called meeting to order 9:10 a.m. Introductions followed— Welcomed all to the table.
 - Approval of 4/1/17 Synod Council Meeting Minutes No changes.
Motion to approve 4/1/17 minutes made by Deb Noll, 2nd James Schwabero. motion carried June 1, 2017 Exec. Committee Meeting—Presented for and Received as a report
 - Approval of Synod Assembly Minutes- motion to approve by Julie Parsell - 2nd Deb Noll. Motion carried with spelling errors noted and forwarded to Pam
3. Bishop's Report **Bishop Daniel**
See attached report.
4. Vice President's Report **Melissa Peper Firestone**
 - Election of Executive Committee-We need to elect two new people to the Executive Committee-The Bishop will talk with some people to see who might be willing and able to serve. Permission to bring forth nominations-tables until next meeting. Permission granted.
5. Secretary's Report **Becky Seibert**
 - Becky introduced and will do her best to provide concise and accurate minutes.
6. Treasurer's Report **Jacob Henry**
Presented for review-no questions.
7. Staffing –four new staffing positions—**All positions confidential until offered**
 - Program Assistant for Mission Advancement --Cheryl Sondergeld started last week Event, volunteer coordination, provide administrative support for DEM/CC
 - Director of Leadership Development and Congregational Vitality (DEM) position called and funded by ELCA-After conversation with Bishop Daniel and ELCA –the Position will be called by NWOS Synod Council and funded by ELCA. (pgs 29-34)—Bishop Daniel shared the process: 10 candidates were reviewed by a team from NWOS/ELCA, 4 of the 10 candidates were selected for the first round of interviews, All seven members of the team agreed on choice of candidate. **Steve Edmiston moved to go into executive session retroactively. 2nd by Julie P. Discussion ensued. Jim Schwebero moved to go out of Executive Session and was 2nd by Cindy Milby**

On August 4 the Executive Committee met and recommended that Pastor Kent Wilson be called to the position of Director of Leadership Development and Congregational Vitality (DEM). Question was brought forth as to how can we approve for call without a package, however we do have package in process. Motion to call Pastor Kent Wilson to this position was made- by Diane Ninke and 2nd by Casey Cox. Motion approved unanimously.

- Coordinator of Communication and Technology position offered and accepted by Caroline Guy.
- Director of Leadership Development and Congregational Care (ATTB)
Motion to hire Sherry Kreiger for this position was made by Richard Genzman and 2nd Cindy Ninke. Motion approved

8. For the Good of the Order & What can we do better?

- Diane-Ninke shared their Musician recognition event went well and they had a good group.
- Steve Edmiston shared Ship Wreck Churches. They celebrated the 15th anniversary of their handbell choir, praise team, children's choir celebration.
- Julie Parsell shared parishioner- Kara Gilson's story of Jacob's Porch (a Christian group at OSU) need for support. Kara is a student at OSU and is very active with Jacob's Porch-group and their needs. Bishop Daniel will call Bishop Dillahunt (SOS) to find out the situation.
- James Schwabero shared that St. Lukes having annual BBQ cook off and pie cook off next Saturday.
- Glenwood to have the 2nd Blessing of the Animals. St. Pauls trying to develop an arts ministry and be closer with the downtown community Toledo.
- Richard Genzman-shared they are starting 3 years of Diakonial ministry and are hoping to start something in a different are and be a host site in our area. This can be a resource. Pilot program that grads of Diakonia course get additional training to be a parish deacon. Pilot program-have permission to start 12-18 mos working with pastor.
- Peter Bowmer asked if there is a pool of organists to draw from when looking for an-organist.
- Aug 27 Redeemer in Toledo annual block party 12:30-3pm 6th year
- Deb Noll-reading club looking at ways "Rock the Crock"-3 session program of people coming together to learn how to make crock pot meals, to be given away with nonperishable ingredients to be given to community.
- Oct 7 area Fireland's 7:30p.m.—check synod blast
- Oct 30-reformation blast-contact Pastor Jody Rice or the-last Synod newsletter
- Ann Marshall enjoyed the Reformation Crawl-and encourages others to go on the Oct 21st. There has been good communication and advertisement.
Please send any pictures to Pastor Julie or Jeannine Grimm for coverage for the Toledo Blade.

What could be do better?

- Julie Parsell shared that Synod council as a group doesn't always get any updates or receive updates of past actions. It would be helpful to receive updates dso we don't need to back track at quarterly meetings.

9. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Cindy Milbry closed with prayer. Convened for lunch.

New Luther documentary coming out thru Thrivent?

SYNOD COUNCIL Meetings: 2017 – Oct 7, Dec 9, Synod Assembly June 8-9, 2018

SYNOD COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Official call to Pastor Cindy Ritter as an Intentional Interim (Completed her course)

Renew Pastor Mandy Oleson's 2nd year of On-Leave-From Call

ORDINATIONS

Chris Hanley - 4/2/2017

Mary Ann Siefke – 7/15/2017 (Called SE. PA Synod)

INSTALLATIONS

Jennifer Heinze – 5/31/2017 – Hospice Chaplain

Kathleen Shuck – 6/8/2017 – First, Upper Sandusky

Robert A. Johnson – 6/11/2017 – Holy Trinity, Toledo

Chris Hanley – 6/13/2017 – Glenwood, Toledo

TRANSFERS IN

Erin Bodenstab – 5/25/2017 – Metropolitan Chicago Synod

William Lucht – 5/31/2017 – Northeastern Ohio Synod

TRANSFERS OUT

Harold Hasenauer - 4/11/2017 – Southern Ohio Synod

REMOVED FROM ROSTER**Resigned:****Retirement:**

Don Wukotich – 5/1/2017

Merlin Jacobs – 5/31/2017

Mark Bauer – 6/30/2017

Bob Young – 7/23/2017

ON LEAVE FROM CALL

Mandy Oleson – 8/8/2016 (1)
Sam Payne – 12/3/2016 (1)
John Mawhirter – 12/21/2017 (2)
Josh Graber – 1/28/2017 (1)
Laura Strietelmeier – 1/28/2017(3)
Jaci Tiell – 4/1/2017 (2)
Jim Wicker – 7/1/2017 (2)

DEATHS**DISABILITY**

Brian Peltomaa - 12/03/2010
Andrea Starn – 1/10/2011

Future Installations:

Melodi Hagen – 8/17/2017 - Trinity, Moulton

Misc: