

**Southern Ohio Synod – ELCA
Synod Council Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott
100 South Fountain Avenue
Springfield, OH 45502
June 6, 2013**

Call to Order: Mrs. Barbara Klatt, Vice President of Council, called the Synod Council meeting to order at 7:20 PM

Review and Approval of Minutes of 04/06/2013 Meeting:

The Minutes of the 04/06/2013 Meeting were reviewed and approved.

VOTED:
SC.13.06.1 To approve the minutes of the April 6, 2013 meeting.
(Keck/Drumm) APPROVED.

Roll Call: Members present: Pr. Lisa Arrington, Pr. Jonathan Bull, Ms. Susan Clem, Mr. Thomas S. Counts, Mr. David Drumm, Ms. Marjorie Ellis, Mr. Richard Freudenberger, Pr. Brian George, Mr. Roy E. Hart, Ms. Sue Hillger, Bishop Callon W. Holloway, Jr., Mr. Brandon Huston, Pr. Dona Johnson, Mr. David M. Keck, Ms. Edna Kettler, Mrs. Barbara Klatt, Mr. Mike Knilans, Pr. Robert Miller, Ms. Kathryn Schnierle, Ms. Carol Swank, Ms. Erin Taylor, Ms. Desiree Tryloff, Mr. Charles Vosskuehler, and Pr. Mark Wildermuth

Members excused: Pr. Diana Gugel and Mr. Mike Johnsen

Members absent: Dr. Tom Bowman and Mr. Malachi Herget

Staff present: Pr. Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt, Pr. Jeff Wick, and Pr. Ed Williams

Staff excused: None

Staff absent: None

Review and Approval of Agenda of 06/06/2013 Meeting:

VOTED:
SC.13.06.2 To approve the 06/06/13 Meeting Agenda. (Schnierle/George) APPROVED

Reports of the Officers and Executive Committee:

Vice President: 1. Mrs. Klatt reported that she has been very busy working on the Election Process Team to insure a smooth election at Synod Assembly. Many decisions had to be made and there were many reasons for the decisions reached. This Assembly will be challenging as a new Bishop of the Synod will be elected. The Synod Council will need to be a proactive and a positive influence at the Synod Assembly meeting. Mrs. Klatt closed her remarks by thanking the other members of the Election Process Team for their diligence and effort.

Secretary: 1. Mr. Hart presented the 2012 Synod Assembly minutes to the Synod Council for its review and approval.

Review and Approval of the 2012 Synod Assembly Minutes:

The Minutes of the 2012 Synod Assembly meeting were reviewed and approved.

**VOTED:
SC.13.06.3**

**To approve the minutes of the 2012 Synod Assembly meeting.
(Vosskuehler/Miller) APPROVED.**

2. Mr. Hart concluded his remarks by thanking Barbara Klatt for her diligent and tireless leadership on the Election Process Team.

Treasurer: 1. April, 2013 results show a break-even position for the Synod and it appears that the income is moving in the desired direction.

Bishop: 1. Bp. Holloway gave thanks for the service of the Synod Council members.

2. Most of Bp. Holloway's time currently involves transition issues, including communications and travel.

3. Bp. Holloway expressed future concerns regarding the Synod Program, "Advancing God's Mission" because it may be perceived as the Bishop's program when it, in fact, really belongs to the Synod. Synod Council will also have a job to orient the new bishop.

4. Bishop Holloway then thanked the Synod Council and guests present for the opportunity to serve the ELCA as Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod.

Report of the Auxiliaries

1. Lutheran Men in Mission – No report
2. Women of the ELCA – Kathryn Schnierle
 - a. Upcoming Spring Gatherings were highlighted.
 - b. The Southern Ohio Synod Women of the ELCA received a Region 6 Public Health grant of \$3,000 to provide cervical cancer screenings for women who are uninsured, low income, and /or under age 40 and who reside in Licking County, Ohio. Current programs only serve women who are ages 40 and older in the county.
 - c. The Southern Ohio Synod Women of the ELCA received a Region 6 PBJ Connections grant of \$2,000 to support the Empower PEERS Program in Pickerington, Ohio, to assist its equine assisted therapy for pre-teen and teenage girls who are learning to control behaviors, improve self-esteem, gain insight into their issues, and to communicate more effectively and to build stronger relationships.

VOTED:

SC.13.06.4

To approve the Reports of the Officers and of the Women of the ELCA Auxiliary. (Taylor/Wildermuth) APPROVED.

Bishop Holloway then introduced Dr. Pat Ellison who will be leading the Dwelling in the Word Bible study as part of the activities of the Synod Assembly. Bishop Holloway then expressed his appreciation for the relationships that he has with The Reverend Bishop Juri Novgorodov, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Kazakhstan; Pastor Joaozinho Borchardt, Bishop, Sinodo Espirito Santo Belem, Brazil; and The Reverend Andrew Gulle, Bishop, East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania; all of whom represent Companion Synods in Partnership and Global Mission, and who were in attendance during this Synod Council meeting.

EN BLOC

VOTED:

SC.13.06.5

To Approve the En Bloc Recommendations. (Bull/Wildermuth) APPROVED.

Business – Plenary

Oesterlen-Services for Youth Board Appointment (four year term)

Pr. David Buchenroth

Professional Leaders Roster

Removal/resignation from ELCA Clergy Roster

Pr. Roger M. Laub (5-29-12)

Request for On Leave from Call

Pr. Deborah Dingus (4-6-13) 2nd yr. (through the September, 2013 Synod Council meeting)

Retired Status

Pr. Elizabeth Senft (4-1-13)

Pr. Douglas Jacobs (7-1-13)

Request for Transfer

Pr. James Jensen (retired) to Southeastern Synod

New Business

1. Bishop Holloway recognized Sue Hillger, Thomas S. Counts, David M. Keck, and David Drumm as retiring members of the Southern Ohio Synod Council and thanked them for their dedicated service to the Synod and to the ELCA.

2. Vice President Klatt then recognized Bishop Holloway as the retiring Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod and thanked him for his many years of dedicated service to the Synod and to the ELCA.

Bishop Callon W. Holloway, Jr. then offered a prayer to close the meeting.

VOTED:

SC.13.06.6

To adjourn. (By consensus) APPROVED.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy E. Hart
Synod Council Secretary