

**Southern Ohio Synod – ELCA
Synod Council Meeting
Columbus, Ohio 43209
July 12, 2016**

VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Call to Order: Vice President Klatt called the Synod Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Opening prayer was offered by Pr. Robert Swanson.

Roll Call:

Members present: Pr. Todd Cutter, Bp. Suzanne D. Dillahunt, Ms. Marjorie Ellis, Mr. Richard Freudenberger, Mr. Roy E. Hart, Mr. Brandon Huston, Ms. Robin Kaelin, Ms. Jodi Keith, Pr. Katie Kerrigan, Pr. Laura Leach-Shreffler, Mrs. Barbara Klatt, Ms. Christine Miller, Mr. Ronald Moder, Ms. Melanie Powderly, Mr. Kevin Pyle, Pr. Roger Quay, Ms. Michelle Riesbeck, Pr. Jonathan Schriber, Ms. Carol Swank, Pr. Robert Swanson, Pr. Justin Van Orman, and Pr. Ralph Wolfe.

Members excused: Mr. Mike Johnsen, Mr. James Renshaw, and Mr. Dave Tipton

Members absent: Mr. Steven Schnittke and Mr. Bennett Whitaker

Staff present: Kim Uemura

Staff excused: Pr. Bob Abrams and Pr. Jeff Wick

Staff absent: None

Bishop Dillahunt announced that Pr. Katie Kerrigan has been called to the position of Director of Evangelical Mission and she will begin working August 15, 2016. Pr. Kerrigan's letter of resignation from her seat on the Southern Ohio Synod Council has been received.

Bishop Dillahunt then raised Pr. Justin Van Orman's name to fill the unexpired Synod Council term just vacated by Pr. Katie Kerrigan.

VOTED:

SC.16.07.1

To approve the appointment of Pr. Justin Van Orman to the Southern Ohio Synod Council for the remainder of the unexpired term being vacated by Pr. Katie Kerrigan as recommended by the Southern Ohio Synod Executive Committee. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The Bishop then announced that Mrs. Barbara Klatt is resigning her position as Vice President of the Southern Ohio Synod Council, effective July 15, 2016, as her husband, Rev. Dr. Emil Klatt III has accepted a call to Hilton Head Island, SC.

Bishop Dillahunt then raised the name of Ms. Marjorie Ellis to fill the unexpired Synod Council term just vacated by Mrs. Barbara Klatt.

VOTED:
SC.16.07.2 **To approve the appointment of Ms. Marjorie Ellis as Vice President of the Southern Ohio Synod Council, effective July 15, 2016, for the remainder of the unexpired term being vacated by Mrs. Barbara Klatt as recommended by the Southern Ohio Synod Executive Committee. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The Bishop is now in conversation with another person to fill the synod council seat vacated by Ms. Marjorie Ellis as she assumes the position of Vice President of the Synod Council.

VOTED:
SC.16.07.3 **To go into Executive Session. (Schriber/Pyle) APPROVED.**

VOTED:
SC.16.07.4 **To return to Regular Session. (Kaelin/Wolfe) APPROVED.**

Bishop Dillahunt reported that she met with the Churchwide Assembly Voting Members on July 9, 2016. Among the important items to be addressed at the Assembly include the consolidation of the Word and Service Rosters; the election of a new ELCA Vice President; and actions as the ELCA moves into the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Prayer was then offered by Bishop Dillahunt.

Vice President Klatt then declared the adjournment of the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy E. Hart
Synod Council Secretary