

**Southern Ohio Synod – ELCA  
Synod Council Meeting  
Southern Ohio Synod Office  
Columbus, OH 43215  
March 10, 2012**

Call to Order: Bishop Holloway, President of Council, called the Synod Council meeting to order at 9:34 AM

Devotions: Pr. Will Hartfelder: “Three Little Christians”, a “spin” on the story of the Three Little Pigs was presented followed by relevant scripture.

Review and Approval of Minutes of 01/21/2011 Meeting:

**VOTED:**  
**SC.03.12.1 To approve minutes of the January 21, 2012 meeting.**  
**(Keck/ Bull) APPROVED.**

Review and Approval of Agenda of 03/10/2012 Meeting:

**VOTED:**  
**SC.03.12.2 To approve the agenda without En Bloc Request for Transfer for Pr. Gerald Jacobson item because more information is needed prior to council action on the matter. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Review and Approval of the 2011 Synod Assembly minutes:

**VOTED:**  
**SC.03.12.3 To approve the Minutes of the 2011 Synod Assembly. Pg. 7, Scioto lay Male. Pg. 11, Pr. Joe Wolf. Pg. 16, lay male. As corrected ( Knilans/Vosskuehler) APPROVED.**

Roll Call: Members present: Pr. Lisa Arrington, Mr. Tom Bowman, Pr. Jonathan Bull, Mrs. Susan Clem, Mr. Thomas S. Counts, Mr. David Drumm, Ms. Marjorie Ellis, Mr. Richard Freudenberger, Pr. Diana Gugel, Mr. Roy Hart, Pr. William (Will) Hartfelder, Bp. Callon Holloway, Jr., Mr. Brandon Huston, Mr. Mike Johnsen, Pr. Dona Johnson, Mr. David M. Keck, Mr. Mike Knilans, Pr. Robert Miller, Ms. Erin Taylor, Ms. Desiree Tryloff, and Mr. Charles Vosskuehler.

Members excused: Ms. Barbara Klatt and Ms. Kathryn Schnierle, Ms. Sue Hillger

Members absent: Pr. Brian George, Mr. Malachi Herget, Ms. Carol Swank, and Ms. Martha Wright (Resigned)

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

Staff excused: None

Staff absent: None

Reports of the Officers and Executive Committee:

Vice President: 1. None.

Secretary: 1. None.

Treasurer: 1. Mike reports that ten congregations have increased their giving and fifty-five congregations have decreased their support for Churchwide Mission Support.  
2. As reported on the P & L Budget Performance papers, the Synod shows (\$231,951) negative income for the year ending January 31, 2012.  
3. Relationship with Perfect Balance accounting service remains "rocky".  
4. Mike made a personal appeal for Advancing God's Mission support to Synod Council members.  
5. The Synod, so far, has been able to cover its financial shortfall but cannot continue indefinitely.

**VOTED:**

**SC.03.12.4**

**To approve the Treasurer's Report. (Johnsen/Bull). APPROVED.**

Bishop Holloway: 1. Goodbye to Pr. Robert Secrist, one of the longest serving pastors. Arlene Dykeman is welcomed as a contract staff for the SOS office  
2. Candidates, Robert Akins and Janelle Rue, have been assigned to SOS  
3. 50th Anniversary ELCT Just notified but budget does not accommodate expenses. No purpose has been announced but there is no compelling reason to go.  
4. National Workshop on Christian Unity will convene in OK. Bishop Holloway and Pr. Will Hartfelder are to attend.  
5. Cal has been asked to deliver a series of lectures at The Luther Decade program sponsored by the Lutheran World Federation to be held in Wittenberg, Germany in November 2012 a busy time for our synod

6. Congregational Lay Officers and Communicators Day held at David Lutheran Church was one of the best presentations to date.
7. Real estate tax situation for Synod Bldg is ongoing but a meeting was held with Treas. And Auditor and some headway is being made.
8. Class action settlement distribution to occur
9. Audit Committee will be convened by SOS Treasurer for audit.
10. Insurance riders have been added to general policy for financial crime and coverage for personnel/benefits Manager actions.
11. Henry Zorn is interested in creating a movement working for peace and not war.

**VOTED:**

**SC.01.12.9**

**To approve report of the Bishop. (Bull/Vosskuehler) APPROVED.**

**VOTED**

**SC.01.12.5**

**To approve the submitted written reports of WELCA and LMM. (Knilians/Keck) APPROVED.**

The Council broke into committees to perform committee work at 10:30 AM

The Committees finished their individual committee work, and the members returned to the council as a whole at 11:20 A.M.

Prayer was offered by Dave Keck prior to lunch.

The meeting recessed at 12:04 P.M. for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 12:33 P.M.

**VOTED:**

**SC.03.12.6**

**To enter into Executive Session at 12:35 P.M. (Vosskuehler/Keck) APPROVED.**

Synod Council then entered into Executive Session.

**VOTED:**

**SC.03.12.7**

**To return to Regular Session at 1:55 P.M. (Bull/Tryloff) APPROVED.**

Synod Council then returned to Regular Session.

**VOTED:  
EN BLOC  
SC.03.12.8**

**To approve the written reports of the committees and the following recommendations from the committees w/o the Pr. Jacobson issue and w/o the Pre-Assembly dinner meeting issue but with the Revised 2012 Spending Authorization: (Committees) APPROVED.**

**Committee on Congregations and Assemblies-REPORT**

SYNODFEST 2012 (Update)

**INFORMATION:** SynodFest 2012 Status Report  
Glocal Events online

Consolidation of First, Donnelsville, Ohio and St. Mark's, New Carlisle, Ohio

**INFORMATION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> vote March 18, 2012 to become Arise!Lutheran Church

Macedonia Project for Stewardship

**RECOMMENDATION:** To approve SOS application for Macedonia Project for Stewardship.

June Pre-Assembly meeting

**INFORMATION:** If Pre-Assembly dinner meeting is needed, dates will be published.

**Committee on Ministers, Education and Personnel-REPORT**

Professional Leaders Roster - Voted En bloc

**Request on Leave from Call**

Pr. James K. Jensen (4-1-11) 2<sup>nd</sup> yr.

**RECOMMENDATION:** To approve on "Leave from Call" status for Pastor James K. Jensen.

**Request for Transfer**

Pr. Gerald Jacobson (retired) to the Southern Ohio Synod  
Pr. Wayne Zavotka (retired) to New England Synod

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**RECOMMENDATION:** To defer the transfer of retired Pastor Gerald Jacobson to Southern Ohio and to approve the transfer of Pastor Wayne Zovotka to New England Synod.

**Remove from ELCA Roster**

Pastor Donald R. Bachman, Jr.

**RECOMMENDATION:** To approve the removal from the ELCA Roster for Donald R. Bachman, Jr.

**Committee on Mission, Planning and Legal Matters-REPORT**

Churchwide Constitution Changes

**RECOMMENDATION:** To receive the ELCA CWA 2011 Amendments to the Model Constitution for congregations and ELCA and refer this information to Synod Constitution Committee for possible amendments to SOS Constitution, By-Laws and Continuing Resolutions.

Advancing God's Mission (AGM) review (Ken Inskeep document)

**INFORMATION**

Synod Council Appointment

**RECOMMENDATION:** To approve the appointment of Edna Kettler, St. Paul, Bridgeport, to fill the term of synod council member Martha Wright (2015A-MU) until Synod Assembly 2013.

Assessment Report

**RECOMMENDATION:** To approve recommendation of Roll Away the Stone for support of Faith Trek.

**ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION:** To authorize Bishop Holloway to create a vision team consisting of Gen Xer's and Millenials to create a new vision statement 2020 with eight goals instead of twelve goals.

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**Committee on Communication, Administration and Support-REPORT**

2011 FY Financial Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:** To receive the FY 2011 Financial Reports

2012 Expenditure Authorization

**RECOMMENDATION:** To approve the revised 2012 Spending  
Authorization

Audit Committee

**INFORMATION**

Other Business: None

Closing Prayer offered by Pr. Will Hartfelder

**VOTED:**

**SC.03.12.10**

**To Adjourn: (Taylor/Keck) APPROVED.**

The meeting was then adjourned at 2:15P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy E. Hart  
Synod Council Secretary