GREATER MILWAUKEE SYNOP, ELCA
MINUTES OF THE SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 2011, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Palmyra, Wisconsin
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Burning for Justice
We embrace the world

Attendance

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CALL TO ORDER
Vice President Ms. Susan Cyr called the Synod Council meeting to order at 6:15 P.M., Thursday, May 12, 2011, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Palmyra, WI. A quorum was declared. Opening devotions were given by Mr. Donald Hintze. Devotions at the next synod council meeting will be given by Mr. Gus Barnes. Mr. Jerry Key was a guest.

Council Action

SC 11.05.01. Granting of Voice
It was voted to give Ms. Elizabeth Himmelman of the National Youth Gathering voice at this meeting.

Ms. Himmelman, representing the upcoming National Youth Gathering from our synod was invited to speak. She reported on the scope and importance of this gathering for the youth of our synod. The group has a goal of 300 youth attending from our synod.
I. Bishop’s Report
The bishop, the Rev. Jeff Barrow, provided a written report on the issues that are pertinent to the ministry of the Synod. He is recovering from recent hip surgery. There will be some research undertaken on the issue of vouchers for schools as suggested in the bishop’s written report.

II. Executive Committee

Council Action

SC 11.05.06. Call to Special Service: The Rev. Heather Bumstead
The Synod council voted a call to Special Service to the Rev. Heather Bumstead as a chaplain at Froedtert Hospital, Milwaukee, WI.

Council Action

SC 11.05.07. Call to Special Service: The Rev. Charles Brummond
The Synod Council voted to extend the call to special Service for the Rev. Charles Brummond for one year as Director of Rostered Leadership

III. Treasurer’s Report
Synod Treasurer, Mr. Lee Johnston, reported that Synod congregation giving compared to expenses shows an $80,000 shortfall at this time. However, at the end of our fiscal year there could be a $200,000 shortfall unless significant budget revisions are implemented or congregation giving increases significantly. The Synod reserve fund of $209,000 remains on target and has not been utilized to date.

Council Action

SC 11.05.08. Adoption of the Revised Synod Budget for 2011-2012
It was voted to adopt the proposed revised Synod budget for 2011-2012 to better meet the projected income expectations for this term. The revised budgeted amounts are $2,250,000 in income, and $2,311,150 in expenses with 55% designated to the ELCA churchwide. The ELCA mission support percentage is to be established in consultation with the ELCA churchwide staff.

Council Action

SC 11.05.09. Recommendation to 2011 Synod Assembly of the Revised Synod Budget for 2012-2013
It was voted to recommend to the 2011 Synod Assembly that they adopt the proposed revised Synod budget for 2012-2013 to better meet the projected income expectations for this term. The revised budgeted amounts are $2,250,000 in income, and $2,319,640 in expenses with 55% designated to the ELCA churchwide. The ELCA mission support percentage is to be established in consultation with the ELCA churchwide staff.

It was consensus to refer to the finance committee the issue of establishing a policy concerning the accounting of funds that may come to the synod from the sale of church property which comes to the synod by the dissolution of a congregation or other means, a recommendation is requested from the finance committee on how to account for it in our financial reporting.

V. Old Business
A.2011 Synod Assembly (June 24-26)
Council Action
SC 11.05.10. Amendment to Assembly Rules concerning motions to change Synod Budget Amounts on the assembly floor
   It was voted to amend the Assembly Rules as follows: All motions will be ruled “out of order” that seek to amend the Synod Budget by increasing the amount or percentage of any budget item or program in a Synod Council recommended Synod Budget, which is to be considered on the floor of the assembly, without also proposing a dollar for dollar matching decrease in another budget item or program. For an amendment to the Synod budget to be considered by the assembly, the amendment to the Synod Budget must result in the total final income and expense amounts being exactly the same as proposed by the Synod Council for adoption by the assembly.

   2. Budget Workshop – Will take place during the second set of workshops on Friday afternoon.
   3. Synod Offering Designation

Council Action
SC 11.05.13. Synod Offering designated for ELCA Disaster Relief
   It was voted that the 2011 Synod Offering be designated for ELCA Disaster Relief

   4. Constitutional Changes
      Proposed changes to the Synod Constitution and bylaws were presented for information. Action on these changes from the Model Constitution for Synods 2009 will be taken at the 2011 Synod Assembly.

   5. Nominations for Synod Secretary

Council Action
SC 11.05.14. Nominations for Synod Secretary (four year term)
   It was voted to nominate to the Synod Assembly, Mr. Matthew Brockmeier, Random Lake, for Synod Secretary for a four year term.

   B. Congregations taking action to leave the ELCA
      1. Calvary, Brookfield (second vote 5/15)
      2. Shepherd of the Hills (Hubertus)
   C. Churchwide Assembly 2011, August 14-20
      Voting Member Orientation Meetings: June 15, July 12 and August 4 all at Adoration, Milwaukee.

Announcements
Future Meeting dates:
   July 14, 2011, Synod Council meeting, Place to be determined
   September 22, 2011, Synod Council meeting, ELCA Headquarters (all day)

Signed,
Karl J. Nelson, Pastor
Synod Secretary