



Western Iowa Synod
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Synod Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, December 9, 2017 9:30 AM

Synod Mission Center (Synod Office), Storm Lake, IA

Members present: Brian Campbell (Vice President), Pr Brian Jack, Michael Jacobson (Treasurer), Susan Juilfs, Maja Knutson, Pr Barbara Kopperud, Judy Lang, Pr Cole McCormick, Pr Jim Mossman, Karen Post (Secretary), Bishop Rodger Prois, Bruce Radtke, Gail Schilmoeller, Julie Sievers, Blake Stratton, Brian Underwood, Pr Erma Wolf

Members absent with notice: KayLynn Ridgely, Sandy Smith

Members absent without notice: Antoine Cummins

Mission Team present in person: Kay Broich, Deacon Lynn Egesdal, Pr Lorna Halaas, Pr Jeff Unga

Guests present: Marlyce Hauge (WISWO)

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The meeting was called to order by Brian Campbell at 9:30 AM.

Opening devotions were given by Michael Jacobson.

SC17.12.1 *ADOPT the agenda.*

Motion made and seconded by: Julie Sievers, Brian Jack; PASSED

Correspondence:

- 1) St Luke, Sioux City
- 2) Lutheran Services in Iowa

SC17.12.2 *APPROVE the September 22, 2017 Synod Council minutes.*

Motion made and seconded by: Michael Jacobson, Judy Lang; PASSED

Michael Jacobson presented the November financial reports.

- 1) Normal financials
 - a. Mission Support: approx. \$31,000 short to the November YTD budget
- 2) Budget: discussed goals for increased Mission Support
- 3) Compensation guidelines: COLA adjustment is 2%; extended family leave language; clergy couples; Wholeness Wheel

SC17.12.3 APPROVE the following budget recommendations:

Mission Support income of
\$900,000 (Revised 2018 budget),
\$950,000 (2019 budget);
Mission Support passed on to Churchwide:
\$308,000 Mission Support (Revised 2018 budget), = 34.2%
\$342,000 (2019 budget), = 36%

Motion made and seconded by: Jim Mossman, Julie Sievers; PASSED

SC17.12.4 RECEIVE the treasurer's report.

Motion made and seconded by: Brian Underwood, Gail Schilmoeller; PASSED

Brian Campbell gave the Vice President's report.

Synod Assembly updates

2018 Assembly:

- Parliamentarian – Rev. Jay Denne
- Churchwide Rep – Kathryn Lohre, Asst to Bishop; Exec. For Inter-Religious & Ecumenical Relations
- Bible study leader – Rev. Troy Troftgruben
- Theme Verse: Acts 1:8 “8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- Global Church musicians

Future assemblies:

- 2018: the date and location still undetermined - “We are Church for the sake of the world” – Sioux City Convention Center
- 2019 – Bishop Election – Sioux City Convention Center

2018 Assembly offering:

Original motion designating 2018 assembly offerings as recommended by ABC: 50% to Campaign of ELCA and 50% to WIS Fund for Leaders (TEEM).

Amendment: add CAD SACCOS with equal distribution to 3 recipients.

SC17.12.5 Amendment motion made and seconded by: Barb Kopperud, Michael Jacobson; PASSED

SC17.12.6 DESIGNATE the 2018 Synod Assembly Offerings: 33 1/3% to Campaign of ELCA, 33 1/3% to WIS Fund for Leaders (TEEM), 33 1/3% to the Tanzanian CAD SACCOS.

Motion made and seconded by: Bruce Radtke, Karen Post; PASSED

SC17.12.7 APPROVE the Standing Rules for the 2018 Synod Assembly with the following addition to Item 3.1 (addition is underlined): “Authorize Synodically Authorized Ministers and full-communion partner rostered persons serving ELCA congregations voice and vote privileges. Congregations with SAMS or TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) candidates are afforded an additional lay voting member to account for the SAM or TEEM candidate, who is considered a lay voting member.”

Motion made and seconded by: Julie Sievers, Brian Jack; PASSED

Bishop's Report – Bishop Prois distributed and presented his Prayers and Holy Dreams report.

We recessed for lunch from 11:50 AM – 12:15 PM.

Staff reports were received from Pr Lorna Halaas, Pr Jeff Ungs, Deacon Lynn Egesdal, Cindy Wells.

Discussion on WIS constitutional changes regarding conferences (Chapter 12).

SC17.12.8 APPROVED the referral to a Task Force to wordsmith constitutional changes for action by the Synod Council before March 1, 2018.

Motion made and seconded by: Bp Prois, Julie Sievers; PASSED

Identify Board Members for Lutheran Campus Ministry in Ames – Pr Brian Jack offered to research the obligations as a potential board member.

Bishop Election Task Force:

Jim Mossman offered to collect names to serve on the Election Task Force. Synod Council will approve the Task Force at the March 17, 2018 meeting.

Barb Kopperud has offered to serve on the Bishop Election Task Force.

SC17.12.8 ESTABLISHED a 2019 Bishop's Election Task Force.

Motion made and seconded by: Bp Prois, Barb Kopperud; PASSED

SC17.12.11 APPROVE the following *En Bloc* items:

Approve On Leave From Call request:

(none)

Approve move to retired status:

Rev. David Moore (effective 6/1/17)

Approve Synod Council letter of call:

Rev. Kelley Pederson

Approve housing allowances for Bishop Prois (\$32,000) and Rev. Lorna Halaas (\$18,000)

Motion made and seconded by: Michael Jacobson, Judy Lang; PASSED

The next meeting will be March 17, 2018.

Erma Wolf will offer devotions (and be chaplain for the day).

Noted that the expense vouchers were available.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Schedule of council, board and network/committee meetings:

Feb 10, 2018	Leadership Academy
Mar 17, 2018 (tentative)	Synod Council meeting
June 8-10, 2018	Synod Assembly
July 14, 2018	Synod Council Meeting
May 3-5, 2019	Synod Assembly (Bishop Election)

Attachment: Synod Council listing of Committees/Networks/Other

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Post
Western Iowa Synod Secretary

Committees/Networks/Other

Executive Committee (4 + 4)	Bp Rodger Prois	Constitution
	VP Brian Campbell	Constitution
	Treas Michael Jacobson	Constitution
	Sec Karen Post	Constitution
	Barb Kopperud	Elected-Synod Council
	Jim Mossman	Elected-Synod Council
	Gail Schilmoeller	Elected-Synod Council
	Julie Sievers	Elected-Synod Council

Committees	Primary interest
ABC (2)	Brian Campbell
	Gail Schilmoeller
Finance	Cole McCormick, Julie Sievers
Leadership	Susan Juilfs, Cole McCormick
Communication (Bishop to appoint)	
Mutual Ministry (Bishop to appoint)	

Network Liaisons	Primary interest
Global Mission/Hunger	Brian Jack, KayLyn Ridgely
Church of the Damascus Road Re-entry	Brian Underwood, Brian Jack
Companion Synod	Barb Kopperud
Disability	Judy Lang
LYO	Blake Straton(?), Cole McCormick, KayLyn Ridgely
Faith Formation	Gail Schilmoeller
Disaster Response	Michael Jacobson
Mission Support (w/cong.)	Jim Mossman, Sandy Smith
New & Renewing Congregations	Bruce Radtke
Prayer	Brian Underwood, Erma Wolf
Spirituality	Judy Lang
Worship	Erma Wolf
Domestic Hunger	Sandy Smith
Peace	Antoine Cummins(?)
Intercultural	Bruce Radtke, Brian Jack, Barb Kopperud, Brian Underwood

Volunteers to help on:	Primary interest
Conference structure	Erma Wolf
Nomination structure	Julie Sievers Karen Post
Define conference dean responsibilities	