



**Western Iowa Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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## **Synod Council Meeting Minutes**

Friday, July 7, 2017 5:30 PM

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

**Members present:** Brian Campbell (Vice President), Pr Brian Jack, Susan Juilfs, Pr Barbara Kopperud, Judy Lang, Pr Cole McCormick, Pr Jim Mossman, Karen Post (Secretary), Bishop Rodger Prois, Julie Sievers, Brian Underwood, Pr Erma Wolf

**Members absent with notice:** Antoine Cummins, Michael Jacobson (Treasurer), Maja Knutson, Bruce Radtke, KayLynn Ridgely, Gail Schilmoeller, Sandy Smith, Blake Straton

**Members absent without notice:**

**Mission Team present in person:** Deacon Lynn Egesdal, Pr Lorna Halaas, Pr Jeff Unga, Cindy Wells

**Guests present:** Marlyce Hauge (WISWO)

Bishop Prois opened the meeting with a welcome, followed by devotions and a worship service.

After an evening meal, Julie Sievers and Karen Post led introductions and group mixer activities.

Brian Campbell led an orientation on Synod Council responsibilities.

Bishop Prois discussed confidentiality and Synod Council expectations.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:00 PM.

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## **Synod Council Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, July 8, 2017 9:00 AM

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**Members absent with notice:** Antoine Cummins, Maja Knutson, Sandy Smith, Blake Straton

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

**Guests present:** Marlyce Hauge (WISWO)

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

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The meeting was called to order by Brian Campbell at 9:05 AM.

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Members introduced themselves.

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Opening devotions were given by Brian Jack.

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**SC17.07.1 ADOPT the agenda.**

Motion made and seconded by: Julie Sievers, Michael Jacobson; PASSED

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**SC17.07.2 APPROVE the March 18, May 2, and May 30, 2017 Synod Council minutes.**

Motion made and seconded by: Julie Sievers, Judy Lang; PASSED

Correspondence:

- 1) Lance Ehmcke, assembly parliamentarian for many years: sent a letter of notification that the 2017 Synod Assembly will be his last as parliamentarian.
  - 2) Linda Clarke (Food 4 Kids): sent a thank-you note for Mission Endowment funding
  - 3) New Roads Reentry Ministry Team: sent a thank-you note for Mission Endowment funding
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Michael Jacobson presented the June financial reports including a year-to-date history of Mission Support.

**SC17.07.3 RECEIVE the treasurer's report.** Motion made and seconded by: Karen Post, Brian Underwood; PASSED

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Brian Campbell gave the Vice President's report, requesting volunteers to work on: 1) nominations, 2) conference structures, and 3) defining conference dean responsibilities.

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## 2017 Assembly Report update

The ABC Committee will meet on July 20 to review evaluations and begin working on the 2018 synod assembly.

Future assemblies:

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

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**Bishop's Report** - Bishop Prois presented his report, highlighting prayer, action, hope, 2017-2018 synod projects, racism/upcoming intercultural development inventory.

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

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**SC17.07.4 Executive Committee Election** – "The Executive Committee consists of the Bishop, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and four members elected by the Synod Council from among the membership of the Synod Council." (S11.01.01.) Those elected by written (not unanimous) ballot were: Gail Schilmoeller (lay), Julie Sievers (lay), Barb Kupperud (clergy), Jim Mossman (clergy)

Synod Council members were asked to designate other committees and networks that they'd like to serve on. (See the last page.)

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**SC17.07.5 APPROVE the following En Bloc items:**

Approve On Leave From Call request:

Rev. Ben McIntire

Approve move to retired status:

Rev. Barb Chapman

Motion made and seconded by: Jim Mossman, Michael Jacobson; PASSED

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The next meeting will be September 22 - 23, 2017.

Julie Sievers will offer devotions.

Noted that the expense vouchers were available.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

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**Schedule of council, board and network/committee meetings:**

Sep 22, 2017	5:30 PM	Synod Council meeting
Sep 23, 2017	9:00 AM – 12 noon	Synod Council meeting – United Meth Church
	12-3:30 PM	Meal and network meetings-United Meth Church
Dec 9, 2017		Synod Council meeting
Mar 17, 2018 (tentative)		Synod Council meeting

Attachment: Synod Council listing of Committees/Networks/Other

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Post  
Western Iowa Synod Secretary

**Committees/Networks/Other**

as of Jul 2017

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

<b>Committees</b>	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)	

<b>Network Liaisons</b>	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

<b>Volunteers to help on:</b>	Primary interest
Conference structure	Erma Wolf (carryover?)
Nomination structure	Julie Sievers (carryover?) Karen Post
Define conference dean responsibilities	