



Western Iowa Synod
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Synod Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 9:30am
Synod Mission Center (Synod Office), Storm Lake, IA

Members present: Brian Campbell (Vice President), Michael Jacobson (Treasurer), , Judy Lang, Pr Cole McCormick, Pr Jim Mossman (Secretary), Bishop Rodger Prois, Gail Schilmoeller, Julie Sievers, Pr. Mike Kroona, Pr. Scott Dalen, Marlyce Hauge, Blake Stratton, Pr Ema Wolf, Nancy Peters, Pr. Barb Kopperud, Maja Knutson

Members absent with notice: Kaylynn Ridgley, Brian Underwood

Members absent without notice: Dave Bohnet, Antoine Cummins, Kathy McEnelly

Mission Team present: Kay Broich, Pr Lorna Halaas, Pr Jeff Ungs, Cindy Wells

Guests present: None

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

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

Opening devotions were led by Julie Sievers.

SC18.10.1 *ADOPT the agenda.*

Motion made and seconded by Julie Sievers and Michael Jacobsen:; PASSED

Correspondence: (none)

SC18.10.2 *APPROVE the July 14 Synod Council minutes.*

Motion made and seconded by Barb Kopperud and Judy Lang: ; PASSED

Michael Jacobson presented the September financial reports.

Year over year mission support declined roughly \$31,900 as of September

This is an interruption in a pattern of growth since 2013.

We are mindful of changes in the farm economy

Finance committee has begun budgeting for 2019 and 2020.

Compensation guidelines are under development. Feedback is requested by December.

Finance committee will be developing plans for seminary debt reduction in accord with

Assembly action —funds are already being received for this fund.

SC18.10.3 RECEIVE the treasurer's report.

Motion made and seconded by Scott Dalen and Gail Schilmoeller;; PASSED

Vice President's Report

Has been engaged in pulpit supply.

The Bishop's Election task force is organized and on track with the suggested timeline from Churchwide.

The election task force will be sharing results of the survey of synod leaders finishing on October 15.

Synod Assembly updates

There was no ABC meeting in September. Next meeting October 25 at 5:30

Future assemblies:

- 2019 – Bishop Election – Sioux City Convention Center
 - 2020--TBD
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Bishop's Report –

3 week trip to Tanzania ELCT

Well dedicated at Chunya—due to major gift from Trinity in ??????

ELCA/ELCT Bishop's summit

Western Iowa is setting a high bar compared to other synods in Companion synod work.

Quad Synod staff retreat

Region 5 Steering committee

Fall Theological convocation

Conference of Bishops

WIS will receive 2 First Call candidates

Changing hearts in the heartland

Considering adding a youth track to interculturality work.

March 30, 2019 event in place of Leadership Academy is being envisioned

Leadership team

Julie Cook is now working with Domestic Hunger

Kay Broich is taking up working with Changing Hearts in the Heartland initiative with Cindy Wells.

Lynn Egesdal is finishing her sabbatical this month. Cindy Wells will be starting soon.

Lorna Halaas' sabbatical was interrupted but may resume at some point.

Staff reports were received from:

Pr Jeff Unga

Pr Lorna Halaas

Cindy Wells

Lynn Egesdal

Kay Broich

2X2 Congregational Visits and Thankfulness conversations

16 visits are arranged.

Visits are looking to be finished by December.

Appoint members for open positions

ABC—Linda Clarke resigned (lay female, 2 year term w/1 year remaining)

ABC—Lay female—Rivers of grace (2 year term)

Synod Council—Lay Male (Abundant Fields Conference) 3 year term

SC 18.03.04 REFER appointments to the Executive committee.

Motion made and seconded by Julie Sievers and Blake Stratton. PASSED

En Bloc Items

SC18.03.5 APPROVE the following En Bloc items:

Approve On Leave From Call request:

Pr Lissa Kahl

Pr Patricia (Trish) Underberg

Approve move to retired status:

Approve Synod Council letter of call:

(none)

Motion made and seconded by: Mike Kroona and Barb Kopperud PASSED

The next meeting will be January 12, 2019.

Maja Knutson will offer devotions (and be chaplain for the day).

Noted that the expense vouchers were available.

Executive Committee will meet immediately following adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Schedule of council, board and network/committee meetings:

October 25, 2019	ABC Committee
January 12, 2019	Synod Council Meeting
January 19, 2019	Synod Council Meeting (Snow Date for January 12)
April 13, 2019	Synod Council Meeting
May 3-5, 2019	Synod Assembly (Bishop's Election)
July 13, 2019	Synod Council Meeting

October 2018

Attachment: Synod Council listing of Committees/Networks/Other

Respectfully submitted,
Pr. Jim Mossman
Western Iowa Synod Secretary

Committees/Networks/Other

Executive Committee (4 + 4)	Bp Rodger Prois	Constitution
	VP Brian Campbell	Constitution
	Treas Michael Jacobson	Constitution
	Sec Jim Mossman	Constitution
	Barb Kopperud	Elected-Synod Council
	Judy Lang	Elected-Synod Council
	Nancy Peters	Elected-Synod Council
	Julie Sievers	Elected-Synod Council

Committees	Primary interest
ABC (2)	Brian Campbell
	Barb Kopperud
Finance	Cole McCormick, Julie Sievers
Leadership	
Communication (Bishop to appoint)	Kathy McEnelly, Scott Dalen
Mutual Ministry (Bishop to appoint)	

Network Liaisons	Primary interest
Global Mission/Hunger	Antoine Cummins; Mike Kroona; Nancy Peters
Church of the Damascus Road Re-entry	
Companion Synod	
Disability	Blake Stratton
LYO	
Faith Formation	Scott Dalen, Judy Lang
Disaster Response	
Mission Support (w/cong.)	
New & Renewing Congregations	
Prayer	
Spirituality	
Worship	
Domestic Hunger	
Peace	
Intercultural	

Volunteers to help on:	Primary interest
Conference structure	
Nomination structure	
Define conference dean responsibilities	