



Western Iowa Synod
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Synod Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 22, 2017 5:30 PM

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

Members present: Brian Campbell (Vice President), Pr Brian Jack, Michael Jacobson (Treasurer), Susan Juilfs, Pr Barbara Kopperud, Judy Lang, Pr Jim Mossman, Karen Post (Secretary), Bishop Rodger Prois, Julie Sievers, Sandy Smith, Brian Underwood, Pr Erma Wolf

Members absent with notice: Antoine Cummins, Pr Cole McCormick, Maja Knutson, Bruce Radtke, KayLynn Ridgely, Gail Schilmoeller, Blake Straton

Members absent without notice:

Mission Team present in person: Julie Cook, Deacon Lynn Egesdal, Pr Jeff Ungs

Guests present: Marlyce Hauge (WISWO), Sarah Schilcher (intern)

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The meeting was called to order by Brian Campbell at 6:05 PM.

Opening devotions were given by Julie Sievers.

SC17.09.1 ADOPT the agenda.

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

SC17.09.2 APPROVE the July 7/8, 2017 Synod Council minutes.

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

Michael Jacobson presented the May financial reports.

SC17.09.3 RECEIVE the treasurer's report.

Motion made and seconded by: Brian Jack, Judy Lang; PASSED

Brian Campbell gave the Vice President's report, noting: work on a synod vision statement and 2016 Resolution #4 (conferences, nominations, dean responsibilities).

Synod Assembly updates

ABC Committee met recently. Erma Wolf is the ABC chair. She offered some details of goals. The next meeting will be on October 26.

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 – "Prayers and Holy Dreams", "Rostered Ministers", "Congregations", "Churchwide".

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

Network assignments – noted that Synod Council members have been assigned to the networks (see the last page of minutes) and encouraged members to become active/leaders in the networks.

Identify board members for Lutheran Campus Ministry in Ames – discussed; hopefully bring forth a name for the December meeting.

SC17.09.4 *APPROVE the appointment of Jim Mohn to the Wartburg Theological Seminary Board of Directors (his 2nd 6-year term).*

Motion made and seconded by: Karen Post, Julie Sievers; PASSED

Bishop Election in 2019:

Jim Mossman, Lynn Egesdal, Karen Post – will look at the "toolbox" available on the ELCA web site and offer a plan for the December Synod Council meeting. Put together a Bishop Election Task Force by the December meeting.

SC17.09.5 *APPROVE the following En Bloc items:*

Approve On Leave From Call request:

Rev. Sherry Van Lishout

Rev. Renee Tecklenburg

Approve move to retired status:

Rev. Tess Panammarrow

Approve Synod Council letter of call:

Rev. Lil Johnston, from Sept 2015 – interim ministry

Rev. Jennifer Osheim-Owen – specialized ministry

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

Discussed the synod interculturality event tomorrow led by Rev. Sunitha Mortha of ELCA Global Mission to be held at the United Methodist Church.

The next meeting will be December 9, 2017.

Michael Jacobson will offer devotions (and be chaplain for the day).

Noted that the expense vouchers were available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Schedule of council, board and network/committee meetings:

Dec 9, 2017	Synod Council meeting
Dec 16, 2017 (Dec 9 snow date)	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

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	