

Synod Council Meeting Highlights
South Carolina Synod – February 28, 2022
by Rev. Ozzie Herlong, secretary

Extended a call to interim ministry, South Carolina Synod, to The Rev. Mary W. Anderson beginning January 1, 2022, for a term of two-years, in accord with 7.41.01.c. *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA.*

Extended a call to interim ministry, South Carolina Synod, to The Rev. Christi L. Pursey beginning March 4, 2022, for a term of two-years, in accord with 7.41.01.c. *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA.*

Voted to continue to list The Rev. Alvin G. Shrum on the roster of ministers of Word and Sacrament of this church as retired December 31, 2021; and to continue to list The Rev. D. Brent Nichols on the roster of ministers of Word and Sacrament of this church as retired February 1, 2022; and to continue to list The Rev. James F. Kinsler on the roster of ministers of Word and Sacrament of this church as retired March 1, 2022.

Approved the following Synod-authorized Worshiping Communities on the territory of the South Carolina Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, for the calendar year 2022.

Synod-authorized Worshiping Communities

Columbia, Sagrada Familia (Holy Family)
Columbia, The Journey
Gaston, Cristo Rey
Greenville, Nuestro Salvador (Our Saviour)
Mauldin, Parroquia El Mesias (Church of the Messiah)
North Charleston, Christ Community
Pelion, Cristo Rey
West Columbia, Cristo Rey (Christ the King)
Greenwood, Restoration Chapel

Designated April 3, 2022, as Newberry College Sunday and to invite congregations throughout the South Carolina Synod to participate.

Designated Sunday, June 26, 2022, as Lutheran Services Carolinas Sunday and to invite congregations throughout the South Carolina Synod to participate.

Designated Pastor Chris Christopher, Pastor, Immanuel, Greenwood, as mission developer, Restoration Chapel, a Synod-authorized Worshiping Community of the South Carolina Synod serving women in recovery, in partnership with Lutheran Services Carolinas, effective March 2, 2022; and to write a letter of thanks to Pastor Arden Hallman expressing the thanks of this synod for his persistent and faithful work that has brought this ministry to life and for the relationships Pr. Hallman has established that have made the mission of this community possible.

Designated the offerings received at the worship services of the 2022 South Carolina Synod Assembly to Restoration Chapel, Greenwood. Restoration Chapel, Greenwood, the newest worshipping community in the South Carolina Synod, is a ministry alongside women in recovery in partnership with Lutheran Services. Restoration Chapel shines as a light on a hill as an example of our church rising to the occasion in the middle of a nationwide opioid epidemic through its partnerships and Word and Sacrament ministry.

Voted to recommend the *2023 Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Ministers, South Carolina Synod* for adoption by the 2022 South Carolina Synod Assembly. All documents to be used at assembly will be live at <https://scsynod.com/assembly/documents/> After adoption by the assembly the documents will be live at <https://scsynod.com/call-process/>

Nominated Raymond Hendrix as treasurer, South Carolina Synod. Mr. Hendrix's name will appear on the ballot for a six-year term at the 2022 South Carolina Synod Assembly

Designated September 1, 2022, as the beginning date of the secretary and the treasurer elected by the 2022 South Carolina Synod Assembly.

Voted to recommend the following "Budget Procedures" to guide the adoption of the 2023-2024 budget by the 2022 South Carolina Synod Assembly.

Budget Procedures

1. Proposed amendments to the budget must be submitted to the secretary of this synod in writing no later than 5:30 p. m. Sunday, June 12. Each amendment or resolution to amend must be supported in writing by ten (10) signatures of voting members in this assembly. The secretary shall refer such proposed amendments to the Treasurer and the Finance Committee. During the consideration of the budget by the assembly, the Treasurer or Finance Committee shall report on the implication of each proposed amendment.

2. Any amendment to the budget that increases a current program proposal expense, or adds a current program proposal to the budget, must include a corresponding decrease in some other current program proposal of the same amount; or an increase in revenues to offset the proposed expense.

Regarding Votes to Appropriate Funds not Approved by Synod Council:
Chapter S10.04.

Any proposal to appropriate funds, whether by amendment to the budget or otherwise, which is presented to a meeting of the Synod Assembly without the approval of the Synod Council shall require a two-thirds vote for adoption. *Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions, South Carolina Synod*

Voted to recommend a budget in the amount of \$2,698,554 for the fiscal year February 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024, for adoption by the 2022 South Carolina Synod Assembly.

Received the report of Bishop Virginia Aebischer on call process updates; congregations with stated supplies and interim pastors; and ministries of the synod.

Received a report from Wendy Davidson, assembly manager, on the theme of the 2022 South Carolina Synod Assembly, *I Love to Tell the Story*.

Received a written report from Wicker & Senn, P. A., Attorneys and Counselors at Law, Newberry; on the dissolution of Mt. Olivet, Prosperity; termination of its corporate status with the South Carolina Secretary of State; arrangements for the care and maintenance of the cemetery via an easement for the same written into the deed of conveyance from the church to The Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation; and protected the church property in perpetuity by the recording of a protective conservation easement.

Viewed the video on *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSsoVjTgYJ0> and engaged in conversation on Racial Reconciliation.