

Synod Council Actions
February 27, 2023
By Rev. Ozzie Herlong, Secretary

Denied the request of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pomaria, to terminate its membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, pursuant to 9.62.h. of the ELCA Constitution.

Extended a Call to Non-Congregational Service to the Rev. John M. Woods as Chaplain, Rice Estate, West Columbia, Lutheran Homes of South Carolina, beginning December 11, 2022.

Continued to list The Rev. Kathy E. Harris on the roster of ministers of Word and Sacrament of this church as retired December 1, 2022.

Designated the offerings received at the worship services of the 2023 South Carolina Synod Assembly to The Lifeline Fund to provide family education-debt repayments for rostered ministers.

Affirmed the appointment of Ms. Debbie Shurr to the Audit Committee, South Carolina Synod, by the Executive Committee for a three-year term expiring 2025.

Approved the following Synod-authorized Worshiping Communities on the territory of the South Carolina Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, for the calendar year 2023.

Synod-authorized Worshiping Communities

Columbia, Sagrada Familia (Holy Family)

Gaston, Cristo Rey

Greenville, Nuestro Salvador (Our Saviour)

Mauldin, Parroquia El Meslas (Church of the Messiah)

North Charleston, Christ Community

Pelion, Cristo Rey

West Columbia, Cristo Rey (Christ the King)

Greenwood, Restoration Chapel

Voted to recommend the *2024 Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Ministers, South Carolina Synod* for adoption by the 2023 South Carolina Synod Assembly.

Amended the budget for the fiscal year February 1, 2023- January 31, 2024, by lowering the projected congregational mission support to be more in line with what we have received in the fiscal year just ended; and to reduce ELCA Mission Support to 35%; and to utilize the difference of 8.25% between the 43.25% to Mission Support and 35% to Mission Support, as a split to South Carolina Synod Ministries (formerly congregational vitality crises needs) and synod assembly expenses (to align that budget item to reflect more accurately expected expenses).

Voted to propose a budget in the amount of \$2,445,000 for the fiscal year February 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025, for adoption by the 2023 South Carolina Synod Assembly.

Voted to recommend the following “Budget Procedures” to guide the adoption of the 2024-2025 budget by the 2023 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 the close of the first session at 5:30 p. m. Thursday, June 8. 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 propose the following 2022 Churchwide Assembly amendments to recommended provisions, *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions, South Carolina Synod*, for adoption en bloc by the 2023 South Carolina Synod Assembly.

Additions are underscored
Deletions are ~~struck through~~ in the previous text

Chapter 7.
SYNOD ASSEMBLY

- S7.14. ~~One-half~~ One-third of the members of the Synod Assembly shall constitute a quorum.
- S7.24. Ministers under call on the rosters of this synod shall remain as members of the Synod Assembly so long as they remain under call and so long as their names appear on the rosters of this synod. Lay members of the Synod Assembly representing congregations shall continue as such until the opening of the next regular synod assembly, or unless replaced by the election of new members for a special synod assembly, or until they have been disqualified by termination of congregation membership. ~~Normally, congregations will hold elections prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.~~
- S7.26. This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council that permit lay representatives of authorized worshipping communities of the synod, which have been authorized under ELCA bylaw 10.01.04., to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with†S7.21.
- S7.27. This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council to grant a minister of Word and Sacrament from a church body with which a relationship of full communion has been declared and established by the Churchwide Assembly ~~of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America~~ the privilege of both voice and vote in the Synod Assembly during the period of that minister's service in a congregation of this church.

Chapter 8.
OFFICERS

- S8.42. The treasurer shall provide and be accountable for:
- c. Receipt and acknowledgment of offerings, contributions, and bequests made to this synod, collecting interest and income from its invested funds, and paying regular appropriations and orders on the several accounts as approved and directed by the Synod Council. The treasurer shall transmit each month to the treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America the funds received by this synod for the general work of this church as well as any funds to support restricted programs of this church.
 - ~~f. Giving of corporate surety in the amount determined by the Synod Council, which shall be in the custody of the secretary, and the premium therefore shall be paid by this synod. Fidelity coverage provided by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall be deemed a fulfillment of this requirement. Obtaining a fidelity bond in the amount determined by the Synod Council for persons handling synod funds, which~~

~~bond shall be in the custody of the secretary. The premium for the bond shall be paid by this synod. Fidelity coverage provided by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall be deemed a fulfillment of this requirement.~~

Chapter 11.

TABLES, NETWORKS, TASK FORCE AND COMMITTEES

~~S11.10. General Provisions~~

Chapter 14.

ROSTERED MINISTERS

S14.13. The pastor (a) shall keep accurate ~~parochial~~ records of all baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, communicants, members received, members dismissed, or members excluded from the congregation, (b) shall submit a summary of such statistics annually to this synod, and (c) shall become a member of the congregation upon receipt and acceptance of the letter of call. In a parish of multiple congregations, the pastor shall hold membership in one of the congregations.

S14.15. Each minister of Word and Sacrament on the roster of this synod shall submit a report of ~~his or her~~ ministry to the bishop of this synod at least 90 days prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

S14.34. Each minister of Word and Service on the roster of this synod shall submit a report of ~~his or her~~ ministry to the bishop of the synod at least 90 days prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

Closed the funding for the Growing in God's Mission (GGM) Appeal and to deposit any GGM receipts received after January 31, 2023, to account #5140000-1, Contributions.

Heard a report from Bishop Virginia S. Aebischer on a letter received on February 8, 2023, from Pastor H. Klatt III regarding his ordination into the priesthood of the Anglican Church on February 9, 2023. By virtue of being ordained in the Anglican Church, Pastor Klatt is removed from the Roster of ministers of Word and Sacrament, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As required when a rostered minister is removed from the roster, the files, and records of Pr. Klatt have been sent to the Office of the Secretary, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Engaged in conversation on Racial Reconciliation and heard a report on the book study, *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby, Zondervan Reflective [2019].