



Synod Council Highlights—Sept 10-11, 2021—via Zoom

The council approved:

- the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan
- the appointment of synod council committee members who are not currently on council
- a revised Personnel Handbook for synod office staff
- Continuing Education Guidelines for NC Synod rostered ministers
- the appointment of Jason Chesnut as part-time mission developer of the *Anam Cara* community
- the call of Pastor Tim Brown as part-time mission developer of *Anam Cara* community
- the Community of Spiritual Practice in Asheville
- the call of Pastor Elizabeth Rawlings as a three-quarter-time pastor of Community of Spiritual Practice in Asheville
- a North Durham exploration led by Pastor Meghan Richter from Oct. 1, 2021, to Jan. 31, 2022
- Phase Three of the Lifeline Fund which includes two new synods joining the effort—Florida Bahamas and Southeastern Iowa—and expanding debt reduction for issues caused by the pandemic
- the establishment of a Rostered Minister Wellness Fund, and an initial grant for that fund
 - Give to this Fund by visiting nclutheran.org/give.
- grants from the COVID-19 Fund given to Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and NovusWay Ministries
- 41 Michael Peeler/Virginia Casey Fund grant applications either in full or in part for a total of \$587,736
- 8 congregations' constitutions
- rostered transitions including the calls to Deacon Tammy Jones West and Pastors Sara Ilderton, CeCee Mills, and Phil Tonnesen to serve as assistants to the bishop

In addition to staff and officer reports, the following information was received:

- The bishop's report included regathering recommendations and staff re-structuring information.
- Conflict of Interest Statements were sent to all synod council members and staff, to be completed and returned in seven days.
- The Synod Gathering Committee reported that the Synod Gathering will be held June 2-4, 2022, at Lenoir-Rhyne University.
- Written reports from the NC Lutheran Men in Mission, the NC Women of the ELCA, and Mission Fund of the NC Synod were received.