



North Carolina Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Synod Council Highlights—December 3-4, 2021—via Zoom and subsequent email votes

The council approved:

- the development of a strategy to evaluate and respond to requests by congregations to disaffiliate.
- the purchase of property for Emmaus/Charlotte.
- a synodical administration guideline/procedure.
- agreeing to the request of the congregations of Prince of Peace, Kinston; Gloria Dei, Salisbury; Bethany, Hickory; and Our Savior, Durham; to be under synodical administration.
- a policy for disbursement of assets from Holy Closures.
- Hoang H. Nguyen to serve on Lutheran Services Carolinas Board.
- the appointment of synod committee members.
- a staff vehicle policy.
- a land acknowledgement for the synod office building and another for use at in-person and/or online meetings.
- an exploration in East Charlotte.
- staff salaries (in executive session).
- seven congregations' constitutions.
- rostered ministers' transitions.

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

- The bishop's report included information about staff changes, synodical administration, disaffiliation votes, and Pastor Brenda Smith serving as a contract chaplain for rostered ministers.
- The Synod Gathering Committee reminded the council that the Synod Gathering will be held June 2-4, 2022, at Lenoir-Rhyne University, with keynote speaker Jaqueline Busse.
- Written reports were shared from the NC Lutheran Men in Mission, the NC Women of the ELCA, and Mission Fund of the NC Synod.
- An update was given on the sale of the property of Sharon, Gibsonville.

The next North Carolina Synod Council meeting is scheduled for March 11-12, 2022.