



## **Synod Council Highlights—March 11-12, 2022—via Zoom** and subsequent email votes

The council approved:

- amending the synod constitution's continuing resolution regarding conferences: Amazing Grace, Granite Falls, moves to the Blue Ridge Conference; Yadkin & Silver Valley merge into the Salem Conference
- the replacement of representatives to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly: the Rev. Grace Gravelle replaces Dr. Mindy Makant, Deacon (rostered female, may have attended); Ms. Katie Neuhauser replaces Ms. Grace Berbaum (lay female, may have attended); Mr. Doug Nelson replaces Mr. Warren Keyes (lay male, may have attended).
- to authorize the officers of the synod and the director of finance & administration to enter into negotiations and sign documents; contracts must contain the signatures of at least two of the aforementioned persons.
- a resolution: *Care for Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color Leaders (BIPOC) and Congregations During Times of Alleged Misconduct and Discipline.*
- the ratification of the following who have been elected to the Home Mission Fund Board for a term beginning May 1 and ending April 30, 2025: Roger Lyman, Russ McKittrick, Mike Mahan, and George Rhyne.
- the appointment of the Rev. Margaret Herz-Lane to fill the term of Wanda Ebright on the Candidacy Committee.
- that the 2021 surplus in the amount of \$34,851 be allocated to the payment of legal fees incurred from litigation and legal expenses arising from synodical administrations and disaffiliations.
- adjusting the asset allocation formula of the NC Synod Foundation Funds from 75% equity/25% fixed income to 80% equity/20% fixed income.
- changing the method of calculation of the annual distributions for the various NC Synod Foundation Funds from being calculated based on the average of the year-end balances for the previous five years to being based on the average of the quarter-end balances for the same five-year period.
- the sale of Prince of Peace, Kinston.
- the sale of Our Savior, Durham.
- one congregation's constitution.
- rostered ministers' transitions.

The council endorsed:

- the Resolution to the Raleigh City Council Supporting Reparative Justice for the African-American Community in Raleigh.

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

- The bishop's report included information on receiving annual reports from rostered ministers highlighting gratefulness for the resources provided by the synod staff as they dealt with COVID, staff transitions, improvement in the situation at Novus Way, the challenge of providing interims to congregations with 15 pastoral resignations in 2021, and the first in-person meeting

of the Conference of Bishops in two years—including 40% who had never met with the group in person.

- 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 Jacqueline Bussie.
- Written reports were shared from the NC Lutheran Men in Mission, the NC Women of the ELCA, and Mission Fund of the NC Synod.
- A special report from the Rev. Dr. Mary Shore, rector and dean of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.
- A special report from the NC Synod Foundation.
- A report from the synod council group studying the process of disaffiliation.

The next North Carolina Synod Council meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2022.