



Synod Council Highlights—June 2, 2022 and subsequent email votes

The council approved:

- fully- and partially-funded grant requests from the Michael Peeler and Virginia Casey Funds.
- the ratification of the LSA/LSF Board Members for terms beginning in September 2022 and expiring in September 2025, as submitted by and on behalf of The Board of Trustees of Lutheran Services for the Aging and Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas. Those members are: Mr. Cary Grant (incumbent), Ms. Frances Lamb (incumbent), Ms. Jeanie Moore (incumbent), and Mr. Doug Nelson (new).
- the ratification of the appointment of Mr. Omar Bell to the Board of Directors of Agape+Kure Beach Ministries.
- the ratification of individuals for the Lenoir-Rhyne University Board of Trustees which were vetted and unanimously approved at their April 22, 2022, meeting. The board consists of 28 elected members and two ex officio members (President of LRU and Bishop of NC Synod). Since last year there were concerns about diversity, which the board values as well, persons of color are denoted by an *, and females are denoted by a +. We note also that for the first time in its over 130-year history, the chair of the board is female: Madeleine Dassow, member of First, Greensboro. The following individuals are reappointments: Dr. Steve Carter, +Katherine McKenzie, the Rev. Chris Webb, the Rev. Steve Misenheimer, *Perrell Bess, Dr. Eddie Beard, *Ike Oglesby, and +Kate Esch. The following individuals are new appointments for the three-year term 2022-2025: Chris Peek, *+Corie Pauling, and *+Gabi Kelly.
- approved the Audit Report.
- three congregations' constitutions.
- rostered ministers' transitions.

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

- The bishop's report included the information that, due to her presence being needed in the Sierra Pacific Synod, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will not be attending the NC Synod Gathering as originally scheduled.
- Synod Treasurer, Mr. Paul Phillips, noted that Mission Support giving is up \$32,000 (through April 2022).
- Mr. John Fleming, chair of the Finance & Property Committee, noted that approximately \$23,132 remains available for COVID-19 grants.
- The Rev. Danielle DeNise reported from the Outreach Committee that the North Durham Home Mission will begin July 1, 2022. She reported from The Mission Fund is reconstituting their board to have staggering terms and that five Mission Starts currently have permanent homes.
- Mr. Fred Park, chair of the Disaffiliation Committee, reported on the status of St. Matthew's, Wilmington: their request was denied by synod council April 28, 2022. Additionally, Bishop Smith, Vice President Haywood, and several other representatives are planning to meet with the congregation at St. Matthew's, per their request, on June 6, 2022.

The next North Carolina Synod Council meeting is scheduled for September 8-10, 2022, at Lutheridge.