



## **Synod Council Highlights—September 9-10, 2022**

The council approved:

- the following persons to be additional members of synod council committees: Kelli Cook (Finance & Property); Jody Laffon (Legal); Pastor Phil Thorsen (Legal); Pastor Tony Bradshaw (Audit); and Pastor Michael Frye (Michael Peeler/Virginia Casey).
- a recommendation from the synod council committee, Mission and Ministry, to establish, with at least \$25,000, a fund to help victims of NC Synod-rostered minister misconduct in the NC Synod with counseling and other healing programs and assistance.
- one congregation's constitution.
- rostered ministers' transitions.

In addition to staff and officer reports, the council:

- Welcomed three new synod council members: Greg Evans, Angelica Espinal, and Elizabeth Winkel (youth representative).
- Completed an orientation for new and existing council members that included the synod's Core Values, Purpose, Strategic Plan, synod structure and governance, review of synod partners, Communications Strategic Plan, and updates from the recent ELCA Churchwide Assembly.
- Enjoyed time to worship and study the Bible together with the help of the Rev. Rosemary Peek, Shepherd of the Hills, Sylva.
- Visited Living Waters, Cherokee and were treated to a gracious meal hosted by the Rev. Jack Russell and Lisa Russell. Toured the ministry site of their food pantry and more.
- Accepted, reluctantly, the resignation of Doug Ramsey, Secretary of the NC Synod, effective no later than December 31, 2022.
- Received an update on Novus Way Ministries from interim director Dick Peterson.

The next NC Synod Council meeting is scheduled for December 2-3, 2022, at the synod office.