



Synod Council Highlights—December 2-3, 2022

The council approved:

- Michael Dickson along with Pastors Greg Williams, Heather Bachelder, and Rosemary Peek, appointed to serve on The Mission Fund Board.
- Tommy Page and Ann Brown appointed to serve on the NC Synod Foundation.
- changes to the synod constitution—10.03.01a (to make the council's executive committee smaller) along with other items to bring the constitution in line with the 2022 CWA changes.
- the Native Learning Team as a new synod Ministry Team.
- two congregations' constitutions.
- rostered ministers' transitions.
- the call of Pastor Alfredo Oviedo to join synod staff as an assistant to the bishop.
- (in executive session) annual recommendations from the Personnel Committee for synod staff compensation and also housing allowance percentages for rostered ministers with synod council calls.
- The council ratified the NovusWay Bylaws.
- A resolution of thanksgiving for the longtime, faithful Synod Council service of Fred Park and Doug Ramsey.

In addition to staff and officer reports, the council received:

- the resignation of several synod council members.
- the treasurer's report including the good news that Mission Support giving is very slightly up (less than 1%) over this time last year.
- the Region 9 Council report including the addition of a new regional candidacy staff person, Pastor Lianet Ramirez Barrientos, of the Caribbean Synod, and Charles Downs as the new chair of the council.
- an update on the Boy Scout lawsuits.
- an update on synod staffing beginning in the new year.
- an update on synod office building upgrades.
- a report on plans for the 2023 Synod Assembly, including plans for Conference Cluster Meetings to be held April 23, April 29, and April 30.
- new guideline documents from the Peeler/Casey Committee.
- an executive committee report ensuring that two Mutual Ministry Committees will be appointed: one for the bishop, and the other for the rostered synod staff.

The next NC Synod Council meeting is scheduled for March 17-18, 2023, at the synod office.