



Synod Council Highlights—March 17-18, 2023

The council approved:

- establishment of the Church of the Wilderness, Durham from July 2022.
- the appointment of the Synod Assembly Nominating Committee.
- the move of the Richland Cemetery Fund to the Youth Ministry Fund to cover the loss of this year's LYO Assembly.
- the move of money from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund to the Synod Foundation.
- the 2024-25 budget for presentation to Synod Assembly.
- the 2024-25 Mission Support Formula for presentation to Synod Assembly.
- the compensation guidelines for presentation to Synod Assembly.
- a bylaw S12.01.04 change: the wording in the bylaw changed from "Ministers of Word & Sacrament" to "rostered ministers."
- a Sexual Misconduct Policy change: strike #2 from p.14 H.4
- the ratification of Home Mission Fund Board members Hal Derrick, White Iddings, Richard Turner, Jonathan Webster.
- to table the decision of the disaffiliation of St. Matthew's, Wilmington, until a Zoom meeting in the future when all Synod Council members are able to be present.
- two congregations' constitutions.
- two additional Peeler/Casey grant requests.
- two rostered ministers' transitions.

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

- and welcomed Dave Philips as interim secretary through the end of Doug Ramsey's term (July 2023).
- Bishop Tim's report which included information on: the recent Conference of Bishops meeting; news of the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church; giving by ELCA synods; recent meetings of the LRU and LTSS Boards; recent teaching opportunities (SAM class on church polity and Lenten Bible Study via Zoom on Galatians); candidate Hannah Norem who's doing an internship with the synod office; his LMIM anniversary gathering keynote; and a health report.
- reports from Vice President Diana Haywood, Secretary Dave Philips, & the Executive Committee.
- the treasurer's report that Mission Support is a little over 2.9M and that expenses have stayed under income.
- a Special Order of time with The Mission Fund board members, Pastor Joanna Stallings, executive director, and Pastor Russell Peek, treasurer.
- a Special Order to hear from the NC Synod Foundation.
- a Special Order to hear from St. Matthew's, Wilmington, members Becky Howard, Fred Jackson, Todd Shaver as they gave their pleas for disaffiliation.

The next NC Synod Council meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2023, at Koury Convention Center.