



Synod Council Highlights—September 14-16, 2023

Retreat & Meeting

The council approved:

- Bishop Tim's sabbatical for December '23, January & February '24.
- a synod Land Acknowledgement, including versions for use at synod meetings, and a version to be used in an upcoming synod film project.
- the closure of Arbol de Vida, Durham, as of October 31.
- the closure of Gloria Dei, Salisbury, as of November 13.
- the distribution of the account balance of Christ, Winston-Salem, using the Holy Closure guidelines.
- George Moretz to serve the remainder of the term of Pedie King (now deceased) on the Board of Trustees of Lenoir-Rhyne University.
- Agape+Kure Beach Ministries to hold a synod wide capital campaign for 2027-2029.
- LSC board members: Hoang Nguen, Kaye Leonard, Rick Herman, and Sylvia Flack.
- the constitutions of five congregations.
- Jody Laffon, Pastor Phil Thorsen to continue their appointment on the Legal Committee.
- Pastor Tony Bradshaw to continue his appointment on the Audit Committee.
- Bernard Robinson and Company to continue as our auditors.
- giving the synod staff and finance committee the authority to negotiate the selling and executing the deed of the property of Gloria Dei, Salisbury.
- rostered ministers' transitions.

The council denied:

- the disaffiliation of St. Matthew's, Wilmington.

The council also received:

- dates for Synod Gathering, scheduled for May 30, 31, and June 1, 2024 at Lenoir-Rhyne University.
- a Novus Way report from Dick Peterson, Intentional Interim CEO.
- information about Lutheran Services Carolinas' New Americans Program operating from offices on the campus of St. Mark's, Asheville.
- a report from Paul Phillips, treasurer, about the current state of the synod's financial health.
- staff reports.
- signed, and returned Conflict of Interest Statements.
- Bishop Tim's report including insight into current call process trends, ELCA candidacy trends, and a personal health update.

The NC Synod Council will next meet at the synod office on December 1-2, 2023.