



North Carolina Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Synod Council Highlights—December 1-2, 2023

The council approved:

- the minutes of the September '23 council meeting as well as the email actions taken on the dates of September 21, October 16, October 22, and November 21.
- Pastor Phil Tonnesen to serve as acting bishop from December 3 through January 15; and Pastor CeCee Mills to serve as acting bishop from January 16 through February 29 as Bishop Tim takes his sabbatical.
- the constitutions of St. Luke's, Lexington; Mt. Hebron, Hildebran; St. Philip, Raleigh; and Bethlehem, Hickory.
- Guidelines for Policy for Allocating Unrestricted Funds Received by the NC Synod.
- a special fundraising period for NovusWay Ministries.
- grants from Peeler/Casey Funds to NovusWay and Agape+Kure Beach Ministries.
- five grants from Peeler/Casey Funds to congregations.
- 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.
- beginning an exploration in the Charlotte area for an Arabic ministry.
- rostered ministers' transitions.

The council also received:

- a report from Paul Phillips, treasurer, about the current state of the synod's financial health.
- a report indicating the anticipation of a Region 9 diversity internship site which would begin in the SE Synod for one year and then move around to other synods—one year each.
- an update on the status of the lawsuit brought by the Boy Scouts of America.
- staff reports.
- Bishop Tim's report.

The NC Synod Council will next meet at the synod office on March 14-15, 2024.