



**North Carolina Synod**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## **Synod Council Highlights—March 15-16, 2024**

The council approved:

- the minutes of the December '23 council meeting.
- a working strategic plan of the Children, Youth, & Family Visioning Team and funding to facilitate the work.
- the annual renewal of Synod Authorized Worshiping Communities (SAWCs); Synod Authorized Outreach Community (SAOC); and Strategic Ministries.
- Joel Miller, Capri Foy, Lynn Renee Jessup Rogers, and Avery Staley as LSC Board members.
- Updated/consolidated policies from the council's finance committee.
- the constitutions of three congregations.
- beginning an exploration in the Charlotte area for an Arabic ministry.
- rostered ministers' transitions.

The council did not approve:

- St. Matthew's, Wilmington's request for disaffiliation.

The council also received:

- a report about the current state of the synod's financial health. Mission Support giving was down by a half percent in 2023. The staff is managing by operating below the budget.
- word that the audit was underway and should be ready in the next few weeks.
- a report from the personnel committee that Jenny Spearen will join synod staff as supply pastor coordinator.
- notice from the Michael Peeler/Virginia Casey Committee that the grant application deadline is approaching on April 30.
- staff reports.
- Bishop Tim's report.

The NC Synod Council will next meet at Lenoir-Rhyne University on May 30, 2024, just before the Synod Gathering.