



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

## **Synod Council Highlights—Meeting in Retreat at Lutheridge September 12-14, 2024**

The council approved:

- the resignation of Dave Phillips, NC Synod Secretary; with regret.
- the appointment of Susan Harris, NC Synod Secretary.
- motion to create a Bishop's Mutual Ministry committee.
- the creation of a team for alternative income and stability planning.
- Jody Laffon and Pastor Phil Thorsen, non-synod council members, to serve on the synod council legal committee.
- Kelli Cook, non-synod council member, to serve on the synod council finance and property committee.
- the disaffiliation request from St. Matthew's, Wilmington.
- the appointment of Pastor Marissa Krey as part-time interim mission developer at Church of the Wilderness, Durham.
- the constitutions of St. Luke, Ocean Isle Beach, and St. Luke's, Charlotte.
- the ratification of Zack Osborne to the Lutheran Family Services and Lutheran Services for the Aging (Lutheran Services Carolinas) Boards.
- rostered ministers' transitions.

The council also:

- learned that Mission Support giving is behind what was budgeted.
- learned about the sale of Our Savior, Durham.
- heard update on the search for the new director of business and administration.
- was reminded about the evaluation to be completed for the bishop's annual assessment.
- was reminded that assistant to the bishop, Pastor CeCee Mills has taken 2/3 of her sabbatical with 1/3 still left to take (planned for December, 2024).
- learned that Deacon Andrew Moore will begin as the synod's Children, Youth, and Family Lead Deacon on November 1 with a shared call with Calvary, Morganton.
- received Bishop Tim's report and staff reports.
- spent time examining the synod's Generosity Landscape & Synod Income and Stability Planning: Stewardship conversation with leaders Nick Kiger, Stephanie Burke, Mike Ward, and Tim Brown.
- began a conversation about relational covenants.

The NC Synod Council will next meet at the synod office, December 6-7, 2024.