



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

## **Synod Council Highlights—Retreat at Lutheridge September 4-6, 2025**

### **The council approved:**

- the minutes of the North Carolina Synod Assembly Minutes, May 29-31, 2025, as a record of those proceedings.
- arrangements to celebrate the Rev. CeCee Mills' service to the North Carolina Synod upon her call/election to serve as ELCA Secretary beginning November 1, 2025.
- extending a term call to Deacon Wendy Roberts as assistant to the bishop (coterminous with that of Bishop Hartner), including compensation package and housing allowance.
- the support of Miriam Schmidle, Word and Service candidate, as a religious worker so she may apply for an R-1 religious worker visa.
- removing Messiah, Salisbury, from the ELCA congregation roster, upon its recent closure.
- the appointment of members elected to the LSC (LSA and LFS) boards.
- approved non-council members to serve on various synod council committees.
- maintaining the relationship with the audit firm Bernard Robinson & Co., LLP.
- moving Holy Cross, Mocksville, from the Yadkin Conference to the Rowan Conference.
- rostered ministers' transitions.

### **The council also:**

- participated in a time of orientation for new synod council members, including initial meetings with their respective synod council committees.
- participated in team building activities led by Lutheridge program director, Pastor Drew Yoos.
- spent some time in the initial steps of strategic planning and goal setting.
- participated in a field trip to Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM), hosted by their Church Engagement Officer, Chandler Carriker, who is a rostered deacon in our synod. ABCCM was a partner with Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas, in particular following Hurricane Helene.
- worshiped together, ably led by David Anderson, cantor at St. Mark's, Asheville.

**The NC Synod Council will next meet at the synod office, December 5-6, 2025.**