

**The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod  
Minutes of the Synod Council Meeting  
May 10, 2012**

The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Council met at Lakewood United Methodist Church in Spring, Texas, on May 10, 2012, the day prior to the 2012 Synod Assembly.

In attendance:

Council Members: Evan Moilan; Bishop Mike Rinehart; Stephanie Wehring; John Turnquist; Don Hodde; Paul Monroe; Pastor Barb Simmers; Grace Banks; Pastor Brad Otto; Arthur Murphy; Gregory Goedecke; Pastor Sue Beall; Diane Campbell; Pastor Bradley Fuerst; and Corey Heidt..

Synod Staff: Pastor Don Carlson; Pastor Pedro Suárez; Mandy Faucett; and Assistant to the Bishop Peggy Hahn.

Absent: Dudley Piland.

Guests: Peter Perella, ELCA Director of Worship.

Evan Moilan called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2012.

Devotion. Bishop Mike Rinehart led the SC in a prayer and devotion centered on John 15 and Jesus as the vine.

**SC.12.05.01** Motion to issue a synod council call to Pastor Manuel Morales for the purpose of a Latino ministry at New Life Lutheran Church in Pearland, Texas. Motion by Bishop Mike Rinehart. Motion passes.

**SC.12.05.02** Motion to establish 2012 Synod Assembly Reference and Counsel committee as follows:

Ms.	Barbara	Smith	All Saints
Rev.	Jeffrey	Marsh	St. Paul Lutheran Church
The Rev.	J. (ames)	Zetto	Memorial Drive Lutheran Church
Rev.	Linda	Mosley	St. Paul Lutheran of Shelby
Rev	James	Abbott	Immanuel Lutheran - Brenham

Rev. Arlyn Hausmann Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Mr. David Hollrah Christ the King, Houston

Motion by Evan Moilan. Motion passes.

**SC.12.05.03** Motion to establish Synod Assembly committees for 2012: Credentials; Elections; Minutes; and Assembly Planning Team. Motion by Evan Moilan. Motion passes.

**SC.12.05.04** Orientation and volunteering of SC members for hospitality during 2012 Synod Assembly by Mandy Faucett.

**SC.12.05.05** Greeting from Churchwide Representative Peter Perella, ELCA Director of Worship. Peter was welcomed by Evan and the SC.

**SC.12.05.06** Review of Strategic Plan for the TLGC Synod by Evan and Bishop Mike. The SC should be prepared to discuss the plan with everyone, emphasizing the streamlining of the synod, partnership with all congregations, and new mission starts in the synod.

**SC.12.05.07** Motion to accept Kairos bid for phase 2 of strategic plan in the amount of \$13,600. Motion by Don Hodde. Motion passes.

**SC.12.05.08** Motion to approve revised changes to Synod Constitution and recommend those amendments to the 2012 Synod Assembly for amending the Synod Constitution and bylaws. Motion by John Turnquist. Motion passes.

**SC.12.05.09** Review of Advent Lutheran Church and Charlie Dean notification of Synod Council decision on appeal.

**SC.12.05.10** Bishop Mike reviews the plans for the 2012 Synod Assembly, and issues of SC hospitality, recognition of outgoing SC members, SC and staff introductions to the Assembly, synod financial update, and logistic issues.

**SC.12.05.11** Motion to approve additions to the Board of the Brazos Valley Campus Ministry, Donna Adcock from Peace Lutheran in College Station and Jim Dunham from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in College Station. Motion by John Turnquist. Motion passes.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. for prayers by Pastor Brad Otto. Motion to adjourn. Motion by Diane Campbell. Motion passes.

Next SC Meeting: September 14-15, 2012 — Lutherhill Camp and Retreat Center, La Grange, Texas.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur Murphy  
TLGC Synod Secretary