

The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod
Minutes of the Synod Council Meeting
June 26-27, 2009

The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Council met at Lutherhill Camp, LaGrange, Texas, on June 26 and 27, 2009.

In attendance:

Council Members: Bishop Mike Rinehart, Evan Moilan, Paul Monroe, Grace Taylor, Kurt Goedecke, Rev. Pete Lopez, Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade, David Hollrah, Sue Moehring, Arthur Murphy, Rev. Barbara Simmers, Jennifer Grove, Don Hodde, and Rev. David Tart.

Synod Staff and Visitors: Don Carlson, Peggy Hahn, Kerry Nelson, and Reyna Pereira.
Absent: Karee Viergutz.

Summary of Actions:

Friday, June 26, 2009

Vice President Evan Moilan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. We began by singing Hymn #374, Day of Arising.

SC.09.06.01 For the Good of the Church: Bishop Mike lifts up Grace's organ rededication in New Orleans, and St. John of Prairie Hill near Brenham.

SC.09.06.02 Discussion of Synod Assembly (SA) and feedback survey responses of voting members.

SC.09.06.03 Orientation for new members, leadership models for nonprofit organizations, duties of synod council, goal setting, vision setting, and administration.

Barb Simmers led a closing devotion. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m. A wine and cheese reception followed.

Saturday, June 27, 2009

Evan Moilan called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

Arthur led the opening devotion.

SC.09.06.04 Discussion of synod council (SC) and staff responsibilities chart.

SC.09.06.05 SWOTT discussion of synod strengths, weaknesses, etc.

SC.09.06.06 Referral of SA Resolution 10 on justice issues to Justice Task Force. Motion by Arthur Murphy. Motion passed.

SC.09.06.07 Referral of SA Resolution 12 on immigration issues to Immigration Task Force. Motion by Arthur Murphy. Motion passed.

SC.09.06.08 Referral of SA Resolution 20 on ADL community of respect to Justice Task Force and Arthur Murphy. Motion by Arthur Murphy. Motion passed.

SC.09.06.09 Referral of Consultation Committee nominees to Bishop Mike.

SC.09.06.10 Minutes of the May SC meeting (SC.09.05) received as corrected.

SC.09.06.11 Bishop's Report. See detailed minutes below.

After a lunch break, Evan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

SC.09.06.12 Treasurer's report received. Motion by David Hollrah. Motion passed.

SC.09.06.13 Motion to table decision on Kiho Song. Motion by Robin McCullough-Bade. Motion passed.

SC.09.06.14 Report on companion synod in Peru by Peggy Hahn.

SC.09.06.15 Motion to approve Immigration Coalition request to join coalition. Motion by David Hollrah. Motion passed.

SC.09.06.16 Motion to appoint Amy Zeittlow to LSSS Board. Motion by Bishop Mike Rinehart. Motion passed.

SC.09.06.17 Motion to request that LSSS begin providing the following prioritized services in Louisiana [with the list to be added by SC and staff based on needs in Louisiana]. Motion by Robin McCullough-Bade, as amended. Motion passed.

SC.09.06.18 Motion that the synod release the Lutheran Church in Hungary as a companion synod in order to focus our efforts on Peru and the Central African Republic. Motion by Arthur Murphy. Motion passed.

SC.09.06.19 Motion that we adopt the 2010 Compensation Guidelines as presented. Motion by Sue Moehring. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned with Eucharist at 4 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur Murphy
Synod Secretary

(Minutes received as corrected by SC on September 19, 2009)