

**The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod
Minutes of the Synod Council Meeting
May 8, 2014**

Present: John Turnquist, Paul Monroe, Evan Moilan, Bishop Mike Rinehart, Barb Simmers, Sue Beall, Robert Rivera, Diane Campbell, David Hollrah

Guests: Assistants to the Bishop Blair Lundborg and Pedro Suarez, with Brenda Smith from the ELCA

The Synod Council met at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA on May 8, 2014, immediately prior to the Synod Assembly for 2014.

The meeting was called to order by VP Evan Moilan at 10:00am.

The Bishop updated the Council as to certain events in the Synod, including the resignation of Pr. Erick Schaffer due to certain events in his personal life. The Bishop also reminded the Council that he would be out of town and out of his office on travels and sabbatical until September 2014, to which Council gave its mournful and reluctant acquiescence.

MSC To have Blair Lundborg serve as acting bishop in the absence of Bishop Rinehart.

MSC To move James Abbot and Eric Klempel to on leave from call status.

The Bishop gave a review of the annual assembly meeting agenda and other events.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50am.