

TEXAS-LOUISIANA GULF COAST SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING

Date of Meeting: May 18, 2017

Venue: Hilton Houston North (Synod Assembly Site)

Attendees: Bishop Mike, Evan Moilan, John Turnquist, Pr. Liz Hanley, Pr. Rodwell Thom, Robert Rivera, Renee Alfaro, Pr. Mark Warpmaeker, Pr. Diane Campbell, Tom Wildrick

Absent: Kathy Collins, Eileen Doll, Valerie Lloyd

Staff: Pr. Chris

Minutes of Meeting

1. Evan called the meeting to order at 10:10a.
2. Pr. Diane moved, Renee seconded, that the Minutes of the April meeting be approved. The Council agreed. Robert moved, Tom seconded, that the Minutes of the May online meeting be approved. The Council agreed.
3. Bishop Mike provided an overview of this (the 30th) Assembly. Because of the expense, especially of the cost of food, we will be revisiting the structure of future Assemblies at upcoming Council meetings. [**Note:** The 2017 Assembly approved the amendment to the Synod constitution requiring six months notice be given throughout the synod before the next Assembly. Thus, if the structure is to be changed for the 2018 Assembly, say, to go from 2.5 days to 1.5 days, the Council will need to make that decision NLT the November 2017 meeting.]

Pr. Diane moved, Pr. Rodwell seconded, that the Assembly Agenda be approved. The Council agreed.
4. For the 2017 Assembly: Pr. Rodwell moved, Renee seconded, that these committees be approved.

Minutes: John, Robert, David Hollrah

Reference & Counsel: Robert, Pr. Arthur Murphy

Elections: Pr. Andrew Bell, Pr. Jill Vivroux, Deacon Jen Tinker, Jon Bathe, Shelly Rinehart, Bunny Stoutes, Cheryl Pfennig, Cassie Nagl

Credentials: Pr. Charles Parnell, Phil Fenton, Terry Booker

The Council approved.

5. Pr. Diane moved, Robert seconded, that Dennis Shaw, SAM, Absalom Nasuwa, SAM, and Dan Simmons, AoJ, be given voice at this Assembly. The Council approved.

6. Bishop Mike presented Pr. Blair's report. After discussion, the Council approved Pastor Herb Palmer's retirement request and Pr. Mark's OLFC request. As well, the Council approved the Compensation Guidelines for submission to the Assembly for final approval.

7. Bishop Mike presented a proposed change to the Synod's By-laws as follows:

Recommended change: (a) In Chapter 12, change title to "The Conference, Clusters, and Coalitions"; (b) Delete 12.01.02 and re number the existing 12.01.03 and .04 to 12.01.02 and .03, respectively; (c) In the new 12.01.02, first sentence, place a period after "persons" and delete "in each Sector" - as well, replace "Ministeriums" in both sentences with "Conferences"; and (d) In the new 12.01.03, first sentence, replace "Ministerium" with "Conference".

Mark moved, Diane seconded, that these changes be approved. The Council approved. Since Synod Assembly approval is required, and since these changes are "housekeeping", *the Council also agreed to defer presenting them to the Assembly until the 2018 Assembly.*

Prayerfully submitted,

C. John Turnquist

Secretary