

**LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD, ELCA
SYNOD COUNCIL**

**Minutes
June 12, 2010**

The Lower Susquehanna Synod Council met for its reorganizational meeting on Saturday, June 12, 2010, at noon in the Private Dining Room in the Eisenhower Campus Center of Messiah College, Grantham, PA.

Vice President Ronald R. Price called the meeting to order. He welcomed the newly-elected members, Pastors Kurt S. Strause and Elizabeth C. Polanzke, Chelle J. Huth, AiM, and Molly E. Crouser (in absentia) and returning members, Robert H. Getz, Jr. and Holly Freas-Webster. The members introduced themselves to each other.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Bishop B. Penrose Hoover Thomas E. McKee	Ronald R. Price Bruce E. Seagrist
	Thomas C. Benner Lucinda L. Bringman Judy K. Collins, AiM Holly Freas-Webster Robert H. Getz, Jr. David L. Hefner Chelle J. Huth, AiM	Paula L. Murray Elizabeth C. Polanzke Patricia A. Snyder Kurt S. Strause Marcus W. Thomsen April E. Trout Alexis K. Witt

Liaisons present: Kathy Hefner

Staff present:	Virginia J. Cover Melvin E. Dick Pamela B. Drenner	Clifton D. Eshbach David R. Fisher Joanne Wilhelm
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Members excused:	Molly E. Crouser Elizabeth D. George	Mary Anne Kingsborough
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Staff excused: Charlie R. Roberts III

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ronald R. Price, vice president, proposed a modified ecclesiastical ballot for the election of the three Synod Council members of the Executive Committee. All members of the Synod Council were instructed to vote for no more than three Synod Council members for nomination and election to Executive Committee. Needed for election on the first ballot was a simple majority of the 17 votes cast or 9 votes. The vice president appointed Pam Drenner and Kathy Hefner as tellers.

The results of the first ballot were: Marcus Thomsen, 9; Pastor Paula Murray, 6; Lucinda Bringman, 5; Holly Freas-Webster, 5; Pastor David Hefner, 4; Pastor Kurt Strause, 4; Judy Collins, 3; Robert Getz, Jr., 3; April Trout, 3; Thomas Benner, 2; Pastor Elizabeth Polanzke, 2; Chelle Huth, 2; Pastor Patricia Snyder, 1; Alexis Witt, 1. Vice President Price declared that Marcus Thomsen was elected to the Executive Committee. The next ballot included the names of Pastor Paula Murray, Lucinda Bringman, Holly Freas-Webster, Pastor David Hefner, and Pastor Kurt Strause.

The results of the second ballot were: Lucinda Bringman, 11; Pastor Kurt Strause, 11; Holly Freas-Webster, 5; Pastor Paula Murray, 4; and Pastor David Hefner, 3. Vice President Price declared that Lucinda Bringman and Pastor Kurt Strause were elected as members of the Executive Committee. This election was closed.

Vice President Price instructed the members of the Synod Council to vote for one of the following for vice chair of the Synod Council: Marcus Thomsen, Lucinda Bringman, and Pastor Kurt Strause.

The results of the first ballot were: Marcus Thomsen, 7; Lucinda Bringman, 5; and Pastor Kurt Strause, 5. The second ballot contained the same names.

The results of the second ballot were: Lucinda Bringman, 8; Pastor Kurt Strause, 5; Marcus Thomsen, 3. The third ballot contained the names Lucinda Bringman and Pastor Kurt Strause.

The results of the third ballot were: Lucinda Bringman 11; Pastor Kurt Strause, 6. Vice President Ronald R. Price declared Lucinda Bringman elected as vice chair of the Synod Council.

Vice President Price distributed preference forms for members of the Synod Council to indicate their preferences for membership on Synod Council Committees, for liaisons to conferences, and for liaisons to committees. Vice President Price will use the information on these forms to aid him in making appointments.

The vice president also distributed a schedule of Executive Committee and Synod Council meetings for 2010-2011.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Thomas E. McKee
synod secretary
6/16/10