

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD, ELCA
SYNOD COUNCIL
Minutes
June 13, 2009

The Lower Susquehanna Synod Council met for its reorganizational meeting on Saturday, June 13, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lottie Nelson 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 Elizabeth D. George, Judy K. Collins (in absentia), and Alexis K. Witt and returning members, Pastor David Hefner, Lucinda L. Bringman, and Thomas C. Benner. The members introduced themselves to each other.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Bishop B. Penrose Hoover Thomas E. McKee	Ronald R. Price
	Jon R. Adams Thomas C. Benner Lucinda L. Bringman Holly Freas-Webster Elizabeth D. George David L. Hefner Mary Anne Kingsborough	Paula L. Murray Timothy W. Sadler Patricia A. Snyder Marcus W. Thomsen April E. Trout Alexis K. Witt Kim Y. Wittel
Staff present:	Clifton D. Eshbach Melvin E. Dick Pamela B. Drenner	David R. Fisher Barbara Myers Joanne Wilhelm
Members excused:	Judy K. Collins	Sara A. Gausmann
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, Barbara Myers, and Joanne Wilhelm as tellers.

The results of the first ballot were: Kim Wittel, 8; Pastor Timothy W. Sadler, 7; Lucinda L. Bringman, 6; Pastor Paula L. Murray, 6; Jon R. Adams, 5; Pastor David Hefner, 5; Dr. Marcus Thomsen, 4; Mary Anne Kingsborough, 3; Pastor Patricia A. Snyder, 2; and Holly Freas-Webster, 1. There was no election on this ballot. The vice president declared this to be the nominating ballot and instructed the members of the Synod Council on the next ballot to vote for no more than three members nominated on the nominating or first ballot.

The results of the second ballot were: Kim Wittel, 10; Lucinda L. Bringman, 8; Dr. Marcus Thomsen, 7; Pastor Paula Murray, 6; Pastor Timothy W. Sadler, 6; Jon R. Adams, 6; and Pastor David Hefner 5. Vice President Ronald R. Price declared Kim Y. Wittel elected as a member of the Executive Committee.

The next ballot contained the names of Lucinda L. Bringman, Dr. Marcus Thomsen, Pastor Paula Murray, Pastor Timothy Sadler; and Jon R. Adams. The vice president instructed the members of Synod Council to vote for no more than two.

The results of the third ballot were Lucinda L. Bringman, 8; Pastor Paula Murray, 6; Jon Adams, 6; Pastor Timothy Sadler, 6; and Dr. Marcus Thomsen, 4. There was no election on this ballot. The next ballot contained the names of Lucinda L. Bringman, Pastor Paula Murray, Jon Adams, and Pastor Timothy Sadler. Once again the vice president instructed the members of the Synod Council to vote for no more than two nominees.

The results of the fourth ballot were Jon Adams, 10; Lucinda Bringman, 8; Pastor Paula Murray, 6; and Pastor Timothy Sadler, 6. Vice President Price declared Jon R. Adams elected as a member of the Executive Committee. The next ballot contained the names of Lucinda Bringman, Pastor Paula Murray, and Pastor Timothy Sadler. The vice president instructed the members of the Synod Council to vote for no more than one nominee.

The results of the fifth ballot were Pastor Timothy Sadler, 7; Pastor Paula Murray, 5; and Lucinda Bringman 4. There was no election. The next ballot contained the names of Pastor Timothy Sadler and Pastor Paula Murray. The vice president instructed the members of the Synod Council to vote for no more than one nominee.

The results of the sixth ballot were Pastor Paula L. Murray, 9; and Pastor Timothy W. Sadler, 7. Vice President Price declared Pastor Paula L. Murray elected as a member of the Executive Committee.

Vice President Price instructed the members of the Synod Council to vote for one of the following for vice chair of the Synod Council: Kim Y. Wittel, Jon R. Adams, and Pastor Paula L. Murray.

The results of the first ballot were Pastor Paula L. Murray, 6; Jon R. Adams, 5; and Kim Y. Wittel, 4. There was no election on this ballot. The second ballot contained the names of Pastor Paula L. Murray and Jon R. Adams.

The results of the second ballot were Pastor Paula L. Murray, 10; and Jon R. Adams, 5. Vice President Ronald R. Price declared Pastor Paula L. Murray 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 2009-2010.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Thomas E. McKee
synod secretary
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