

**LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD, ELCA**  
**SYNOD COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**November 21, 2009**

The Lower Susquehanna Synod Council met for a regular meeting on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the United Church Center, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Vice President Ronald R. Price called the meeting to order. Marcus W. Thomsen presented devotions. Devotions were from 1Corinthians, Chapter 12, verse 4, focusing attention on the variety of gifts God has given us. Marcus directed Synod Council members to think about what sets them apart as leaders. It is the willingness to use their gifts for the sake of others.

Pastor Stephen R. Herr and Frank J. Leber, board members of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg elected by the Lower Susquehanna Synod, presented the ministry highlight, providing the members of the Synod Council information about the seminary that this synod supports. They spoke about the role of the board and shared a 2009 Quick-Facts sheet. They thanked the Synod Council for its continuing support. Churchwide support of the seminary is 11 percent rather than the 50 percent originally planned. Synods contribute more, and their support continues to be greatly appreciated. They also discussed some governance restructuring that is under way and the foundation created to oversee investments.

Pastor Kathleen Reed, Director of Advancement for the seminary, talked about the 3 G's – Grace, Generosity, and Gratitude. She gave an update on the Crossroads Campaign, which will be coming to this synod in the year 2011. Goals have changed since the original launching of the campaign. She mentioned what the seminary will need from this synod support in terms of leadership: assigning a coordinator and recruiting a Steering Committee.

President Michael Cooper-White thanked the Synod Council for its stewardship, care, and concern. This synod leads the church in support of seminaries. He mentioned the newly created Gordon and Bertha Folkemer endowment. St. Matthew Lutheran Church, York, has pledged \$100,000 to begin the fund, which is designed primarily to support faculty positions.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Members present:</b>	Bishop B. Penrose Hoover Bruce E. Seagrist	Ronald R. Price
	Thomas C. Benner Judy K. Collins Holly Freas-Webster Sara A Gausmann 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 Witt Kim Y. Wittel
<b>Liaisons present:</b>	Fred W. Bohls Kirsten Youse	Kathy Hefner
<b>Staff present:</b>	Melvin E. Dick David R. Fisher	Barbara Myers Joanne Wilhelm

<b>Guests Present:</b>	Frank J. Leber Michael L. Cooper-White	Stephen R. Herr Kathleen Reed
<b>Members excused:</b>	Thomas E. McKee	Lucinda L. Bringman
<b>Staff excused:</b>	Pamela B. Drenner Clifton D. Eshbach	Charlie Roberts

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 1 and September 26, 2009, meetings of Synod Council were approved as distributed.

**BISHOP'S REPORT**

Bishop B. Penrose Hoover provided a written report.

Bishop Hoover moved the following appointments and elections:

**ADOPTED:** That the Synod Council appoint to the 2009-2010 Assembly Planning Committee  
**SC09.11.45.** the Rev. Joel D. Petrushke;

That the Synod Council appoint the Rev. Cynthia A. Chambers; Jeffrey Culp; and Celia C. Domines to the Candidacy Committee for a five-year term expiring in 2014; and appoint the Rev. Henry E. Herbener to the Candidacy Committee for an unexpired term, expiring in 2010.

That the Synod Council appoint the Rev. Matthew J. Lenahan, the Rev. Naomi Sease Carriker, Judy K. Collins, Aim, (SC), and the Rev. Clifton D. Eshbach, staff, to the Eco-Justice Task Group. This group was created as the result of action taken by the 2009 Synod Assembly.

**ADOPTED:** That the Synod Council elect the Rev. Benjamin Leese and Capt. Brent Diefenderfer  
**SC09.11.46.** and reelect the Rev. Albert J. Domines and Susan Kulakowski to the board of the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2012.

Bishop Hoover moved the following motion regarding "on-leave-from-call" status:

**ADOPTED:** That the Synod Council retain "on-leave-from-call" status the Rev. Julia A. Hart  
**SC09.11.47.** for a period of one year until December 1, 2010; and the Rev. Richard A. Whitesel for a period of one year until December 31, 2010; and that the Synod Council extend the "on-leave-from-call-graduate study" for the Rev. Chad Rimmer for the full six-year period ending in September 2015.

Bishop Hoover moved the following housing allowances for ordained staff:

**ADOPTED:**    **The total compensation to be paid to the Rev. B. Penrose Hoover for the period beginning January 1, 2010, shall include an annual payment of \$24,500 to be designated as a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code.**  
**SC09.11.48.**

**The total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Thomas E. McKee for the period beginning January 1, 2010, shall include an annual payment of \$20,000 to be designated as a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code.**

**The total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Clifton D. Eshbach for the period beginning January 1, 2010, shall include an annual payment of \$27,771 to be designated as a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code.**

**The total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Melvin E. Dick for the period beginning January 1, 2010, shall include an annual payment of \$30,000 to be designated as a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code.**

**ADOPTED:**    **The total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Russell A. Rockwell for the period beginning January 1, 2010, shall include an annual payment of \$28,824 to be designated as a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code, pending approval of the Personnel Committee recommendation for Pastor Rockwell's compensation later in this meeting.**  
**SC09.11.49.**

Bishop Hoover moved the following motion about retirements:

**ADOPTED:**    **That the Synod Council approve the retirement of the Rev. Robert R. Wegehof, effective January 1, 2010, and of the Rev. Melvin E. Dick, effective June 30, 2010.**  
**SC09.11.50.**

The bishop requested Pastor Dick to speak to his retirement as an assistant to the bishop of this synod. Pastor Dick read his letter of resignation to the Synod Council. Vice President, Ron Price, expressed appreciation on behalf of the Synod Council for all that Pastor Dick has done in service to this synod.

Bishop Hoover made the following motion to extend a Synod Council call:

**ADOPTED:**    **That the Synod Council extend the call of the Rev. Robert N. Maddox, Jr. to serve as intentional interim associate pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, York, for a period of one year until December 31, 2010, or until a new associate pastor is called.**  
**SC09.11.51.**

Bishop Hoover then shared information that the ELCA Churchwide offices have downsized by forty positions. This downsizing comes as a result of a decrease in mission support over the past five years and as a result of projections of future mission support and the losses from investments. These cutbacks are not associated with recent Churchwide Assembly actions.

The bishop also shared that he will be leaving for a trip to Israel and the West Bank on November 28, 2009, and will return on December 8, 2009. This is not a sight-seeing trip but one where the bishops will be meeting and worshipping with Palestinian Christians. They also will meet with United Nations officials to talk about peace issues and tensions. Bishop Hoover will be preaching at one of the churches in the Palestinian community and will be doing some symbolic activities such as planting trees. He asked the Synod Council for their prayers and indicated he will provide them with a report at the February Synod Council meeting.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Bruce E. Seagrist submitted written reports through October 2009, including reports of mission support, Merrill Lynch earnings, schedules of financial positions, unaudited statements of activity, and combined budget reports. The treasurer shared a new report that included a comparison of mission support receipts each year from October 2002 through October 2009. He pointed to the decline in support over that time period. The new report also included an investment history for the period January 2009 through October 2009. Investments continue to improve slightly. He also mentioned his concern about our investments in the Mission Investment Fund and will address that issue at a future meeting. Also included in this report was an update on the Barry Herr incident. We are awaiting final word on an insurance settlement and on receipts from retirement accounts. Members of the Synod Council commented on how much they appreciated the simplicity of the format of this report. The report and interpretation were easy to understand.

The treasurer also drew attention to the Combined Budget Report and Schedule of Financial Position (Balance Sheet). He indicated that this synod is living within its means and is on the right track. He indicated that he has provided additional information for the synod Web site and that he intends to communicate those resources to congregational treasurers. The 2008 audit of the synod's books should be released within the next two weeks. He also mentioned that he is looking at the history of the synod's endowments.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President Price announced that the Rev. Craig Settlage will come to the February 20, 2010, meeting of the Synod Council for a mission support consultation.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Pastor Thomas McKee is part of the delegation from this synod that is currently in Tanzania for the general assembly of the Konde Diocese. Besides Pastor Thomas McKee, the delegation includes: the Rev. Clifton Eshbach, assistant to the bishop and staff liaison to the Konde Diocese; Pastor Judith McKee, chair of the Konde Diocese Committee; Judith Garber, former synod vice president; and Rachel Lauber, RN, who is volunteering at Itete Hospital through mid-December.

#### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Vice President Price reviewed the October 30, 2009, minutes of the Executive Committee. The Task Force on Formation will present its report to Synod Council later during this meeting.

He moved **EC09.10.03.** on behalf of the Executive Committee:

**ADOPTED:** That one lay male; two lay female; one female youth (under the age of 18 at election); one male young adult (age 18 through 30 at the time of election); and four clergy voting members of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly be elected at large at the 2010 Synod Assembly.

Synod Council received a letter of resignation from Jon Adams.

The vice president also moved **EC09.10.04**, on behalf of the Executive Committee:

**ADOPTED:** That the Synod Council accept the resignation of Jon Adams from Synod  
**SC09.11.53.** Council with deep regret and profound sorrow.

**REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF SYNOD COUNCIL**

**ASSEMBLY PLANNING COMMITTEE** provided minutes of its October 21, 2009, meeting. Pastor David Hefner, chair, reviewed the actions of the committee. The committee is proposing to have ordination on Thursday evening, June 10, 2010, and forums on Friday evening, June 11. The assembly will officially begin on Friday morning, June 11, 2010, and end by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 12, 2010. In order to cut costs, the committee is proposing eliminating the ice cream social and the banquet. Honoring retired and fifty-years rostered leaders and welcoming new rostered to this synod again will be part of the assembly agenda. The Worship Committee has been asked to make recommendations about the Necrology. Instead of commercials by committees, agencies and institutions, congregations and conferences will be asked to submit DVDs that interpret what God is doing in their communities and beyond through their ministries. Eight five-minute DVDs will be shown during the course of the assembly.

**CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE** will meet to review the amendments made to the Model Constitution for Synods by the 2009 Churchwide Assembly.

**GIFTS DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE** will meet on Friday, January 22, 2010, at 9 a.m.

**MISSION COMMITTEE** provided minutes of its October 28, 2009, meeting.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** provided minutes of its October 28, 2009, meeting.

Mary Anne Kingsborough, chair, moved the following on behalf of the Personnel Committee:

**ADOPTED** That Bishop Hoover's 2010 salary (base salary and housing allowance) remain  
**SC09.11.54.** at the 2009 level, \$92,700.00.

**ADOPTED** That this synod's portion of Pastor Russell Rockwell's salary (base salary and  
**SC09.11.55** housing allowance) be increased by \$1,286, giving him a proposed salary (base salary and housing allowance) of \$28,824 for 2010.

**ADOPTED** That an equal dollar increase of \$661, representing a total one percent increase, be  
**SC09.11.56.** given to the assistants to the bishop, who are paid entirely by this synod, giving Pastor Dick a proposed salary of \$68,400 for 2010; Pastor Eshbach a proposed salary of \$61,661 for 2010; and Pastor McKee a proposed salary of \$70,161 for 2010. (Salary for the synod pastoral staff includes base salary and housing allowance.)

**ADOPTED** That a one percent increase be given to Category II Executive Staff and up to  
**SC09.11.57.** a three percent increase be given to Category III Support Staff and Category IV Support Staff, to be distributed at the discretion of the bishop and the personnel officer.

**ADOPTED**      **That the following salary ranges be adopted for the years 2010-2012**  
**SC09.11.58.**    **Category I Executive:            \$50,000-\$105,000**  
                      **Category II Executive:            \$25,000-\$65,000**  
                      **Category III Support Staff:       \$25,000-\$50,000**  
                      **Category IV Support Staff:       \$20,000-\$35,000**

**REPORTS OF THE TASK FORCES**

**TASK FORCE ON FORMATION** provided a written report. Vice President Ronald Price reviewed this report for the members of the Synod Council.

The Synod Council received and accepted the Report of the Task Force on Formation.

**REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS**

**LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION** liaison, Fred Bohls, reported to the Synod Council that LMM is still seeking a synod ministry specialist. The goal is to have one for the synod, followed by one in each conference, and eventually one in each congregation. Please contact Fred Bohls if you know of anyone who may be interested.

A leadership training conference "Building Men for Christ" will be held December 4-5, 2009, at the Marriott O'Hare in Chicago. Information will be available through the synod Web site or visit [elca.org](http://elca.org) and look for Lutheran Men in Mission.

Lutheran Men in Mission will be kicking off a career-building program at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill. The hope is to include all West Shore churches. This is a community outreach program, which will be targeted to all denominations. The purpose is to help persons find employment. More information will be forthcoming through Carings and Sharings.

**WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA** liaison, Kathy Hefner, reported that the Women of the ELCA has downsized its staff from 20 to 13 members. She asked for prayer and healing for those who have lost their positions. She also spoke about the support of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Women of the ELCA for the Gettysburg Seminary food bank and how it has encouraged others to participate.

**REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE STAFF**

Barbara Myers, synod director for communication, reported on the progress of the synod minute book. It is at the printer and the hope is that it will be distributed by the end of this year. She also expressed concern over the number of positions being eliminated in the communication services unit of the ELCA.

Pastor Mel Dick, assistant to the bishop, reported on several items. A Gathering of the Ministerium will be held at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, on January 14, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. It is a follow-up to the 2009 Bishop's Convocation and will provide opportunity for the bishop to update the ministerium on the Churchwide Assembly actions and what has developed since the meetings of the Conference of Bishops, the ELCA Church Council, and the Bishops' Academy.

Pastor Dick also mentioned the closing of the building at St. James Lutheran Church in Blossville, which he attended, and the subsequent dedication of Big Spring United Lutheran Church, which the bishop attended. An open house was held for the community the day prior to the dedication. It has been a

redefining of ministry in the West Cumberland Conference that took approximately 15 years to complete. It is a vibrant ministry that includes a food bank and a working farm to help the community.

Pastor Dick then talked about the concerns over the reception, management, and distribution of assets upon the closing of congregations. He suggested the possibility of creating a task force to prepare a plan for legal dissolution of assets if they come to this synod as a result of congregations becoming defunct and leaving no one behind to handle legal matters of closing. The synod vice president will meet with Pastor Dick to further discuss this concern.

At this point, the bishop also mentioned the groundbreaking ceremony for St. Jacob's Lutheran Church (Brodbecks), Glenville. The bishop joined Pastor Paula Murray and members of St. Jacob's for an exciting event celebrating the new site for St. Jacob's.

### **REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES FOR THE MINISTERIUM**

**Committee of Deans** provided minutes of its September 21, 2009, meeting.

### **REPORTS OF THE SYNODICAL MINISTRIES FOR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

#### **REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES FOR MISSION**

**The Committee for Church in Society** sponsored a Racial Justice Training event in October. Review of the event indicated that it did not provide the hoped-for tools and information for the committee to move forward with training throughout this synod. The presentation was not well prepared and expectations of the event were not met. Feedback will be provided to the ELCA. The concept was good and participants were eager to learn more. The Synod Council and the bishop thanked the Church in Society Committee for the opportunity they provided and for their hard work in bringing this event to the leaders of the synod. The disappointment in the event is in no way a reflection on the work of the committee.

#### **REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** met on October 23. The committee provided minutes of that meeting and the Nominating Handbook for the 2010 Synod Assembly. Synod Council members were reminded of their responsibility to raise up faithful leaders for this synod.

#### **REPORTS OF AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS RELATING TO THE LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD**

**LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT GETTYSBURG** – President Michael L. Cooper White and Pastor Kathleen Reed introduced the Crossroads Campaign to the members of the Synod Council during the ministry highlight.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Minutes about Auditors** - Bishop Hoover called a special meeting that included officers and staff of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, members of the Audit Committee, and representatives of Rhoads and Sinon, legal counsel for the Lower Susquehanna Synod for the purpose of discussing the possibility of a lawsuit against previous auditors related to the Barry Herr embezzlement. Vice President Price indicated that because we should be receiving additional insurance money and money from the retirement accounts of Mr. Herr that a lawsuit would not be necessary. Such a move would be cost-prohibitive and proceeds of the lawsuit would have to be turned over to the courts for distribution to the insurance companies.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Pastor Sally Gausmann introduced a resolution to Church Council.

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE ACTIONS OF THE 2009 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY**

**WHEREAS**, the 2009 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA has adopted the social statement, “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust”, and

**WHEREAS**, in Part IV (lines 620 – 628 in the Pre-Assembly Report) this statement reads: **The historic Christian tradition and the Lutheran Confessions have recognized marriage as a covenant between a man and a woman, reflecting Mark 10: 6–9: “But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one put asunder.”** (Jesus here recalls Genesis 1:27; 2:23–24.), and

**WHEREAS**, in Part IV (lines 740 – 744, as amended, of the Pre-Assembly Report) it reads: **Recognizing that this conclusion differs from the historic Christian tradition and the Lutheran Confessions, some people, though not all, in this church and within the larger Christian community, conclude that marriage is also the appropriate term to use in describing similar benefits, protection, and support for same-gender couples entering into lifelong monogamous relationships,** and

**WHEREAS**, the statement then goes on to treat these two positions and the variants within them as of equal validity, on the basis of the “conscience-bound beliefs” of those who hold them (Part IV, lines 809 – 868 of the Pre-Assembly Report), and

**WHEREAS**, on this same basis of the “conscience-bound lack of consensus in this church” (lines 452 – 453 of the Report and Recommendation on Ministry Policies in Part V of the Pre-Assembly Report) the resolutions on ministry policies (SA09.05.23 – 24 – 26 & 27) were adopted, and

**WHEREAS**, neither the Social Statement nor the Recommendation on Ministry Policies present an argument based on Scripture, the Lutheran Confessions and with the aid of sound reason either to reject what is admitted to be the position of the historic Christian tradition and the Lutheran Confessions based on Scripture or to accept a position which is admitted to be contrary to the historic Christian tradition and the Lutheran Confessions, and

**WHEREAS**, the Confession of Faith of the ELCA (Chapter 2 of the ELCA Constitution) commits the ELCA to accept the canonical Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm of our proclamation, faith and life, and to accept the confessional writings of the Lutheran Church as a true witness of the Gospel and valid interpretations of the faith of the Church, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Lower Susquehanna Synod Council, repudiate the decisions of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly in adopting the social statement “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust” and the 4 Resolutions on Ministry Policies (CA09.05.23 – 24 – 26 & 27) as violations of the Confession of Faith, Chapter 2 of the ELCA Constitution, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Lower Susquehanna Synod Council memorialize the ELCA Church Council to repudiate these actions as violations of the Confession of Faith, Chapter 2 of the ELCA Constitution, refuse to implement these actions, and begin the process to overturn these decisions at the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.

Vice President Price ruled the first “Resolved” out of order due to the fact that the Lower Susquehanna Synod in Assembly voted for the social statement. He believes the Synod Council does not have the authority to override a decision of the Synod Assembly which is this synod’s highest legislative body.

The bishop indicated that the resolution could still be brought forward without the first “Resolved.” Pastor Gausmann thanked the bishop and the vice president and put the resolution before the Synod Council for discussion without the first “Resolved.”

The resolution was presented in its new form and discussed ensued.

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**LOST:** The Synod Council memorialize the ELCA Church Council by adopting and forwarding  
**SC09.11.59.** the above resolution.  
**Yes: 6**  
**No: 7**

Also, under new business, a letter from Chris Cuttitta, a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Bendersville, was shared with the Synod Council. The letter was addressed to Bishop Hanson and was copied to the Synod Council. It shared his feelings about the 2009 Churchwide Assembly actions.

The next item of new business was to elect a replacement for Jon Adams for remainder of his term on Synod Council..

The vice president moved :

**ADOPTED:** That Robert H. Getz, Jr. be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Jon Adams on  
**SC09.11.60.** Synod Council.

Vice President Price then appointed Mr. Getz to be chair of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Synod Council.

Vice President Ronald R. Price then announced that the members of the Synod Council needed to elect a new at-large member of the Executive Committee.

The results of the first ballot were: Marcus W. Thomsen **4**; Timothy W. Sadler **3**; Lucinda L. Bringman and David L. Hefner **2**; Sara A. Gausmann, Holly Freas-Webster, Thomas C. Benner, Patricia A. Snyder, and Mary Anne Kingsborough **1**.

A second ballot was cast including the names of Marcus W. Thomsen and Timothy W. Sadler. The results were Marcus W. Thomsen **10** and Timothy W. Sadler **6**.

Marcus W. Thomsen was elected as at-large member of the Executive Committee.

The vice president then announced that a Formation Task Force to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Formation would be appointed at the next Synod Council meeting. The first report of this task force would be due to the Synod Council at its November 2010 Synod Council meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. with the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

Joanne Wilhelm  
Director for Administration  
11/21/09