

**LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD, ELCA
SYNOD COUNCIL
Draft Minutes
June 9, 2021 via Zoom**

The Lower Susquehanna Synod Council met for its reorganizational meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, by Zoom. Vice President Jennifer R. Lau called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

Jen Lau led us in devotions on Romans 8:32 and led us in prayer.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Bishop James S. Dunlop	Jennifer R. Lau
Beth A. Schlegel	Joseph M. Stepansky
Kay A. Hinkle	Brian A. McClinton
Meredith Killian Askey	Debra K. Barrett
Stacy L. Schroeder	Laura A. Willoughby
Kathleen A. Kuehl	Molly K. Haggerty
Jack M. Horner	Gretchen S. Ierien
Michael R. Zeigler	Linda J. Long
Hans E. Becklin	

Staff present:

Deborah M. Clark	Charles R. Roberts III
Marsha L. Roscoe	

Liaisons present:

Members excused: James F. Druckenbrod, Daniel P. Picone, Zachary J. Weiss, Barbara G. Miller

Members absent:

INTRODUCTIONS

Acting Vice President Jennifer Lau welcomed the new members of the Synod Council and invited members to introduce themselves.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jennifer R. Lau, vice president, indicated that we would use the Vevox app for voting. She appointed Debbie Clark and Deacon Marsha Roscoe as tellers. Jen reviewed the responsibilities of the Executive Committee and indicated that in general, all non-officer members of the Synod Council are eligible to be elected to the Executive Committee. She indicated that the names of Meredith Askey and James Druckenbrod would not appear on this ballot by request, since they are unable to undertake the additional responsibilities of the Executive Committee. All members of the Synod Council were instructed to vote for up to three Synod Council members for election to the Executive Committee. The names that appeared on the second ballot, including ties, are: Kay Hinkle, Stacy Schroeder, Brian McClinton, Molly Haggerty, Jack Horner, Gretchen Ierien, and Zachary Weiss. The results of that ballot were the election of Stacy Schroeder, Kay Hinkle, and Brian McClinton as the at-large members of the Executive Committee.

Of those three, one was to be elected as the vice chair. The vice chair is responsible for devotions at the Executive Committee meetings and for chairing those meetings and the meetings of the Synod Council in the absence of the vice president.

There was no election on the first ballot for vice chair. The runoff ballot between Stacy Schroeder and Kay Hinkle resulted in Stacy Schroeder being elected as vice chair.

IMPORTANT DATES

Vice President Lau reviewed the committee preference form that had been emailed and reminded the council members to complete it and return it to her jlau@lss-elca.org by next week.

Orientation to the Synod Council and its work is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. At that time, we will review the Synod Council Handbook and details of the responsibilities of members. New members are especially urged to attend and all members are welcome.

The first regular Synod Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The location is to be determined. The Executive Committee meeting prior to that will be held Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. A full schedule for the year will be mailed to all members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by 7:30 p.m.

Beth A. Schlegel
synod secretary
6-9-2021