

**LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD, ELCA
SYNOD COUNCIL**

**Minutes
July 24, 2019**

The Lower Susquehanna Synod Council met for a specially-called meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Resource Center of the synod suite. Vice President Lucinda L. Bringman called the meeting to order. Pastor Timothy Seitz-Brown provided devotions, reading from N. Gordon Cosby's "We Are Connected." We all belong to one another. Jesus embraced belonging to us. Therefore, we embrace the divine. Pastor Seitz-Brown led the council in an evening collect.

ROLL CALL*

* (z) by zoom

Members present: Bishop James S. Dunlop (z) Lucinda L. Bringman
Thomas E. McKee

Meredith Killian Askey (z) Stella Ludwig
Debra K. Barrett Jillian E. Riddle
Matthew B. Best (z) Timothy J. Seitz-Brown
Kay A. Hinkle Theodore D. Wolfe (z)

Staff present: Charles R. Roberts III

Guest present: Beth A. Schlegel

Members excused: Joseph M. Stepansky Gretchen S. Ierien
Dallas J. Barclift Jr. Jennifer R. Lau
Joel S. B. Folkemer Daniel P. Picone
Virgil L. Gibson Carlotta "Chucki" C. Strevig
Jack M. Horner Zachary J. Weiss

Staff excused: Robert C. Blezard Elizabeth G. Martini
Deborah M. Clark Marsha L. Roscoe
Richard E. T. Jorgensen Jr

SYNOD COUNCIL ACTIONS

Secretary Thomas E. McKee moved the following motion based on the action of the 2019 Synod Assembly:

ADOPTED: By virtue of the action of the 2019 Synod Assembly of the Lower Susquehanna
SC19.07.42. Synod, that the Synod Council call the Rev. James S. Dunlop to the office of bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod for a six-year term, effective September 1, 2019, and expiring August 31, 2025.

Bishop James S. Dunlop moved the following motions for Synod Council calls:

ADOPTED: That the Synod Council call the Rev. Dana J. Blouch-Hanson to serve as assistant to
SC19.07.43. the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, effective September 1, 2019, and expiring February 28, 2026.

ADOPTED: That the Synod Council extend the call of the Rev. Robert C. Blezard as assistant to
SC19.07.44. the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod until February 28, 2026.

ADOPTED: That the Synod Council extend the call of the Rev. Elizabeth G. Martini as assistant to the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod until August 31, 2020.
SC19.07.45.

ADOPTED: That the Synod Council extend the call of the Rev. Richard E. T. Jorgensen Jr. as Director for Evangelical Mission of the Lower Susquehanna Synod until February 28, 2026.
SC19.07.46.

ADOPTED: That the Synod Council extend the call of Deacon Marsha L. Roscoe to serve as Director for Mission Interpretation of the Lower Susquehanna Synod until February 28, 2026.
SC19.07.47.

Bishop Dunlop moved:

ADOPTED: That the Synod Council authorize the following officers of the Lower Susquehanna Synod as signatories on all financial accounts of the Lower Susquehanna Synod: Bishop James S. Dunlop, Lucinda L. Bringman, the Rev. Beth A. Schlegel, and Joseph M. Stepansky; and for access to financial accounts only: Catherine L. Paul.
SC19.07.48.

Kay Hinkle, a member of the Personnel Committee, moved the following:

ADOPTED: That the Synod Council adopt \$62,000 per year as the base salary and housing allowance for the Rev. Dana J. Blouch-Hanson.
SC19.07.49.

ADOPTED: That the total annual compensation paid to the Rev. Dana J. Blouch-Hanson for the period beginning September 1, 2019, include \$21,000 to be designated as a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code.
SC19.07.50.

ADOPTED: That the annual salary and housing allowance paid to Pastor Elizabeth G. Martini for fifteen hours a week for the year, September 1, 2019, until August 31, 2020, be \$22,500 a year.
SC19.07.51.

Bishop Dunlop requested that the members of Synod Council hold confidential the actions taken at this meeting until Pastor Dana J. Blouch-Hanson notifies her congregation that she has accepted another call. She plans to notify her congregation on August 4.

ADJOURNMENT

Pastor Matthew Best led the members of the council in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Thomas E. McKee
synod secretary
7/24/19