

NC Synod Council meeting, May 30, 2020—Summary of actions

The NC Synod Council gathered May 30, 2020 via Zoom.

The council approved the following:

- The recommendations of the Re-Gathering Task Group (see attached).
- The second disaffiliation request from New Hope, Kannapolis.
- An additional amount of \$40,101.52 be granted from the Synod's Coronavirus Fund to Novus Way Ministries and Agape+Kure Beach Ministries, to be divided equally in the amount of \$20,050.76 each without restriction on the use of the funds.
- The adoption of the updated Gift Policy (see attached).
- The constitution changes submitted by Bethany, Hickory.
- The ratification of Jerry Bramley (Incumbent), Jim Huddle (Incumbent), Kay Leonard (Incumbent), Miji Bell (First Term), and Sylvia Black (First Term) as Elected Board Members of Lutheran Services for the Aging and Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas, for a three-year term expiring in 2023. In addition, the ratification of Dr. Shanitria Cuthbertson for the unexpired term expiring in 2021.
- Changes for rostered ministers in term calls, those on leave from call, those retiring, and other issues related to calls.

In addition to staff and officer reports, the following information was received:

- Treasurer Terri Blake has elected not to be available for reappointment. Vice-President Haywood expressed thanks to Mrs. Blake for her many years of exceptional service to the synod.
- Year-to-date giving is down only slightly from last year.
- The newly-created Synod Council committee, the Personnel Advisory Committee, related that synod staff continue to work primarily remotely and limit time spent in the office (excepting Diane and Kathy); staff is maintaining a cleaning log and visitor log; and staff is asked to wear masks when outside their private workspace or meeting with others.
- The rescheduled dates for Synod Gathering had to be canceled. There will be no Synod Gathering in 2020.
- The Dwelling, Winston-Salem celebrated the ordination of their pastor, the Rev. Emily Norris in May. The Dwelling will soon become the only ELCA/Moravian Federated Mission in the U.S. and Pastor Norris will move to full-time effective July 15.
- Since the last Synod Council meeting, four rostered ministers have joined the Church Triumphant: Pastor Gene W. Bruce (4/6/2020), Pastor Donald R. Just (4/27/2020), Pastor Harold G. Skinner (5/8/2020), and Pastor Lori V. Hefner (5/20/2020).

The next council meeting will be September 10-12, 2020, via Zoom.