

**South Dakota Synod, ELCA  
Synod Council  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Sioux Falls, SD  
June 8, 2013**

**Present:** Bishop David Zellmer, Carla Borchardt, Susan Leddy, Erik Gilbertson; Pastor Siri Sorenson, Alex Jensen, Gwen Bobbie, Marilyn Green, Crossroads; Pastor Carlene Rhody, Pastor Randy Koeller, Verdelle Anderson, Lonell Moeller, Medary; Christy Kimball, Steve Koenig, Southeastern; Jesse Fonkert, Peggy Namanny, Northern Plains; Pastor Janice FitzGibbon, Michael Miller, Teri Gayer, Prairie Coteau; Lorne Tilberg, Rose Lauck, Prairie Rivers; LuAnn Denke, Duane Abata, Pastor Tom Opoien, Bear Butte; Matthew Johnson, Lindsay Boehmer, Travis Gerlach, Youth; Susan Marone, AIM, Jim Schade, Suzanne Hansen, AIM, Crystal McCormick, Lois Borchardt

Bishop David Zellmer called the meeting to order.

Verdelle Anderson led opening devotions.

Council members introduced themselves.

**MSC to adopt the agenda.**

**SC.13.06.01**

**MSC to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2013, meeting.**

**SC. 13. 06.02**

**Synod Assembly Evaluation**

- Good music
- Pastor Rafael did a great job leading us through the process with grace
- Our Savior's hospitality and the food were good
- There was no labyrinth this year, it was missed
- Question whether the timing clocks are necessary, display on the screens was distracting
- Displaying Twitter on the screens was good, but it should not be done while someone is speaking, it should be used for transitional times, the print is too small for some to read
- Text on video presentations should be larger and more easy to read, minimal font size should be recommended and used
- Font size for worship was readable for all, even from the back
- Dr. Anna Madsen's Bible studies were good
- People would like copies of Pastor Rafael and Dr. Madsen's presentations and sermons
- The video from southeastern Iowa was good, it is available on YouTube
- Awesome Bible study
- Were sitting too long

- Vendors felt people did not go to lower level and view displays
- Dorms – did not have bedding and the heat did not work, no one at the desk to assist

### **Recommendations for next year**

- Suggest to request the new ELCA secretary as our churchwide representative
- Potential theologians: Professor Jessica Duckworth
- Most likely will have 2014 assembly in Sioux Falls at Our Savior's Lutheran
- Potentially on the road for 2015 in Rapid City and 2016 in Aberdeen
- Assembly at Pierre could be explored, space would have to be rented at one of the hotels/convention centers
- Potential date for next year June 13-14, 2014

### **Resolution Follow-up**

Resolution 1 committed to raise \$200,000 for roofs in Cameroon.

**MSC to designate 2014 Synod Assembly offering for roofs in Cameroon.**

**SC.13.06.03**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Erik Gilbertson presented and explained the Treasurer's Report including the month end balance sheet, analysis of revenues and expenses, month end summary of restricted accounts, historical monthly and yearly mission support.

**MSC to receive the Treasurer's Report.**

**SC 13.06.04**

Erik Gilbertson presented the Audit Committee Report. Bishop Zellmer thanked Lois Borchardt and Erik Gilbertson for their work.

### **Congregational Matters**

Bishop Zellmer explained the Synod Council approves congregational constitutions. The constitutions are reviewed by the Synod Constitution Review Committee.

**MSC to approve the constitution for WestSide Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls.**

**SC.13.06.05**

### **Roster Matters**

Bishop Zellmer explained the Synod Council is the caretaker of the roster of the Synod which includes pastors of the church and AIMs. There are four rosters: under call, on leave from call, disability (family or individual), and retired. If a person is removed from the roster, he/she needs to go through the candidacy process to be reinstated on the roster.

**MSC to grant Pastor Ann Webb retirement roster status.  
SC.13.06.06**

**MSC to grant Pastor Marjorie Hershey retirement roster status.  
SC.13.06.07**

**MSC to issue a non-stipendiary synodical call to Susan Rohde to serve as an Associate in Ministry (AIM) at Sioux Falls Christian School, Sioux Falls, contingent upon approval by the Conference of Bishops in October 2013.  
SC.13.06.08**

**MSC to grant Pastor Dennis Tranberg retirement roster status.  
SC.13.06.09**

**MSC to issue a non-stipendiary synodical call to Pastor Mary Sacco to serve as chaplain at Bethany Meadows and Brandon Retirement Community.  
SC.13.06.10**

#### **Retire Members**

Bishop Zellmer thanked Synod Council members whose terms conclude: Gwen Bobbie, Crossroads, Lindsay Boehmer, Youth, Travis Gerlach, Youth, Holly Paulson, Prairie Rivers, Pastor Carlene Rhody.

#### **Seat New Members**

Bishop Zellmer welcomed new Synod Council members: Jesse Fonkert, Northern Plains, Marilyn Green, Crossroads, Matthew Johnson, Youth, Pastor Randy Koeller, Medary, Rose Lauck, Prairie Rivers.

Bishop Zellmer provided new member orientation.

- Some matters before the council are to be held in strict confidence (this expectation will be clearly stated)
- There will be disagreement on issues and debate is expected, the council generally works by consensus; however, council members are expected to publicly support decisions of the council
- Abstain from conflict of interest, council members are representatives of the Synod
- Council members may be asked to represent the Synod at events
- Serve as advocates for the work of the Synod and the ELCA
- Other responsibilities as defined by the Constitution
- The council utilizes an electronic process for approval of meeting minutes. Minutes are embargoed until approved by the council; once approved, they can be shared.
- Virtual meetings may be held

#### **Evangelical Outreach and Multicultural Committee Resolutions**

There are several issues related to the chaplain at Flandreau Indian School.

**MSC to end the relationship with the Flandreau Indian School Chaplaincy Program, eliminating all funding, and no one representing the South Dakota Synod will serve on the Flandreau Indian School Chaplaincy Board effective immediately.**

**SC.13.06.11**

**MSC the congregations of the South Dakota Synod be encouraged to have a DREAM Act Sunday with an offering taken to support children who may be able to take advantage of the DREAM Act.**

**SC.13.06.12**

**MSC to table request #3 regarding a capital appeal with a portion of the funds dedicated to mission and outreach within the South Dakota Synod from the EOC and MCC to the August 2013 Synod Council meeting.**

**SC.13.06.13**

#### **Funding for Black Hills State Campus Ministry**

Black Hills State Campus Ministry has been funded from the Synod at \$10,000 per year. This amount was not included in the 2013 revised budget.

**MSC to disburse \$10,000 from the South Dakota Only line for this fiscal year for Black Hills State Campus Ministry.**

**SC.13.06.14**

#### **Other**

Lutheran Social Services has sent a letter stating the intent to pursue a capital campaign beginning 2015 to purchase or build alternative space for several of the Sioux Falls based services. This type of capital campaign needs to be approved by the Synod Council and Synod Assembly.

A discussion was held regarding using electronic devices for Synod Council handouts versus printing copies for handouts. The Council recommends the agenda and handouts be sent electronically at least by Tuesday of the week of the meeting is possible. The synod office will provide paper copies upon request.

#### **Future Meetings**

August 22-23, 2013, beginning at 6:30 pm (Mountain Time), Outlaw Ranch, Custer, LuAnn Denke responsible for devotions

October 10, 2013, time to be determined, Executive Committee, Sioux Falls

October 11, 2013, 8:30 am, Synod Council, Sioux Falls, Peggy Namanny and Jesse Fonkert responsible for devotions

March 6, 2014, 6:30pm, Executive Committee, Sioux Falls

March 7, 2014, 8:30 am, Synod Council, Sioux Falls, Pastor Janice FitzGibbon responsible for devotions

The meeting adjourned following praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carla Borchardt".

Carla Borchardt, Secretary