

**South Dakota Synod Council Meeting
Haugo Room at Augustana College
3-14-14**

Rev. Jan FitzGibbon opened with devotions
Vice President Carla Borchardt called the meeting to order.

Members present include: Erik Gilbertson, Rev. Jan FitzGibbon, Teri Gayer, Rev. Randy Koeller, Verdelle Anderson, Rev. Siri Sorenson, Alex Jensen, Marilyn Green, Rev. Lance Lindgren, Cristy Kimball, Steven Koenig, Peggy Namanny, Rose Lauck, Rev. Tom Opoien, LuAnn Denke, Duane Abata, Kayla Koterwski, Rev. Deb Grismer, Bishop Dave Zellmer, Carla Borchardt, and Susan Leddy

Staff Present: Suzanne Hansen AIM, Rev. Bill Tesch, Susan Marone AIM, Lois Borchardt, Jim Schade, Cathy Larson, Rev. Karen Rupp, Kurt Osborne

MSC to seat Rev. Jonathon Vehar to the Synod Council

SC. 14.03.01

MSC to approve the minutes from 10-11-13

SC 14.03.02

MSC to approve the agenda

SC 14.03.03

Treasurer's Report

Erik Gilbertson reported the financial summary. He reported that the start of the 2014 budget is positive.

The financial close of 2013 was positive by \$101.

Mission partners were paid at 98%.

Bishop Dave thanked Lois Borchardt and Erik Gilbertson for their diligent work on the budget.

MSC to receive the Treasurer's Report

SC 14.03.04

Proposed budget for 2015

Rev. Bill Tesch presented that we add a staff position at Pine Ridge and add campus ministry at Black Hills State University to the budget. This adds approximately \$53,000 to the budget. Steven Koenig questioned who are partners could be to share the cost for the position at Pine Ridge? The Episcopal Church has been approached.

Bishop Dave explained the funding for campus ministry

MSC 2015 Proposed Budget, 3% increase from mission support, fund the new position at Pine Ridge, and campus ministry at Black Hills State University to adopt a deficit budget of \$57,942.

SC 14.03.05

Proposed Capital Campaign

Dave Brunkow presented information for the proposed capital campaign. A feasibility study will be conducted with 40-50 personal interviews, focus group meetings and individual mailings. Information will be compiled by the May 10th meeting.

Capital campaign will include funding leadership; seminary scholarships, debt reduction for seminarian graduates, and fund a staff position for clergy recruitment. It will also include support for missions; new congregations starts, Woyaton building project, tithe to Luther seminary, and ELCA capital campaign. Campaign costs will be added to the campaign.

Rev. Bill Tesch asked council members to thank the 75 congregations in the Synod that exceeded their pledge amounts for 2013 or increased their giving for 2014. Personal phone calls to council presidents or thank you notes were suggested. Congregational visits have been key in helping increase mission support.

Partner Ministry Reports:

Layne Nelson—director of Lutheran Outdoors informed the council on new programs and updates at the camps. There is a growing need to work with older adults. Lutheran Outdoors has announced a capital campaign.

Lutheran Campus Ministry—Clark Hanson provided an update on staff and the ministry

Luther Seminary--Rev. Rich Omland reported that they are changing curriculum from 4 years of study to 3 years. He extended an invitation to visit the campus.

Endowment Report

Kurt Osborne reported that the Karen Beckett gift of \$500,000 has been received and is designated for Woyaton.

Jim Schade reported the endowment received the Donald Drange gift of approximately \$300,000 and is designated for seminary education. He also reported that he is working with Bishop Dave on the Engen farm trust. It is valued at 1.5 million and will be designated for seminary education.

Jim also reported that Wells Fargo Bank has previously handled the SD Synod Endowment funds for 10 years. They were released to bids this year. First Bank and Trust will manage 1.5 million in funds and the ELCA Foundation will manage 2 million in funds.

Companion Synod Report

Cathy Larson provided an update on Nicaragua and Cameroon.

Missionary Mike Buseby's term is almost complete. Interviews for the position will begin soon. Bishop Victoria has been invited to Synod Assembly.

There are currently funds for 16 roofs in Cameroon. The goal is 25 roofs by yearend.

Pine Ridge Ministry

Rev. Karen Rupp provided an update on the ministry at Pine Ridge.

Seminary Report

Susan Marone reported that there are five seminarians available to receive calls to the SD Synod for 2014.

Youth Ministry Report

Suzanne Hanson reported that the SD Synod youth gathering at Joy Ranch March 28-30 is full

Bishop's Report

Bishop Liz Eaton had a successful trip to Western South Dakota last fall after the fall blizzard that devastated livestock ranchers in Western SD.

The Bishop of the Eastern North Dakota Synod has decided not to seek re-election.

Rev. Peter Rogness has also decided not to seek re-election from the St. Paul Synod.

Bishop Dave is working with Augustana College, Good Samaritan, and the Synod office to host a conference on "Aging Faithfully". It is scheduled for August 7, 2014.

He is also working with Linda Daugaard, and Lutheran Social Services to help promote foster parenting.

Bishop Dave is chairing the Domestic Ready Bench committee.

Bishop Dave presented the idea of having Open Space events as a prelim to Synod Assembly. It would be used to define issues, solve problems and open discussions.

The Synod office has signed up for the Sanford Profile as a business. Bishop Dave recommends that participation in the program be made available to Synod members utilizing the business membership.

MSC to allow members of Synod congregations to use the Synod membership for Sanford Profile SC 14.03.06

Midway Lutheran Church at Flandreau has had their first vote to leave the ELCA

Roster Matters

Inform only

Rev. Nate Lizarazo to serve the Lutheran Church of Colombia
Rev. Carol Mapa to transfer to the Nebraska Synod
Rev. Jon Mapa to transfer to the Nebraska Synod
Rev. Karen Matuska to transfer to the Rocky Mountain Synod
Rev. Gary Pabst resign from roster
Rev. Tanya Rist to transfer to the La Crosse Area Synod
Rev. Holly Slater to transfer to the South Central Synod of Wisconsin
Rev. Nick Slater to transfer to the Greater Milwaukee Synod

MSC to grant Rev. Ralph Egbert retirement
SC 14.03.07
MSC to grant Mary Hendricks AIM continuation of On Leave
SC 14.03.08
MSC to grant Rev. Heidi Kvanli On Leave from Call
SC 14.03.09
MSC to grant Rev. Aaron Matson Continuation of Study Leave from Call
SC 14.03.010
MSC to grant Sonja Nelson AIM Continuation of On Leave from Call
SC 14.03.11
MSC to grant Rev. Bob Ohnstad retirement
SC 14.03.12
MSC to grant Rev. Kristin Ostercamp Family Leave from Call.
SC 14.03.13
MSC to grant Rev. Frank Philipp Call to Interim Ministry
SC 14.03.14
MSC to grant Rev. Jeff Rohr retirement
SC 14.03.15
MSC to grant Rev. Harold Watrous retirement
SC 14.03.16

New Business

Hotel room reimbursement rates have been adjusted to the following; lodging will be provided for double occupancy. If you request a single room there will be a \$40.00 lodging adjustment. Crystal McCormick will continue to make arrangements if requested.

Resolution for appointing of authorized signatures was discussed for the officers of the council.

MSC to approve authorized signatures

SC 14.03.17

MSC to approve Alicia Schumacher to the outside council of St. Dymus

SC 14.03.18

MSC to set Synod Assembly registration deadline to two weeks prior to Synod Assembly, May30th at 5 pm CDT

SC 14.03.19

MSC to reappoint Erik Gilbertson to a second term of Treasurer.

SC 14.03.20

MSC to nominate Brody Danielson to Synod Council as a youth representative

SC 14.03.21

Kayla Koterwski and Reed Christopherson will be invited to attend Synod Council as members of the ELCA church council.

Jay Beech from the Center for Worship and Music Studies was present. The South Dakota Synod has partnered with the Minneapolis Area Synod and Southwestern MN Synod to support Mr. Beech and his music ministry.

The next meeting is scheduled for May10th at 11:00 in Chamberlain, SD.

Meeting adjourned.

Closing devotions were led by Rev. Jan FitzGibbon

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Leddy".

Susan Leddy