AGENDA

I. ORGANIZATION OF MEETING
   A. Voting Members
      Officers
      Bp. Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop
      Mr. Carlos Peña, Vice President
      Mr. David Swartling, Secretary
      Ms. Christina Jackson-Skelton, Treasurer
      Church Council
      Pr. David P. Anderson  Pr. Steven P. Loy
      Ms. Judith Barlow-Roberts  Pr. Heather Lubold
      Mr. Baron Blanchard  Ms. Susan McArver
      Ms. Rebecca Jo Brakke  Pr. Raymond Miller
      Ms. Rebecca Carlson  Mr. John Munday
      Ms. Deborah L. Chenoweth  Mr. Mark Myers
      Pr. Rachel L. Connelly  Ms. Ann Niedringhaus
      Mr. John R. Emery  Pr. Pablo Obregon
      Pr. Amsalu Geleta  Mr. Ivan Perez
      Ms. Karin Graddy  Ms. Lynette Reitz
      Mr. Mark S. Helmke  Ms. Sandra Schlesinger
      Ms. Louise Hemstead  Pr. Michael Schmidt
      Mr. William Horne  Mr. Blaire Smith
      Pr. Keith A. Hunsinger  Pr. Jeff Sorenson
      Mr. Mark E. Johnson  Pr. Kathryn Tiede
      Pr. Susan Langhauser  Mr. David Truland
      Pr. Rachel L. Connelly
      B. Liaison Bishops
      Bp. Michael Burk  Bp. Margaret Payne

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C. Resource People
Office of the Presiding Bishop
Pr. M. Wyvetta Bullock, Executive for Administration
Pr. Marcus Kunz, Executive for Discernment of Theological and Contextual Issues (excused)
Pr. Walter May, Executive for Synodical and Constituent Relations
Ms. Myrna J. Sheie, Executive for Governance and Institutional Relations

Office of the Secretary
Pr. Ruth E. Hamilton, Executive for Official Documentation and Administration
Mr. Phillip H. Harris, General Counsel
Pr. Frank F. Imhoff, Director for Official Documentation

D. Advisory Members
Youth
Ms. Arielle Mastellar (excused)  Mr. Kyle Teague

Advisors
Pr. Jaime Dubon, Latino Community Association
Ms. Elizabeth Gaskins, president, American Indian and Alaska Native Association
Pr. David Keller, Lutheran Services in America
Ms. Kristen Kvam, chair, Justice for Women consulting committee
Ms. Katherine Long, president, European American Association
Pr. O. Dennis Mims, president, African-American Association
Mr. Fuad Nijim, president, Arab and Middle Eastern Association
Pr. Paul Ostrem, chair, Church in Society program committee
Pr. Mark Ramseth, ELCA seminaries
Pr. Arthur C. (Chris) Repp, chair, Global Mission program committee
Mr. Alfred Sagar, chair, Multicultural Ministries program committee
Mr. Norm Smith, president, Lutheran Men in Mission
Mr. Kai Swanson, chair, Vocation and Education program committee
Ms. Janet Thompson, chair, Augsburg Fortress Board of Trustees (excused)
Ms. Deborah Wilson, chair, Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission program committee
Ms. Beth Wrenn, president, Women of the ELCA
Pr. Edmond Yee, Asian and Pacific Islander Association

II. Adoption of Agenda
Agenda items have been distributed to the members of the Church Council either by mail or by electronic distribution.

CC ACTION
Recommended:
To adopt the agenda and to permit the chair to call for consideration of agenda items in the order the chair deems most appropriate.
III. Updates from Officers
   A. Presiding Bishop

   B. Treasurer

   C. Secretary

   D. Vice President

IV. Item for Action
   1. Current Fund Spending Authorization – Executive Session

      The 2010 current fund operating income estimates are being reduced from the $69,300,000 approved in April 2010 to $65,100,000, a reduction of $4,200,000 or 6.1 percent. There are minor adjustments in anticipated missionary sponsorship and unit designated gifts ($50,000 each), but the primary reduction is $4.1 million, or 7.4 percent, in mission support income.

      At the end of May, mission support income was unfavorable to budget by $1.1 million, or 5.6 percent. Sixty of the sixty-five synods have remitted mission support income unfavorable to the same period in 2009, with a total unfavorable variance in actual mission support at May 31, 2010, compared to May 31, 2009, of $2.9 million or 13.2 percent. Mission support income has been in a period of decline since December 2008 after five years of relative stability. While difficult to accurately project during periods of such volatility, it is currently estimated that mission support income by fiscal year-end will total $51.0 million. The decreases in mission support income have been caused by the economic instability that continues to impact all parts of the church and has been compounded by some unfavorable responses to the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly actions on sexuality.

      As part of its ongoing financial contingency planning, the churchwide organization identified options for spending below the approved spending. Income performance during the first four months of 2010 now warrant moving all of the underspending and the first level of contingency plans into a reduced spending authorization of $4,200,000 or 6.1 percent. The contingency planning process will also continue to identify further reductions, if required.

      The 2010 income estimate and revised 2010 expense proposal are in Exhibit B, Parts 1a - 1b.

      **CC ACTION**
      **Recommended:**
      To approve a revised current fund spending authorization for fiscal year 2010 of $65,100,000.

V. Item for Information
   1. Update on 2011 Organizational Design Process – Executive Session

      Executive for Administration M. Wyvetta Bullock will provide an update about the 2011 Organizational Design Process in executive session during the Church Council’s August 4, 2010, conference call.

      An exhibit is provided for elected members of Church Council in Exhibit C, located in Net Community under the listing of resources by clicking on the message, “Click here to view executive session materials.”

      **CC INFORMATION**
2. **Legal update** – *Executive Session*

ELCA General Counsel Phil Harris will provide a legal update in executive session during the Church Council’s August 4, 2010, conference call.

**CC INFORMATION**

VI. **Items for EN BLOC Action**

The following *en bloc* resolution includes agenda items that have been judged to be relatively non-controversial in nature and may not require plenary discussion and a separate vote. Prior to the meeting, members may notify the chair of any items they wish to remove from the *en bloc* resolution. The resolutions are in Exhibit A.

**CC ACTION** [En Bloc]

**Recommended:**

To take action *en bloc* on the referrals of synodical resolutions detailed in Exhibit A, *as revised*.

VII. Adjournment