

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
**CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**November 11-13, 2011**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

**AGENDA**  
**(REVISED NOVEMBER 12, 2011)**

**Participants**

**Voting Members**

Mr. Paul G. Archer	Pr. Susan Langhauser
Ms. Rebecca Jo Brakke	Pr. Yvonne I. Marshall
Ms. Rebecca D. Carlson	Ms. Susan W. McArver
Ms. Deborah L. Chenoweth	Pr. Raymond A. Miller
Ms. Christine P. Connell ( <i>excused</i> )	Pr. Robert G. Moore
Pr. Rachel L. Connelly	Mr. John S. Munday
Bp. Jessica Crist ( <i>excused</i> )	Mr. Mark W. Myers
Pr. Elizabeth E. Ekdale	Pr. Linda O. Norman, Treasurer
Ms. Marjorie B. Ellis	Pr. J. Pablo Obregon ( <i>excused</i> )
Mr. John R. Emery	Mr. John M. Pederson
Mr. Gary D. Gabrielson	Mr. Carlos E. Peña, Vice President
Pr. Vicki T. Garber	Mr. Iván A. Pérez
Pr. Amsalu T. Geleta	Ms. Pamela E. Pritt
Ms. Karin L. Graddy	Ms. Feronika A. Raming
Bp. Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop	Pr. Laurie F. Skow-Anderson
Ms. Louise A. Hemstead	Mr. Blaire P. Smith
Pr. Stephen R. Herr	Mr. David D. Swartling, Secretary
Mr. William B. (“Bill”) Horne II	Pr. Kathryn A. Tiede
Mr. Mark E. Johnson	Pr. Philip R. Wold

**Liaison Bishops**

Bp. William C “Chris” Boerger	Bp. Margaret Payne
Bp. Michael Burk	Bp. Stephen Talmage ( <i>excused</i> )
Bp. Elizabeth Eaton ( <i>excused</i> )	Represented by Bp. Murray Finck
Bp. Ralph Jones	Bp. Harold Usgaard
Bp. Gerald Mansholt	Bp. Herman Yoos

**Resource People**

**Office of the Presiding Bishop**

Pr. M. Wyvetta Bullock, Assistant to the Bishop, Executive for Administration  
Mr. Kenneth W. Inskeep, Executive for Research and Evaluation  
Pr. Marcus Kunz, Assistant to the Bishop for Theological Discernment  
Pr. Walter May, Assistant to the Bishop for the Conference of Bishops  
Pr. Donald J. McCoid, Assistant to the Bishop for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Affairs  
Ms. Jodi Slattery, Assistant to the Bishop for Governance  
Ms. Else B. Thompson, Executive for Human Resources

**Office of the Secretary**

Pr. Ruth E. Hamilton, Assistant to the Secretary  
Mr. Phillip H. Harris, General Counsel  
Mr. Frank F. Imhoff, Manager, Official Documentation  
Mr. David A. Ullrich, Associate General Counsel

**Unit Executives****Program Units**

Pr. Stephen P. Bouman, Executive Director, Congregational and Synodical Mission  
Ms. Christina Jackson-Skelton, Executive Director, Mission Advancement  
Pr. Rafael Malpica-Padilla, Executive Director, Global Mission

**Separately Incorporated Ministries**

Pr. Robert Berg, Assistant to the President for Church Relations, Board of Pensions  
Ms. Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director, Women of the ELCA (*excused*)  
Represented by Ms. Deborah Powell, Associate Executive Director,  
Women of the ELCA  
Mr. Doug Haugen, Executive Director, Lutheran Men in Mission  
Ms. Beth A. Lewis, President, Augsburg Fortress, Publishers  
Ms. Eva M. Roby, President and CEO, MIF  
Pr. Jeffrey D. Thiemann, President and CEO, Board of Pensions

**Press**

Ms. Melissa Ramirez Cooper, Mission Advancement  
Ms. Elizabeth M. Hunter, *The Lutheran* magazine  
Mr. Daniel Lehmann, *The Lutheran* magazine

**Ecumenical Guests**

Ms. Lelanda Lee, The Episcopal Church

**Thursday, November 10, 2011**

- 4:00 p.m. Audit Committee, Lent
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner, Pentecost**
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee, Pentecost

**Friday, November 11, 2011**

- 6:30 a.m. **Breakfast**, Marriott Hotel (Buffet opens at 6:30 a.m.)
- 7:30 a.m. New members meet Carlos Peña and Rachel Connelly in Marriott lobby
- 8:00 a.m. Orientation for new members of the Church Council, Pentecost

*New members will have their photo taken for Church Council Photo Directory*

- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch, Augsburg Room**  
New members meet with mentors  
Invitation to join ELCA Malaria Campaign
- 12:30 p.m. Technology Tutorial on Net Community and PDF tutorial (*John Hessian – meet in Church Council*)  
Tour of the Lutheran Center (*Else Thompson – meet on First Floor Lobby*)
- 1:00 p.m. **Holy Communion, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Chapel**  
Presiding Minister: Pr. Yvonne Marshall  
Preaching Minister: Pr. Raymond Miller  
Assisting Minister: Ms. Becky Brakke  
Lector: Mr. Mark Myers

**PLENARY SESSION ONE**

November 11, 2011

2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**1.1 Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda**

Agenda items have been distributed electronically and by mail. Additional items will be distributed at the meeting to the members of the Church Council and invited resource people.

**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.**

**1.2 Introductions**

**1.3 Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 8-10, 2011; May 23, 2011; July 28, 2011; and August 14, 2011 meetings of the Church Council have been distributed to council members electronically on Net Community. Minutes for meetings held in executive session have been added to the protocol file in the Office of the Secretary.

The minutes of the council's Executive Committee meetings on April 8, 2011; July 6, 2011; July 13, 2011; July 28, 2011; and August 13, 2011 have been distributed electronically to members. Minutes for meetings held in executive session have been added to the protocol file in the Office of the Secretary.

Please provide in writing for the Executive for Office of the Secretary Administration any notations or typographical errors in the distributed text of the minutes. Proper corrections will be entered into the protocol copies of the minutes. Such corrections need not be raised in the plenary session in connection with the approval of the minutes.

**CC ACTION**

**Recommended:**

**To approve the minutes of the April 8-10, 2011; May 23, 2011; July 28, 2011; and August 14, 2011 meetings of the Church Council; and**

**To ratify actions of the council's Executive Committee as indicated in the minutes of the April 8, 2011; July 6, 2011; July 13, 2011; July 28, 2011; and August 13, 2011 meetings.**

**1.4 Report of the Presiding Bishop (Exhibit A, Part 1)**

**1.5 Report of the Vice President ([Exhibit A, Part 2](#))**

## **1.6 Report of the Executive Committee**

### **1.6.A Ratification of Church Council Committees for 2011–2013 Biennium**

In preparation for the August 2011 meeting of the ELCA Church Council, continuing members of the Church Council were invited to indicate their preferences for service on one of the four standing committees of the Church Council: Budget and Finance; Legal and Constitutional Review; Planning and Evaluation; and Program and Services. Members also indicated interest in other areas of service, including the Board Development Committee. At its August 2011 meeting, the Church Council ratified the provisional membership for the four standing committees.

Following their elections by the Churchwide Assembly, newly elected members were invited to indicate their committee preferences. The Executive Committee reviewed the requests at its November 10, 2011 meeting and made recommendations for ratification by the Church Council during the November 10, 2011 meeting. The recommendations are provided in [Exhibit L, Part 3](#). New members of the Board Development Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee during the meeting.

### **CC ACTION**

#### **Recommended:**

**To ratify the appointments to the Church Council committees and other advisory responsibilities for the 2011–2013 biennium as detailed in Exhibit L, Part 3.**

### **1.6.B Process for Election of the Executive Committee**

At the first meeting of each biennium the Church Council elects a new Executive Committee. Seven members of the Church Council will serve on this committee for the 2011–2013 biennium, in addition to the four officers of this church. Incumbent members of the Executive Committee are eligible for reelection.

The process uses the following pattern:

1. To facilitate its work between regular meetings by ensuring input and perspective from each of its standing committees, the chairs of the committees will be elected to the Executive Committee. Two committee chairs were elected in April 2011 and will serve as members of the Executive Committee: Susan Langhauser, Planning and Evaluation Committee, and Susan McArver, Program and Services Committee. The chairs of the Budget and Finance Committee and the Legal and Constitutional Committee will be elected during the committees' November 2011 meetings.
2. The remaining three members of the Executive Committee will be selected through the following process. The first ballot shall be a nominating ballot for each of the following categories to be identified based on the composition of the Executive Committee (i.e., male/female; clergy/lay; and ethnic inclusivity):
  - a. [to be determined]
  - b. [to be determined]
  - c. [to be determined]

3. The second ballot shall be limited to the two people (plus ties) in each category receiving the greatest number of nominations.
4. Upon completion of the balloting, the Executive Committee (four officers and seven at-large members) shall be deemed constituted.

### **CC ACTION**

#### **Recommended:**

**To reaffirm the process for the election of the Executive Committee for the 2011-2013 biennium; and**

**To declare that the chairs of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Legal and Constitutional Review Committee, the Planning and Evaluation Committee, and the Program and Services Committee shall be members of the Executive Committee of the Church Council.**

#### **1.6.C Synod Visits by Church Council Members ([Exhibit L, Part 2](#))**

Since its November 2005 meeting, the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has committed itself to building relationships between the churchwide organization and synods, congregations, and institutions and agencies.

At its November 2007 meeting, the Church Council voted (CC07.11.65):

To recall that, concerning changes in governance of this church, the 2005 Churchwide Assembly voted [CA05.06.21]: “To encourage greater interaction of members of the Church Council with synodical councils and synodical assemblies in their respective areas”;

To urge members of the Church Council to accept this responsibility and interact with their own synods and their partner synods in various ways, including attending at least one Synod Council meeting per year and participating in Synod Assemblies, especially in years when a synod is considering nominations to the Church Council; and

To note that expenses for attending Synod Council meetings and Synod Assemblies will be reimbursed by the churchwide organization in accordance with the ELCA travel policy.

Beginning with the November 2005 meeting, members of the Church Council made the commitment, as available, to be in contact with specific synods during the biennium. Current commitments are listed in [Exhibit L, Part 2](#) of the Church Council materials. A summary of reports of these contacts is printed in [Exhibit L, Part 1](#). In addition, a notebook including the full texts of reports submitted is available on the materials distribution table.

Newly elected members of the Church Council will be invited to make this commitment during the November 2011 meeting. When the process is complete, [Exhibit L, Part 2](#) will be revised and distributed.

### **CC ACTION**

#### **Recommended:**

**To acknowledge the commitment of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to have “greater interaction of members of the**

**Church Council with synodical councils and synodical assemblies in their respective areas”;**

**To urge members of the Church Council to accept this responsibility and interact with their own synods and their partner synods in various ways, including attending at least one Synod Council meeting per year and participating in Synod Assemblies, especially in years when a synod is considering nominations to the Church Council; and**

**To note that expenses for attending Synod Council meetings and Synod Assemblies will be reimbursed by the churchwide organization in accordance with the ELCA travel policy.**

**1.7 Update on the work of the LIFT task force**

**Ms. Deborah Chenoweth, member of the LIFT task force**

The pursuit of its mission and vision goals by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America led to the study, “Living into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the ELCA” (LIFT). The LIFT process was initiated as a faithful response to change. The environment in which the ELCA was created over 20 years ago has shifted dramatically in ways not imagined.

At its March 2009 meeting, the ELCA Church Council authorized the appointment of a study design group and subsequently formed the LIFT Task Force in November 2009. The task force met for the first time in January 2010.

The task force studied the ELCA’s identity and mission as it is formed by the relationships among its various parts. The purpose of the study is stated in the task force’s Charter:

“...to recognize the evolving societal and economic changes of the twenty years since the formation of this church and to evaluate the organization, governance and interrelationships among this church’s expressions in the light of those changes. The intended result of the Ecology Study Task Force’s work is a report and recommendations that will position this church for the future and explore new possibilities for participating in God’s mission.”

The task force’s report was submitted to the April 2011 meeting of the ELCA Church Council, which approved the task force’s report and conveyed its recommendations to the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

At the 2011 Churchwide Assembly – in addition to other churchwide actions – voting members adopted implementing resolutions as well as constitutional amendments proposed by the Church Council for LIFT.

The Assembly directed the Office of the Presiding Bishop, in collaboration with the Church Council and the Conference of Bishops, to carry out the actions identified in the resolutions. At this November meeting of the ELCA Church Council, you will receive recommendations that are intended to assist the Office of the Presiding Bishop in its collaboration with the Church Council and the Conference of Bishops.

For information regarding the 2011 Churchwide Assembly and how synods and congregations may begin to engage the actions, please refer to [www.elca.org/LIFT](http://www.elca.org/LIFT).

**PLENARY SESSION TWO**

November 11, 2011

5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**2.1 Brief Remarks by Unit Executive Directors**

**2.1.A** Pr. Stephen P. Bouman, Executive Director, Congregational and  
Synodical Mission

**2.1.B** Ms. Christina Jackson-Skelton, Executive Director, Mission Advancement

**2.1.C** Pr. Rafael Malpica-Padilla, Executive Director, Global Mission

**2.2 Report of other Churchwide Assembly actions**

Bishop Hanson and Secretary Swartling will provide a report on Churchwide  
Assembly actions which do not require additional action by the ELCA Church  
Council at this November meeting.

**2.3 Church Council Board Development Committee**

“Our experience: Discussion with continuing members”

Panel members: Ms. Rebecca Carlson, Mr. Bill Horne, Pr. Susan Langhauser,  
Pr. Phil Wold

**2.4 Announcements**

6:30 p.m. Recess

6:30 p.m. **Welcome Dinner, Lutheran Center, Augsburg Room**

*Wine and beer available (\$5.00 donation)*



**Saturday, November 12, 2011**

- 6:30 a.m.     **Breakfast**, Marriott Hotel (Buffet opens at 6:30 a.m.)
- 7:15 a.m.     Board Development Committee, Advent
- 7:45 a.m.     **Morning Prayer, Church Council Room**  
Leader: Mr. Blaire Smith
- 8:00 a.m.     **Committees meet**  
                Budget and Finance, Epiphany  
                Legal and Constitutional Review, Advent  
                Planning and Evaluation, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room  
                Program and Services, Pentecost
- 10:45 a.m.    Break

**PLENARY SESSION THREE**

November 12, 2011

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**3.1 Nominations, Appointments and Elections**

**3.1.A First Ballot for the 2011-2013 Executive Committee**

**3.1.B Other Elections**

Between meetings of the Churchwide Assembly, the Church Council has the responsibility of electing people to fill terms on churchwide boards, boards of Separately Incorporated Ministries and certain advisory committees. Biographical information is provided in [Exhibit C](#).

Advisory Committee for *The Lutheran*

Region 4, Lay Male [Term 2017]

- a. Mr. John David Hanna, Topeka, Kansas (4B)
- b. Mr. Neil Ellis Orts, Houston, Texas (4F)

Region 5, Clergy [Term 2017]

- a. Pr. W. Paul Brinkman, Oshkosh, Wisconsin (5I)
- b. Pr. Norman Keith Fry, Elgin, Illinois (5A)

Region 6, Lay Male [Term 2015] – *to fill an unexpired term of John Wagner*

- a. Mr. Jack H. Palmer, Defiance, Ohio (6D)

Region 8, Lay Female [Term 2017]

- a. Ms. Sara Johe Busse, Charleston, West Virginia (8H)
- b. Ms. Beth Ann Lombardi, Johnstown, Pennsylvania (8C)

**3.2 Dwelling in the Word with Bishop Herman Yoos**

**3.3 Primer on ELCA Advocacy Ministries ([Exhibit E](#))**

**The Rev. Andrew Genszler, director of advocacy, ELCA Washington Office**

The Board Development Committee occasionally recommends primers so that Church Council members will have a better understanding of a particular matter. The Rev. Andrew Genszler, director of advocacy, ELCA Washington Office will provide a primer on the advocacy ministries of the ELCA.

**3.4 Introduction of LIFT Implementing Resolution on Social Statement Review Process**

*Background ONLY; Refer to Section 6.2 for the Action, pg. 23:*

This introduction is provided as background for the upcoming vote in Section 6.2 for the LIFT Implementing Resolution on the Social Statement Review Process. Staff from the Office of the Presiding Bishop and the Office of the Secretary have met periodically with an ad hoc committee to address the LIFT Implementing Resolution on the Social Statement Review Process.

Summaries of all the current ELCA Social Statements and comments from the Conference of Bishops and Communal Discernment Task Force are found in [Exhibit J, Parts 1-3](#), for additional background information.

At the 2011 Churchwide Assembly, voting members adopted the following recommendation of the Reference and Counsel Committee:

**CA11.04.14**

To authorize the Church Council, in consultation with the Conference of Bishops and Communal Discernment Task Force, to establish a review process of current procedures for the development and adoption of social statements, following the consideration of the genetics social statement, *Genetics, Faith and Responsibility*, at the 2011 Churchwide Assembly; and

To bring no social statements other than *Genetics, Faith and Responsibility* to any Churchwide Assembly until completion of a review of the process for addressing social concerns based on a spirit of communal discernment. This review shall be completed and brought to the fall 2012 Church Council meeting, with a report to the 2013 Churchwide Assembly. During this review, the process for developing the criminal justice social statement and the justice for women social statement may continue, without alteration of the process already under way for the statement on criminal justice, which is to be completed and reported to the 2013 assembly.

The recommended actions for this resolution will be brought forth through the report of the Program and Services Committee of the Church Council.

**3.5 Announcements**

**12:00 noon Lunch, Augsburg Room**  
Stewardship conversations with new members (as assigned)

**Deadline for Removal of Items from *En Bloc***  
**Deadline for New Business**

**1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pr. Rafael Malpica Padilla, Church Council Room**

**PLENARY SESSION FOUR**

November 12, 2011

1:30 – 3:15 p.m.

**4.1 Church Council Nomination and Elections**

**4.1.A Report on Previous Ballots**

**CC ACTION**

**Recommended:**

**To declare that those who received a majority of the votes cast on the previous ballots be elected.**

**4.1.B Second Ballot for 2011-2013 Executive Committee**

**4.2 Report of the Secretary ([Exhibit A, Part 3](#))**

**4.3 Report of the Legal and Constitutional Review Committee**

Action items recommended by the Legal and Constitutional Review Committee for *En Bloc* approval are found in [Exhibit D, Part 3](#) and background information for the *En Bloc* items are found in [Exhibit H](#). *En Bloc* items will be acted upon later in the meeting. The following additional item is provided as information only.

**4.3A Restated Articles and Bylaws of Lutheran Men in Mission**

The constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America describes Lutheran Men in Mission in the following way:

16.12.A10.b. Lutheran Men in Mission is a separately incorporated, self-supporting ministry whose vision is for every man to have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ through an effective men's ministry in every congregation. The purpose of Lutheran Men in Mission is, by God's grace, to build men's faith, relationships, and ministry through events, resources, and ongoing leadership development.

Lutheran Men in Mission relates to the churchwide organization through the Congregational and Synodical Mission unit.

Delegates to Lutheran Men in Mission's triennial gathering in July 2011 approved changes to the ministry's restated articles of incorporation and bylaws. These changes have been reported to the Congregational and Synodical Mission unit and are provided to the Church Council as information.

The restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the separately incorporated Lutheran Men in Mission ministry are provided as information in [Exhibit H, Parts 1-2](#).

**4.4 Update from Board of Pensions, Pr. Jeffrey Thiemann and Pr. Robert Berg**

From time to time, we receive updates from separately incorporated ministries. Board of Pensions newly elected President and CEO, Pr. Jeffrey Thiemann, and Assistant to the President for Church Relations, Pr. Robert Berg, will provide an update on health

care reform changes and offer a recommendation to amend Continuing Resolution 17.20.A11.

#### **4.4B Amendment of Continuing Resolution 17.20.A11**

From time to time throughout the past decade, the board of trustees of the ELCA Board of Pensions has discussed changing the name of this separately incorporated ministry, particularly during various strategic planning processes of the Board of Pensions. The same point was highlighted in a benefit study for the board by Hewitt Associates in 2008. Further, an audit of communications by Buck Consultants in early 2009 recommended exploration of a new name to reflect the nature and scope of the annuity and other benefits program of the ELCA.

Furthermore, one of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Board of Pensions Matters, which had been appointed by action of the Church Council [CC10.08.33] on August 4, 2010, in response to nine synodical resolutions on annuity-related matters, was a request for a possible change in the name of the Board of Pensions. Specifically, the council voted [CC10.11.63]:

To request that the Board of Pensions . . . [c]onsider amending the name of the Board of Pensions to reflect that it is providing retirement income through annuity payments and investment fund(s) distributions, not providing pension payments, and to reflect more accurately the other services it provides. . . .

The Board of Pensions contracted with a firm, Yamamoto Moss Mackenzie (YMM), to explore and test possible names to reflect the nature of the work of the Board of Pensions as a separately incorporated ministry of the ELCA. The YMM firm has expertise in name identification consistent with the purposes of particular entities.

The proposed name, *Portico Benefit Services*, refers to an architectural structure, such as a roof supported by columns. It offers shelter, just as is the case with the benefits offered to members of the program. A portico also can serve as a covered walkway at the entrance of a building. For example, recall the references to the portico of the temple in the time of Jesus, as cited in John 10:22-28.

The Board of Trustees of the Board of Pensions gave preliminary endorsement to the new name in executive session at the board's March 2011 meeting. A name change transition plan, which included a recommendation to the Church Council, was submitted for trustee approval at the November 2011 meeting.

#### **CC ACTION**

##### **Recommended:**

*To amend the following continuing resolution:*

**17.20.A11. Responsibilities of the Board of Pensions**

*The Board of Pensions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—also known as Portico Benefit Services—shall: . . .*

[with the rest of the continuing resolution unchanged]

**4.5 Dwelling in the Word with Pr. Kathryn Tiede**

**4.6 Church Council Joys and Concerns**

**4.7 Executive Session – Legal Briefing, Phil Harris**

**3:15 p.m. Health and Wellness Break** (*led by Bp. Murray Finck*)  
Stewardship conversations with new members (as assigned)

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## PLENARY SESSION FIVE

November 12, 2011  
3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

### 5.1 Report of the Treasurer ([Exhibit A, Part 4](#))

### 5.2 Report of the Budget and Finance Committee ([Exhibit F](#))

The following report is provided by the Budget and Finance Committee. *En Bloc* items can be found in [Exhibit D](#) and will be acted upon later in the meeting.

#### 5.2.A 2012 Expenditure Authorization Current Fund and World Hunger

[Exhibit F, Part 2a](#) reflects income estimates that have been revised since the August 2011 Churchwide Assembly. Current income is projected to be \$64.2 million, an increase of \$ **2.4** million or **3.4** percent from the budget approved by the churchwide assembly.

Mission Support is anticipated to increase from the assembly-approved income budget of \$47.0 million to \$48.0 million, an increase of \$1.0 million or 2.1 percent. This Mission Support income estimate is based on early, rough estimates from ELCA synods and will be revisited in February 2012.

Investment income estimates have been adjusted by \$1,250,835. This is due to receiving mineral rights for the next 3 years. Other unrestricted income is projected to increase by \$218,665 due to the signing of rental leases for space in the Lutheran Center. Temporarily restricted gifts, designated for programs in units, are anticipated to decrease by \$50,000.

The World Hunger Appeal estimate is unchanged.

[Exhibit F, Part 2b](#) reflects revised 2012 unit allocations proposed by the Office of the Presiding Bishop. The revised allocations include distribution for salary and benefit increases as approved at the April 2011 meeting for forwarding to the churchwide assembly, as well as adjustments for missionary compensation increases, depreciation, and the strategic initiative as we continue to live into the new design.

#### CC ACTION

##### **Recommended:**

**To approve an initial 2012 fiscal year current fund spending authorization of \$64,173,000; and**

**To approve an initial 2012 fiscal year World Hunger spending authorization of \$18,500,000.**

#### 5.2.B Synod Mission Support Plans

The ELCA Church Council has responsibility for reviewing and approving or withholding approval for synods Mission Support plans. [Exhibit F, Part 5b](#) shows the actual Mission Support received from each synod for 2010 with plans and any revisions for the 2011 and 2012 fiscal years.

1) Revisions to 2011 synod mission support plans

Since the August 2011 Church Council meeting, we have not received any revisions for 2011 mission support plans from synods.

2) Revisions to 2012 synod mission support plans

Since the August 2011 Church Council meeting we have received notice from six synods including the original plans for 2012 mission support plans from the four outstanding synods.

**CC ACTION**

**Recommended:**

**To affirm with sincere appreciation the increases in the percentage for the sharing of 2012 mission support contributions by congregations for synodical and churchwide ministries of the following synods: Western North Dakota; Metropolitan New York; and Caribbean synods;**

**To affirm the revised 2012 mission support dollar estimates for the sharing of mission support contributions by congregations for synodical and churchwide ministries of the following synods: Northwestern Ohio and Northeastern Ohio synods;**

**To acknowledge with sadness that circumstances in the following synods have led to decisions to seek a decrease from prior levels in the percentage of sharing of 2012 mission support contributions by congregations for synodical and churchwide ministries; to encourage each synod to continue to work to grow mission support in the synod; and to request that each synod develop a plan, in consultation with the churchwide organization, to restore or surpass the previous level of mission support sharing: Upstate New York synod; and**

**To thank the bishops and synod leaders of every synod as they strive to be faithful to shared commitments within the ELCA, and to direct synod and churchwide staff, including the directors for evangelical mission, to deepen their partnership in efforts to strengthen financial support for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

**5.2.C 2011 Interim Financial Statements**

The Report of the Treasurer summarizing the eight month period ending September 30, 2011 financial results can be found in [Exhibit F, Part 1a](#). The current operating fund financial results for the period are presented in [Exhibit F, Part 1b](#). Operating results for the World Hunger program for the fiscal year are in [Exhibit F, Part 1c](#). The Statements of Financial Position for the period are reflected in [Exhibit F, Part 1d](#). The year-to-date report of capital expenditures is found in [Exhibit F, Part 1e](#).

**5.2.D 2011 Expenditure Authorization**

No change to the current 2011 spending authorization is being proposed. The revised Mission Support projections used in establishing the reduced spending authorization in



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April have been positive to date. However, given the variability historically seen in fourth quarter income and the time lag between expenditures and reporting of income from synods, we are not recommending any changes to the spending authorization. Churchwide units have been told to plan on fully utilizing their 2011 allocations. The Office of the Presiding Bishop will be working with units in identifying potential year-end grants to partner organizations in the eventuality that we experience a positive variance at year-end.

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### **5.3 Church Council Nomination and Elections**

#### **5.3.A Report on Previous Ballots**

##### **CC ACTION**

##### **Recommended:**

**To declare that those who received a majority of the votes cast on the previous ballots be elected.**

#### **5.3.B Third Ballot for 2011-2013 Executive Committee**

### **5.4 Report of the Executive for Administration ([Exhibit A, Part 5](#))**

### **5.5 Report of the Planning and Evaluation Committee**

The following report is provided by the Planning and Evaluation Committee. The 2011 Churchwide Assembly adopted the below implementing resolutions proposed by the ELCA Church Council for the LIFT Task Force. The action directed the Office of the Presiding Bishop, in collaboration with the Church Council and the Conference of Bishops, to carry out the actions identified in the resolutions.

Staff representing the Office of the Presiding Bishop have also been meeting with the Conference of Bishops' Group of Nine as they address LIFT recommendations adopted by the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.

Action items related to the November 12, 2011, meeting of the Planning and Evaluation Committee are detailed below. Additional items or revised actions may be distributed following the committee's meeting.

#### **5.5.A LIFT Implementing Resolutions**

##### **CA11.03.07**

To commend with joy and gratitude the report of the task force on Living into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (LIFT) for study and action;

To thank the task force and all who contributed to its work for a vision of where God is leading this church;

To endorse the recommendations of the task force, as amended by the Church Council;

To express confidence that God is leading this church into God's future; and

To invite members, congregations, synods, regions, the churchwide organization, colleges and universities, institutions and agencies, networks, and global, ecumenical, and other partners into deep conversation, prayer, and discernment, as, together, this church commits itself to the following actions to implement the report and recommendations:

1. To make support for the work of congregations one of the highest priorities of this church. To request congregations, in collaboration with synods, to begin, develop,

- review or redefine their unique mission plans by the end of 2012, so that each congregation strengthens its capabilities and resources for witness and mission;
2. To support and strengthen synods so that they become catalysts for mission planning;
  3. To request the Conference of Bishops, in consultation with synod leaders and the churchwide organization, to prepare a report and recommendations for the November 2012 meeting of the Church Council for consideration by the 2013 Churchwide Assembly that:
    - describes patterns of synodical life in the ELCA that effectively support vital congregations, mission growth and outreach;
    - proposes a pattern or a set of patterns that will allow synods to receive and distribute financial resources to support the whole ministry of this church;
    - builds on the Blue Ribbon Committee report of 2007 and includes recommendations for renewed, sustainable financial support for the mission and ministries of this church, including funding for theological education;
    - includes strategies for increased mission vitality that may include consideration of redrawing synod boundaries; and
    - recommends revision of the constitutional responsibilities of bishops and synods to emphasize synods as catalysts for mission in the changing context and culture.
  4. To urge regions to expand their roles as centers for exploring the possibilities of cooperative mission and ministry;
  5. To affirm the role of the churchwide organization to:
    - accompany congregations and synods;
    - build the capacity of this church for evangelical witness and service;
    - continue to build and strengthen mutual and interdependent relationships;
    - model and promote the vision of a multicultural, multi-ethnic church;
    - coordinate this church's global mission and its international development and relief work;
    - lead its theological reflection and deliberations on identity and mission;
    - lead, in collaboration with the Conference of Bishops, synod leaders, and the Church Council, in exploring opportunities to grow current support, including direct appeals, planned giving, and endowment management.
  6. To encourage the development of leaders for this church through increased innovation and collaboration in leadership development, faith formation, and theological education;
  7. To build and strengthen relationships with this church's global companions and ecumenical partners, focusing on accompaniment, mutual growth, capacity-building, and sustainability of relationships;
  8. To support and utilize networking as an organizational principle and practice that embodies interdependence, values the abundant human resources found in the congregations, synods, the churchwide expression, and institutions of this church, and enhances increased collaboration and connections for missional purposes across this church;
  9. To nurture a culture of faithful discernment that contributes to mutual respect and healthy decision-making in all assemblies, councils, committees, small groups, and

meetings in congregations, synods, the churchwide expression, institutions, and agencies; and

10. To endorse the proposed amendments to the *Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions* concerning the Churchwide Assembly, Church Council, Conference of Bishops, program committees, and interrelationships and networks.

### **5.5.B LIFT Implementing Resolutions**

#### **CA11.04.21**

To provide a means to continue the work assigned to the task force on Living into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (LIFT), the 2011 Churchwide Assembly directs that the Office of the Presiding Bishop, in collaboration with the Church Council and the Conference of Bishops, do the following:

1. To facilitate review of the constitutional responsibilities of synods in order that synods continue and increase their roles as catalysts for missional planning;
2. To facilitate a broad-based process addressing legislative decision-making in this church;
3. To initiate a process to expand the consultative role of the Conference of Bishops that allows the Church Council to refer issues to it and the Conference of Bishops to make recommendations to the Church Council;
4. To explore the use of social media and technology in order to allow greater participation of ELCA members in meetings of the Church Council and the Churchwide Assembly;
5. To initiate collaborative work by congregations, synods, the churchwide organization, institutions of this church, and others to create and support diverse non-legislative forums and events that bring together leaders of this church to address missional issues, participate in theological study and reflection, foster leadership development, and enhance the interdependence of this church;
6. To request units of the churchwide organization to propose to the Church Council ways of receiving grassroots input on and disseminating information about their work through the use of emerging forms of communication, taking care to include those engaged in multicultural, ethnic-specific, justice for women ministries, youth and young adult networks, and various ministry partners; and
7. To request that annual reports related to this work be presented to the Church Council through 2013.

### **CC ACTION**

#### **Recommended:**

**To respond to the actions of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly [CA11.04.21] concerning the report and recommendations of the task force on Living into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (LIFT);**

**To acknowledge that the assembly called on the Office of the Presiding Bishop, in collaboration with the Church Council and the Conference of Bishops, to provide**

**a means to continue the work assigned to the LIFT task force;**

**To establish an Advisory Committee to assist the Office of the Presiding Bishop in its collaboration with the Church Council and the Conference of Bishops to continue the work assigned to the LIFT task force;**

**To appoint the following people as members of the Advisory Committee: the Rev. Robert N. Bacher; Ms. Karin L. Graddy, Church Council; Ms. Deborah L. Chenoweth, Church Council; the Rev. Richard H. Graham, bishop of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod; Mr. William B. Horne III, Church Council member; and the Rev. Diane H. “Dee” Pederson; and**

**To request that an interim report be brought to the April 2012 meeting of the Church Council and that a final report and possible recommendations be brought to the November 2012 Church Council meeting.**

## **5.6 Announcements**

**5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Chapel**  
Leader: Bishop Michael Burk

**5:30 p.m. Dinner, Augsburg Room**  
*Wine and beer available (\$5.00 donation)*

**6:30 p.m. Process Observation Training for Church Council members and Liaison Bishops**  
Leader: Ms. Lelanda Lee  
Facilitators: Pr. Kathryn Tiede

**Sunday, November 13, 2011**

6:30 a.m.      **Breakfast**, Marriott Hotel (Buffet opens at 6:30 a.m.)

8:30 a.m.      **Holy Communion, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Chapel**  
                    Installation of New Members and ELCA Treasurer Linda Norman

                    Presiding Minister: Bishop Mark Hanson  
                    Preaching Minister: Pr. Amsalu Geleta  
                    Assisting Minister: Ms. Feronika Raming  
                    Lector:                      Mr. John Munday

The Executive Committee will recommend that the offering taken at this worship service support ELCA World Hunger. Please make checks payable to the ELCA with the notation "ELCA World Hunger."

9:45 a.m.      Break

**PLENARY SESSION SIX**  
November 13, 2011  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**6.1 Report of the Conference of Bishops ([Exhibit A, Part 6](#))**

**6.2 Report of the Planning and Evaluation Committee**

The following report is provided by the Planning and Evaluation Committee. Action items related to the November 12, 2011, meeting of the Planning and Evaluation Committee are detailed below. Additional items or revised actions may be distributed following the committee's meeting.

The 2011 Churchwide Assembly adopted the below implementing resolutions proposed by the ELCA Church Council for the LIFT Task Force. The action directed the Office of the Presiding Bishop, in collaboration with the Church Council and the Conference of Bishops, to carry out the actions identified in the resolutions.

Staff representing the Office of the Presiding Bishop have also been meeting with the Conference of Bishops' Group of Nine as they address LIFT recommendations adopted by the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.

**6.2.A LIFT Implementing Resolutions**  
**CA11.03.07**

To commend with joy and gratitude the report of the task force on Living into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (LIFT) for study and action;

To thank the task force and all who contributed to its work for a vision of where God is leading this church;

To endorse the recommendations of the task force, as amended by the Church Council;

To express confidence that God is leading this church into God's future; and

To invite members, congregations, synods, regions, the churchwide organization, colleges and universities, institutions and agencies, networks, and global, ecumenical, and other partners into deep conversation, prayer, and discernment, as, together, this church commits itself to the following actions to implement the report and recommendations:

1. To make support for the work of congregations one of the highest priorities of this church. To request congregations, in collaboration with synods, to begin, develop, review or redefine their unique mission plans by the end of 2012, so that each congregation strengthens its capabilities and resources for witness and mission;
2. To support and strengthen synods so that they become catalysts for mission planning;
3. To request the Conference of Bishops, in consultation with synod leaders and the churchwide organization, to prepare a report and recommendations for the November

2012 meeting of the Church Council for consideration by the 2013 Churchwide Assembly that:

- describes patterns of synodical life in the ELCA that effectively support vital congregations, mission growth and outreach;
  - proposes a pattern or a set of patterns that will allow synods to receive and distribute financial resources to support the whole ministry of this church;
  - builds on the Blue Ribbon Committee report of 2007 and includes recommendations for renewed, sustainable financial support for the mission and ministries of this church, including funding for theological education;
  - includes strategies for increased mission vitality that may include consideration of redrawing synod boundaries; and
  - recommends revision of the constitutional responsibilities of bishops and synods to emphasize synods as catalysts for mission in the changing context and culture.
4. To urge regions to expand their roles as centers for exploring the possibilities of cooperative mission and ministry;
  5. To affirm the role of the churchwide organization to:
    - accompany congregations and synods;
    - build the capacity of this church for evangelical witness and service;
    - continue to build and strengthen mutual and interdependent relationships;
    - model and promote the vision of a multicultural, multi-ethnic church;
    - coordinate this church's global mission and its international development and relief work;
    - lead its theological reflection and deliberations on identity and mission;
    - lead, in collaboration with the Conference of Bishops, synod leaders, and the Church Council, in exploring opportunities to grow current support, including direct appeals, planned giving, and endowment management.
  6. To encourage the development of leaders for this church through increased innovation and collaboration in leadership development, faith formation, and theological education;
  7. To build and strengthen relationships with this church's global companions and ecumenical partners, focusing on accompaniment, mutual growth, capacity-building, and sustainability of relationships;
  8. To support and utilize networking as an organizational principle and practice that embodies interdependence, values the abundant human resources found in the congregations, synods, the churchwide expression, and institutions of this church, and enhances increased collaboration and connections for missional purposes across this church;
  9. To nurture a culture of faithful discernment that contributes to mutual respect and healthy decision-making in all assemblies, councils, committees, small groups, and meetings in congregations, synods, the churchwide expression, institutions, and agencies; and
  10. To endorse the proposed amendments to the *Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions* concerning the Churchwide Assembly, Church Council, Conference of Bishops, program committees, and interrelationships and networks.



## **6.2.B LIFT Implementing Resolutions**

### **CA11.04.21**

To provide a means to continue the work assigned to the task force on Living into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (LIFT), the 2011 Churchwide Assembly directs that the Office of the Presiding Bishop, in collaboration with the Church Council and the Conference of Bishops, do the following:

1. To facilitate review of the constitutional responsibilities of synods in order that synods continue and increase their roles as catalysts for missional planning;
2. To facilitate a broad-based process addressing legislative decision-making in this church;
3. To initiate a process to expand the consultative role of the Conference of Bishops that allows the Church Council to refer issues to it and the Conference of Bishops to make recommendations to the Church Council;
4. To explore the use of social media and technology in order to allow greater participation of ELCA members in meetings of the Church Council and the Churchwide Assembly;
5. To initiate collaborative work by congregations, synods, the churchwide organization, institutions of this church, and others to create and support diverse non-legislative forums and events that bring together leaders of this church to address missional issues, participate in theological study and reflection, foster leadership development, and enhance the interdependence of this church;
6. To request units of the churchwide organization to propose to the Church Council ways of receiving grassroots input on and disseminating information about their work through the use of emerging forms of communication, taking care to include those engaged in multicultural, ethnic-specific, justice for women ministries, youth and young adult networks, and various ministry partners; and
7. To request that annual reports related to this work be presented to the Church Council through 2013.

### **CC ACTION**

#### **Recommended:**

To respond to the actions of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly [CA11.04.21] concerning the report and recommendations of the task force on Living into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (LIFT);

To acknowledge that the assembly called on the Office of the Presiding Bishop, in collaboration with the Church Council and the Conference of Bishops, to provide a means to continue the work assigned to the LIFT task force;

To establish an Advisory Committee to assist the Office of the Presiding Bishop in its collaboration with the Church Council and the Conference of Bishops to continue the work assigned to the LIFT task force;

**To appoint the following people as members of the Advisory Committee: the Rev. Robert N. Bacher; Ms. Karin L. Graddy, Church Council; Ms. Deborah L. Chenoweth, Church Council; the Rev. Richard H. Graham, bishop of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod; Mr. William B. Horne III, Church Council member; and the Rev. Diane H. “Dee” Pederson; and**

**To request that an interim report be brought to the April 2012 meeting of the Church Council and that a final report and possible recommendations be brought to the November 2012 Church Council meeting.**

### **6.3 Report of the Program and Services Committee**

The following report is provided by the Program and Services Committee. Action items related to the November 12, 2011, meeting of the Program and Services Committee are detailed below. Additional items or revised actions may be distributed following the committee’s meeting.

#### **6.3A LIFT Implementing Resolution on Social Statement Review Process**

As introduced earlier in this meeting (refer to page 11), the 2011 Churchwide Assembly authorized the Church Council, in consultation with the Conference of Bishops and Communal Discernment Task Force, to establish a review process of current procedures for the development and adoption of social statements.

Staff from the Office of the Presiding Bishop and the Office of the Secretary met with an ad hoc committee to address the LIFT Implementing Resolution on the Social Statement Review Process.

The Program and Services Committee of the Church Council recommends a task force be assigned to address the review process of social concerns, specifically for current procedures for the development and adoption of social statements. The committee has also written a charter to facilitate the work of the task force ([Exhibit J, Part 5](#)).

#### **CC ACTION**

##### **Recommended:**

**To respond to the authorization of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly that the Church Council, in consultation with the Conference of Bishops and the Communal Discernment Task Force, establish a review process of current procedures for the development and adoption of documents related to social concerns;**

**To request the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Program and Services Committee, appoint members to serve on the “Addressing Social Concerns Review Task Force” by its December 2011 meeting;**

**To approve a charter with specific interim reports to the Conference of Bishops and Church Council for the work of the task force; and**

**To anticipate that the task force will bring a report to the November 2012 meeting of the Church Council, which will serve as the basis for a report with possible recommendations to the 2013 Churchwide Assembly.**

### **6.3B Social Teaching and Policy Capacity Reassessment**

At the November 2010 Church Council meeting, there was concern expressed to monitor the development of social teaching and policy documents in light of capacity questions. The schedule in [Exhibit J, Part 6](#) manages the authorized social teaching and policy documents in a way consistent with concerns about capacity (e.g. addressing only major document in process at a time).

The upcoming 2013 Churchwide Assembly actions involving the outcome of the review process for additional social teaching and policy documents is reflected in the request for an additional assessment in November 2013.

#### **CC ACTION**

##### **Recommended:**

**To adopt the schedule provided in Exhibit J; and**

**To request that the Program and Services Committee reassess the revised timeline and question of capacity at its November 2013 meeting and in consideration of the actions of the 2013 Churchwide Assembly.**

#### **6.4 Dwelling in the Word with Pr. Phil Wold**

#### **6.5 Consideration of Resolutions Removed from *En Bloc* (Exhibits B and D)**

#### **6.6 *En Bloc* Approval of Certain Items**

The following en bloc resolution includes agenda items that will be considered at the end of the Church Council meeting. Inclusion of these items in the en bloc action reflects a judgment that these items are relatively non-controversial in nature and may not require plenary discussion and a separate vote.

Each of the items is noted as [*En Bloc*] in Exhibit B and D. At the beginning of the Council meeting, the chair will provide an opportunity for members to indicate whether they wish to discuss separately any of the items listed in the en bloc resolution; any such item will be removed from the en bloc resolution and discussed at the appropriate point in the agenda.

The chair will not call for a discussion or separate vote on those items that are not removed from the en bloc resolution by noon on Saturday, November 12.

#### **CC ACTION**

##### **Recommended:**

**To approve the *En Bloc* constitutional amendments to the *Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* as listed in Exhibit D. (Two-thirds approval required)**

**CC ACTION**

**Recommended:**

To take action *En Bloc* on the remaining items listed in Exhibits B and D.

**6.7 Report of the Legal and Constitutional Review Committee (Continued)**  
**6.7A Implementing Resolution for Continuing Resolution 14.31.B11.**

**CC ACTION**

**Recommended:**

To implement continuing resolution 14.31.B11., the Church Council authorizes the Executive Committee to appoint one young adult and two youth advisors to the council, following consultation with and recommendations from the Congregational and Synodical Mission unit.

**6.7B Amendment to Continuing Resolution 16.12.A10.**

**16.12.A10. Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit**

The Congregational and Synodical Mission unit shall foster and facilitate the work of synods, congregations, and partners in making congregations vital centers for mission and in creating coalitions and networks to promote justice and peace. Its work includes creating and revitalizing congregations; leadership development; providing worship and liturgical resources; enhancing discipleship; supporting multicultural ministries and the commitment of this church to inclusivity, fostering relationships with educational partners; facilitating the engagement of this church in advocacy; and related activities that serve the evangelical mission of synods and congregations. The Congregational and Synodical Mission unit shall relate to the Deaconess Community, Lutheran Men in Mission, National Lutheran Campus Ministry, Inc., and Educational and Institutional Insurance Administrators, Inc. ~~ELCA Risk Management, Inc.~~

a. The Deaconess Community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is a separately incorporated ministry of theologically trained, professionally prepared women called to ministry and service by congregations, synods, and agencies of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Its mission is "Compelled by the love of the Christ and sustained by community, we devote our lives to proclaiming the Gospel through ministries of mercy and servant leadership." Deaconesses are consecrated by the ELCA and the ELCIC.

b. Lutheran Men in Mission is a separately incorporated, self-supporting ministry whose vision is for every man to have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ through an effective men's ministry in every congregation. The purpose of Lutheran Men in Mission is, by God's grace, to build men's faith, relationships, and ministry through events, resources, and ongoing leadership development.

*c. National Lutheran Campus Ministry, Inc. is a separately incorporated ministry that helps to provide and support suitable facilities to carry out ELCA campus ministry at state-supported and non-ELCA-related colleges and universities.*

*d. Educational and Institutional Insurance Administrators, Inc. (EIIA) ELCA Risk Management, Inc. (ELCARM) is a separately incorporated ministry that provides risk management and insurance services to church-related colleges, universities, and seminaries including ~~related to the~~ ELCA institutions of higher education.*

**CC ACTION**

**Recommended:**

**To approve the amendment to continuing resolution 16.12.A10. in the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. (Two-thirds approval required)**

**6.8 Announcements**

**12:00 p.m. Lunch, Augsburg Room  
Executive Committee, Pentecost**

**PLENARY SESSION SEVEN**

November 13, 2011

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

**7.1 Dwelling in the Word with Pr. Rachel Connelly**

**7.2 Evaluation: 2011 Churchwide Assembly ([Exhibit Q, Parts 1-2](#))**

Mr. Kenneth Inskeep and Mr. Jonathan Beyer

Planning for ELCA Churchwide Assemblies is a cooperative endeavor involving the Office of the Presiding Bishop, the Office of the Secretary, churchwide units, the host synod(s), and many volunteers. The presiding bishop of this church is responsible for the preparation of the agenda for the assembly, as well as the assembly worship and program (ELCA 12.31.04). The secretary is responsible for the management of the physical arrangements for the assembly, for the preparation and distribution of the *Pre-Assembly Report*, and for the establishment, in consultation with the presiding bishop, of committees that “may be necessary to facilitate the planning for and operation of the assembly” (ELCA 12.31.03. and 12.31.05.). Churchwide units assist the officers to carry out their responsibilities. A local arrangements committee helps to coordinate the use of volunteers in close cooperation with the host synod. An assembly planning committee helps to plan for and coordinate this complex partnership.

The Church Council plays an important role in the development of agenda items for the Churchwide Assembly, since it reviews all recommendations from churchwide units that are to be considered by the Churchwide Assembly (ELCA 14.21.03.); the council also proposes a budget for consideration by the assembly, upon recommendation by the presiding bishop. In carrying out its review of unit proposals, the Church Council works closely with the boards and churchwide units. Throughout the biennium, the council is in regular communication with the boards and churchwide units as actions are being shaped.

The report of the evaluation of the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly is printed in Exhibit Q, Part 1. The report of the iPad pilot program of this year’s assembly is printed in Exhibit Q, Part 2.

At the council’s November 2011 meeting, members who attended the assembly will have an opportunity to share their perspectives on the assembly, which will inform those who already are planning for the 2013 Churchwide Assembly, which will be held August 12-18, 2013, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**7.3 Report of the Board Development Committee**

Action and information items related to the November 12, 2011, meeting of the Board Development Committee will be distributed following the committee's meeting.

**7.4 New Business**

**7.4A Approval of Committee Charters**

At the first meeting of every biennium, each committee is to review their charters. The Executive Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations regarding committee charters. All amended charters will be reviewed by the Executive Committee at their November 13, 2011 meeting.

**CC ACTION**

**Recommended:**

**To approve the revised committee charters as amended.**

**7.4B Other Appointments**

**CC ACTION**

**Recommended:**

**To appoint Pamela Pritt as an advisory member of *The Lutheran* advisory committee for the 2011-2013 biennium.**

**7.5 Evaluation and Debriefing**

A survey will be distributed for participant response.

**7.6 Process Observation**

**7.7 Announcements**

**7.8 Closing Prayer**

**3:00 p.m. Adjournment**