Church Council

MINUTES

May 13, 2020

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Office of the Secretary
The 100th meeting of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) was convened by conference call.

**Organization of the Meeting**

The following people were present for all or part of the meeting:

**Voting Members**

**Officers:**
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop  
Mr. William B. Horne II, vice president  
Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer, secretary  
Ms. Lori S. Fedyk, treasurer

**Chair of the Conference of Bishops:**
The Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew, bishop of the New Jersey Synod

**Church Council:**
Mr. Kevin Anderson  
Ms. Tracey A. Beasley  
The Rev. Marcus A. Bigott  
The Rev. Nicholas M. Billardello III  
Ms. Susan Boxberger  
Ms. Lisa Burk  
The Rev. William H. Callister (excused)  
The Rev. Karn S. Carroll  
Ms. Cheryl T. Chatman  
Mr. Ismael E. Danforth  
Ms. Divine  
The Rev. Joanne E. Engquist  
The Rev. Dena M. Gable  
The Rev. Emily C. Hartner  
The Rev. Pamela J. Hoh (excused)  
Ms. Cherrish Holland  
The Rev. Chad M. Huebner (excused)  
Mr. James J.F. Jennings  
Ms. Patricia Kluetz  
Mr. David M. Lenz  
The Rev. Tara R. Lynn  
Mr. Keoni Newman  
Mr. Joseph T. Nolte  
The Rev. Ricardo Rivera (excused)  
Mr. Gary A. Pederson  
Mr. Noah F. Roux  
Ms. Valerie J. Shaw  
Mr. Loren A. Solberg  
The Rev. Kjersten L. Sullivan  
Ms. Loni Taylor (excused)  
Ms. Emma K. Wagner  
Ms. Sonja Wolfe (excused)  
Ms. Merritt G. Zesinger (excused)

**Representatives of the Conference of Bishops:**
Bp. Jon V. Anderson, Region 3  
Bp. Sue J. Briner, Region 4 (excused)  
Bp. H. Jeffrey A. Clements, Region 5  
Bp. Barbara J. Collins, Region 8 (excused)  
Bp. R. Guy Erwin, Region 2 (excused)  
Bp. Donald M. Kreiss, Region 6 (excused)  
Bp. John S. Macholz, Region 7 (excused)  
Bp. Pedro M. Suárez, Region 9  
Bp. Shelley R. Wickstrom, Region 1

**Resource People**

**Administrative Team:**
The Rev. M. Wyvetta Bullock, assistant to the presiding bishop and executive for administration  
Ms. Kathy Freeman Summers, executive director for the Mission Advancement unit  
The Rev. Rafael Malpica-Padilla, executive director for the Global Mission unit  
The Rev. Philip C. Hirsch, executive director for the Domestic Mission unit
Office of the Presiding Bishop:
Ms. Rhondean Johnson, executive for human resources
Ms. Jodi L. Slattery, assistant to the presiding bishop for governance

Office of the Secretary:
Mr. Thomas A. Cunniff, general counsel
Ms. Aja Favors, associate general counsel
The Rev. N. Keith Fry, assistant to the secretary and executive for Office of the Secretary administration
Ms. Marit E. Johnson, manager for official documentation

Outside Legal Counsel:
Mr. Michael K. Renetzky, Locke Lord LLP
CALL TO ORDER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION  
(Agenda I.A.)  
Mr. William B. Horne II, vice president of the ELCA and chair of the Church Council, called the executive session of the Church Council meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. (CDT).

The council exited executive session at 10:18 a.m. (CDT).

ADDENDUM TO CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY  
(Agenda I.C.1.)  
Background:  
The Budget and Finance Committee discussed an addendum to the Cash Management Policy at its May 12, 2020, conference call meeting.

Church Council Action:  
Mr. James J.F. Jennings, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, elaborated on the Budget and Finance Committee’s review of the ELCA’s Cash Management Policy. The committee deemed it wise to better define “temporary” where the policy referred to “temporary operating cash needs.” The committee recommended defining “temporary” as “not to exceed three consecutive months.”

There being no further discussion, the vice president called for the vote.

VOTED:  
CC20.05.14 To approve the addendum to the Cash Management Policy.

ADJOURNMENT  
The special meeting of the Church Council adjourned at 10:23 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.