

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
CHURCH COUNCIL
March 3, 2021
2:30 – 4:00 pm CT (Central Time)
Electronic Meeting

AGENDA

*(Executive Session for Church Council, Liaison Bishops, Administrative Team,
Legal Counsel, Executive for Human Resources, and Minutes Team)*

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Resource People

Pr. Wyvetta Bullock, Executive for Administration, Office of the Presiding Bishop

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Ms. Jodi Slattery, Executive, Governance, Office of the Secretary

Pr. Philip Hirsch, Executive Director, Christian Community and Leadership

Pr. Rafael Malpica-Padilla, Executive Director, Service and Justice

Ms. Mikka McCracken, Executive Director, Innovation

I.A Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda items have been distributed electronically.

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.

I.B. Report of the Executive Committee

I.B.1 Election of Executive for Administration – *Executive Session*

The Executive for Administration is the chief administrator of the churchwide organization.

According to ELCA 15.12.A20.: “The executive for administration shall be elected by the Church Council upon nomination of the presiding bishop and shall serve coterminous with the term of the presiding bishop.”

The Rev. Dr. M. Wyvetta Bullock announced her retirement as executive for administration to be effective on Feb. 1, 2020, but due to the pandemic she continued her faithful service until a successor was identified.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton presented a nominee for the executive for administration to the Executive Committee at its Feb. 23 meeting. The Executive Committee recommends the nomination to the Church Council. Information on the nominee is located in the Church Council Teams Private Executive Session channel under the March 3, 2021 folder.

CC ACTION

Recommended:

[provided in executive session materials]

I.C Update on Future Church Design

The Administrative Team will provide an update on the implementation of the Future Church design. Below are questions asked by Church Council members and liaison bishops:

- How is the Future Church design being presented to the whole church? What are the impressions from those who are hearing the information for the first time?
- Some social media and online conversations imply a negative impact on racial/ethnic diversity among churchwide staff. Is there an updated chart with the staff demographics?
- How are staff doing in their new or adjusted home areas?
- Have there been any previously unforeseen consequences of the new design's implementation?
- Generally, we talked a lot about how we had to live into the new design to see how it would work and to better define things. Have things become more clearly defined over the past few months?
- In the webinar with keynote speaker Dr. Linda Hill, she advocated for diversity of thought within shared values. What are our shared values? How will leadership both at the churchwide organization and in the Church Council (as well as in the Conference of Bishops) encourage diversity of thought within these values?

CC DISCUSSION

I.D Adjournment