AGENDA

(Special Meeting to consider a nominee to Church Council and to consider “A Declaration of the ELCA to the American Indian and Alaska Native People”)

Participants

Voting Members
Mr. Kevin Anderson       Pr. Pamela Hoh
Bp. Tracie Bartholomew  Ms. Cherrish Holland
Ms. Tracey Beasley      Mr. Jim Jennings
Pr. Marcus Bigott        Mr. David Lenz
Pr. Nick Billardello    Pr. Tara Lynn
Ms. Susan Boxberger     Mr. Keoni Newman
Ms. Lisa Burk           Mr. Joe Nolte
Pr. Bill Callister      Mr. Gary Pederson
Pr. Karn Carroll        Mr. Carlos Peña, Interim Vice President
Ms. Cheryl Chatman     Mr. Bill Rice
Ms. Alyssa Cobb         Pr. Ricardo Rivera
Mr. Ismael Danforth    Deacon Sue Rothmeyer, Secretary
Ms. Divine             Mr. Noah Roux
Bp. Elizabet Eaton, Presiding Bishop  Ms. Valerie Shaw
Pr. Joanne Engquist    Mr. Loren Solberg
Ms. Lori Fedyk, Treasurer  Pr. Kjersten Sullivan
Ms. Kerry Fehrman (nominee)  Ms. Loni Taylor
Pr. Dena Gable          Ms. Sonja Wolfe
Pr. Daniel Gerriette    Ms. Merritt Zesinger
Pr. Emily Hartner

Liaison Bishops
Bp. Shelley Wickstrom   Bp. Donald Kreiss
Bp. Patricia Lull        Bp. Pedro Suárez
Bp. Sue Briner
Bp. Jeff Clements
Resource People
Pr. Louise Johnson, Executive for Administration, Office of the Presiding Bishop
Ms. Rhondean Johnson, Executive, People and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Office of the Presiding Bishop
Mr. Thomas Cunniff, General Counsel, Office of the Secretary
Pr. Keith Fry, Executive, Office of the Secretary Administration
Ms. Marit Johnson, Manager, Official Documentation, Office of the Secretary
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

Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery Task Force
Pr. Richard Magnus (co-chair)
Mr. Vance Blackfox (co-chair), Desk Director for American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Nations, Service and Justice
Pr. Jessica Crist, co-chair of the ELCA Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery Table
Ms. Jennifer de Leon, Director for Racial Justice, Office of the Presiding Bishop
Ms. Christine Mangale, Program Director, Lutheran Office for World Community, Service and Justice
Ms. Kathryn Lohre, Executive, Ecumenical & Inter-Religious Engagement and Theological Discernment, Office of the Presiding Bishop
Pr. Carmelo Santos, Director for Theological Diversity and Ecumenical & Inter-Religious Engagement, Office of the Presiding Bishop
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 Church Council nominee
Ms. Patricia Kluez, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin [5I], resigned from Church Council on Sept. 7, 2021. Secretary Sue Rothmeyer declared a vacancy and invited the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin Synod Council to nominate a lay female. Ms. Kerry A. Fehrman, Wausau, WI, was the nominee. If elected, she would fulfill the remainder of the term ending in 2025. The biographical information for Ms. Fehrman can be found here.

CC ACTION
Recommended:
To elect Ms. Kerry A. Fehrman, Wausau, WI [5I], to the Church Council for a term ending 2025.

I.B.2 Consideration of “A Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to the American Indian and Alaska Native People”
At the 2016 Churchwide Assembly, the assembly repudiated the Doctrine of Discovery and “to offer a statement of repentance and reconciliation to native nations in this country for damage done in the name of Christianity.” [CA16.02.04]
Since that assembly, staff have provided progress updates to Church Council on the development of the work and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton appointed a task force on the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery. The process for developing “A Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to American Indian and Alaska Native People” is outlined in a cover letter from the task force.

The proposed declaration can be found here. Co-chairs of the task force, Pr. Dick Magnus and Mr. Vance Blackfox, will present the declaration.

CC ACTION
Recommended:
To adopt “A Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to American Indian and Alaska Native People” as a statement of repentance and reconciliation to native nations in this country for this church’s damage done in the name of Christianity;
To thank the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery task force for their diligence in preparing the statement; and
To encourage congregations, synods and the churchwide organization to find ways to share this statement broadly.

I.C Adjournment