

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
CHURCH COUNCIL
June 27, 2022
2:00 – 4:00 pm CT (Central Time)
Electronic Meeting

AGENDA

(Special Meeting to receive an update on actions related to the Sierra Pacific Synod and to review the recommendations of the Listening Team Report that have implications for the work of the Church Council.)

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Ms. Judith Roberts, Senior Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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. Update on matters related to Sierra Pacific Synod

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has [issued](#) a number of statements related to Sierra Pacific Synod. The most [recent](#) was shared on June 6, 2022, to announce that the presiding bishop intended to initiate the discipline process.

There will be opportunity for Church Council members to ask questions and review the recommendations of the [Listening Team Report](#) that have implications for the work of the Church Council.

CC DISCUSSION

I.C Memorandum and recommendations from Latiné community of the ELCA

The Church Council received a memorandum with recommendations from the Latiné community of the ELCA. Roberto Lara, president of the Latino Ministries of the ELCA, will be available to address any questions. The [memorandum](#) is located in the Church Council Microsoft Teams within the files section of the Public Current Meeting channel.

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To affirm and support the actions of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton related to the Sierra Pacific Synod.

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To urge the Churchwide Assembly Planning Team, in consultation with the Church Council and the leaders of the ELCA Latiné community, to find ways to incorporate into the 2022 Churchwide Assembly a public apology from this church to the Latiné community and a public commitment to anti-racism.

CC ACTION

Recommended:

**To receive the request to explore creation of the position of a Racial Justice Ombudsperson;
To acknowledge the previous action of the council to create “a task force charged with reviewing the current process for discipline and its impact on persons of color and other historically marginalized groups, considering recommendations for staffing, community healing and restoration, and learning best practices from full communion partners” (CC22.04.04); and
To review the role and membership of the ELCA Response Team.**

I.D Adjournment