

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
CHURCH COUNCIL
Aug. 7, 2022
Columbus, Ohio
Greater Columbus Convention Center**

Participants

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Pr. Karn Carroll	Mr. Bill Rice (<i>excused</i>)
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Ms. Alyssa Cobb	Pr. Ricardo Rivera
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Pr. Dena Gable	Ms. Sonja Wolfe (<i>excused</i>)
Pr. Daniel Gerriets	Ms. Merritt Zesinger (<i>excused</i>)
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Ms. Eva Roby, President and CEO, Mission Investment Fund (*excused*)
Pr. Jeffrey Thiemann, President and CEO, Portico Benefit Services

Press

Ms. Candice Hill Buchbinder, Public Relations Manager

Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Registration opens, Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC), outside Hall A
- 10:00 a.m. Executive Committee meeting, GCCC, A216
- 12:00 p.m. Executive Committee lunch, GCCC, A215
- 1:00 p.m. Worship with Church Council, Conference of Bishops, Synod Vice Presidents, GCCC, Union Station Ballroom A

Presider: Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt
Preacher: Pr. Ricardo Rivera
Assisting Minister: Jennifer Slagle
Lectors: Cheryl Chatman
Donna Kerry

Offering is designated for Young Adults for Global Mission (YAGM), which invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As the volunteers walk alongside their host communities, they are transformed, engaging in relationships of mutuality, interdependence, solidarity and trust. The next group of volunteers for YAGM is preparing for service after a two-year hiatus. Beginning in August 2022, 24 young adults will walk alongside communities in four country programs. Offerings may be made in cash, by check (payable to the ELCA), with a credit card by visiting [ELCA.org/offering](https://www.elca.org/offering), or electronically using the QR code below.



- 2:00 p.m. Synod Vice Presidents photo, outside Union Station Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION ONE

Joint Session with the Conference of Bishops and Synod Vice Presidents
Greater Columbus Convention Center, Union Station Ballroom B/C
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

- 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 Reports of the Officers**
I.B.1 Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
I.B.2 Treasurer Lori Fedyk
I.B.3 Secretary Sue Rothmeyer

I.C Churchwide Assembly Overview

The Conference of Bishops and synod vice presidents will join the Church Council for an overview of Churchwide Assembly business and procedures presented by Bishop Eaton and Secretary Rothmeyer.

DISCUSSION

3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Church Council photo, outside Union Station Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION TWO

Greater Columbus Convention Center, Union Station Ballroom B/C
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

II.A Legal Briefing (*executive session only for Church Council, Liaison Bishops, Administrative Team, Legal Counsel and Minutes Team*)

II.B Items for Action

II.B.1 Site for the 2025 Churchwide Assembly

The Office of the Secretary is responsible to “arrange for and manage churchwide meetings, including the Churchwide Assembly...” (ELCA 13.41.02.h.) and presents its recommendation for a Churchwide Assembly site to the Church Council for approval.

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To designate [Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N. Third St.] Phoenix, Arizona – subject to the satisfactory completion of negotiations in the judgment of the secretary of this church – as the site for the Seventeenth Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, July 28-Aug. 2, 2025; and

To authorize the Executive Committee to select another venue, if negotiations are not successful.

II.B.2 Consideration of Resolutions Removed from *En Bloc*

II.B.3 *En Bloc* Approval of Certain Items

The following *en bloc* resolution includes agenda items that reflect 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 the [En Bloc Items](#) document.

Prior to the beginning of plenary session two, any council member may request to remove items from *en bloc* consideration 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.

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To take action *En Bloc* on the remaining items listed in “*En Bloc Items*” document.

II.C Personal Reflection of Faith, Pr. Dan Gerrietts

II.D Items for Information and Discussion

II.D.1 Feedback from the Class of 2022

The Board Development Committee invited the outgoing Church Council members to respond to a series of questions reflecting on their service on council. The [report of the feedback](#) can be found in Church Council Microsoft Teams under the Public Current Meeting channel.

Members of the Class of 2022 are Lisa Burk, Cheryl Chatman, Alyssa Cobb, Ismael Danforth, Dena Gable, Dan Gerrietts, Jim Jennings, Joe Nolte, Gary Pederson, Bill Rice, Ricardo Rivera, Sonja Wolfe, and Merritt Zesinger.

The Church Council Class of 2022 will be honored during the final plenary session of the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

CC DISCUSSION

II.D.2 Information about the November 2022 Church Council Meeting

The November 2022 meeting of the Church Council will be held Nov. 10-13, 2022, at the Lutheran Center in Chicago. Orientation for newly elected members of the Church Council will be Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, in Chicago.

Mentors have been identified for the incoming class of Church Council members.

CC INFORMATION

II.E Adjournment

- 5:15 p.m. Conference of Bishops group photo, outside Union Station Ballroom
- 5:30 p.m. Reception, Outside Union Station Ballroom
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner, Union Station Ballroom B/C

Monday, Aug. 8, 2022

10:00 a.m. Orientation for Church Council on Churchwide Assembly, GCCC, Hall A

Lunch on your own

- 4:00 p.m. Assembly Orientation, Hall A
- 5:00 p.m. ELCA CWA Guide Training, Hall A
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner, Hall B
- 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion, Battelle Ballroom (*7 p.m. pre-service music*)
- 9:00 p.m. Dessert Reception, Union Station Ballroom