

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
CHURCH COUNCIL
April 4-6, 2014
Chicago, Illinois

AGENDA

Participants

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Ms. Marit Bakken	Ms. Kayla S. Koterwski (<i>excused</i>)
Mr. Nicholas A. Barber	Mr. John W. Lohrmann
Mr. Hans E. Becklin	Mr. Michael Mason (<i>excused</i>)
Mr. Allan J. Bieber	Ms. Susan W. McArver
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Ms. Amanda E. Briggs	Mr. Fernando Mercado (<i>nominated</i>)
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Ms. Maren Hulden	Pr. William O. Voss
Mr. James M. Hushagen	Pr. Michael R. Ward
Pr. Peder J. Johanson	Ms. Man Hei Yip (<i>nominated</i>)

Liaison Bishops

Bp. Michael Burk	Bp. Stephen Talmage
Bp. Claire Burkat	Bp. Shelley Wickstrom
Bp. Ralph Jones	Bp. Herman Yoos
Bp. Marcus Lohrmann	Bp. David Zellmer
Bp. Brian Maas (<i>excused</i>)	

Resource People

Office of the Presiding Bishop

Pr. M. Wyvetta Bullock, Assistant to the Bishop, Executive for Administration
Mr. Kenneth W. Inskip, Executive for Research and Evaluation
Pr. Marcus Kunz, Assistant to the Bishop for Theological Discernment
Ms. Rhondean Johnson, Executive for Human Resources

Ms. Kathryn Lohre, Assistant to the Bishop for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations
Pr. Walter May, Assistant to the Bishop for the Synodical Relations
Pr. Donald J. McCoid, Director, Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations
Ms. Jodi Slattery, Assistant to the Bishop for Governance

Office of the Secretary

Mr. Phillip H. Harris, General Counsel
Mr. Frank F. Imhoff, Manager, Official Documentation
Ms. Sue Rothmeyer, Assistant to the Secretary
Mr. David A. Ullrich, Associate General Counsel

Unit Staff

Pr. Cherlyne Beck, Program Director, Disability Ministries and Support of Lay Rostered Leaders, CSM
Pr. Stephen P. Bouman, Executive Director, Congregational and Synodical Mission
Ms. Antoinette "Toni" Daniels, Director for Relationships and Unit Operations, GM
Ms. Christina Jackson-Skelton, Executive Director, Mission Advancement
Pr. Rafael Malpica-Padilla, Executive Director, Global Mission
Ms. Evelyn Soto, Director for CSM Operations and Programs, CSM
Pr. Gregory Villalon, Director for Leadership for Mission/Candidacy, CSM

Separately Incorporated Ministries

Ms. Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director, Women of the ELCA (*excused*)
Represented by Ms. Deborah Calvert, Associate Executive Director,
Women of the ELCA
Mr. Doug Haugen, Executive Director, Lutheran Men in Mission
Ms. Beth A. Lewis, President, Augsburg Fortress, Publishers
Ms. Eva M. Roby, President and CEO, MIF
Pr. Jeffrey D. Thiemann, President and CEO, Portico Benefit Services

Press

Ms. Candice Hill Buchbinder, Mission Advancement
Ms. Melissa Ramirez Cooper, Mission Advancement
Ms. Elizabeth M. Hunter, *The Lutheran* magazine
Mr. Daniel Lehmann, *The Lutheran* magazine

Ecumenical Guests

Pr. Scott Anderson, Presbyterian Church (USA)
Ms. Stephanie Cheney, The Episcopal Church
Bp. Susan Johnson, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
Bp. Sharon Rader, United Methodist Church
Pr. Betsy Miller, Moravian Church in America (*excused*)
Pr. Lisa Vander Wal, The Reformed Church in America

Friday, April 4, 2014

- 6:30 a.m. **BREAKFAST**, The Westin Hotel (Buffet opens at 6:30 a.m.)
- 8:00 a.m. Executive Committee, Epiphany
- 9:00 a.m. Tutorial on ELCA Community and PDF tutorial, Council (*optional*)
- 9:30 a.m. Committees meet
 Budget and Finance, Epiphany
 Legal and Constitutional Review, Advent
 Program and Services, Pentecost
 Planning and Evaluation, 10th Floor Training Room
- 11:15 a.m. Mid-day Prayer Service, led by Pr. Elizabeth Ekdale
- 11:45 a.m. Church Council Choir Rehearsal for 30 minutes, 1st Floor Chapel
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**, 11th Floor
- 1:00 p.m. Committees continue to meet
- 3:00 p.m. Break

PLENARY SESSION ONE

April 4, 2014
3:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

I.A Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda items have been distributed electronically and by mail. Additional items will be distributed at the meeting to the members of the Church Council and invited resource people.

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 Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the November 8-10, 2013 meeting of the Church Council have been distributed to council members electronically on Net Community. Minutes for meetings held in executive session have been added to the protocol file in the Office of the Secretary.

The minutes of the council's Executive Committee meetings on November 8-10, 2013, January 21, 2014, February 20, 2014 and March 24, 2014 have been distributed electronically to members. Minutes for meetings held in executive session have been added to the protocol file in the Office of the Secretary.

Please provide in writing for the Executive for Office of the Secretary Administration any notations or typographical errors in the distributed text of the minutes. Proper corrections will be entered into the protocol copies of the minutes. Such corrections need not be raised in the plenary session in connection with the approval of the minutes.

CC ACTION

Recommended:

**To approve the minutes of November 8-10, 2014 meeting of the Church Council;
and**

To ratify actions of the council's Executive Committee as indicated in the minutes of the November 8-10, 2013, January 21, 2014, February 20, 2014 and March 24, 2014 meetings.

I.C Report of the Presiding Bishop ([Exhibit A, Part 1](#))

I.D Greeting from Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

I.E Report of the Vice President ([Exhibit A, Part 2](#))

I.F Report of the Executive Committee

I.F.1 Church Council Nominations and Elections

The Metropolitan Chicago Synod (5A) has nominated Mr. Fernando Mercado, Warrenville, Illinois, to replace the resignation of Mr. Ivan Perez (5A) to a term ending in 2015.

The Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod (8G) has nominated Pr. Karsten Decker, Peace Lutheran Church in Bermuda – a congregation in the Metropolitan D.C. Synod, to replace the resignation of Pr. Amsalu Geleta (8G), to a term ending in 2015.

The New England Synod (7B) has nominated Ms. Man Hei Yip, North Quincy, Massachusetts, to replace the resignation of Ms. Feronika Raming (7B) to a term ending in 2015. The vitas for Mr. Mercado, Pr. Decker and Ms. Yip are provided in [Exhibit C](#).

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To elect Mr. Fernando Mercado, Warrenville, Illinois (5A), to the Church Council for a term ending in 2015;

To elect the Rev. Karsten Decker, Bermuda (8G), to the Church Council for a term ending in 2015; and

To elect Ms. Man Hei Yip, North Quincy, Massachusetts (7B), to the Church Council for a term ending in 2015.

I.F.2 U.S.A. National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation

The *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* provides for the ongoing work of the U.S.A. National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation in provision 15.12.B13. by indicating that, “From time to time as necessary, the Executive Committee of the Church Council shall convene as the U.S.A. National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation. The U.S.A. National Committee also consists of the members of this church who serve as voting members of the council of the Lutheran World Federation. One staff member of the Global Mission unit and the executive for ecumenical and inter-religious relations shall serve as consultants to the U.S.A. National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation.”

Members of the U.S.A. National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation include the ELCA Executive Committee and ELCA members of the LWF Council.

At its April meeting, the Executive Committee convened as the U.S.A. National Committee for one matter of business. Due to the election of a new presiding bishop, the U.S.A. National Committee met to take action on recommending Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton for the LWF Council, replacing former Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson.

This process is our understanding of good order. General Secretary Martin Junge, Bishop Eaton and the Rev. Hanson were aware of the process that was followed.

I.G Primer on Communal Discernment ([Resource Documents](#))

Led by Bill Horne, Bishop Jessica Crist, Marcus Kunz

This primer will be an opportunity to learn more about the definition of communal discernment and the various practices that Church Council can incorporate into its work. Both Bishop Jessica Crist and Marcus Kunz participated in the Communal Discernment Task Force. Bill Horne will help facilitate the conversation. The Communal Discernment Task Force report can be found in the Resource Documents section of ELCA Community.

I.H Committee of the Whole: Word and Service Roster

A selected group of task force members and resource staff from the Word and Service Task Force will lead us in a conversation. The task force is working to facilitate the creation of a single, unified roster of Word and Service ministry, subject to the review and recommendation by the Conference of Bishops and the Church Council as well as the approval of the Churchwide Assembly. Along the way, the task force is providing updates as well as opportunities for ongoing conversations. This Committee of the Whole time is an opportunity for Church Council to be engaged in the conversation.

I.I Church Council Joys and Concerns

I.J Hymn and Prayer

6:00 p.m. **Reception**, hosted by *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, Augsburg Room

Banquet Dinner, Augsburg Room

Café conversation follows dinner

Saturday, April 5, 2014

- 6:30 a.m. **Breakfast**, The Westin Hotel (Buffet opens at 6:30 a.m.)
- 7:30 a.m. Stewardship conversations with new members (*as assigned*)
- 8:30 a.m. **RACIAL AND GENDER AWARENESS TRAINING**, Augsburg Room
Led by Judith Roberts, Program Director, Racial Justice Ministries
- 11:45 a.m. Mid-day Prayer Service
Led by Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada
- 12:00 p.m. **SIM LUNCHESES** (Various Locations)
Social Justice Working Group, Augsburg
- 12:00 p.m. *Deadline for Removal of Items from En Bloc*
Deadline for New Business

PLENARY SESSION TWO

April 5, 2014
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

II.A Personal Reflections on Faith (formerly 'Dwelling in the Word'), Gary Gabrielson

II.B Report of the Program and Services Committee ([Exhibit J](#))

The following report is provided by the Program and Services Committee. Additional items or revised actions may be distributed following the committee's meeting.

II.B.1 Youth and Young Adults Ministry and Disability Ministry Programs within the *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*

The programmatic ministries of the *Campaign for the ELCA* will be monitored by the Program and Services Committee. An update on the campaign as a whole is in Exhibit J, Part 5 and will be presented in Plenary Session Three.

At its March meeting, Program and Services received a working proposal on evaluating how to implement and integrate the action for formation, recognition, and encouragement of lay young adult and youth leaders as well as for disability ministries into the campaign. The working proposals can be found in [Exhibit J, Part 4](#).

II.B.2 Observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Marcus Kunz provided an update on the continuing work to observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

II.B.3 Changing Family Configurations Working Group

At its November 2013 meeting, the Church Council authorized the appointment of a working group to address the 2013 Churchwide Assembly action on Ministering to Same-Gender Couples and Families memorial. The working group has since been appointed by the Executive Committee and their first meeting is scheduled for June 27-29, 2014.

II.B.4 Update on Social Teaching Documents

Roger Willer and Mary Streufert provided an update on the progress of the social statement on women and justice. A separate update was shared on the Gender-Based Violence Social Message. **Please see page 17 for the action.**

II.C Report of the Secretary ([Exhibit A, Part 3](#))

II.D Report of the Legal and Constitutional Review Committee

The following report is provided by the Legal and Constitutional Review Committee. Additional items or revised actions may be distributed following the committee's meeting. *En Bloc* items can be found in [Exhibit D](#) and will be acted upon later in the meeting. **Please see page 17 for an action on the Luther Seminary Bylaws.**

II.E Report of the Treasurer ([Exhibit A, Part 4](#))

II.F. Report of the Budget and Finance Committee ([Exhibit F](#))

The following report is provided by the Budget and Finance Committee. Additional items or revised actions may be distributed following the committee's meeting. *En Bloc* items can be found in [Exhibit D](#) and will be acted upon later in the meeting.

II.F.1 2013 Financial Reports

The Report of the Treasurer summarizing the 2013 fiscal year financial results can be found in **Exhibit F, Part 1a**. The current fund operating results for the period are presented in **Exhibit F, Part 1b**. Operating results for ELCA World Hunger and the ELCA Malaria Campaign are in **Exhibit F, Part 1c**. ELCA World Hunger is continuing its commitment to spend \$10,000,000 on mission related to HIV and AIDS over ten years. The ELCA has spent over \$1.3 million in 2013; the annual commitment is \$1.0 million. Beginning with the 2010 fiscal year, the ELCA has expended over \$4.5 million in towards this effort.

The Statements of Financial Position for the year ended January 31, 2014 are reflected in **Exhibit F, Part 1d**.

Exhibit F, Part 1e is the Capital Projects report for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2014.

II.F.2 2014 Income Estimate

Although not part of the budget approval process for the Church Council, the Budget and Finance Committee is notified of annual income estimates for the ELCA Malaria Campaign. The revised income estimate for 2014 is \$3 million. The campaign has raised approximately \$11 million in campaign-to-date revenue through fiscal year 2013. The total campaign goal is \$15 million by the end of 2015.

II.F.3 Synodical/Churchwide Mission Support

A. Mission Support System Pilot - Financial Services Office

At the November 2012 Church Council meeting, the Mission Investment Fund (MIF) was requested to explore the development of a remittance process system to improve the process for transmitting mission support and other funds. As part of its semi-annual meeting, the Budget and Finance Committee has received updates regarding the progress of the study. MIF has now concluded that the mission support pilot as envisioned by the Church Council should not be pursued. What they believe could be beneficial; however, is the concept of a full-service Financial Services Office (FSO) as is currently functioning in Region 1. The services of an FSO could provide significant benefits to synods: considerable staff savings that could reduce overall costs or be reallocated to program activities; improved internal controls; elimination of the cost of separate synod audits; and consistent individual synod data and aggregate data for comparison and trend analysis.

MIF is considering the feasibility of establishing an FSO on a national level. With this full-service concept in mind, MIF will evaluate the specific needs of synods, potential information technology systems, and the organization necessary to perform such services. They expect to complete their study in early 2015 and proceed

with a pilot study at that time, if the concept is determined to be feasible. The full report can be found in [Exhibit F, Part 17](#).

B. Synod Mission Support Plans

The ELCA Church Council has responsibility for reviewing and taking action on synod mission support plans as an interdependent partner with congregations and synods in implementing and strengthening the financial support for the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA Constitution, 8.15 and 10.71).

Exhibit F, Part 5b shows the actual mission support received from each synod in 2013 with plans and any revisions for 2014 and original synod plans for 2015 fiscal year.

1) Revisions to 2014 synod mission support plans

Since the November 2013 Church Council meeting, we have received revisions for 2014 mission support plans from 2 synods, both decreasing their previous percentage sharing plans

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To acknowledge the correction in the percentage of sharing of 2014 mission support contributions by congregations for synodical and churchwide ministries: Lower Susquehanna Synod;

To acknowledge that circumstances in the following synod has led to the decision to seek a decrease from prior levels in the percentage of sharing of 2014 mission support contributions by congregations for synodical and churchwide ministries; to encourage the synod to continue to work to grow mission support in the synod; and to request that the synod develop a plan, in consultation with the churchwide organization, to restore or surpass the previous level of mission support sharing: South Carolina Synod; and

To thank the bishops and synod leaders of every synod as they strive to be faithful to shared commitments within the ELCA, and to direct synod and churchwide staff, including the directors for evangelical mission, to deepen their partnership in efforts to strengthen financial support for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

2) 2015 synod mission support plans

Many synods are still in the process of preparing their 2015 mission support plans for presentation to their synod assemblies this spring and summer. To date, we have received plans from 39 synods: 10 synods are showing increased percentages, 4 decreases and the remaining 25 synods maintaining current levels.

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To acknowledge the decision of the following synods to increase the percentage of sharing of 2015 mission support contributions by congregations

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for synodical and churchwide ministries: Western North Dakota, Arkansas-Oklahoma, Southwestern Texas, Slovak Zion, Delaware-Maryland, Alaska, Montana, Western Iowa, Northern Great Lakes, Northeastern Pennsylvania;

To acknowledge the decision of the following synods to maintain the percentage of sharing of 2015 mission support contributions by congregations for synodical and churchwide ministries: Oregon, Grand Canyon, Rocky Mountain, Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana, Central/Southern Illinois, LaCrosse Area, Southeast Michigan, Southern Ohio, New Jersey, Metro New York, Upstate New York, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Southwestern Pennsylvania, Southeastern, Florida-Bahamas, North/West Lower Michigan;

To acknowledge that circumstances in the following synods have led to decisions to seek a decrease from prior levels in the percentage of sharing of 2015 mission support contributions by congregations for synodical and churchwide ministries; to encourage each synod to continue to work to grow mission support in the synod; and to request that each synod develop a plan, in consultation with the churchwide organization, to restore or surpass the previous level of mission support sharing: Northwestern Minnesota, South Carolina, Caribbean, Northwest Synod of Wisconsin;

To thank the bishops and synod leaders of every synod as they strive to be faithful to shared commitments within the ELCA, and to direct synod and churchwide staff, including the directors for evangelical mission, to deepen their partnership in efforts to strengthen financial support for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

To request that all synods submit their 2015 mission support plans prior to their 2014 synod assemblies.

PLENARY SESSION THREE

April 5, 2014
4:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

III.A Bible Study, led by Bishop Claire Burkat, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

III.B Report from the Conference of Bishops ([Exhibit A, Part 6](#))

III.C Update on Mission Support Think Tank

As a church, we have embarked on a number of different initiatives to consider mission funding policies and practices including Blue Ribbon Committee on Mission Funding (2007), Group of Nine bishops responding to Living into the Future Together recommendations (March 2012), and Mission Funding Task Force (November 2012). Despite these efforts, we continue to need conversation on how to strengthen the stewardship practices within the life of this church.

Stewardship begins and ends with God. As people of God, we recognize that all good things are gifts from God and when we respond by using those gifts responsibly, we practice a fundamental stewardship.

In an effort to address the mission support for this church, Presiding Bishop Eaton has appointed a Bishops' think tank on mission support. The synod bishops on the think tank are Bps. Shelley Wickstrom (Alaska Synod), Stephen Talmage (Grand Canyon Synod), Larry Wohlrabe (Northwestern Minnesota Synod), Michael Rinehart (Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod), Thomas Skrenes (Northern Great Lakes Synod), Marcus Lohrmann (Northwestern Ohio Synod), James Hazelwood (New England Synod), Richard Graham (Metropolitan Washington, DC Synod), and H. Julian Gordy (Southeastern Synod). Bishop Gordy has also agreed to serve as convener.

The think tank has been actively seeking information, expertise and ideas from ministry partners throughout this church including from the Conference of Bishops, churchwide organization staff and congregations.

III.D Update on *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*

Christina Jackson-Skelton, Executive Director of the Mission Advancement unit, will provide a progress report on the *Campaign for the ELCA*. The written report can be found in [Exhibit J, Part 5](#).

III.E Church Council Joys and Concerns

III.F Process Observation

III.G Hymn and Prayer

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6:00 p.m. New Member Reception, hosted by Carlos Peña, The Westin Hotel

DINNER, on your own

9:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service, The Westin Hotel, **Grand C Ballroom** (*optional*)

Sunday, April 6

6:30 a.m. **BREAKFAST**, The Westin Hotel (Buffet opens at 6:30 a.m.)

8:00 a.m. Board Development Committee, Epiphany

PLENARY SESSION FOUR

April 6, 2014

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

IV.A Update on the Church Council Retreat ([Exhibit E](#))

Led by Dr. John Scherer, facilitator for the Church Council retreat

Dr. John J. Scherer, co-director of the Scherer Leadership International, will lead the Church Council in its continuing work to be a more effective board of directors. At this meeting, he will join us via Skype to share more about the vision of the retreat. More biographical information on Dr. Scherer can be found in Exhibit E.

IV.B Personal Reflections on Faith, Joyce Graue

IV.C Primer on Augsburg Fortress ([Exhibit P, Part 1](#))

From time to time, the Church Council receives periodic updates from the Separately Incorporated Ministries of this church. At this meeting, Beth Lewis, President of Augsburg Fortress, Publishers, will provide a report on the ministry's work.

IV.D Report of the Executive for Administration ([Exhibit A, Part 5](#))

IV.E Report of the Planning and Evaluation Committee ([Exhibit I](#))

The following report is provided by the Planning and Evaluation Committee. Additional items or revised actions may be distributed following the committee's meeting. **Please see page 17 for the recommended action items from the Planning and Evaluation Committee.**

IV.E.1 LIFT II ([Exhibit I, Part 1](#))

The Living into the Future Together (LIFT) II committee presented its final report to the Planning and Evaluation committee. This committee was tasked with continuing the work assigned to the "Living into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the ELCA" task force.

The original LIFT task force appointed in 2009 was to evaluate the organization and interrelationships among the parts of this church in light of the many social and economic changes that have taken place since the ELCA was formed. The 2011 Churchwide Assembly received its report and approved the implementing resolutions recommended by the Church Council. Further background information can be found in the LIFT II final report in Exhibit I.

11:30 a.m. **LUNCH**, Augsburg Room

Executive Committee meets with Officers

With Bishop Eaton, 11A

With Treasurer Norman, Luther Room

With Secretary Boerger, Office of the Secretary Conference Room

12:15 p.m. Women and Justice Social Statement Listening Event (*Optional*), Epiphany

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PLENARY SESSION FIVE

April 6, 2014
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

V.A Personal Reflections on Faith, Nick Barber

V.B Report of the Board and Development Committee

The following report is provided by the Board Development Committee. Additional items or revised actions may be distributed following the committee's meeting.

V.C Consideration of Items Removed from *En Bloc*

V.D *En Bloc* Approval of Certain Items

The following en bloc resolution includes agenda items that will be considered on the last day of the Church Council meeting. Inclusion of these items in the en bloc action reflects 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 [Exhibit B](#) and [Exhibit D](#). On the first day of the Council meeting, the chair will provide an opportunity for members to indicate whether they wish 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 by the end of the first day of plenary sessions. The items remaining in the en bloc resolution normally will be considered as the last item of council business.

CC ACTION (Two-thirds approval required)

Recommended:

To approve the *En Bloc* continuing resolution amendment to the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* as listed in Exhibit D.

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To take action *En Bloc* on the **remaining items listed in Exhibits B and D.**

V.E Church Council Joys and Concerns

V.F New Business

V.G Evaluation and debriefing

V.H Process Observation

Adjournment

SENDING WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 1st Floor Chapel
Offering: ELCA Vision for Mission

Installation of newly elected Council members

Presider: Bishop Shelley Wickstrom, Alaska Synod

Preacher: Pr. William Flippin, Jr.

Assisting Minister: Mr. Clarence Smith

Lector: Ms. Maren Hulden

II.B Report of the Program and Services Committee (Continued from page 8)

II.B.4 Update on Social Teaching Documents

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To reaffirm the commitment of the ELCA Church Council to the completion of a social message on gender-based violence that speaks carefully and comprehensively to the issues;

To extend the time for the development of the social message until the April 2015 Church Council meeting; and

To ask staff to provide progress reports to the fall 2014 meetings of the Conference of Bishops and the Church Council.

II.D Report of the Legal and Constitutional Review Committee (Continued from page 8)

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To authorize the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Legal and Constitutional Review Committee and the appropriate churchwide unit, to approve any changes to the Luther Seminary Bylaws.

IV.E Report of the Planning and Evaluation Committee (Continued from page 14)

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To approve the Planning and Reporting Framework of the Churchwide Organization Operational Plan.

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To receive with gratitude the Living into the Future Together (LIFT) II final report and to express appreciation for the diligent and thoughtful work of the members of the committee.