Greetings from the ELCA Church Council meeting. We're here meeting in person, and you can see we're all properly masked, and we've all been vaccinated as well.

But I thought it would be helpful for you to know that it's just not me cooking things up on the 11th floor. That, in fact, we have a church council of 39 members from all across the church, as well as advisers, who help us to do the work that we need to do.

The Church Council is the highest authority in between churchwide assemblies. And these are some wonderful people, so I want you to meet some of my friends. Say hello friends! You can wave. Yay! Yeah, that's good. And here's our officers. Yay!

So, those of you who serve on church councils, in your congregations, this is a lot of the work that we do here. [It’s] A marvelous group of folks, [an] excellent way to serve the church, and you can see that, well you can’t see our faces, but you can see that we are a great collection of people, all here to serve Jesus.

Be well, dear church.