

Synod Council Approved Minutes

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December 14, 2024

Synod Council Attendance: Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Nancy Yunker, Michelle Schaffer, Shea McGrew, Jillian Russell, Kathy Jurrus, Caitlin Brink, Beth Kieffer, Kelly Hancock Weber, Rev. Ashley Rosa-Ruggieri, Clark Price, Rev. Melanie Haack, Jerusha Walker, Rev. Tanyce Addison, Wendy Bauer, Rev. Robin Owen, Kevin Swagler, Rev. Brenda Peconge

Staff Members: *Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Deacon Sherry Krieger, Pastor Sarah Schaaf, Cassie Mugler, Linda Henschen*

Absent: Cindy Harris, Deacon Rodney West-Estell, Rev. Steve Ramsey, Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt

- 1. Welcome and Devotions** led by Pastor Steven Bond of Community of Christ, Whitehouse
- 2. Approval of Synod Council and Synod Assembly Minutes**
September 21, 2024, Synod Council Minutes
June 1, 2024, Synod Assembly Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Kevin Swagler and seconded by Kathy Jurrus. Motion was approved.

3. Bishop Daniel Teaching Time and Update

Bishop Daniel added Action SC24.28, Designation of Strategic Ministries to the agenda.

Bishop Daniel shared the 2025 will be the *Year of Listening*. The bible verse for the year is from Isaiah 55:3a "Incline your ear, and come to me: listen, so that you may live..." Bishop shared the completed *Year of Listening* Bible Study and Monthly Devotions. Bishop presented council with a copy the 2025 Daily Text and a copy of The Listening Life written by Adam S. McHugh.

4. Deacon Sherry Krieger Update

Deacon Sherry shared the names SAM (Synod Authorized Ministers) and where they are located in our synod. Look for details about Fresh Expressions UK coming in January 2025.

5. Pastor Sarah Schaaf Update

Pastor Sarah explained the SAM (Synod Authorized Ministers) and Diakania (Growing in Faith) programs.

6. Cheryl Sondergeld Update

Report found in synod packet.

7. Synod Council Roster and Parish Actions

Action SC24.23 Appointment of Toledo Area Conference Co-Dean

“At the recommendation of the Bishop, Synod Council approves the appointment of Pastor Dalton Rosa-Ruggieri to serve as the co-dean of the Toledo Area Conference.

Motion for approval was made by Pastor Brenda Peconge and seconded by Pastor Melanie Haack. Motion was approved.

Action SC24.24 Approval of Synod Council Calls

“At the recommendation of the Bishop, Synod Council approves the extension of a Synod Council call to Deacon Jennifer Vasquez to serve as Director of Christian Education at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Maumee, OH.

Motion to approve was made by Pastor Ashley Rosa- Ruggieri and seconded by Wendy Bauer. Motion was approved.

Action SC24.25 Appointment of Synod Authorized Ministers (SAM)

“At the recommendation of the Bishop, Synod Council approves the appointment of the following Synod Authorized Ministers to serve through December 31, 2025:

Alan Fuhrhop	St. Stephens, Hamler & UMC
Alex Heffelfinger	Holy Trinity (Harlan, IN) and St. John, Hicksville
Chris Staup	First, Stryker
Clione Schneider	Christ, Dowling and Calvary
Deb Noll	St. Paul, Jenera
Donna Warren	Trinity, Malinta
Frank Weaver	Faith United, Toledo and St. Paul Toledo
Gregory Silliman	St. James, Sylvania
Helena Morris	Hope, Hamler
Jacinda Jones	Arcadia, Trinity and St. John's, Findlay

Jean Wise	St. Peter, Edon
Jeannine Grimm	Christ, Dowling
Jim Martin	Faith, Toledo
Jon Rhoades	Zion, Waterville and St. Paul, Haskins
Maureen Pump	St. Mark's, Fremont
Paul Brooks/provisional	St. Luke, North Baltimore and St. John, McComb
Robert Frank/provisional	St. John's, Rocky Ridge
Rob Glenn	English, Bluffton
Tom Fleming	St. Mark, Ada
Trent McGrew	Hope, BG

Motion to approve for made by Clark Price and seconded by Beth Kieffer.
Motion was approved.

8. Vice-President's Report

Nancy shared that the Synod Vice Presidents continue to meet monthly via Zoom. The Vice-presidents have written the Bishop Eaton to have their position to be recognized by churchwide.

9. Financial Report, First Reading of the 2024-25 Mission Spending Plan

First reading of the proposed revised spending plan. Action will be taken at the January 2025 meeting.

Linda Henschen read the proposed 2025 Budget. Shea McGrew shared that the synod is stable at this time.

10. Administrative Updates

Action SC24.26

"Synod Council approves the constitutional updates for ~~St. Martin's, Archbold, Grace, Fremont,~~ and St. Paul, New Rochester.

Motion to approve was made by Jerusha Walker and seconded by Pastor Melanie Haack. Motion was approved.

Action SC24.27 Renewal of SAWC Authorizations

"Synod Council renews the authorization of the following Synodically Authorized Worshipping Communities until December 31, 2025: Sonfire by the River in Pemberville, and Camino de Vida in Fremont."

Motion to approve was made by Beth Kieffer and seconded by Pastor Tanyce Addison. Motion was approved.

Action SC24.28 Designation of Strategic Ministries

“The Northwestern Ohio Synod designates that the following ministries will continue as strategic ministries in 2025; Salem Lutheran Church, Toledo and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Toledo.”

Motion to approve was made by Kevin Swagler and seconded by Wendy Bauer. Motion was approved.

11. For the good of the order

Cassie shared there has been a database change and asked for any changed emails.

HopeWood is inviting all youth from Ohio to come camp in July “Ohio Summer Youth Retreat.” Jillian Russell shared that Hopewood held a gala – “Hope of the Outdoors” and it raised \$20000.00 in camperships.