

Allegheny Synod – ELCA
Synod Council Zoom Meeting
September 11, 2021

Upon motion by Bill Layton, seconded by Pr. Curt Wingert (*via email*)

- **SC21.08.01** - that Synod Council approve and authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$50,000 from the 1st Summit checking account to the 1st Summit Trust account, both accounts in the name of the Allegheny Synod... the motion is adopted with 10 affirmative votes

The September Synod Council meeting was called to order by Ann Ferry at 9am

Upon motion by Gary Gable, second by Bill Layton

- **SC21.09.01** - to adopt the agenda for today's meeting as amended... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Curt Wingert, seconded by Bill Layton

- **SC21.09.02** – to adopt the minutes of the July Synod Retreat Council meeting as presented... the motion is adopted

Pr. Nancy Hoover lead us in devotions this morning

Synod Officer Comments

Treasurer Bill Layton – presented a comprehensive report of finances year to date

- The audit is ongoing – Beer Ream & Co
- Finance Report – how can we better communicate between Finance Committee and the Synod Council
- In November we determine the 2021 Seminarian Support funding as per **SI5.40.A18**
 - The Finance Committee historically recommends the amount to be disbursed
 - In 2020 we approved a disbursement of 4% from the AmeriServ Account
 - A 4% disbursement in 2021 would be approximately \$18,000

VP Ann – shared information on Pr. Nathan Pile's convalescence

Bishop's Comments

Brief comments offered by Bishop Paula: Bishop Michael Lozano, the National Youth Gathering, Churchwide Assembly 2022 in Columbus, OH.

Old Business

Covenant of Understanding – the Synod Council commissioned a working group consisting of Ann Ferry, Pr. Karen Ward & Pr. Amanda McCaffery – to work on the Covenant & forward a draft version at a future meeting for consideration

1. Worship & Service

2. Leadership & Congregational Development

3. Faith Formation

4. Planning & Resources

5. Financial Management

Ann Ferry adjourned the meeting at 10:10am

Synod Council members in attendance... 12 of 15

- Executive Committee
 - Bishop Paula Schmitt - present
 - VP Ann Ferry - present
 - Secretary Dave Finney – present
 - Treasurer Bill Layton – present
 - Allen Stump – absent
- Council Members
 - Gary Gable - present
 - Pr. Nancy Hoover - present
 - Pr. Rebecca Horn - present
 - Joyce Long – present
 - Pr. Amanda McCaffery - present
 - Andrea Paul – absent
 - Michele Peese – present
 - Marlin Plymette – absent
 - Pr. Karen Ward – present
 - Pr. Curt Wingert - present
- Synod Staff