

Northeastern Ohio Synod Council

Minutes

August 17, 2024
Zion, Youngstown

Members present: Bishop Barbins, V.P. Kampfer, Treasurer Emmerich, Secretary Hollingshead, Jennifer Ackerman, Bobby Barnes, Dr. Belardo, Rev. Bond, Sheryl Budd, Alex Clevinger, Susan Frantz, Janet Hartman, Johanna Henderson, Yvonne Hoelter, Kirk Lombardy, Beverly Lund, Erin O'Neill, August Weight, Dr. Wiff, and Rev. Dr. Woods

SC.24.08.01 Agenda approved by consent
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS/THANKSGIVINGS

Update was given on Project Isaiah 43

SC24.08.02 Minutes will be approved at next meeting due to issues with secretary Hollingshead's eye sight.

REPORTS (other than the Secretary report, these are received)

1. SECRETARY: Roll Call, Minutes, Other (Updated by Secretary)
 1. Approval of April 13, 2024 Synod Council Meeting Minutes
 2. Acknowledgement of May 1, 2024 Executive Committee Minutes
 3. Acknowledgement of May 14, 2024 Special Exec. Com. Minutes
 4. Acknowledgement of June 12, 2024 Executive Committee Minutes
 5. Approval of 2024 Synod Assembly Minutes
2. BISHOP
3. VP
4. TREASURER
5. BISHOP ASSISTANTS
6. CHURCHWIDE COUNCIL - David Lenz
7. LMM - Jamie Savarin
8. WELCA - Jennifer Ackerman

OLD BUSINESS

1. Action Item Review (Recorded in April "To-Dos")

2. Climate Care Resolution Task Force Update - The Rev. Marilyn Matevia

NEW BUSINESS

SC24.08.03 Bishops goals for 2024-2025 were adopted by consensus.

1. Roster Matters

SC24.08.04 Motion was made by Bishop Barbins and properly seconded. Motion carried.

1. *On Leave From Call (These come with the endorsement of the Bishop and are presented en bloc for Synod Council approval.)*
 1. Pastor Sara Cogsil - Year 1 (effective 4/11/2024-4/10/2025)
 2. Deacon Marla Wood Kay - Year 6 (eff. 9/1/2024-8/31/2025)
 3. Pastor Debbie Pinnegar - Year 2 (eff. 8/31/2024-8/30/2025)
 4. Deacon Erin Bodenstab - Year 3 (eff. 9/2/2024-9/1/2025)
2. *Retirement Roster (These come with the endorsement of the Bishop and are presented en bloc for Synod Council approval.) - NA*
3. *Disability Roster (This comes with the endorsement of the Bishop) – NA*

SC24.08.05 Motion made by Bishop Barbins and properly seconded. Motion carried.

4. *Synod Calls (This comes with the endorsement of the Bishop)*
 1. To issue a retroactive synod call to The Rev. Laura Kuntz for Interim Ministry in the Northeastern Ohio Synod beginning October 1, 2022.

SC24.08.06 Motion carried, with one abstention by Erin Oneill.

2. Congregational Constitutions *(These come from the Constitution Review Committee with their endorsement and are presented en bloc for Synod Council approval.)*
 1. Zion, Loudonville
 2. Jerusalem, Seville

SC24.08.07 Motion made by Janet Hartman and properly seconded. Motion carried. MOTION: To appoint the Rev. Morgan Walker Annable to the Board of Hopewood Outdoors to fill the unexpired term of The Rev. Andrew Potsko with the term ending on January 31, 2025.

SC24.08.08 Rev. Stephanie Woods was elected with 12 votes, Rev. Marilyn Matevia was elected with 11 votes, and Alex Clevinger was elected with 10 votes. Election of three at-large members to the Northeastern Ohio Synod Council Executive Committee for a one-year term commencing September 1, 2024.

SC24.08.09 Motion made by Erin Oneill and properly seconded. Motion carried. Motion: To appoint Dr. Josephine Wright to a one-year term commencing September 1, 2024 as the Southwestern Conference Synod Council Member.

SC24.08.10 Emily Schmidlin was elected with 12 votes. Election and appointment of South-Central Conference Synod Council Member to a one-year term commencing September 1, 2024. Candidates are Jackie Lann and Emily Schmidlin.

SC24.08.11 Motion made by Don Wiff and properly seconded. Motion carried. Motion: To adopt Saturday, June 7, 2025, as the date for the 2025 Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly. Further that this meeting will be held via Zoom.

SC24.08.12 Motion made by Bobby Barnes and properly seconded. Motion Carried. Motion: To hold the 2026 Synod Assembly on Friday, June 5 - Saturday, June 6 at the John S. Knight Center and to authorize the Bishop to enter into a contract with the Knight Center for those dates.

SC24.08.13 Motion made by Bishop Barbins and properly seconded. Motion carried.

3. Motion: To adopt the following as meeting dates for the 2024-2025 Northeastern Ohio Synod Council:
 - September 10, 2024 (Zoom orientation for new members)
 - October 11, 12, 2024 (In-person at Loyola House Retreat Center)
 - January 18, 2025 (Zoom)
 - April 5, 2025 (In-person - Site TBD)
 - August 16, 2025 (In-person - Site TBD)

SC24.08.14 Motion carried. Motion: To close and transfer the donor restricted Lutheran Youth Organization Fund (94411) into the donor restricted Youth and Young Adult Fund (82711). *This motion comes with the endorsement of the NEOS Finance Committee.*

SC24.08.15 Motion made Bishop Barbins and properly seconded. Motion carried. Motion: To approve the disaffiliation of the following congregations: *(This motion comes with the recommendation of the Bishop.)*

1. First, Plymouth: Having conducted 2 separate meetings at which 2/3 of the members present voted to terminate the congregation's relationship with the ELCA and after consultation of the Bishop, Synod Council hereby waives any existing defects in First Lutheran,

Plymouth's failure to strictly comply with ELCA Sec. 9.62 and approves First Lutheran, Plymouth's termination of its relationship with the ELCA.

2. Mount Hope, Shiloh: Having conducted 2 separate meetings at which 2/3 of the members present voted to terminate the congregation's relationship with the ELCA and after consultation of the Bishop, Synod Council, Synod Council approves Mount Hope Lutheran, Shiloh's termination of its relationship with the ELCA.

SC24.08.16 Motion made by Don Wiff and properly seconded. Motion Carried. Motion: To Update the Continuing Resolutions to the NEOS Constitution and Bylaws in Chapter 12 to remove the following congregations that have been removed from the roster of the NEO Synod.

- S12.01.E23 - #4 First, Plymouth
- #7 Mt. Hope, Shiloh
- Update resolution number to S12.01.E24

RIGHT OF THANKSGIVING WAS GIVEN FOR THOSE GOING OFF OF SYNOD COUNCIL

- Dr. Lito Belardo - 6 years of service *
- Sheryl Budd - 6 years of service
- Erin O'Neill - 6 years of service

* Member of Executive Committee

Meeting adjourned.

Next Synod Council Meeting: October 11 and 12, 2024 - Loyola House Retreat Center,
Clinton