Synod Council Meeting -- via WebEx

August 22, 2016

Present: VP Bohling, Bishop Gonia, Jody Brammer-Hoelter, Jerry Ethridge, Rev. Janice Kibler, Maggie Nieberger, Todd Herreid, Dennis Reynolds, Rev. Larry Davis, Deb Elstad, Diana Biggs, Hendrik Samosir, Jay Voth, Betty Pepin, Joan Jacobson, Rev. Julie Brooks

Absent: Terry Cole, Rev. Dana Peterson, Susan Mitchell

The meeting opened with prayer at 6:03.

Introductions

Synod Council Calls

**SC 2016.8.1** **Motion was made and seconded to approve the following Interim calls *en bloc*. Motion passed.**

Interim:

Phil Kettering to St. Paul Albuquerque

Janice Kettering to Shepherd of the Hills, Boulder

Stephanie Kopsch to Our Savior, Casper

Gail and Randy Mundt to Trinity, Fort Collins

Judith Wasche to Mount of Olives, Rock Springs, WY

Ron Powers to Peace, Sterling

Changes in Rostered Status

**SC2016.8.2. Motion was made and seconded to approve on-call status for Rev. Todd Hawkins. The motion passed.**

**SC2016.8.3. Motion was made and seconded to approve a change to retirement status for the following, *en bloc*. The motion passed.**

Pat Holman as of Oct. 1, 2016

Phil Wangberg as of Nov. 1, 2016

Appointments

**SC2016.8.4 Motion was made and seconded to approve the following appointments. Motion passed.**

Global Mission Committee (4 year term): Pr. Diana Linden-Johnson of Peace, El Paso

Urban Servant Corps - Sara Adam

**SC2016.8.5 Motion was made and seconded to nominate Andy Sprain to serve as California Lutheran University convocator from the Rocky Mountain Synod.** (The appointment is subject to final approval by CLU).He will also serve as Bishop Gonia’s representative at convocations of Pacific LutheranTheological Seminary. **The motion passed.**

**SC 2016.8.6 Motion was made and seconded to approve Rev. Julie McNitt for a 1 year term call as Mission Developer at Well of Hope (Castle Rock, CO). Motion passed.**

Campus Ministry Protocol

Campus Ministry Protocol governs steps to be taken when there is a transition in campus ministry calls.

**SC2016.8,7 Motion was made and seconded to approve the Protocol.** Both Campus Ministry Board and Exec. Committee have reviewed the protocol and recommend approval.Deb Elstadthanked Rev. Ron Roschke for his work on creating this protocol. **The motion passed.**

Redevelopment Agreement: Christ the King (Denver) and Abiding Hope (Littleton)

**SC2016.8.8 Motion was made and seconded to approve the Agreement.** DEM Judith Van Osdol has been working with these congregations in developing the covenant between them. Pr. Janice noted that this was done successfully by two congregations in Hutchinson, KS and Wichita, KS. **The motion passed.**

Nueva Vida prison ministry (SAWC)

**SC2016.8.9 Motion was made and seconded to approve the formation of a Spanish-speaking SAWC at the Colorado State women’s prison in Denver.** This ministry will be parallel to New Beginnings, a SAWC at the women’s correctional facility in Denver. This ministry will be served by Father Q., an Episcopal priest.

Latino Community in West Denver (SAWC) Cristo Rey in Denver was constituted as a congregation about 5 years ago. At this point in their life together, Pr. Judith recommends that the community be reconstituted as a Latino-community SAWC.

**SC2016.8.10 Motion was made and seconded to approve an ethnic-specific SAWC in West Denver.** Bishop Jim pointed out that Cristo Rey was never organized as congregation within the ELCA. The congregation formerly using that space, American Lutheran Memorial, was never removed from the ELCA list of congregations. This will need to be done at the same time as formation of the SAWC.

Father Q has the skills needed to assist this community in determining its viability. The RMS is working collaboratively with the Episcopal Diocese in exploring this ministry. Jerry has asked Pr. Judith to create a list of criteria for determining success, and bring it to Exec. Committee or Council for review. Pr. Janice wondered whether Father Q. will have sufficient time to serve all 3 ministries he is supporting, and what impact being a SAWC will have on their finances. Bishop Jim stated that 25% of Pr. Cindy Robles’ call is also to this community. Father Q’s other ministry is at a congregation that also has a full-time priest-in-charge. However, as this SAWC grows we will need to look at the resources available to serve it.

Jerry noted that Synod Council needs to communicate with mission partners of Cristo Rey, and the Southwest Metro Conference, about how this may affect the financial needs of this community.

**The motion passed.**

Bishop Gonia sent us 2 items from Churchwide Assembly, and asks that we review the Legislative Update for discussion at our next meeting. He also asks that members elected from conferences share this information with their conference. He also asks each of us to view Presiding Bishop Eaton’s message at Churchwide Assembly. Among other things, the ELCA churchwide assembly repudiated the Doctrine of Discovery, and supported a Declaration on the Way and statements of agreement between the ELCA and the Roman Catholic Church.

Earline noted that William Horn was elected as new Vice President of the ELCA,.

Bishop Gonia will send a corrected summary of the Strategic Plan, as the team met today. The team meets again on Sept. 14th. We will address this more at our October meeting.

A 3-year trend of mission support will be sent to each congregation (both Council and Pastor), with a survey asking: ): is this information correct? 2) Can the congregations help us understand the trend? 3) What factors contributed to this trend?

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Brammer-Hoelter