

ACTIONS OF THE SYNOD COUNCIL (UPDATED)  
May 2022-March 2023

**ROSTER MATTERS**

**SC.22.05.8 VOTED to approve roster changes as presented.**

|                           |                                     | Start Date |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>ON LEAVE FROM CALL</b> |                                     |            |
| Dn. Melissa James         | Send to COB for extension           | 01.01.2020 |
| Rev. Cate Luehr           | Request 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of OLF | 06.01.2021 |
| <b>RETIREMENT</b>         |                                     |            |
| Rev. Dr. Tim Eichler      |                                     | 06.01.2022 |
| Dn. Shirley Lee           |                                     | 09.13.2022 |

SC.22.08.03 VOTED to approve the Roster changes as presented:

**SYNOD CALLS**

|                     |                                       | Start Date |                         |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Rev. Mark Galbraith | Interim, Trinity Episcopal, Escondido | 06.01.2022 | From South Dakota Synod |

**ON LEAVE FROM CALL**

|                     |                    | Start date | End        |                               |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Rev. Samuel Kumissa | Approve for Year 6 | 08.14.2017 | 08.14.2024 | COB approved for 2 more years |

**RETIREMENT**

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Rev. Linda Brown       | 05.16.2022 |
| Rev. Kim Krogstad      | 06.13.2022 |
| Dn. Leah Lind          | 09.01.2022 |
| Rev. Mark Cansino      | 10.01.2022 |
| Rev. Dr. Andrew Taylor | 08.01.2022 |
| Rev. Keith Miller      | 08.04.2022 |

**SC.22.12.3 VOTED to approve roster changes as presented:**

|                               |                                  | Start Date |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| <b>CONGREGATION CALL</b>      |                                  |            |
| Rev. Matthew Anderson         | Community, RSM                   | 01.02.2023 |
| <b>CONTRACT NOT CALL</b>      |                                  |            |
| Rev. Andy Taylor              | Bridge Pastor, Christ, San Diego | 11.01.2022 |
| <b>SYNOD CALLS</b>            |                                  |            |
| Jasmine Waring                | Pastor, The Table, Fullerton     | 12.17.2022 |
| <b>ON LEAVE FROM CALL</b>     |                                  |            |
| Rev. Jennifer Zahnow          | Approve for Year 1               | 09.18.2022 |
| <b>DISABILITY</b>             |                                  |            |
| Rev. Joel Martyn              | Continuing Disability            | 10.24.2022 |
| <b>RETIREMENT</b>             |                                  |            |
| Dn. Shirley Lee               |                                  | 09.13.2022 |
| Rev. Dr. Tim Eichler          |                                  | 06.01.2022 |
| Dn. Margaret Schmitt Ajer     |                                  | 01.01.2023 |
| <b>TRANSFER FROM PACIFICA</b> |                                  |            |
| Rev. Karla Wildberger         | To NE Iowa Synod                 | 08.01.2022 |
| Rev. Yukio Hamada             | To Oregon Synod                  | 08.01.2022 |
| Rev. Paul Scheitlin           | To Grand Canyon Synod            | 10.24.2022 |
| Rev. Brian Taylor             | To Metro DC Synod                | 11.01.2022 |

**SC.23.1.15 VOTED** to approve roster changes as presented.

|                                  |  | Start Date                              |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>CONGREGATION CALL</b>         |  |   |
| Rev. Catherine (Casey) Dunsworth | Pastor, San Marcos   | 01.02.2023                              |
|                                  |  | Changed from synod to congregation call |
| Rev. Greg Ronning                | Pastor, First Fullerton  | 01.22.2023                              |
| Rev. Stephanie Lape              | Pastor, Eden Riverside   |   |
| <b>SYNOD CALLS</b>               |  |   |
| Rev. Cate Luehr                  | Collaborative Coordinator,<br>Southeast LA County Faith-Based<br>Collaborative | 02.01.2023                              |
| <b>ON LEAVE FROM CALL</b>        |  |   |
| Rev. Sandy Bentz                 | Approval Year 1  | 01.09.2023                              |

Dn. Mindy Bugaj      Approval Year 1      01.11.2023

**TRANSFER FROM PACIFICA**

Rev. Jae-Bum Kim      To Delaware-Maryland Synod      11.07.2022

**SC.23.3.11 VOTED** to approve roster changes as presented.

Start Date

**CONTRACT NOT CALL**

Rev. Ron Rucker      Interim Pastor, Kihei      01.22.2023 Retired/Alaska Synod Roster

**SYNOD CALLS**

Rev. Dan Erlenbusch      Interim Pastor, Newport Harbor 04.02.2023

Rev. Sandy Bentz      Bridge Pastor, Cross & Crown, RC      04.01.2023

**ON LEAVE FROM CALL**

Rev. Jonathan Doolittle Approval Year 1      02.27.2023 \*see documents

**RETIREMENT**

Rev. Terry Tuvey Allen      02.21.2023

**ADD TO PACIFICA ROSTER**

Rev. Dr. Laura Schwerin      Retired (from North Carolina Synod)      01.26.2023

Rev. Dell C. Olson      Retired (from Northern Illinois Synod)      01.30.2023

Rev. Frances Olson      Retired (from Northern Illinois Synod)      01.30.2023

**TRANSFER FROM PACIFICA**

Rev. Misael Fajardo-Perez      To SWCA Synod      03.01.2023

**CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS**

**SC.22.05.7 VOTED** to establish a new Synod Authorized Worshiping Committee (SAWC) to be identified as HKBP California.

SC22.07.01 VOTED to provide Spirit of Joy with up to \$10,000 to cover its mortgage payment due in August. This temporary financial support will allow the Synod a brief time of 30 days to perform a

financial evaluation of the economic benefits and costs of assisting Spirit of Joy in selling the property as opposed to allowing the property to enter foreclosure proceedings. The evaluation will consist of:

- validating the financial information provided by Pastor Dan
- engaging Ryan Bushore to perform a market analysis of the property
- engaging in preliminary discussions with Thrivent about restructuring the mortgage to defer or eliminate the balloon payment
- performing an analysis of the cash flow implications involved in selling the property based on input from the market analysis and discussions with Thrivent.

**SC.23.3.6 VOTED** to approve the St. Andrew, Whittier Constitution.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**SC.22.05.6 VOTED** increase recommended Supply Preaching rates in Pacifica Synod by \$50 for each rate listed, to change the word 'pastors' to 'pastors and deacons' throughout the policy, and to add language to recommend congregations pay for a hotel room as needed.

**SC.22.12.8 VOTED** to put the 20% synod tithe from the Hope Lutheran sale to the Synodical Administration fund.

**SC.22.12.9 VOTED** to approve the first Draft of the Spend Plan for 2023-2024 and the Spend plan for 2024-2025 as presented.

**SC.23.3.2 VOTED** to approve the revised spend plan and 2024-2025 Budget for approval to present to Synod Assembly.

**SC.23.3.3 VOTED** to redirect designated funds from prior assembly offerings for Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus to new African descent ministries in Pacifica Synod.

**SC.23.3.5 VOTED** to approve the Warner Trust Fund Grant Applications as presented.

**SC.23.3.7 VOTED** to recommend a 7.3% increase to baseline salary guidelines for rostered leaders.

### **SYNOD ASSEMBLY MATTERS**

**SC.23.3.8 VOTED** to approve Synod Assembly Display Space Requests/Vendor Approval as presented.

**SC.23.3.8 VOTED** to designate 50% of the Synod Assembly offering to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission in Indio and 50% to River of Hope, Palm Springs, to designate to local organizations/needs in Palm Springs area.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS**

**SC.22.08.04 VOTED** to appoint Jim Lovell to the Executive Committee.

**SC.22.12.6 VOTED** to appoint Michael Carson, Pastor Ben Sheets, Sarah Tees to two-year terms on Synod Nominating Committee.

**SC.23.3.4 VOTED** to ratify Lutheran Retreats, Camps, and Conferences Board Members from Pacifica Synod as presented.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**SC.22.05.4 VOTED** to authorize Reverend Andrew Taylor to represent the Synod in the Calvary Lutheran court proceeding.

**SC.22.05.5 VOTED** to adopt following change to subsection 2 in Personnel Manual Section 8.3.

(2) whose office or employment by the Synod was involuntarily terminated due to action of the Synod by (a) non-election of the incumbent synodical bishop, (b) budget restraints, (c) change of position functions, or (d) resignation upon request of, or termination by a newly elected Bishop. In the case of (d), termination shall be effective no later than six months from the start date of the newly elected Bishop.

**SC.22.08.06 VOTED** to approve the recommendation for Portico benefits for Synod Staff and those serving in Synod calls. (Silver +, Level A for health care benefits, giving employees and those serving in Synod calls where health care is provided through the Office of the Bishop the option to buy-up to Gold + as the synod's expense.)

**SC.22.12.6 VOTED** to form a subcommittee to develop guidelines for use of Wright funds.

**SC.22.12.7 VOTED** to authorize a Task force to study best use of Synod Office.

**SC.22.12.10 VOTED** to establish the position Synod Coordinator for Latiné ministries.

**SC.23.3.10 VOTED** to rescind previous Synod COVID-19 event policy.

**SC.23.3.11 VOTED** to direct Pacifica Synod staff to develop COVID-19 guidance for Synod Assembly based on the language shared by Bishop Nagler.