

## COUNCIL MINUTES

### *Executive Summary (minutes follow, below)*

- Council spent the morning in a joint session of the *Meeting of Elected Bodies* —including Commission on Ministry, Standing Committee and Trustees
- John Estrem, Executive Director, Episcopal Community Services (ECS), was the keynoter, and spoke about those who receive the services of ECS — the *why* behind the mission of the organization); in addition, John offered a recently released video of ECS' services and spent time with attendees in an informative Q&A
- Council convened in the afternoon to approve the agenda, September 10 minutes, and then broke into committees (Mission, Ministry and Management)
- Council re-convened for Committee reports
- Council moved on several items proposed by its Committee on Management, including Clergy Housing Allowance, ECMN Check Signatory, approval of Bishop Prior's committee member appointees (Personnel, Audit, Council Finance and Standing)

### **Members & Guests Present**

#### **Council Officers**

The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, Bishop of Minnesota, President  
Pat Dibble, First Vice President

#### **Ex-Officio**

The Rev. Canon Timothy Hodapp, Missioner for Mission, Missioner to Council,  
Acting Secretary

#### **Council Representatives**

**Region 1:** The Rev. Georgia Hecock

**Region 2:** Terry Hoopman

**Region 3:** No representation

**Region 4:** The Rev. Tom Harries  
Ronnie Feit

**Region 5:** The Rev. Douglas Sparks  
Patricia Dibble

- Region 6:** The Rev. Wanda Copeland  
Mike Anders
- Region 7:** The Rev. Rex McKee  
Becky Garthofner
- Region 8:** The Rev. Marlene Jacobs  
Gary Aamodt
- Region 9:** The Rev. Nancy Brantingham  
Bob Sykes
- Guests:** The Rev. Jill Tollefson, Clergy Rep, Region 5  
The Rev. Gayle Marsh, Clergy Alternate, Region 5  
Paul Double, Lay Rep, Region 5  
The Rev. Richard Norman, Clergy Rep, Region 8  
Chris Bowman, Lay Rep, Region 8  
The Rev. Canon Robert Two-Bulls, Missioner for Indian Work and  
Multicultural Ministry  
Chad O'Leary, Missioner for the Bishop

**12:40 PM Opening & Prayer**

- Approval of (revised) Agenda
  - Motion: Rex McKee
  - Second: Mike Anders
  - Passed unanimously
- Approval of Sept. 12, 2011 Council Minutes
  - Motion: Rex McKee
  - Second: Becky Garthofner
  - Passed unanimously

**1:00 PM Committees Met Separately**

**2:00 PM Council Reconvened for Committee Reports/Action**

**1:20 PM Council Committee Separate Sessions**

**2:00 PM Council Reconvened for Committee Reports and Action Items**

- **Committee on Mission**
  - *Report on Mission Areas*
    - Reviewed collated feedback

- Requested more formalized feedback through 2012 Mission Area Gatherings
- Will collate findings as year progresses to make adjustments to map, discuss criteria for representation to Council, and begin to see how the Canons need to be adjusted to support the new format for Mission Areas
- *MP 2012: reviewed project and suggested understanding/involvement in development of MP 2013*
- **Committee on Ministry:**
  - Participated in a discussion to develop a more cohesive, aligned, focused *Commission on Ministry*
  - Discussed the *School for Formation* and its specific connection to supporting formation of deacons/priests
  - *COM met with and will coordinate with Standing Committee, a conversation between those in formation and committee members*
- **Committee on Management:**
  - A discussion of the ongoing issue around *Mineral Rights/St. Mark's, Lake City*
    - Bishop Prior outlined the process, to date
    - Chris Winter, Missioner for Management, will carry the conversation forward and will help support an online vote on the issue or present at March Council meeting
    - June: pass proposal, re: mineral rights and benefits
    - Missioner for Management will take it forward
  - *Review and Receipt of Final Version of ECMN Employee Handbook*
    - Pat Dibble presented the work and additional questions about content were addressed (employee acknowledgement of laptops; autos for ECMN use; proof of insurance for drivers for church-related work; etc.)
    - The document serves as a resource for faith communities

- *Council Finance Committee Report*
  - CFC met 11/16/11 and 12/8/11 to refine budget
  - Primary work: monitoring monthly financials
  - \$153k deficit, currently projected and will need to be addressed in March, 2012
- *Clergy Housing Allowance*
  - Bishop Prior presented a resolution, re: 2012 Housing Allowance for Clergy employed by ECMN
  - Motion: Mike Anders
  - Second: Rex McKee
  - Passed unanimously
- *ECMN Check Signatory: Chris Winter*
  - Bishop Prior presented a resolution, re: adding Chris Winter, Missioner for Management, as check signatory for ECMN
  - Motion: Rex McKee
  - Second: Gary Aamodt
  - Passed unanimously
- *Committee Membership Appointee Approvals*
  - Bishop Prior presented a resolution for Council to approve the following slate of candidates to serve on Council committees:
    - **Personnel Committee**
      - Nancy Brantingham
      - Becky Garthofner
    - **Audit Committee**
      - Mike Anders
      - Wanda Copeland
    - **Finance Committee**
      - Christopher Bowman
      - Richard Norman
    - **Standing Committee**
      - Suwah Toba
  - Motion to accept slate of candidates: Doug Sparks
  - Second: Rex McKee

- Passed unanimously
- **Bishop Prior offered thanks and gratitude to departing Council members** for the measure of service they've provided to the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, including:
  - Region II
    - The Rev. Bill Van Oss
    - Ms. Susan Dusek
  - Region V
    - Ms. Pat Dibble
    - The Rev. Douglas Sparks
  - Region VIII
    - Mr. Gary Aamodt
    - The Rev. Marlene Jacobs
- **Adjournment**
  - Motion: Nancy Brantingham
  - Second: Doug Sparks
  - Passed unanimously
- **Bishop Prior offered a closing prayer**

**2:45 PM Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted,



The Rev. Canon Tim Hodapp  
Missioner for Mission for  
Karen Olson, Secretary for Council