

Meeting of Elected Bodies

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
- The focus of the morning session was the work of Mission Project 2012 across the Episcopal Church in Minnesota (ECMN)
- Trinity, Excelsior and St. Peter's, Kasson keynoted the ministry of housing the homeless (Trinity: White Earth Build) and feeding the hungry (St. Peter's: weekly meal for the poor)
- The three elected bodies worked among themselves in how to resource faith communities as they engage Mission Project 2012; ideas were shared among the body
- Council convened in the afternoon to approve the agenda, December 2012 minutes, and then broke into committees (Mission, Ministry and Management)
- Council re-convened for Committee reports, noting no major motions or actions from the floor

Members & Guests Present

The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, Bishop of Minnesota

Ex-Officio

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

Council Representatives

Region 1 The Rev. Georgia Hecock
 Emma King

Region 2 The Rev. Pam Webster
 Kathy Hoopman

Region 3 No representation

Region 4 The Rev. Tom Harries
 Ronnie Feit

Region 5 The Rev. Jill Tollefson
Paul Double
Region 6 Harold Danley
Region 7 The Rev. Rex McKee
Region 8 The Rev. Richard Norman
Chris Bowman
Region 9 The Rev. Nancy Brantingham
Bob Sykes

Guests:

The Rev. Canon Robert Two-Bulls, Missioner for Indian Work and
Multicultural Ministry
Chad O'Leary, Missioner for the Bishop

- 12:55 PM** Call to Order: Bp Prior
Prayer: Georgia Hecock
- Approval of Agenda
 - Motion: Bob Sykes
 - Second: Nancy Brantingham
 - Passed unanimously
 - Approval of (revised) Dec. 10 2012 Council Minutes
 - Motion: Rex McKee
 - Second: Becky Garthofner
 - Passed unanimously

1:20 PM Council Committee Separate Sessions

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

- **Committee on Mission**
 - Report on Mission Area Gatherings
 - Report on Mission Areas with plan to meet before the June MEB to flesh out the scope of revising Regions to Mission Areas, to include geographic boundaries, Council representation and a process for ascertaining buy-in from the Regions

- **Committee on Ministry:**
 - Report on White Earth Mission Area as model for cross-denomination/cross-culture/cross-faith community opportunity to minister
 - DIW openings: eight altars without regular priest
 - Opportunity to explore different ways of providing ministry leadership across the area
 - Total Ministry Model
 - Mentors with ministry responsibility
 - Raising up teams to help people learn/prepare
 - Three-four years with a goal of ministry teams in each congregation, moving away from the old model of bringing in/raising up a single clergy person
 - Leadership: ELCA minister, Pastor Mark Olson, Walker MN

- **Committee on Management:**
 - *Review and Receipt of Revised ECMN Employee Handbook*
 - Nancy Brantingham provided report, noting that there are a few tweaks provided by outside Counsel
 - When in its final form, the handbook will be disseminated to be used as a model for faith communities — it is not binding, but a resource
 - *Joint Council Finance Committee Report*
 - Chris Bowman offered a report from the attached notes
 - New proposal: opportunities for faith communities to offer input into budget — resources and expenditures
 - From this, the proposed budget will be developed and presented to Mission Areas
 - Ensure that meetings are WebEx
 - Council will assist in calling faith communities to get parochial reports in before end of March

2:37 PM Adjournment

- Motion: Chris Bowman
- Second: Harold Danley
- Passed unanimously
- Rex McKee offered a Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Attachments:

Joint Finance Committee Notes
Council Committee Member

Talking Points for the Joint Finance Committee

(From Chris Winter, via Chris Bowman to Council, March 10, 2012)

- First meeting of the Joint Finance Committee was held in February. The Committee consists of 4 members from Council, 2 members from Trustees and 1 member appointed. Rev. Dr. Doug Sparks is the Chairman of the committee.
- The goal of the JFC would be to serve ECMN in a user-friendly and streamlined manner, providing financial transparency.
- A review of the 2011 year end financials.
 - MMS outstanding 2011 balances \$164,214
 - Council – 2011 approved a deficit budget allocating funds to balance the budget. Council ended the year as projected.
 - Trustees – 2011 approved a balanced budget. Trustees ended the year as projected.
- As the first step in preparing the 2013 budget, parochial reports were due March 1. We have received about 60% of the reports which make the 2013 budget process more difficult. Please encourage all faith communities to complete their parochial reports.
- Townhall 2013 Budget Listening Area Meeting will be scheduled in April (to be determined) at:
 - Twin Cities - St. Mark's Cathedral
 - Faribault – Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior
 - Grand Rapids – Christ Episcopal Church

Council Committee Structure & Membership

Committee on Mission

- Faith Communities
 - DIW
 - Ethnic
 - Emerging
 - Affiliates
- Commission on Mission
- Bishop Area Gatherings
- Mission Project
- Camping Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- College Ministry
- Environmental Network

Members

- Wanda Copeland
- Paul Double
- Ronnie Feit
- Emma King
- Rex McKee
- Bob Sykes
- Jill Tollefson

MINISTRY

- Discernment Process
- School for Formation
- Clergy Continuing Education & Support
- Mutual Ministry Process
- Spiritual Directors

Members

- Tom Harries
- Georgia Hecock
- Kathy Hoopman

- Chuck Johnson
- Pam Webster
- Maren Kay Welsand

MANAGEMENT

- Finance
- Operating
- Audit
- Endowment & Investment
- Property
- Personnel
- Communication

Members

- Nancy Brantingham
- Mike Anders
- Chris Bowman
- Becky Garthofner
- John Husband
- Richard Norman