



## COUNCIL MINUTES

Saturday, September 10, 2011  
Oak Ridge Conference Center, 1 Oak Ridge Drive, Chaska, MN

### **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 — when, following prayer, the focus of large- and small-group discussion focused on Mission (reconfiguring the Regional structure), Ministry (the School for Formation and discernment process) and Management (the proposed 2012 budget)
- Council convened in the afternoon to approve the agenda and March and June minutes and then broke into the three committees (Mission, Ministry and Management)
- Council re-convened for Committee reports
- Council moved on several items proposed by its Committee on Management (including Mineral Rights, proposed 2012 Budget, and proposed Lay Compensation Guidelines)

### **1:15 PM**

- A quorum was present and Pat Dibble, Vice President, called the meeting to order:
  - The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, President
  - Region 1: The Rev. Georgia Heckock — Emma King
  - Region 2: The Rev. Bill Van Oss — Susan Dusek
  - Region 3: The Rev. John Husband — Maren Kay Welsand
  - Region 4: The Rev. Tom Harries — Chuck Johnson
  - Region 5: The Rev. Douglas Sparks — Patricia Dibble, Vice President
  - Region 6: The Rev. Wanda Copeland
  - Region 7: The Rev. Rex McKee — Becky Garthofner
  - Region 8: The Rev. Marlene Jacobs — Gary Aamodt
  - Region 9: The Rev. Nancy Brantingham — Region 9, Bob Sykes



- Missioner to Council/Recorder: The Rev. Canon Tim Hodapp, Missioner for Mission
- Approval of Agenda was unanimous
- Approval of Minutes from March 12, *with correction: pg. 1, Vicki White not Walter*, was unanimous
- June 4, 2011, *with correction: pg. 2, Rex McKee, not Rex McGee*, was unanimous
- Check-in/Status of Regional Meetings — all Regions are scheduled for a meeting prior to Convention

**1:20 PM** — Committees moved into separate meetings with the intention to report back to the full Council

**2:10 PM** — Council reconvened for Committee Reports

- **Committee on Mission**
  - Mission Areas — the draft proposal (attached) was discussed and put forward, unamended, for Regional input
  - Regions will have an opportunity to discuss between now and convention and will report their findings to Tim Hodapp, who will amend the report to reflect the feedback before presentation to Convention
  - Special emphasis to be placed on the two predominant systems of networks — geographic/missional affinities — to ensure a “both/and” discussion at the Regional level
  - Overall, feedback was positive with clear consensus that “we are taking a bold step forward...”
- **Committee on Ministry:**
  - Meet with COM and Standing Committee to review School for Formation in detail (background, progress and status — fact sheet to be added as quickly as this becomes available from Marilyn Salmon, the Missioner for the School for Formation
  - The refined discernment process was also discussed and a plan to share details about what it means to be a sponsoring faith community/priest will be formulated and shared



- General excitement over the process, outcomes and momentum was shared between COM, Standing Committee and Council's Committee on Mission
- **Committee on Management:**
  - *Bishop Prior proposed approval of the Resolution of Council to authorize Bishop Prior, President, Trustees; and Rich Simons, Chair, Real Estate Committee, Trustees to negotiate terms and execute documents, re: Mineral Rights for St. Mark's, Lake City*
    - Motion:
    - Second: Rex McKee
    - Discussion followed with a clear need for some members of Council to have several questions posed in an earlier discussion addressed by the Trustees
    - The discussion was put on hold until the Trustees (via Jim Delemater) answer the questions they've received from Council and, upon receipt, a vote will be put to Council electronically
  - *Proposed 2012 Budget — Gary Aamadt proposed that Council approve the 2012 budget for Convention, with the caveat that there are many moving parts that will be adjusted by the Combined Finance Committee (CFC) over the next couple of months*
    - Motion: Nancy Brantingham
    - Second: Becky Garthofner
    - Q&A with Gary — who discussed line items throughout the proposed budget
    - Motion to pass the proposed 2012 Budget approved, unanimously
  - Lay Compensation Guidelines — Pat Dibble, speaking for the Personnel Committee, proposed that Council accept the proposed Lay Compensation Guidelines for the Episcopal Church in Minnesota
    - Moved: Pat Dibble
    - Second: Gary Aamadt
    - Discussion followed, acknowledging that these are guidelines and not mandatory, both answering the question of just



compensation and benefits while acknowledging the context of individual faith communities

- Motion to accept the Lay Compensation Guidelines passed unanimously Passed unanimously
- Authorized Signers for ECMN Bank Accounts — Bishop Prior presented a resolution to Council that the authorized signers of ECMN bank accounts reflect the current staff at the Office of Bishop and Missioners, namely: the Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, Joseph Dusek, the Rev. Timothy Hodapp and Karen Olson
  - Motion: Rex McKee
  - Second: Pat Dibble
  - The resolution passed, unanimously

**3:20 PM**      Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim", with a small cross symbol at the end of the signature.

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