

# ACTIONS OF THE SIERRA PACIFIC SYNOD COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2011

SYNOD OFFICE SACRAMENTO, CA

**SC11.09.63 MSC** to adopt the Agenda with the addition of Oromo congregation's property needs listed under new business

**SC11.09.64 MSC** to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011 special Council meeting with the following changes: Steve Hertzfeld was present and Pr Brian Malison was not.

**SC11.09.65 MSC** to authorize the Executive Committee to explore the feasibility of obtaining a life insurance \$100,000 policy for Bp Holmerud, for a premium NTE \$400, and if it is feasible to do so, proceed to obtain such policy, naming the Synod as beneficiary.

**SC11.09.66 MSC** to adopt the following statement: *In the furthering of our goal to intentionally become an antiracist, multicultural synod that reflects the diversity of the territory which we serve, synod council members (and all other leaders of our Synod) will be expected to participate in at least one antiracism training offered through the Racial-Ethnic Ministries Working Group. Synod council members and other synodical leaders are also encouraged to experience other training and events offered through the three teams of the Racial-Ethnic Ministries Working Group in order to better equip ourselves for this task.*

**SC 11.09.67 MSC** to approve the consent calendar as follows:

## Roster Changes

**Rev. Sharon Stalkfleet**, special call to VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, to serve as Chaplain

**Rev. Chris Warner Carey**, special call to VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, to serve as Chaplain

**Rev. Sanna Reinholtzen**, part time, non-stipendary, one year call to University Chapel, Berkeley as Associate Pastor

**Approve Housing Allowance** of \$12,500 for Pr. Cindy Beck.

**Accept a Letter of resignation** from Synod Council from Pr Jose Luis la Torre-Cuadros

## Appointments

### Assembly Planning

Kathryn Beck & Pr Marianne Feine as co-Chair, 2012 assembly

Pastor Adrian Bonaro

Karen Idler, AIM

### ECA Board Vern Stigge

**Authorization** of Mountain Ranch as a Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community

## Constitution Approvals

St Luke, Sunnyvale

Advent, Morgan Hill

Immanuel, Los Altos

St Stephens, El Dorado Hills

Messiah, Redwood City

## Ratification of E-Vote for June, 2011 minutes approval

**SC11.09.68 MSC** that the Council take an electronic vote to appoint someone to fulfill the vacant At Large Council member position, term ending at the 2013 Assembly.

**SC11.09.69 MSC** to approve the issuance of VISA cards through Thrivent Financial for Assistant to the Bishop Pr Jose Luis la Torre-Cuadros, Sacramento office and the staff person to be called to serve as Assistant to the Bishop in the Bay area Burlingame office of the Bishop, raising the credit level with Thrivent to \$15,000 (\$2500 per each of the 6 credits cards issued to Bishop and staff.)

**SC11.09.70 MSC** to appoint Kristina Grabedian to the Warner Trust Fund Committee as third member.

**SC11.09.71MSC** to move from the present 3 Discipling Teams to 5 Discipling Teamss with the possibility of additional DTs in the future:

1. Number of members for each team to be 7-9
2. Method of staffing the Discipling Teams
  - a. Bishop to appoint the chair;
  - b. The Synod Council will appoint the DT membership from among the following individuals:
    1. 1 Dean nominated by Council of Deans;
    2. 1 person nominated by REMWG;
    3. 1 Synod Council member nominated by Synod Council
    4. Synod Council to select 3-5 presented by nominating committee;

Appointments will be made at the January Council meeting with terms running concurrent with the synod's fiscal year. Current members of DTs will be asked where they wish to serve.

**SC11.09.72 MSC** to approve a request from Christ Oromo, San Lorenzo to cover the cost of the paving of the parking lot, the bid of \$117,000 to be offset by the contributions from Oromo Congregation. The Oromo congregation is to be encouraged to tithe the monies that they have saved, using the balance of those funds to underwrite the project, and that the balance of the cost come from the undesignated Golden Gate funds..

**SC11.09.73 MSC** to propose a change to the Synod Constitution 8.51.c designating that the Treasurer be appointed by the Synod Council for a four year term

**SC11.09.74 MSC** to propose a change to the Synod Constitution SB9.01.01 to allows for the Vice President to automatically serve as a voting member.

**SC11.09.75 MSC** to propose the change of synod bylaws SB10.01.01 thruSB10.01.05 and SB12.01.01 to continuing resolutions