

**SIERRA PACIFIC SYNOD  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
SYNOD COUNCIL Minutes January 29-30, 2016-Final  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP, SACRAMENTO**

**Present:** Bp. Mark Holmerud, Vice President Elaine Whitney, Treasurer Linda Lownes, Secretary Dennis Jones, Sue Michaelson, Pr. Tuhina Rasche, Pr. Jeff Johnson, Pr. Patricia Vargas, Eileen Fite, Sheela Boddu, Ed Nelson, Andrew Stevens, Pr. Don Haven, Larell Fineren, Pr. Gabriele Schroeder, Pr. Kathryn Gulbranson, Stephanie Leong, Theresa Landi, Jeff Pennington

**Staff:** Pr. Nancy Feniuk Nelson, Pr. Carlton Monroe, Pr. Katy Grindberg, Laurie Gaumer

**Absent:** Jordan Haley, Mark Nelson

**Visitors:** Pr. Elizabeth Ekdale, Pr. Dawn Roginski, Irvin Lownes, Cammie Chen

**Friday January 29, 2016**

The meeting was called to order on January 29, 2016 at 2:10 PM by Vice President Elaine Whitney.

Opening Devotions were provided by Pr. Tuhina Rasche.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**SC16.1.1 MSC** (Whitney/Boddu) moved adoption of the amended agenda with the addition of Bp. Mark to the housing allowance approval item under the treasurer's report.

**Approval of minutes of September 25-26, 2015 Meeting as amended.**

**SC16.1.2 MSC** (Holmerud, Whitney) moved approval of the minutes after correcting two typographical errors.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- On Leave from Call status for Rev. Martha Neff Stum extended one year
- On Leave from Call status for Rev. Keith Miller extended for three years
- On Leave from Call status for Rev. David Dykes extended for three years
- Continue On Leave from Call status for Pr. John Ridenour
- Continue On Leave from Call status for Rev. Sandra Dager
- On Leave from Call status for Pr. Tuhina Rasche
- Move Pr. Robert Phillippi to the retired roster

- Appointment of Andy Podshadley to the Mt. Cross Board for a period of three years
- Appointment of Marie Anderson to the Mt. Cross Board for a period of three years
- On Leave from Call status for diaconal minister Lou Smith
- Affirm the renewal of appointments for Tracy Jensen, Greg Lederman, and Vern Stigge to the Elder Care Alliance Board
- Synod call to interim ministry for Rev. Bill Wessner
- Approve rules for selecting voting members for FY 2016 Synod Assembly used last year
- Approve constitutional changes Resurrection, Granite Bay
- Approve bylaw changes Oromo, San Lorenzo
- Approve constitutional changes Saint Paulus, San Francisco
- Rostered Leaders to the Retired Roster – January 2016
  - Eric Ackerman Sharon Lubkeman
  - Virginia Bishop Ross Merkel
  - Linda Boston Doug Merritt
  - Lynn Bruer Mike Murphy
  - Anne Carlson Ray Olson
  - Gail Cromack Stan Pesis
  - Bill Feeser Mary Lou Petitjean
  - Peter Garrison Nicholas Ristad
  - Michael Harvey John Van Dyck
  - Timothy Kellgren Carl Wilfrid
  - Lucy Kolin

SC16.1.3 MSC (Michaelsen/Haven) moved approval of the consent agenda.

**Staff reports**

Bp. Mark talked about the updated proposal for conference reconfiguration that now reflects suggestions made by two deans during earlier discussion. He indicated that the updated proposal is a work in progress as there are governance questions that need to be addressed like balancing the needs of all of the constituencies and balancing representations. The updated proposal will again be discussed by the deans. 2017 will be the first time council members will be chosen using the new rules.

He will send the council a document from Ken Innskeep, head of research and evaluation at churchwide, which reviews sustainability and growth.

Pr. Katy talked about going to southern California to attend meetings on expanding young adult ministries in support of the recent motion from the Synod Council.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Linda indicated that Debbie Cook’s mother has had serious health issues which have taken Debbie away from the office. As a result Linda has not gotten as far as she had hoped with budget reports for this year and last year. Partial data reflects that while we closed our budget last year with a \$460,000 shortfall it looks like we may be \$160,000 to the good this year.

She reported that the MOU we will sign with churchwide will leave us \$28,000 short in funding for grants to mission communities.

Warner Trust funds were kept in a six year mission investment fund until that fund was closed in January, 2016. The Finance and Investment Committees met jointly by phone in January. Interest available now from the Mission Investment Fund is 2.8%, 1% below what we received the last 6 years. At the joint committee meeting, both committees recommended that we move all Warner trust funds into the ELCA endowment.

**SC16.1.4 MSC (Lownes/Boddu)** moved that we transfer all of the Warner Trust Corpus from Mission Investment fund to ELCA Endowment.

**SC16.1.5 MSC (Lownes/Johnson)** moved that we increase our liability insurance coverage by \$1 million per incident.

Linda indicated that they are working to reformat our accounts so that rather than having three data sets all of our accounts are in one data set. This will allow us to manage our data much more efficiently.

Linda reported that she has completed salary calculations for 2016. She will implement all salary changes in the February payroll. Our yearly audit will be commencing soon. We will continue to have Gilbert and Associates as our auditor for one more year.

### **Housing Allowances**

**SC16.1.6 MSC (Lownes/Michaelsen)** moved approval of the housing allowances outlined below for Bishop Mark Holmerud, Pr. Nancy Feniuk Nelson, and Pr. Katy Grindberg.

#### **Bp. Mark Holmerud**

In order to permit the Rev. Mark Holmerud to benefit from the provisions of Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Synod Council specifies that the total compensation paid to him during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 includes a housing allowance.

Pastor Holmerud estimates that he will spend \$63,000 during the year for housing expenses. Since such approval by the Synod Council would permit him to deduct that amount from his taxable income and has no further effect upon the synod budget, it is RESOLVED, that the total compensation include a housing allowance of \$63,000.

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#### **Rev. Nancy Nelson**

In order to permit the Rev. Nancy Nelson to benefit from the provisions of Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Synod Council specifies that the total compensation paid to her during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 includes a housing allowance.

Pastor Nelson estimates that she will spend \$70,000 during the year for housing expenses. Since such approval by the Synod Council would permit her to deduct that amount from her taxable income and has no further effect upon the synod budget, it is RESOLVED, that the total compensation include a housing allowance of \$70,000.

**Pr. Katy Grindberg**

In order to permit the Rev. Kathryn Grindberg to benefit from the provisions of Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Synod Council specifies that the total compensation paid to her during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 includes a housing allowance.

Pastor Grindberg estimates that she will spend \$25,000 during the year for housing expenses. Since such approval by the Synod Council would permit her to deduct that amount from her taxable income and has no further effect upon the synod budget, it is RESOLVED, that the total compensation include a housing allowance of \$25,000.

**Check Signers**

**SC16.1.7 MSC**\_(Haven/Johnson) moved that the Synod Council delegate to the Executive Committee authority to designate signers on behalf of the Synod Council for current and new endowment accounts and that all existing signers be removed.

**SPS Endowment Account**

**SC16.1.8MSC** (Lownes/Johnson) moved that we change the name of our existing Endowment Account to the **Sierra Pacific Synod Mission and Ministry Endowment Fund**

**Vice President’s Report**

Elaine talked passionately about some of her experiences in the church and she encouraged us to take advantage of the opportunities we have as church leaders to motivate the folks in our congregations and the synod.

**Recently Adopted Thrivent Policies**

There was significant discussion about the resolution on the agenda that Andrew had submitted and the recommendation from the Executive Committee regarding the resolution.

**SC16.1.9MSC** (Stevens/Fineren) moved the draft resolution that he had submitted with a single change removing the word “**immediately**” from line 85. Sheela Boddu abstained. Resolution follows.

**Resolution Regarding Synod Investments with Thrivent Financial**

RESOLVED that the synod Council encourages Thrivent to change its policy decisions to:

- (1) increase consistency and transparency about the criteria that make a US 501(c)(3) organization eligible or ineligible to receive Thrivent Choice funds,
- (2) generally broaden the list of US 501(c)(3) organizations that are eligible to receive Thrivent Choice funds, and
- (3) specifically include Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries and Reconciling Works as organizations eligible to receive Thrivent Choice funds; and be it further

- RESOLVED that the Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod will send letters to the synod's Thrivent Wealth Advisor, Thrivent's Executive Management, and Thrivent's Board of Directors informing them of this resolution and the synod Council's request for Thrivent to alter its policy decisions on organizations' eligibility to receive Thrivent Choice funds; and be it further
- RESOLVED that if, by January 1, 2017, Thrivent has not altered its policy decisions on organizations' eligibility to receive Thrivent Choice funds in line with the encouraged changes outlined in the first RESOLVED clause above, the synod's Investment Committee will withdraw all synod funds from all Thrivent accounts and terminate the synod's business relationship with Thrivent; and be it further
- RESOLVED that this resolution shall not be construed as advice to individuals or congregations within the synod about whether or not to continue other financial relationships with Thrivent in individual or congregational contexts; and be it finally
- RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Sierra Pacific Synod will send a copy of this resolution to the Vice Presidents of all other ELCA synods and the Vice President of the ELCA to inform them of our action.

**SC16.1.10MSFAILED** (Johnson/Stevens) moved that when this action is reported in the minutes and elsewhere the **whereases** should be included. The motion failed (required a 2/3 majority failed 3 yes, 13 no)

### **Churchwide Report**

Pr. Ekdale serves on the ELCA Church Council. She thanked us for allowing her to see how we work as a council. She said that it is clear we use the ELCA as a partner and resource. She discussed the Grace gathering August 10-13, 2016 in New Orleans. It will be in conjunction with the Churchwide Convention. The focus will be the 500th anniversary of the reformation.

### **Property Updates/Actions**

Bp. Mark said we are really missing Jack Pease and over time we see more and more how invested he was in the business of the synod and how critical he was to our progress. He acknowledged Sue Michelsen and how she has stepped up to take the lead with the Cupertino property. The property updates follow:

#### **Former Berea Lutheran in Hilmar**

Discussions are proceeding with our attorneys and potential buyers.

#### **Cupertino Property (Former Redeemer LC)**

We have received a letter of intent (non-binding) from the Taiwanese Lutheran Church. Sue described it as being pretty loose in its terms and discussions are continuing on the offer. There also continues to be interest in the property from the Life and Soul congregation.

#### **Oromo Congregation, San Lorenzo**

Oromo seems to be making progress with their budget and their preparation to possibly take receipt of the property in San Lorenzo that they occupy. In their budget they have set aside \$8,000 for building and parking lot maintenance and \$1,000 for other property costs.

### **Grace Lao Richmond**

The congregation has been receiving financial assistance for five to seven years. They are struggling financially as the congregation is very small and, while they are located in a good neighborhood for Asian ministry, they are comprised of a single tribe and other tribes will not join their congregation. The last Sunday that Pr. Dawn visited there were approximately ten members in attendance.

Rev. Dr. Dawn Roginski, Chair of the Witness Discipling Team, has requested that all mission congregations provide her committee a copy of their 2016 budget and their ministry goals.

Pr. Carlton has notified all four mission sites that we will be conducting ministry reviews to be completed by the second half of the fiscal year.

### **Current Vacancies**

Bp. Mark suggested that the two existing vacancies on the Council, District A lay male and District B lay female remain vacant and be filled at the 2016 Assembly. There was no objection.

Dennis Jones announced that Paul Brosy had been selected by the Executive Committee to serve as a voting member at Churchwide replacing of Jack Pease.

Two personnel issues were discussed in Executive Session, one of which concerned staff salary changes.

**SC16.1.11MSC** (Leong/Fineren) moved the fee schedule below for the 2016 Synod Assembly as recommended by the Assembly Planning Committee

**Recommendation #1:** Set registration fees for all voting members to \$200 per person

**Recommendation #2:** Set the fee for a display table at \$75 per table.

**Recommendation #3:** Charge the following fees for late registrations and changes.

- Late registration: \$75 fee
- On-site registration: \$100 fee
- Substitution of voting members: \$25 fee/member
- Registration of visitors: \$120 (includes meals)

**Recommendation #4:** Collect gifts for the following organizations:

In-kind gifts will be **new** packages of WHITE socks and underwear for men, women and children to be given to the Good Shephard Clothes Closet in Reno, a non-profit, faith-based organization.

**Recommendation #5:** Financial gifts to be split between:

- 1/3 Lutheran Social Services of Nevada
- 1/3 ELCA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign – World Hunger
- 1/3 Candidacy Scholarships

Pr. Rasche offered closing devotions.

**Saturday January 30<sup>th</sup>**

Vice President Whitney reconvened the meeting at 9:10 AM

Pr. Rasche offered opening devotions

**Bay Area Office Lease Agreement**

Sue Michaelsen shared that the lease on the bay area office expired a few months ago. The previous owner passed away and his estate sold the building. We were hoping for a 5 year lease extension but the new owners will only grant a two year lease. In the new lease, rent will increase from \$2350 to \$3500 per month the first year and \$ 3626 per month the second year. Money is in the budget to cover this and the new rate is still below the rent for comparable buildings in the area. Covered parking is \$75 a month per spot.

**SC16.1.12MSC** (Jones/Lownes) moved that the lease be approved including two parking spaces.

**Warner Trust Committee report**

Eileen Fite reported that there were nineteen requests for over \$30,000 in grants and we have only \$7,850 to grant. All of the ones recommended did not receive money last year. There was a question as to whether funds should be granted to those that have not given to mission support.

**SC16.1.13MSC** (Fineren/Stevens) moved that the recommendations submitted by the Warner Trust Committee be funded. They are:

Hope L.C., Fresno	\$800.00	Faith L.C., Meadow Vista	\$500.00
St. Paul L.C., Lodi	\$500.00	Elim L.C., Petaluma	\$650.00
Trinity L.C., Porterville	\$750.00	Middle Circle, San Francisco	\$700.00
L.C. of Our Savior, San Francisco	\$700.00	New Hope L.C., Foresthill	\$750.00
L.C. of the Resurrection, Granite Bay	\$500.00	Christ L. C., Visalia	\$750.00
L.C. of the Ascension, Citrus Heights	\$500.00	Grace L.C., Rancho Cordova	\$500.00
L. Campus Ministry of Fresno	\$250.00		

**SC16.1.14MSC** (Johnson/Schroeder) moved to amend the guidelines for the Warren Trust to require that applicants must provide current mission support to have their request considered

**Partnership between SPS and Congregational and Synodical Mission (CSM)**

Bp. Mark indicated that we will be entering into a partnership with CSM regarding how money will be passed back and forth between CSM and the Synod. He shared the proposed agreement below that continues to be under discussion:

## *Proposed Partnership Agreement between CSM and the Sierra Pacific Synod*

*This agreement addresses the flow of funds in support of the evangelical mission initiatives in the Sierra Pacific Synod. Beginning with the Fiscal Year 2016, we propose the following :*

- a. The Sierra Pacific Synod assumes full responsibility for the Full Time DEM salary package. CSM will continue to keep the DEM on its payroll, and the Synod will reimburse CSM for it. In the Fiscal Year 2016, this cost amounts to \$104,000.*
- b. The Sierra Pacific Synod assumes full responsibility for the new starts and renewal grants in its territory. The DEM and the Witness and Discipleship Team, in consultation with CSM Program Directors, will monitor this process. In Fiscal Year 2016, CSM will contribute \$104,000 to this process.*
- c. In addition to this, CSM will also continue to send the \$10,000 grant to be used toward expenses for the DEM's role in the Synod.*

*We also propose a consultation in the Fall of 2016 to review this process and make plans for year 2017.*

### **Framework for Young Adults Ministry**

Pr. Katy explained the grant opportunity that we have to partner with the Belfry and LEVN to hire a full time LEVN volunteer to assist us with the development and operation of a new focus on young adult ministry.

### **Bishop Mark's Sabbatical**

**SC16.1.15MSC** (Jones/Johnson) moved that Bp. Mark be granted a sabbatical comprised of two parts: eight weeks in 2016 and four weeks in 2017.

Pr. Nancy will serve as acting bishop during the sabbatical.

Bp. Mark will be working with Elaine in putting together a new Mutual Ministry Committee. He also hopes to have three new synod ministers to assist congregations with their call processes before he goes on his sabbatical.

### **Hiring of Communications/Office Staff**

Linda indicated that we are recruiting for the position of receptionist at the Sacramento office and hope to have a candidate on board soon.

Pr. Katy indicated that we have contracted with Kathee Hamm to work on communications including the website. She will work 40 hours a month. Pr. Katy will be her immediate supervisor

**SC16.1.16MSC** (Johnson//Holmerud) moved that we establish a \$15.00 base salary for hourly employees of the synod .

### **Report from the Lutheran Office of Public Policy**

Andrew Stevens is our liaison to LOPP. He reported that October 16<sup>th</sup> will be Lutheran Advocacy Day in the state. Congregations are asked to talk about advocacy. In November there will be a vote on the ratification of a ban on plastic bags.



## Gender Identity Subcommittee

Andrew Stevens reported that Larell Fineren, Jordan Haley, Dennis Jones and he comprise the Gender Identity Subcommittee. They are working on how to move forward with the resolution on gender identity passed at the last synod assembly. They are scheduling interviews with a number of interested parties.

There was discussion of the ways in which personal pronouns might be used on nametags at the upcoming assembly. Pr. Katy will talk with the registrar and determine if it is possible to have flexibility with the pronouns used on nametags.

## Conference Reorganization

Bp. Mark discussed the conference reorganization plan. An updated plan had been sent out to members that included changes suggested by two deans at earlier meetings.

**SC16.1.17MSC** (Holmerud/Fineren) moved that the Sierra Pacific Synod be realigned according to the updated plan that had been submitted (see below). The effective date would be September 1, 2016 for the conferences.

### Conference One:

• Name	Address	City	State
• Trinity	620 E Redwood Ave	Fort Bragg	CA
• Shepherd by the Sea	39141 Church St	Gualala	CA
• Galilee	8860 Soda Bay Rd	Kelseyville	CA
• Grace	200 Wabash Ave	Ukiah	CA
• Lutheran Church of Arcata	151 E 16th St	Arcata	CA
• Calvary	716 South Ave	Eureka	CA
• Immanuel	3230 Harrison Ave	Eureka	CA
• Our Savior's	425 Shaw Ave	Ferndale	CA
• Christ	2132 Smith Ln	Fortuna	CA
• Grace Good Shepherd	1450 Hiller Rd	McKinleyville	CA
• Faith	667 E 1st Ave	Chico	CA
• First	19 Colusa St	Orland	CA
• Paradise	780 Luther Dr	Paradise	CA
• St. James	2500 Shasta View Dr	Redding	CA
• Holy Trinity	2150 Main St	Weaverville	CA
• Mount Zion	825 Knapp St	Yreka	CA
• Elim	504 Baker St	Petaluma	CA

- Cross and Crown 5475 Snyder Ln Rohnert Park CA
- Bethlehem 1300 Saint Francis Rd Santa Rosa CA
- Faith 4930 Newanga Ave Santa Rosa CA
- Thanksgiving 1225 Fulton Rd Santa Rosa CA
- **21 Churches**

**Conference Two:**

- | <b>• Name</b>                  | <b>Address</b>              | <b>City</b>  | <b>State</b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| • Napa Valley                  | 1796 Elm St                 | Napa         | CA           |
| • Holy Trinity                 | 201 Doyle Dr                | Vallejo      | CA           |
| • St. Paul's                   | 1300 Tuolumne St            | Vallejo      | CA           |
| • Immanuel                     | 1420 Lafayette St           | Alameda      | CA           |
| • Trinity                      | 1323 Central Ave            | Alameda      | CA           |
| • Lutheran Church of the Cross | 1744 University Ave         | Berkeley     | CA           |
| • Shepherd of the Hills        | 401 Grizzly Peak Blvd       | Berkeley     | CA           |
| • University Lutheran Chapel   | 2425 College Ave            | Berkeley     | CA           |
| • Christ                       | 780 Ashbury Ave             | El Cerrito   | CA           |
| • Hope                         | 2830 May Rd                 | El Sobrante  | CA           |
| • Bethlehem                    | 959 12th St                 | Oakland      | CA           |
| • Miracles of Faith            | 4335 Virginia Ave           | Oakland      | CA           |
| • Resurrection                 | 397 Euclid Ave              | Oakland      | CA           |
| • St. John                     | 1800 55th Ave               | Oakland      | CA           |
| • St. Paul                     | 1658 Excelsior Ave          | Oakland      | CA           |
| • Trinity                      | 650 Alma Ave                | Oakland      | CA           |
| • United                       | 8800 Fontaine St            | Oakland      | CA           |
| • Grace                        | 2369 Barrett Ave            | Richmond     | CA           |
| • Grace Lao                    | 1963 Carlson                | Richmond     | CA           |
| • Marin                        | 649 Meadowsweet Dr          | Corte Madera | CA           |
| • Christ                       | 2626 Sir Francis Drake Blvd | Fairfax      | CA           |
| • All Saints                   | 2 San Marin Dr              | Novato       | CA           |
| • Good Shepherd                | 1180 Lynwood Dr             | Novato       | CA           |
| • Shepherd of the Hills        | 9 Shepherd Way              | Tiburon      | CA           |

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
• Christ the King	5811 Walnut Ave	Orangevale	CA
• Gethsemane	4706 Arden Way	Carmichael	CA
• Advent	5901 San Juan Avenue	Citrus Heights	CA
• Lutheran Church/Ascension	7607 Garden Gate Dr	Citrus Heights	CA
• Davis	317 E 8th St	Davis	CA
• Lutheran Church/Incarnation	1701 Russell Blvd	Davis	CA
• Grace American	2201 Benita Dr	Rancho Cordova	CA
• Calvary	515 L St	Rio Linda	CA
• Bethel	1050 Douglas Blvd	Roseville	CA
• Atonement	9242 Kiefer Blvd	Sacramento	CA
• Bethel	1200 Alamos Ave	Sacramento	CA
• Lutheran Church/Redeemer	4641 Marconi Ave	Sacramento	CA
• Lutheran Church of the Cross	4465 H St	Sacramento	CA
• Lutheran Church of the Master	1900 Potrero Way	Sacramento	CA
• St. John	1701 L St	Sacramento	CA
• St. Luke's American	7595 Center Pkwy	Sacramento	CA
• St. Paul's	2958 59th St	Sacramento	CA
• Church/Good Shepherd	1615 Morse Ave	Sacramento	CA
• Community	920 Drever St	West Sacramento	CA
• American	1114 College St	Woodland	CA
• Shepherd of the Hills	580 Trinity Dr	Vacaville	CA
• St Mark's	1600 Union Ave	Fairfield	CA
• <b>22 Churches</b>			

• **Conference Four:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
• St. Paul Lutheran Family	1201 N Saliman Rd	Carson City	NV
• Faith	1700 Stitzel Rd	Elko	NV
• Gift of Grace	290 West Street	Fernley	NV
• Our Savior	298 High St	Quincy	CA
• Faith	2075 W 7th St	Reno	NV

- Holy Cross 4895 S McCarran Blvd Reno NV
- Good Shepherd 501 California Reno NV
- Hope Lutheran of the Sierra 930 Julie Ln South Lake Tahoe CA
- Lord of Mercy 3400 Pyramid Way Sparks NV
- Christ the King 3125 N Lake Blvd Tahoe City CA
- Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian 11603 Donner Pass Rd. Truckee CA
- New Hope 22200 Foresthill Rd Foresthill CA
- Peace 828 W Main St Grass Valley CA
- Faith 1115 Combie Rd Meadow Vista CA
- Bethlehem 1279 High St Auburn CA
- Grace 625 2nd St Lincoln CA
- Faith 1000 D St Marysville CA
- St. Stephen 1001 Olson Ln El Dorado Hills CA
- Lutheran Church/Resurrection 6365 Douglas Blvd Granite Bay CA
- **19 Churches**

**Conference Five:**

- | <b>• Name</b>                   | <b>Address</b>        | <b>City</b>   | <b>State</b> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| • Christ                        | 1090 Quintara St      | San Francisco | CA           |
| • Ebenezer/HerChurch            | 678 Portola Dr        | San Francisco | CA           |
| • First United                  | 2095 Turk St. (@Lyon) | San Francisco | CA           |
| • Grace                         | 3201 Ulloa St         | San Francisco | CA           |
| • Lutheran Church of Our Savior | 1011 Garfield St      | San Francisco | CA           |
| • St. Francis                   | 152 Church St         | San Francisco | CA           |
| • St. Marks                     | 1111 O'Farrell St     | San Francisco | CA           |
| • St. Mary and St. Martha       | 1050 S Van Ness Ave   | San Francisco | CA           |
| • St. Matthew                   | 3281 16th St          | San Francisco | CA           |
| • St. Paulus                    | 950 McAllister St     | San Francisco | CA           |
| • Good Shepherd                 | 301 Burlingame Ave    | Burlingame    | CA           |
| • Coastside                     | 900 Cabrillo Hwy N    | Half Moon Bay | CA           |
| • Holy Cross                    | 1165 Seville Dr       | Pacifica      | CA           |

- First Evangelical 600 Homer Ave Palo Alto CA
- Grace 3149 Waverley St Palo Alto CA
- University 1611 Stanford Ave Palo Alto CA
- Messiah 1835 Valota Rd Redwood City CA
- Holy Trinity 149 Manzanita Ave San Carlos CA
- Hope 600 W 42nd Ave San Mateo CA
- St. Andrew's 1501 S El Camino Real San Mateo CA
- United 609 Southwood Dr So. San Francisco CA
- Immanuel 1715 Grant Rd Los Altos CA
- Los Altos 460 S El Monte Ave Los Altos CA
- **23 Churches**

**Conference Six:**

- | <b>Name</b>                       | <b>Address</b>         | <b>City</b> | <b>State</b> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| • Christ                          | 10707 Soquel Dr        | Aptos       | CA           |
| • St. Philips                     | 8065 Carmel Valley Rd  | Carmel      | CA           |
| • Grace                           | 205 Canal St           | King City   | CA           |
| • Epiphany Lutheran/Episcopal     | 425 Carmel Ave         | Marina      | CA           |
| • St. Timothy                     | 52 Soledad Dr          | Monterey    | CA           |
| • Advent                          | 16870 Murphy Ave       | Morgan Hill | CA           |
| • Good Shepherd                   | 1735 Hecker Pass Hwy.  | Gilroy      | CA           |
| • Iglesia Luterana El Buen Pastor | 817 Beech St           | Salinas     | CA           |
| • Lutheran Church/Good Shepherd   | 580 Larkin St          | Salinas     | CA           |
| • St Stephen                      | 2500 Soquel Ave        | Santa Cruz  | CA           |
| • Lutheran Community Church       | 95 Alta Vista St       | Watsonville | CA           |
| • All Saints                      | 22445 Cupertino Rd     | Cupertino   | CA           |
| • Bethel                          | 10181 Finch Ave        | Cupertino   | CA           |
| • Faith                           | 16548 Ferris Ave       | Los Gatos   | CA           |
| • Christ the Good Shepherd        | 1550 Meridian Ave      | San Jose    | CA           |
| • Grace                           | 2650 Aborn Rd          | San Jose    | CA           |
| • Holy Redeemer                   | 1948 The Alameda       | San Jose    | CA           |
| • Immanuel                        | 1710 Moorpark Ave      | San Jose    | CA           |
| • New Creation                    | 7275 Santa Teresa Blvd | San Jose    | CA           |

- Pueblo de Dios 3257 Payne Ave San Jose CA
- Hope 2383 Pacific Dr Santa Clara CA
- Our Savior's 1224 N Winchester Blvd Santa Clara CA
- Immanuel 14103 Saratoga Ave Saratoga CA
- Prince of Peace 12770 Saratoga Ave Saratoga CA
- St. John 581 E Fremont Ave Sunnyvale CA
- St. Luke 1025 The Dalles Ave Sunnyvale CA
- **26 Churches**

**Conference Seven:**

- | <b>Name</b>                 | <b>Address</b>          | <b>City</b>   | <b>State</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| • St. John                  | 1360 E Tregallas Rd     | Antioch       | CA           |
| • Good Shepherd             | 4000 Clayton Rd         | Concord       | CA           |
| • Peace                     | 3201 Camino Tassajara   | Danville      | CA           |
| • Our Saviors               | 1035 Carol Ln           | Lafayette     | CA           |
| • Holy Shepherd             | 433 Moraga Way          | Orinda        | CA           |
| • St. Mark                  | 3051 Putnam Blvd        | Pleasant Hill | CA           |
| • Hope                      | 1751 Tice Creek Dr.     | Walnut Creek  | CA           |
| • St. Matthew               | 399 Wiget Ln            | Walnut Creek  | CA           |
| • St. Luke's                | 2491 San Miguel Dr      | Walnut Creek  | CA           |
| • Faith                     | 20080 Redwood Rd        | Castro Valley | CA           |
| • Resurrection              | 7557 Amador Valley Blvd | Dublin        | CA           |
| • Christ the King           | 1301 Mowry Ave          | Fremont       | CA           |
| • Good Shepherd South Asian | 4211 Carol Ave          | Fremont       | CA           |
| • Holy Trinity              | 38801 Blacow Rd         | Fremont       | CA           |
| • Messiah                   | 25400 Hesperian Blvd    | Hayward       | CA           |
| • Holy Cross                | 1020 Mocho St           | Livermore     | CA           |
| • Holy Redeemer             | 35660 Cedar Blvd        | Newark        | CA           |
| • Trinity                   | 1225 Hopyard Rd         | Pleasanton    | CA           |
| • Epiphany                  | 16248 Carolyn St        | San Leandro   | CA           |
| • St. James                 | 993 Estudillo Ave       | San Leandro   | CA           |
| • Oromo Christ Evangelical  | 100 Hacienda Ave        | San Lorenzo   | CA           |

**Conference Eight:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
• Mountain	13000 Down to Earth Ct	Groveland	CA
• St. Paul	701 S Pleasant Ave	Lodi	CA
• Mount Calvary	24176 Pine Lake Dr	Mi-Wuk Village	CA
• Mountain Ranch	8063 Washington St.	Mountain Ranch	CA
• Faith	65 Mitchler St	Murphys	CA
• Faith	22601 State Highway 88	Pioneer	CA
• Zion	808 Porter Ave	Stockton	CA
• Saron	1742 North St	Escalon	CA
• Our Redeemer	1505 E St	Livingston	CA
• Mariposa	4469 Highway 49 S	Mariposa	CA
• Shepherd of the Valley	1455 E Yosemite Ave	Merced	CA
• Emanuel	324 College Ave	Modesto	CA
• Light of Christ	4510 Crowell Rd	Turlock	CA
• <b>13 Churches</b>			

**Conference Nine:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
• Bethel	187 N Broadway St	Fresno	CA
• Good Shepherd	5140 N Fruit Ave	Fresno	CA
• Grace	4863 E Tulare Ave	Fresno	CA
• Hope	364 E Barstow Ave	Fresno	CA
• Iglesia Evangelica Nueva Vida	187 N Broadway St	Fresno	CA
• Our Saviour's	2101 N Fruit Ave	Fresno	CA
• Trinity	3973 N Cedar Ave	Fresno	CA
• Bethany	5022 N Madera Ave	Kerman	CA
• Christ	1254 N Frankwood Ave	Reedley	CA
• Bethlehem	2156 Jensen Ave	Sanger	CA
• Pella Evangelical	1505 Evergreen St	Selma	CA

- St. James 1780 Emma Lee Ln Hanford CA
- Trinity 764 W Henderson Ave Porterville CA
- Christ 3830 W Tulare Ave Visalia CA
- **14 Churches**

**Casey Kloehn**

Bp. Mark explained that the Belfry was requesting that they be able to call Casey Kloehn for her first call after seminary by granting her an exception from the rule that all pastors first calls have to be in a congregational setting and must be for a period of three years.

**SC16.1.18MSC** (Holmerud/Rasche) moved that we support the request to allow Casey Kloehn to serve at the Belfry without having to serve three years in a congregational setting.

**SPSYC Request for more funds**

**SC16.1.19MSC** (Johnson/N. Nelson) moved that the Council authorize SPSYC fundraise at the 2016 Synod Assembly in consultation with the Stewardship Discipling Team.

**SC16.1.20MSC** (Jones/Whitney) moved that Sue Michaelsen be appointed to fill the existing vacancy on the Executive Committee until the new Executive Committee is elected after the Synod Assembly.

**SC16.1.21MSC** (Gulbranson/Holmerud) moved adjournment at 11:20 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Jones, Synod Secretary

**Council Meetings**

**Executive Committee Meetings**

Sept 25-26	Sacramento Office	Sept 10	Burlingame Office
Jan 29-30	Bay Area Congregation	January 14	Sacramento
March 12	Sacramento (budget)	February 25	Sacramento
June 2	Reno Holy Cross Lutheran	May 19	Burlingame 10:00-2:00
June 24-25	Sacramento	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Burlingame 10:00-2:00



