

**Synod Council  
Sierra Pacific Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**Meeting Agenda  
February 10, 2020  
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting by Zoom**

**Present:** John Allured, Treasurer Pastor Sharon Amundson, Linda Babcock, Pastor Jason Bense, Sheela Boddu, Carl Brodt, Pastor Paul Clark, Bishop Mark Holmerud, Vice President Gail Kiyomura, Sue Michaelsen, Joseph Paxton, Secretary Jeff Pennington, Pastor Tuhina Rasche, Jennifer Teer

**Absent:** Pastor Clark Brown, Luke Price

**Staff:** Pastor Katy Grindberg, Pastor Tita Valeriano, Diana Suruki

**Guests:** Janette Drew (Finance Committee), Pastor John Kuehner, Pastor Carl Wilfrid

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Gail Kiyomura at 5:00 PM.

Opening prayer led by The Rev. Joseph Paxton.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

**SC20.01.01** Agenda approved by unanimous consent.

**Adoption of Consent Agenda**

**SC20.01.02** Consent Agenda approved by unanimous consent.

- Approval of Letter of Invitation to Extended Service to The Rev. Dr. Tia Pelz (Evangelical Church in Germany) to serve as pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Fremont, CA
- Appointment of the Rev. David Miller, All Saints, Novato, as representative of the Sierra Pacific Synod on the Lutheran Office of Public Policy-CA Policy Council for a one-year term
- Appointment of John Wickeraad, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Granite Bay, CA to the Endowment Committee
- Renewal of Special Synod Call to the Rev. Ruth Hanusa as Hospice Chaplain for Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, Reno, Nevada
- Reappointment of Randy Presuhn to the Synod Documents Committee
- Approval of Warner Trust grant applications as recommended by the Warner Trust Committee
  - First Lutheran, Orland, CA = \$2000; free, week-long Vacation Bible School open to all youth within the community and surrounding areas

- Holy Cross, Reno, NV = \$1000; seed money to begin the creation of a more formal family ministry program through quarterly Family Night events
- Trinity, Pleasanton, CA = \$2000; procurement of child-size tables and chairs, cubbies, a large classroom rug, and changing table for its Sonshine Preschool
- Hope, Fresno, CA = \$500; yoga mats as well as a portable bluetooth speaker to be utilized for yoga sessions with our youth ministry
- University Lutheran Chapel, Berkeley, CA = \$1750; supplies and curriculum, including a larger children's table at the center of kids' space in the sanctuary; finger labyrinths, prayer helps, and prayer beads for use during liturgy; children's bibles and other books for children's library
- North State Ecumenical Conference = \$500; postage & advertising \$200-, duplicating \$100-, Prizes \$200-, Essay/Media Contest for Christian students based on the International theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Farming Hope, San Francisco, CA = \$2000; Garden supplies for weekly student work days/classes for neighboring schools; stipend for garden director
- St. John's, Sacramento, CA = \$1200; Day camp supplies (art, projects, etc.) and food for campers during Holy Week Day Camp

#### **Election to fill vacant Young Adult position on Synod Council**

Autumn Scherf 7 votes

Emma Kirchhoff 5 votes

Autumn Scherf declared the winner.

#### **Recommendation from Synod Resource Center Board to hire Vicki Hieber Pontius as new Resource Center Director**

**SC20.01.03 MSC** (Paul/Sharon) moved to hire Vicki Hieber Pontius as Resource Center Director.

**PASSED**

#### **Appointment of Bishop Election Committee**

**SC20.01.04 MSC** (Sheela/John) moved to appoint the following individuals to the 2020 Bishop Election Committee:

- The Rev. Clark Brown, Chair
- Lucy Allen, Our Saviour's, Fresno
- The Rev. Chad Adamik, St. Paul's Lutheran Family, Carson City, NV
- Pat Cash, *ex officio* (Chair of the Nominating Committee)
- Sue Michaelsen, *ex officio* (Chair of the Elections Committee)
- Gail Kiyomura, *ex officio* (Synod Vice President)
- Jeff Pennington, *ex officio* (Synod Secretary)

**PASSED** Bishop Mark Holmerud abstained from the vote.

**Discussion of FY21-22 Budget**

**SC20.01.05 MSC** (Sharon/Jason) moved to recommend the “Second Draft” budget be presented to the 2020 Synod Assembly for consideration, will be renamed “Proposed” in the budget presented to the Synod Assembly.

**PASSED**

Closing prayer offered by Pastor Paul Clark.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey A Pennington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'P'.

Jeffrey A Pennington, Secretary  
Sierra Pacific Synod