The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by Vice President Elaine Whitney.

Bp. Mark introduced and welcomed Presiding Bishop Eaton to the meeting and the Assembly. He led an opening prayer.

Opening Devotions
Bp. Eaton provided opening devotions from second Kings.

SC.16.6.33 MSC (Holmerud/Lownes) move approval of the draft agenda after the removal of the three Candidacy Committee appointments from the Consent Agenda and postponement of the proposed rule changes for reorganization until the late June council meeting.

SC.16.6.34 MSC (Whitney/Jones) moved approval of the minutes from the March 12, 2016 meeting with typographical amendments.

Bishop’s Report
Bp. Mark reported that he felt all was ready for the Assembly. He talked about the power of all of the prayers that had been going up from many congregations during the planning and preparation for the Assembly. He reported that there will be nine grants given to nine unsuspecting congregations from some money originally intended to fund a start up congregation in the 1990s.

He described the processes that will be used to elect new council members to one year terms and deans for the nine new conferences-all in support of the reorganization of the synod which began last year. On September 17, 2016 we will have an online assembly planned and led by the reformation 500 folks. In the afternoon the nine conferences will meet.
Pr. Nancy recently submitted a letter indicating that she will be resigning from her current synod position. Bp. Mark reported that she has agreed to a period of time to work on candidacy on a part-time basis. This will occur after she completes her current assignment as Acting Bishop while Bp. Mark is on sabbatical.

**Bishop’s Associate Nancy**

Pr. Nancy reported on her experience the last time she served as acting bishop. She is looking forward to Bp. Mark’s return as she is aware of the kinds of issues that might arise while he is gone. She has asked for patience from congregations that she is in the call process with. Beginning June 3rd, we will be putting out a new call process manual that we borrowed from another synod.

Her office will be developing a job description for her replacement, advertising for the job, conducting interview and working with two discipling teams.

**Vice President Report**

Elaine has allowed her name to go forward about becoming the VP of the ELCA.

It is a very busy time. We have a lot on our plates. Churchwide voting members have met once and will meet again.

**Treasurer’s Report/ FY 2016 Budget/Audit**

Linda reported that we added Patty Montaro part time as receptionist in Sacramento office.

**SC.16.6.35 MSC** (Lownes/Michaelsen) moved that we open a checking account with the property management fund monies.

She reported that we have $8.5 Million in total assets-comprised of $4.5 million in liquid assets and $4 million in real estate. The Endowment Committee will be meeting to deal with $1.7 Million in the Mission and Ministry Endowment checking account.

At the last meeting, we approved a budget to recommend to the Synod Assembly. At a recent meeting, the majority of the Finance Committee indicated that the budget that we approved is not a “balanced budget” because the $261,040 in funding to the general fund from the Cupertino property sale cannot be considered revenue-making the budget unbalanced. Additionally there was concern that we do not have the latitude to increase expenses if we have increased revenue during the budget year-based on our rules.

**SC.16.6.36 MSC** (Lownes/Johnson) moved that we submit to the Synod Assembly the recommended budget that was voted on at the last meeting—but add a white column that reflects a “balanced budget” based on the assumption that money from property sales cannot be considered income.

Finance Committee is supporting the Lavendar column.

**Synod Property**

Bp. Mark reported that on May 20, 2016 we closed the sale of the Cupertino Property to the Taiwanese Lutheran Church.
We also intend to honor the commitment made to the Oromo congregation in the 1990s and deed the property containing their church to them. Pr. Carlton will agendize this action at the June or December council meeting.

We are now talking to our attorney Eric Sim about continuing the discussion on the other synod properties.

Consent Agenda

- Approve Special Call to the Chaplaincy for Ruth Lesher
- Approve Special Call to the Chaplaincy for Brent Hoy Bianchi
- Move Pr. Dwayne Michael to the Retired Clergy Roster

SC.16.6.37 MSC (Lownes/Gulbranson moved approval of the Consent Agenda after the removal of the candidacy committee issue.

SC.16.6.38 MSC (Michaelsen/Leong) moved the appointment of the Candidacy Committee as recommended below:

Appoint to Candidacy Committee
- Linda Lownes
- Pr. Mary Stein-Webber
- Pr. Sharon Stalkfleet

Re-Appointment of Linda Lownes as Treasurer

SC.16.6.39 MSC (Leong/Haven) moved the re-appointment of Linda Lownes as Synod Treasurer.

Mt. Cross Update

This update was conducted in Executive Session and a decision was made to discuss this item at the next Synod Council meeting.

Update on Churchwide Assembly

Bp. Eaton provided an update on what will be happening at the upcoming Churchwide Assembly. She also discussed the challenges facing churchwide in trying to continue to support the same workload with one hundred fewer staff based on the decision that everything still has to be done.

ELCA Church Council Update

Pr. Ekdale reported that she is on the 5th of her 6th years on the Churchwide Church Council. She has greatly enjoyed the experience.

Gifts and Remembrances
Elaine thanked the six council members completing a term this year and presented each of them a book. They are: Sheila Boddu, Pr. Gabi Schroeder, Eileen Fite, Jeff Johnson, Mark Nelson who was not in attendance and Synod Secretary Dennis Jones.

SC.16.6.40 MSC (Johnson/Schroeder) moved adjournment at 6:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Jones, Synod Council Secretary

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