

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN
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Conference Call**

The 100th meeting of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) was convened by conference call.

ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

The following people were present for all or part of the meeting:

Voting members

Officers:

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop
Mr. William B. Horne II, vice president
Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer, secretary
Ms. Lori S. Fedyk, treasurer

Chair of the Conference of Bishops:

The Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew, bishop of the New Jersey Synod

Church Council:

Mr. Kevin Anderson	Mr. James J.F. Jennings
Ms. Tracey A. Beasley	Ms. Patricia Kluetz
The Rev. Marcus A. Bigott	Mr. David M. Lenz
The Rev. Nicholas M. Billardello III	The Rev. Tara R. Lynn
Ms. Susan Boxberger	Mr. Keoni Newman
Ms. Lisa Burk	Mr. Joseph T. Nolte
The Rev. William H. Callister (<i>excused</i>)	Mr. Gary A. Pederson
The Rev. Karn S. Carroll	The Rev. Ricardo Rivera (<i>excused</i>)
Ms. Cheryl T. Chatman	Mr. Noah F. Roux
Mr. Ismael E. Danforth	Ms. Valerie J. Shaw
Ms. Divine	Mr. Loren A. Solberg
The Rev. Joanne E. Engquist	The Rev. Kjersten L. Sullivan
The Rev. Dena M. Gable	Ms. Loni Taylor (<i>excused</i>)
The Rev. Emily C. Hartner	Ms. Emma K. Wagner
The Rev. Pamela J. Hoh (<i>excused</i>)	Ms. Sonja Wolfe (<i>excused</i>)
Ms. Cherrish Holland	Ms. Merritt G. Zesinger (<i>excused</i>)
The Rev. Chad M. Huebner (<i>excused</i>)	

Representatives of the Conference of Bishops:

Bp. Jon V. Anderson, Region 3	Bp. Donald M. Kreiss, Region 6 (<i>excused</i>)
Bp. Sue J. Briner, Region 4 (<i>excused</i>)	Bp. John S. Macholz, Region 7 (<i>excused</i>)
Bp. H. Jeffrey A. Clements, Region 5	Bp. Pedro M. Suárez, Region 9
Bp. Barbara J. Collins, Region 8 (<i>excused</i>)	Bp. Shelley R. Wickstrom, Region 1
Bp. R. Guy Erwin, Region 2 (<i>excused</i>)	

Resource People

Administrative Team:

The Rev. M. Wyvetta Bullock, assistant to the presiding bishop and executive for administration
Ms. Kathy Freeman Summers, executive director for the Mission Advancement unit
The Rev. Rafael Malpica-Padilla, executive director for the Global Mission unit
The Rev. Philip C. Hirsch, executive director for the Domestic Mission unit

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Office of the Presiding Bishop:

Ms. Rhondean Johnson, executive for human resources

Ms. Jodi L. Slattery, assistant to the presiding bishop for governance

Office of the Secretary:

Mr. Thomas A. Cunniff, general counsel

Ms. Aja Favors, associate general counsel

The Rev. N. Keith Fry, assistant to the secretary and executive for Office of the Secretary administration

Ms. Marit E. Johnson, manager for official documentation

Outside Legal Counsel:

Mr. Michael K. Renetzky, Locke Lord LLP

CALL TO ORDER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Agenda I.A.)

Mr. William B. Horne II, vice president of the ELCA and chair of the Church Council, called the executive session of the Church Council meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. (CDT).

The council exited executive session at 10:18 a.m. (CDT).

ADDENDUM TO CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY

(Agenda I.C.1.)

Background:

The Budget and Finance Committee discussed an addendum to the Cash Management Policy at its May 12, 2020, conference call meeting.

Church Council Action:

Mr. James J.F. Jennings, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, elaborated on the Budget and Finance Committee's review of the ELCA's Cash Management Policy. The committee deemed it wise to better define "temporary" where the policy referred to "temporary operating cash needs." The committee recommended defining "temporary" as "not to exceed three consecutive months."

There being no further discussion, the vice president called for the vote.

VOTED:

CC20.05.14 To approve the addendum to the Cash Management Policy.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting of the Church Council adjourned at 10:23 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.