

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
CHURCH COUNCIL  
August 4, 2019  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Hyatt Regency Milwaukee**

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**Press**

Ms. Candice Hill Buchbinder, Mission Advancement

**Sunday, August 4, 2019**

- 9:30 a.m. Registration opens (Hyatt Regency, outside Ballroom, second floor)
- 10:00 a.m. Executive Committee meeting (Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee Room)
- 12:00 p.m. Executive Committee lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Worship with Church Council, Conference of Bishops, Synod Vice Presidents  
(Hyatt Regency, Ballroom)

*Presider:* The Rev. Paul Erickson  
*Preacher:* The Rev. Joyce Graue  
*Assisting Minister:* Ms. Tracey Beasley  
*Lectors:* The Rev. Fred Thomas-Breitfeld  
Ms. Lexanne Graves

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- 2:00 p.m. Church Council photo (Hyatt Regency, outside Ballroom)

**PLENARY SESSION ONE**

Joint Session with the Conference of Bishops and Synod Vice Presidents  
Hyatt Regency Milwaukee, Ballroom  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**I.A Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda**

Agenda items have been distributed electronically.

**CC ACTION**

**Recommended:**

**To adopt the agenda and to permit the chair to call for consideration of agenda items in the order the chair deems most appropriate.**

**I.B Reports of the Officers**

**I.B.1 Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**

**I.B.2 Treasurer Lori Fedyk**

**I.B.3 Secretary Chris Boerger**

**I.C Recognition of Ms. Christina Jackson-Skelton's Service**

After 30 years of service, Ms. Christina Jackson-Skelton, executive of Mission Advancement unit, is retiring from the churchwide office on August 31, 2019. This is our opportunity to thank her and recognize her good work.

**CC ACTION**

**Recommended:**

**To thank Ms. Christina Jackson-Skelton for her faithful service as the executive director of the Mission Advancement unit; and**

**To extend the council's appreciation for her wisdom and insights which have assisted the Church Council in its work.**

**I.D Churchwide Assembly Overview**

The Conference of Bishops and synod vice presidents will join the Church Council for an overview of Churchwide Assembly business and procedures presented by Bishop Eaton and Secretary Boerger.

**DISCUSSION**

**3:30 p.m. Break**

**Revised August 2, 2019****PLENARY SESSION TWO**

Hyatt Regency Milwaukee, Ballroom Hall B

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

**II.A Potential Executive Session****II.B Items for Action****II.B.1 Churchwide Assembly Citation in honor of Secretary Chris Boerger****CC ACTION****Recommended***[To be provided]***II.B.2 Consideration of Items Removed from *En Bloc*****II.B.3 *En Bloc* Approval of Certain Items**

The following en bloc resolution includes agenda items that reflect a judgment that these items are relatively non-controversial in nature and may not require plenary discussion and a separate vote. Each of the items is noted as *[EN BLOC]* in the revised **En Bloc Items** document.

Prior to the beginning of plenary session two, council members may request to remove items from en bloc consideration in order to discuss separately any of the items listed in the en bloc resolution; any such item will be removed from the en bloc resolution and discussed at the appropriate point in the agenda.

The chair will not call for a discussion or separate vote on those items that are not removed from the en bloc resolution.

**CC ACTION****Recommended:**

To take action *En Bloc* on the items listed in “En Bloc Items” document.

**II.C Items for Information and Discussion****II.C.1 Information about the November 2019 Church Council Meeting**

The November 2019 meeting of the Church Council will be held November 7-10, 2019 at the Lutheran Center in Chicago. Orientation for newly elected members of the Church Council will be Friday, September 13, 2019 at the Lutheran Center.

Mentors have been identified for the incoming class of Church Council members.

**CC INFORMATION****II.D Adjournment**

5:30 p.m. Reception, Hyatt Regency, Outside Ballroom

6:30 p.m. Banquet honoring Secretary Chris Boerger, Hyatt Ballroom

**Monday, August 5, 2019**

9:30 a.m. Orientation for Church Council on Churchwide Assembly, Wisconsin Center Hall A/B

1:00 p.m. Assembly Orientation, Wisconsin Center Hall A/B

2:00 p.m. ELCA Guidebook Training, Wisconsin Center Hall A/B