

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
CHURCH COUNCIL
February 29, 2012
Chicago, Illinois
AGENDA**

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PLENARY SESSION ONE

February 29, 2012
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

I.A Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda items have been distributed electronically and by mail. Additional items will be distributed at the meeting to the members of the Church Council and invited resource people.

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 Updates from the Officers

I.B.1 Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson

I.B.2 Vice President Carlos Peña

I.B.3 Secretary David Swartling

I.B.4 Treasurer Linda Norman

I.C Items for Action

I.C.1 Elections for ELCA Endowment Fund Board of Trustees

Between meetings of the Churchwide Assembly, the Church Council has the responsibility of electing people to fill terms on churchwide boards, boards of Separately Incorporated Ministries and certain advisory committees. Biographical information is provided in [Exhibit A](#).

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To elect as members of the board of trustees of the ELCA Endowment Fund for six-year terms: the Rev. Charles A. Berdahl, Cherry Hills Village, Colo. (2E); Ms. Kelly D. Brende, Lenexa, Kan. (4B); and Mr. David W. Heise, Flower Mound, Texas (4D).

I.C.2 Election of a Church Council member

Between meetings of the Churchwide Assembly, the Church Council has the responsibility of electing people to fill unexpired terms on churchwide boards, steering committees of churchwide commissions, and certain advisory committees.

The Southwestern Minnesota Synod (3F) has nominated Pr. Dean Elton Johnson to replace the resignation of Pr. J. Pablo Obregon, Willmar, Minnesota (3F) to a term ending in 2013. Biographical information is provided in [Exhibit A](#).

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To elect the Rev. Dean E. Johnson, Willmar, Minn. (3F), to the Church Council for a term ending in 2013.

I.C.3 Revision of Church Council Orientation Manual

Due to the recent amendments to the *Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* as well as certain governing document references that were removed in the last revision, it has been recommended to update the Church Council Orientation Manual. The proposed revised manual is uploaded in Net Community as [Exhibit B](#).

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To approve the 2012 revisions to the Church Council Orientation Manual as provided in Exhibit B.

I.D Information on Addressing Social Concerns Review Task Force Members

At the December meeting of the Executive Committee of the Church Council, voting members appointed a number of individuals, in consultation with the Program and Services Committee, to serve on the Addressing Social Concerns Review Task Force. In order to fulfill some additional representational commitments, the Executive Committee asked the Presiding Bishop to name the remaining members.

As a point of information, the following individuals are serving on the task force: Bishop David Zellmer, Bishop Chris Boerger, Pr. Margaret Herz-Lane, Mr. Chris Meade, Pr. Fred Opalinski, Mr. Per Anderson, Mr. Paul Archer, Ms. Becky Brakke, Ms. Sylvia Bull, Pr. Kit Kleinhaus (chair), Ms. Rose Stephens-Booker, and Ms. Suzanne Wise. The Presiding Bishop may make additional appointments in consultation with Executive Committee.

The first meeting of the task force was January 19-21, 2012 in Chicago. They have a second meeting scheduled for March 6-8, 2012 in Chicago. Additional staff, advisors, consultants and guests will be invited to future meetings as the task force deems appropriate.

I.E. Announcements

Adjournment