

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
CHURCH COUNCIL
October 8, 2010
3:35 - 4:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

I. ORGANIZATION OF MEETING

A. Voting Members

Officers

Bp. Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop
Mr. Carlos Peña, Vice President
Mr. David Swartling, Secretary
Ms. Christina Jackson-Skelton, Treasurer

Church Council

Pr. David P. Anderson	Pr. Steven P. Loy
Ms. Judith Barlow-Roberts	Pr. Heather Lubold
Mr. Baron Blanchard (<i>excused</i>)	Ms. Susan McArver
Ms. Rebecca Jo Brakke	Pr. Raymond Miller
Ms. Rebecca Carlson	Mr. John Munday
Ms. Deborah L. Chenoweth (<i>excused</i>)	Mr. Mark Myers
Pr. Rachel L. Connelly	Ms. Ann Niedringhaus
Mr. John R. Emery	Pr. Pablo Obregon
Pr. Amsalu Geleta	Mr. Ivan Perez
Ms. Karin Graddy	Ms. Lynette Reitz
Mr. Mark S. Helmke	Ms. Sandra Schlesinger
Ms. Louise Hemstead (<i>excused</i>)	Pr. Michael Schmidt
Mr. William Horne	Mr. Blaire Smith
Pr. Keith A. Hunsinger	Pr. Jeff Sorenson
Mr. Mark E. Johnson	Pr. Kathryn Tiede
Pr. Susan Langhauser	Mr. David Truland (<i>excused</i>)
	Pr. Philip Wold

B. Liaison Bishops

Bp. Allan Bjornberg (<i>excused</i>)	Bp. Gerald Mansholt
Bp. Michael Burk	Bp. Margaret Payne
Bp. Murray D. Finck (<i>excused</i>)	Bp. Harold Usgaard
	Bp. Peter Rogness
Bp. Callon W. Holloway (<i>excused</i>)	Bp. Martin D. Wells (<i>excused</i>)
	Represented by Bp. David Brauer-Rieke
Bp. Ralph Jones	Bp. Herman Yoos

C. Advisory Members

Youth

Ms. Arielle Mastellar Mr. Kyle Teague

Advisors

Pr. Jaime Dubon, Latino Community Association (*excused*)
Ms. Elizabeth Gaskins, president, American Indian and Alaska Native Association
Pr. David Keller, Lutheran Services in America
Ms. Kristen Kvam, chair, Justice for Women consulting committee
Ms. Katherine Long, president, European American Association
Pr. O. Dennis Mims, president, African-American Association
Mr. Fuad Nijim, president, Arab and Middle Eastern Association
Pr. Paul Ostrem, chair, Church in Society program committee
Mr. Wayne Powell, ELCA colleges and universities
Pr. Mark Ramseth, ELCA seminaries
Pr. Arthur C. (Chris) Repp, chair, Global Mission program committee
Mr. Alfred Sagar, chair, Multicultural Ministries program committee
Mr. Norm Smith, president, Lutheran Men in Mission
Mr. Kai Swanson, chair, Vocation and Education program committee (*excused*)
Ms. Janet Thompson, chair, Augsburg Fortress Board of Trustees
Ms. Deborah Wilson, chair, Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission program committee
Ms. Beth Wrenn, president, Women of the ELCA (*excused*)
Pr. Edmond Yee, Asian and Pacific Islander Association (*excused*)

D. Resource People

Office of the Presiding Bishop

Pr. M. Wyvetta Bullock, Executive for Administration
Pr. Marcus Kunz, Executive for Discernment of Theological and Contextual Issues (*excused*)
Pr. Walter May, Executive for Synodical and Constituent Relations
Ms. Myrna J. Sheie, Executive for Governance and Institutional Relations

Section Executives and Staff

Mr. Kenneth W. Inskeep, Executive for Research and Evaluation
Pr. Donald J. McCoid, Executive for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Pr. Darrell D. Morton, Assistant to the Presiding Bishop for Federal Chaplaincy Ministries
Pr. Craig Settlage, Director for Mission Support
Ms. Else B. Thompson, Executive for Human Resources
Pr. Robert Schaefer, Executive for Worship and Liturgical Resources

Office of the Secretary

Pr. Ruth E. Hamilton, Executive for Office of the Secretary Administration
Mr. Frank F. Imhoff, Director for Official Documentation
Mr. Phillip H. Harris, General Counsel
Mr. David A. Ullrich, Associate General Counsel

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Mr. Jonathan Beyer, Executive for Information Technology

Mr. Steve Caputo, Support Specialist, Information Technology
Ms. Karen Rathbun, Executive for Management Services

Program Unit Executives

Pr. Stephen P. Bouman, Executive Director, Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission

Ms. Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director, Women of the ELCA

Pr. Sherman Hicks, Executive Director, Multicultural Ministries

Pr. Rebecca S. Larson, Executive Director, Church in Society

Ms. Beth A. Lewis, President, Augsburg Fortress, Publishers

Pr. Rafael Malpica-Padilla, Executive Director, Global Mission

Pr. Stanley N. Olson, Executive Director, Vocation and Education

Service Unit Executives

Ms. Kristi Bangert, Executive Director, Communication Services

Ms. Cynthia Halverson, Foundation of the ELCA and Executive Director for Development Services

Mr. John G. Kapanke, President, Board of Pensions

Mr. Daniel Lehmann, Editor, *The Lutheran* magazine

Ms. Eva M. Roby, Executive Vice President for Administration, Mission Investment Fund

E. Press

Mr. John R. Brooks, Director, ELCA News Service

Ms. Elizabeth M. Hunter, *The Lutheran* magazine

Ms. Melissa Ramirez-Cooper, Associate Director, ELCA News Service

F. Ecumenical Guests

Ms. Lelanda Lee, The Episcopal Church

Pr. Mary Ann Neevel, United Church of Christ

Moravian Church [position vacant]

Presbyterian Church U.S.A. [position vacant]

Reformed Church [position vacant]

II. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda items have been distributed to the members of the Church Council either by mail or by electronic distribution.

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.

III. Items for Action

1. Update on 2011 Organizational Design Process – *Executive Session*

The Church Council will meet in executive session with members of the Churchwide Organization Design Team to receive a detailed report on recommendations related to the restructuring of the churchwide organization, including personnel implications and related amendments to the ELCA's governing documents. The primary presenters will be Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson, Executive for Administration Wyvetta Bullock, Secretary David Swartling and Treasurer Christina Jackson-Skelton; other members of the design team will be present to respond as needed.

Notification of the Church Council's action will be made public on Monday afternoon, October 11, 2010. Until that time, the documents and their contents remain confidential.

Further recommendations related to the Design Team proposal will be considered by the Church Council in open session at its November 12-14, 2010 meeting.

CC ACTION

Recommended: *[confidential until Monday afternoon, October 11, 2010]*

2. ELCA Malaria Campaign – *Open Session*

At its October 2010 meeting, the Church Council will receive an update on decisions related to the continuing commitment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America related to malaria and have an opportunity to discuss the planning for the future of the ELCA Malaria Campaign (working title).

The Executive Committee received a briefing at its meeting on September 28, 2010 and, as noted in an e-mail to the Church Council from Vice President Peña on Saturday, October 1, 2010, "While no vote was taken, the group consensus was that Bishop Hanson had the ultimate decision whether to sign the agreement. The timing of the deadline necessitated the decision to be made in this manner."

An announcement on Thursday, September 30, 2010 was released first to the Church Council and Conference of Bishops and then to critical networks prior to a release to the public later that afternoon. A revised version of the announcement is provided in Exhibit B.

The Executive Committee has recommended the following action for consideration by the Church Council. Following additional development of plans for the ELCA Malaria Campaign, an action for consideration by the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be brought to the April 2011 meeting of the Church Council.

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To focus the commitment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to address malaria through a rebranded and prioritized ELCA Malaria Campaign throughout this church;

To acknowledge the enthusiasm of this church to meet this commitment, giving thanks to God for:

- 1. the energy and commitment of the five current pilot synods and the five additional pilot synods eager to begin in 2011;**
- 2. the generous gifts of donors throughout this church;**
- 3. resources prepared and stories told;**

To give thanks as well for the enthusiasm with which companion churches in Africa have embraced and have begun to implement a joint effort with the ELCA to roll back

malaria, utilizing their personnel, church programs, health ministries and community development programs in this effort;

To focus and expand the work already begun, anticipating an authorizing action to be taken by the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly;

To reaffirm the ongoing core work of ELCA World Hunger and strengthen its capacity through this special giving opportunity that reaches out to new donors and invites current donors to deepen their commitment above and beyond normal World Hunger giving;

To request that, after donors are informed of this church's refocus of its distribution channels for gifts designated for malaria, funds already held by this church and funds to be received with any designation for malaria be distributed to address issues of malaria through Global Mission's ongoing relationships with partner churches;

To authorize continued receipt of designated gifts for malaria under the auspices of the World Hunger Appeal in support of malaria work of this church;

To request that a report and recommendations for a churchwide campaign to address malaria be brought to the April 2011 meeting of the ELCA Church Council for referral to the 2011 Churchwide Assembly;

To acknowledge with gratitude the work begun with Lutheran World Relief (LWR), The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS), and the United Nations Foundation (UNF) through the Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI), and to deepen partnerships with LWR among specific partners and ministries, with the Lutheran World Federation, and with other partners; and

To anticipate that this whole church—members of every age, congregations, synods, the churchwide organization, agencies and institutions, the Women of the ELCA, Lutheran Men in Mission, the Lutheran Youth Organization, colleges and universities, seminaries, social ministry organizations, camping ministries, and all others—will learn about malaria and other diseases intensified by poverty and prayerfully support this commitment as it grows into readiness for a possible major fundraising campaign in synods and congregations following authorizing action by the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.

3. January 2011 Church Council Conference Call

Secretary David Swartling has requested that the Church Council schedule a meeting to be held by conference call on Friday, January 14, 2010 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Central time) to consider any additional amendments to the ELCA governing documents not finalized at the November 2010 Church Council meeting. If no business remains, the meeting will be canceled and members notified.

CC ACTION

Recommended:

To schedule a meeting of the Church Council to be held by teleconference if necessary on January 14, 2011 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Central) to consider final amendments to the ELCA governing documents.

IV. Adjournment