



**2021 Southeastern Minnesota Synod
 Assembly Minutes
 May 8th, 2021**

The 2021 Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly met in assembly digitally on May 8th, 2021 via zoom. Office of the Bishop staff, Synod Council officers, and other Assembly planners led the digital assembly from Trinity Lutheran in Owatonna, MN.

WELCOME

Bishop Regina Hassanally began the assembly by welcoming voting members at 9:00am.

OPENING WORSHIP

The Assembly opened with worship. Bishop Hassanally preached, and the worship was led by the Synod Assembly Worship Team.

FIRST PLENARY

Following worship, Director of Communications Ashley Corbett walked through the technology and Zoom basics that would be needed for the assembly.

Bishop Hassanally then opened the assembly with the "Opening of the Assembly" litany.

Bishop Hassanally called the assembly to order at 9:48 am.

INTRODUCTIONS

Bishop Hassanally introduced special guests, officers of the Synod, and others:

- Ms. Judith Roberts, Senior Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the ELCA (ELCA Churchwide representative);
- Officers of the Synod: Vice President Ann Peterson, Synod Secretary Rev. Josh Enderson, and Synod Treasurer Jeff Chestnut;
- Synod Parliamentarian David Borka;
- and the Office of the Bishop staff: DEM and Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Emily Carson, Assistants to the Bishop Rev. Matt Larson and Rev. Barb Streed, Assistant to the Bishop Ms. Kathy Chatelaine, Director of Communications Ashley Corbett, and Call Process and Candidacy Administrator Cheryse Brenno. Participating Offsite: Office

Administrator Gwen Larson and ELCA Regional Gift Planner Tharan Leopold.

- The Bishop directed the voting members to the Pre-Assembly Report for the names of others who are usually introduced at assembly: First call rostered leaders called to congregations in the synod, rostered leaders who are new to the synod, rostered leaders celebrating significant anniversaries, rostered leaders who are retiring, and those who have died.
- Bishop Hassanally noted that the assembly is being produced from Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna, MN, and thanked them for their generous hospitality and radical welcome.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Synodical Authorized Minister Larry Iverson brought the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Lay voting members: 165

Ministers of Word & Sacrament voting members: 128

Ministers of Word & Service voting members: 7

Total voting members: 300

Voice without vote: 7

Visitors: 10

Total Assembly: 317

ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF THE ASSEMBLY

Bishop Hassanally directed the assembly to refer to the Rules of the Assembly, as printed in the Pre-Assembly Report. A motion was made by Rev. Anjanette Bandel of Bethel, Rochester to adopt the rules of the assembly.

Assembly Action

SA21.05.01 Motion to adopt the rules of the assembly.

Motion approved.

ADOPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE (AGENDA)

The proposed agenda for the assembly was presented to the assembly, as printed in the Pre-Assembly Report. A motion was made by Rev. Mark Van House of Our Saviors, Austin, to adopt the agenda for the assembly.

Assembly Action
SA21.05.02 Motion to adopt the agenda
for the assembly.

Motion approved.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Vice President Ann Peterson brought a report of the nominating committee to the assembly, inviting them to review the positions on the ballot:

Synod Vice President
Synod Council—Youth (2 positions)
Synod Council—Young Adult (2 positions)
Synod Council At Large—clergy (9 positions)
Synod Council At Large—Lay (6 positions)
Committee on Discipline (1 rostered and 1 lay)
Committee on Consultation (1 rostered and 1 lay per conference)
Augsburg University Corporation Board (8 positions)

She noted that some council members who are nominated were appointed last year by council, as there was no synod assembly held. The 2021 assembly will elect them for the remainder of their 2-year term. She also reminded the assembly that the submission for the ballot is noon today, and that the assembly will be voting on this ballot this afternoon.

Vice President Peterson thanked the Synod Nominating Committee for their work: Rev. Kristi Mitchell (BER), Rev. Kathy Lowery (CR), Rev. Allison Bowman (MR), Rev. Elizabeth Hermeier (RR), Rev. Jason Bryan-Wegner (ZR).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE AND COUNSEL
Bishop Hassanally invited Rev. Katelyn Rakotoarivelo to bring a report to the assembly from the Committee on Reference and Counsel. She noted that one resolution had been submitted and noted that the deadline for submitting late resolutions was noon today.

Bishop Hassanally thanked the Committee on Reference and Counsel for their work: Rev. Katelyn Rakotoarivelo, Rev. Scott Olson, Dave Borke, Rev. Dave Efflandt, Mary Ann Smith, Susan Larson, Synod staff liaison Rev. Emily Carson.

The Bishop noted that one resolution, Resolution 2021-02 (pertaining to “At Once” amendments to a Congregation’s Constitution),

which had been submitted by the MN River Conference and Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Owatonna, had been forwarded by the SEMN Synod Council to the ELCA Churchwide Council to review for possible action. This was done on April 10, 2021 by the Synod Council. This was done following consultation with the Secretary of the ELCA Deacon Sue Rothmeyer and conversation with the author of the resolution.

Also, Resolution 2020-03 (Support of Youth Ministry), submitted by the Cannon River Conference, which was to be brought before the 2020 Assembly, was addressed at the May 16, 2020 Synod Council meeting. The Committee on Reference and Counsel recommended that this resolution be referred to the Faith Formation Table and the appropriate Office of the Bishop staff. The Synod Council took this recommended action and Resolution 2020-03 has been forwarded to the Faith Formation Table.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
Bishop Hassanally invited Synod Treasurer Jeff Chestnut to give the Report of the Treasurer. Treasurer Chestnut noted that the 1/31/2019 and 1/31/2020 audits have been completed, and that they are accurate representations of the financial position of the SEMN Synod. He mentioned that the 1/31/2021 audit is currently underway and will be posted on the synod webpage when completed.

He then directed the assembly to the proposed Spending Plan for Mission and Ministry 2022-2023, which is scheduled for adoption today. He noted that the deadline for amendments to the spending plan is noon today.

VICE PRESIDENT OUT-GOING REMARKS
Bishop Hassanally then invited Vice President Peterson to deliver her out-going remarks, as this is her last synod assembly as the vice president. Vice President Peterson has served as Synod Vice President for 10 years and will be ending her term on July 31.

Highlights from Vice President Peterson’s remarks:

- Vice President Peterson noted the many personal life changes that have occurred during her time as Vice President.
- She has served through two bishop elections, and worked with three bishops:

Bishops Harold Usgaard, Steven Delzer, and Regina Hassanally.

- She lifted up some of the important work that the synod has addressed during her time as Vice President: food insecurity, work with global partners, work around challenging issues (racial injustice, AMMPARO, etc.)
- Vice President Peterson talked about the changes that have been made to the Synod Council: governance as leaders and strength-based leaders model, a new mission statement, setting annual council goals, gift receipt policy, the formation of the Community Accompaniment Table and Faith Formation Table.
- She thanked everyone for the opportunity to lead in this role, the Office of the Bishop staff, synod officers and council members, and Bishops Usgaard, Delzer, and Hassanally.

RECOGNITION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Following Vice President Peterson's remarks, Bishop Hassanally recognized Ann's dedication and time shared in this position. She lifted up her grace and willingness to hear all opinions, think through all ramifications of a decision, and to lift up all voices around the table. She shared remarks shared from past bishops Harold Usgaard and Steven Delzer, who served with Vice President Peterson. The Bishop presented Ann with a copy of a painting that was commissioned for her, painted by Robyn Sand Anderson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Rev. Josh Enderson then gave announcements to the assembly before taking a brief break. The announcements reminded voting members of deadlines for submissions of: nominations, late resolutions, and amendments to the spending plan and not to log out of the zoom link during the break. The assembly took a brief break until 10:30am.

REPORT OF THE ELCA CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE

Following the break, Bishop Hassanally welcomed Ms. Judith Roberts, this year's ELCA Churchwide representative, to deliver a report. Ms. Roberts is the Senior Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the ELCA.

During the report, Ms. Roberts made the following points:

- Ms. Roberts began by lifting up Romans 8:38-39, and how nothing separates us from God's love, recognizing how Covid has separated us from others, and the heaviness of the last year.
- Ms. Roberts then discussed some of her work with diversity, how her role has changed over her 10 years working with ELCA churchwide, and the work that she is doing to address the lack of diversity within the ELCA. She reminded the assembly that Lutheranism is a global thing!
- She then discussed Mission Support and shared that the Southeastern Minnesota Synod shared \$787,863 with the churchwide expression last year. Overall, all 65 synods and congregations shared a total of \$40,739,221 in Mission Support, to go towards the shared ministries for God's work, here and around the world. She offered her thanks on behalf of the churchwide expression.
 - She noted that 41% of this is used to grow the ELCA in the United States, 22% to grow the Lutheran Church and address issues around the world, and 37% to develop current and future leaders in the ELCA.
 - She lifted up Shelter Church (a Synod-Authorized Worshipping Community) in Mankato, MN as an example of Mission Support at work here in the synod!
- Ms. Roberts discussed the COVID-19 Response fund, noting that, as of February 2021, over \$1.8 million has been raised. \$1.5 million has been given out to synods in grants. 63 synods have applied and received grants, which has served more than 387,000 people and funded 830 ministries.
 - Here in the SEMN Synod, the first round of grants supported technological updates in congregations to help them proclaim the gospel during the pandemic, as well as to support food-related ministries that congregations were hosting.
 - The second round was used to support South Sudanese

- worshipping communities in the synod.
 - The third round will be distributed to food-related ministries.
- ELCA World Hunger was then lifted up, noting the many programs and projects in food insecurity, health, peace and reconciliation, human rights, etc. that they have been involved with. She noted that 232 grants were provided internationally (totaling \$13,350,000), and 116 domestic grants, 4 Big Dream grants, and 360 Daily Bread Matching Grants were given (totaling over \$1 million).
- Ms. Roberts discussed the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, domestically and around the world, in 2020.
- The ELCA Fund for Leaders awarded 237 candidates for ministry in \$2.8 million in scholarship support.
- Missionary Support and Young Adults in Global Mission Support was discussed, noting that the YAGM program will be sending young adults out again once we are on the other side of the pandemic.
- The work of the Mission Investment Fund was lifted up, noting the work that this fund has done in our own synod to improve the ministry of congregations through its financial ministry.
- Ms. Roberts mentioned that the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering is being planned for Minneapolis, MN.
- She then lifted up SEMN people who sit on churchwide boards: Lori Lewis (Portico Board), Fred Halvin (1517 Media Board), Heather Marx (ELCA Foundation Board).
- Ms. Roberts thanked Director of Evangelical Mission Rev. Emily Carson for her work within the synod, and Bishop Regina Hassanally for her work and conversation.
- Ms. Roberts ended with a quote from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love."

Following Ms. Roberts' presentation, Bishop Hassanally thanked her for her report and then introduced a video message from Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA.

- Bishop Eaton noted the challenges and new opportunities that the last year has opened up for the church as a whole.
- She encouraged the church to imagine a new future for the church, and what the new future of the church will look like on the other side of the pandemic. She encouraged us to be ready to try (and occasionally fail when we try) new things.

RESOLUTIONS

Bishop Hassanally called attention to Resolution 2021-01: 2022 Minimum Compensation and Benefit Guidelines (submitted by the SEMN Synod Council), found in the Pre-Assembly Report. She then invited Rev. Katelyn Rakotoarivelo to present this resolution to the assembly.

Rev. Rakotoarivelo presented the following: Resolution 2021-01: 2022 Minimum Compensation and Benefit Guidelines.

“Whereas, St. Paul writes, “Each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together” (1 Corinthians 3); and

Whereas, †S6.03.a. in the Constitution for Synods states that synods will “provide for pastoral care of congregations and rostered ministers in the synod;” and

Whereas, the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Council has reviewed the *2022 Minimum Compensation and Benefits Guidelines*; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA adopt the revised document *2022 Minimum Compensation and Benefits Guidelines* for Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Ministers of Word and Service serving in congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod.

Assembly Action

SA21.05.03 Motion to approve Resolution 2021-01: 2022 Minimum Compensation and Benefit Guidelines.

Motion approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOMINEES FOR THE CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS

Bishop Hassanally then announced the nominees for Churchwide Assembly Voting Members at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly.

She noted that they would be voted on during the 2nd plenary session later in the day.

REPORT OF THE SEMN SYNOD BISHOP

Bishop Hassanally then relinquished the chair to Vice President Peterson. Vice President Peterson then invited her to give her Report of the SEMN Synod.

Bishop Hassanally gave the following remarks during her report:

- Noted that the pandemic has been present in her work and ministry.
- Bishop Hassanally lifted up ways that she has seen God's faithfulness throughout the past year.
 - Councils as Leaders gatherings, seeing lay leaders share the work of God's work in this challenging time.
 - Gatherings of pastors and deacons, and the mutual sharing of work and ministry.
 - sharing in retirements, as well as ordaining new pastors.
 - Thankful for the generosity of the Sisters of St. Francis.
 - Thanks be to God for God's faithfulness.
- She then invited the assembly to walk into the unknown future, resting in God's faithfulness.

Following the Report of the Bishop, Vice President Peterson relinquished the chair back to Bishop Hassanally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the Report of the Bishop, Vice Present Peterson gave announcements to the assembly, once again reminding the assembly not to log off their devices during lunch, and of the deadlines for various items.

LUNCH

The staff of Good Earth Village led the assembly in prayer before lunch.

Bishop Hassanally declared the assembly in recess until 1:00 pm.

SECOND PLENARY

The second plenary began with a centering worship moment, led by Rev. Shane Koepke of the Synod Assembly Worship Team.

Bishop Hassanally declared the assembly in session at 1:07 pm.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Synodical Authorized Minister Larry Iverson brought the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Lay voting members: 167

Ministers of Word & Sacrament voting members: 130

Ministers of Word & Service voting members: 7

Total voting members: 304

Voice without vote: 7

Visitors: 10

Total Assembly: 321

REPORT OF THE SEMN SYNOD SECRETARY

Bishop Hassanally then invited Secretary Rev. Josh Enderson to give the Report of the Secretary.

The Report of the Secretary focused on changes to the SEMN Synod Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions, and was given in four parts.

Part 1 of the report reflected non-required, but recommended, changes that align our Constitution with the ELCA Model Constitution for Synods. These changes had come from the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Proposed changes to constitutional provisions can be adopted by a majority vote of members present and voting. These provisions were: S7.22., S7.26., S8.11.01., S8.14., S10.08., S13.25., S13.40., S14.14., S14.17., S14.42., S15.14.

Rev. Enderson motioned to adopt these changes to the synod's constitution as presented in part 1.

Assembly Action

SA21.05.04 Motion to adopt the changes to S7.22., S7.26., S8.11.01., S8.14., S10.08., S13.25., S13.40., S14.14., S14.17., S14.42., and S15.14. in the SEMN Synod Constitution.

Motion approved.

Part 2 of the report reflected changes that were presented to the Synod Council by the Committee on Reference and Counsel. The

proposed changes relate to S7.34.02. (a bylaw change) and S7.34.02.A10. (a continuing resolution change). As a bylaw change requires a 2/3 majority vote and a continuing resolution requires only a majority vote, the approval of these changes for Part 2 were split into two motions.

Rev. Enderson motioned to adopt the change to bylaw S7.34.02. as presented in part 2.

Assembly Action

SA21.05.05 Motion to adopt the change to S7.34.02. in the SEMN Synod Bylaws.

Motion approved.

Rev. Enderson motioned to adopt the change to continuing resolution S7.34.02.A10. as presented in part 2.

Assembly Action

SA21.05.06 Motion to adopt the changes to S7.34.02.A10. in the SEMN Synod Continuing Resolutions.

Motion approved.

Part 3 of the report presents changes that were presented to the Synod Council from the Endowment Committee. The proposed changes relate to S11.14.01., S11.14.02., S11.14.03., S11.14.04., S11.14.05., S11.14.06. (bylaw changes), and S11.14.02.A20. (a new continuing resolution). As a bylaw change requires a 2/3 majority vote and a continuing resolution requires only a majority vote, the approval of these changes for Part 3 were split into two motions.

Rev. Enderson motioned to adopt the change to bylaws S11.14.01., S11.14.02., S11.14.03., S11.14.04., S11.14.05., S11.14.06. as presented in part 3.

Assembly Action

SA21.05.07 Motion to adopt the changes to S11.14.01., S11.14.02., S11.14.03., S11.14.04., S11.14.05., and S11.14.06. in the SEMN Synod Bylaws.

Motion approved.

Rev. Enderson motioned to adopt continuing resolution S11.14.02.A20. as presented in part 3.

Assembly Action

SA21.05.08 Motion to adopt S11.14.02.A20. in the SEMN Synod Continuing Resolutions.

Motion approved.

Part 4 of the report presented changes to Continuing Resolutions that were approved by the Synod Council on February 8, 2020 and November 14, 2020. These were presented for informational purposes only. No action was needed.

ADOPTION OF THE SPENDING PLAN

Treasurer Chestnut was then invited forward to present the Proposed Spending Plan for Mission and Ministry for 2022-2023.

Bishop Hassanally moved adoption of the Proposed Spending Plan for 2022-2023.

Assembly Action

SA21.05.09 Motion to adopt the Proposed Spending Plan for 2022-2023.

Motion approved.

MISSION SUPPORT UPDATE

Bishop Hassanally welcomed DEM and Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Emily Carson to the microphone to share an update on Mission Support.

Rev. Carson shared the following comments:

- Rev. Carson lifted up the work that is done through mission support.
- She noted that the Holy Spirit is at work through us, through mission support, and is transforming the world through us.
- It is our work to steward the gifts that are received to do God's work. We all have the responsibility to participate in a transformed world.

ELECTION OF CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS

Following this, the Bishop invited Vice President Peterson to give an update on nominations relating to voting members to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly.

She reported that no additional names were brought forward for any of the positions. Since there was an equivalent number of nominees for each vacancy on the 2022 Churchwide Assembly Voters and Alternates Ballot, Bishop Hassanally declared those nominated elected.

The following people were declared elected:

Root River Conference

- Rev. Dean Aponte-Safe
- Burton Svendsen
- JoEllen Barak
- Rev. Michael Short (Alternate)
- Joyce Iverson (Alternate)
- Nancy Svendsen (Alternate)

Zumbro River Conference

- Rev. Paul Thompson
- Ron Jensen
- Dianna Parks
- Rev. Marla Rotman (Alternate)
- Chris Roberts (Alternate)
- Amy Mohr (Alternate)

Blue Earth River Conference

- Rev. Jeanette Bidne
- Bob Hanson
- Genie Hanson
- Deacon Bob Tewes (Alternate)
- Jim Beatty (Alternate)
- Renae Beatty (Alternate)

Cannon River Conference

- Rev. Kathy Lowry
- Knight Stanley
- Mary Veiseth
- Rev. Hannah Bergstrom de Leons (Alternate)
- Jan Mosher (Alternate)

Minnesota River Conference

- Rev. Allyson Bowman
- Dave Nelson
- Kim Wencil
- Rev. Kristen Anderson (Alternate)
- Fred Knudsen (Alternate)
- Nadine Omans (Alternate)

Youth and Young Adult

- Gideon Anderson

BIPOC

- Deborah Lyanga

At Large

- Marshall Laidlaw
- D.J. Chatelaine
- Emma Mentz
- Lisa Dierks
- Rev. Ben Loven
- Rev. Josh Enderson
- Bishop Regina Hassanally
- Thomas Scott Peterson (Alternate)
- Paul Streed (Alternate)
- Ashley Corbett (Alternate)
- Nancy Svendsen (Alternate)
- Rev. Kris Ferkin (Alternate)
- Deacon Carole Joyce (Alternate)

ELECTION OF BOARDS

Bishop Hassanally then called on Vice President Peterson to bring the report of the Nominating Committee. She reported that no additional names were brought forward for any of the positions. Since there was an equivalent number of nominees for each vacancy on the election of synod council and synod committee positions, Bishop Hassanally declared that it was a unanimous ballot and those nominated elected.

The following people were declared elected:

Synod Council Vice President

- Lisa Dierks (1st term-2021-2025)

Synod Council Youth Member (2 positions)

- Anya Liedtke-Quick (3rd term-2021-2022)
- Jonah Udstuen (1st term-2021-2022)

Synod Council Young Adult Member

- Adam Anderson (2nd term-2021-2022)
- Marshall Laidlaw (1st term-2021-2023)

Synod Council At-Large (Lay) (6 positions)

- Karen Myers (1st term-2021-2023)
- Gary Schindler (1st term-2021-2023)
- Ramona Skare (1st term-2021-2023)
- Carolyn Solberg (1st term-2021-2023)
- Burton Svendsen (2nd term-2021-2022)
- Mary Veiseth (2nd term-2021-2022)

Synod Council At-Large (Rostered) (9 positions)

- Rev. Collette Broady-Grund (1st term-2021-2023)
- Rev. Jenna Couch (1st term-2021-2023)
- Rev. Shelly Cunningham (1st term-2021-2023)
- Rev. Kris Ferkin (2nd term-2021-2022)
- Rev. David Knox (2nd term-2021-2022)
- Rev. Benjamin Loven (2nd term-2021-2022)

- Deacon Amanda Sabelko (1st term-2021-2023)
- Rev. Dr. Kristen Venne (1st term-2021-2023)
- Rev. John Weisenburger (1st term-2021-2023)

Committee on Consultation (1 rostered and 1 lay per conference for a 6-year term)

- Rev. Mary Iverson (Rostered BER)
- Rev. Jonathan Davis (Rostered CR)
- Rev. Todd Buegler (Rostered MR)
- Jacqueline Wennes (Lay RR)
- Larry Laber (Lay ZR)
- Rev. Dr. Carl-Eric Gentes (Rostered ZR)

Committee on Discipline (1 rostered and 1 lay for a 6-year term)

- Jayne Boeding (Lay at-large)
- Rev. Anjanette Bandel (Rostered at-large)

Augsburg University Corporation Board

- Rev. Mark Boorsma
- Rev. Jason Bryan-Wegner
- Rev. Krista Henning-Ferkin
- Rev. Elizabeth Hermeier
- Carolyn Issak
- Rev. Nathan Luong
- Rev. Katelyn Rakotoarivelo
- Kari Solak

GREETING FROM THE NEW SEMN SYNOD COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Bishop Hassanally then invited Lisa Dierks, the newly elected Synod Vice President to come forward and share a greeting to the assembly. She thanked those pastors who have welcomed her into the ELCA, as well as into leadership roles within the synod, and gave gratitude for the leadership of Vice President Peterson.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2021 SYNOD ASSEMBLY OFFERING TOTAL

The Bishop shared her deep appreciation for the generosity of the assembly's giving this year and shared the current assembly offering total. The 2021 assembly offering total is \$22,000. This is designated to support the work of our Synod through our Synod's ministry partners and to start the Holy Spirit Fund.

THANKING OUT-GOING SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

At this time, Bishop Hassanally thanked the synod council members whose service on the SEMN Synod Council is ending with this

assembly. The out-going members recognized were:

- Rev. Heather Culuris
- Rev. Kerry Eversole
- Rebecca Tennis Hanson
- Rev. Dave Klawitter
- Ron Petersen
- Karen Quanrud
- Rev. Julie Rogness
- Elise Schmidt-Egbert

INSTALLATION OF SYNOD COUNCIL

The Bishop then presented the assembly with the newly elected and continuing SEMN Synod Council members. She then led this group through the installation litany and installed the council. Members being installed:

Reelected/continuing:

- Adam Anderson
- Rev. Shelley Cunningham
- Rev. Kris Ferkin
- Rev. David Knox
- Anya Liedtke-Quick
- Rev. Benjamin Loven
- Burton Svendsen
- Mary Veiseth
- Lisa Dierks-Vice-President Elect
- Rev. Josh Enderson-Synod Secretary
- Jeffrey Chestnut-Synod Treasurer

Newly Elected

- Karen Myers
- Gary Schindler
- Ramona Skare
- Carolyn Solberg
- Rev. John Weisenburger
- Rev. Collette Broady-Grund
- Rev. Jenna Couch
- Deacon Amanda Sabelko
- Rev. Dr. Kristen Venne
- Jonah Udstuen
- Marshall Laidlaw

CLOSING REMARKS, SENDING WORSHIP MOMENT & ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY

Bishop Hassanally thanked Trinity Lutheran and all who worked behind the scenes who have made this assembly possible. She thanked the Synod Staff and the synod staff of other synods who have shared wisdom in how to do a digital synod assembly.

The assembly ended by singing “Great is Thy Faithfulness,” and the sending litany. Bishop Hassanally closed the assembly, and the 2021 SEMN Synod Assembly adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Joshua Enderson, SEMN Synod Secretary

APPROVED at Synod Council Meeting,
07/21/2021, JE