



Southeastern Minnesota Synod Council Electronic Meeting Minutes November 24, 2025

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod Council held an electronic meeting via email on November 24, 2025.

Members present/voting: Rev. Shawn Brooks, Rev. Anna Ferro, David Holger, Matthew Huggenvik, Rev. Cheryl Indehar, Barbara Lake, Jennifer Levison, Rev. Sam Mailleue, Sam Pollack, Roy Srp, Ed Taylor, Dr. Joyce Thompsen, Treasurer Tammy Dahlvang, Secretary Rev. Josh Enderson, Vice President Lisa Dierks, and Bishop Regina Hassanally.

Absent/not voting: Rev. Jessica Bakken Busch, Bradley Leathers.

CALL TO ORDER & AGENDA

- Vice President Lisa Dierks called an electronic meeting of the synod council on November 24, 2025 at 11:52am.
- There was one item on the agenda:
 - To approve the congregation constitution for Trinity Lutheran of Thomson, IA.

APPROVAL OF CONGREGATION CONSTITUTION

- This constitution had been included in the materials for the previous council meeting but was inadvertently left off the agenda.
- Trinity Lutheran of Thompson's constitution has been through the synod's approval process and simply needs to be reviewed and accepted by synod council.
- Time was allotted for discussion. Following discussion voting was open until 11:59am on November 26, 2025.
- Council Action:
 - to thank Trinity Lutheran Church in Thompson, for the work done on the constitution and bylaws;
 - to express appreciation for the way the congregation bylaws have been codified in the document as a model for other congregations in the synod; and
 - to accept the constitution approved by the congregation on November 26th, 2025 as consistent with the 2025 Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Southeastern Minnesota Synod.
- Rev. Sam Mailleue motioned to accept Trinity Lutheran of Thompson, IA congregation constitution as consistent with the 2025 Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Southeastern Minnesota Synod.

SC25.11.71 Motion to accept Trinity Lutheran of Thompson, IA congregation constitution as consistent with the 2025 Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Southeastern Minnesota Synod.

Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

- Vice President Dierks declared the electronic meeting adjourned on November 26, 2025 at 1:37pm. 16 members voted in the affirmative, 0 opposed.

Submitted,
Rev. Josh Enderson
Synod Council Secretary

APPROVED 02/21/2026 JE