

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
27th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
May 2-3, 2014
Franconia Mennonite Church, Telford, PA
God's Work. Our Hands.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Resolutions from the Constitution Committee

S. A. 14.05.01: The assembly approved amendments to non-required provisions, **S7.23.** and **S7.26.**, of the synod's constitution as recommended by the 2013 Churchwide Assembly.

S. A. 14.05.02: The assembly approved an amendment to bylaw, **S12.01.02.**, removing the requirement for a designated number of conferences.

Action: Update the synod constitution. Send a highlighted copy of the synod constitution to the Office of the Secretary, ELCA.

Resolutions from the Treasurer and the Finance Committee

S. A. 14.05.03 RESOLVED THAT the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly receives as information the draft report of the auditors of the synod's financial statements for the fiscal year ending 2013.

Action: Send final report of the auditors to the Synod Council for approval when available.

S. A. 14.05.06 RESOLVED THAT the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly adopts the 2015 budget as presented.

No further action required.

Resolutions from the Committee on Reference and Counsel

Thrivent's Neutrality Policy

S. A. 14.05.04 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at this assembly urges individual Thrivent Financial members, who are members of this synod's congregations, to register their concerns about this neutrality policy, directing their responses to Thrivent Financial representatives, Thrivent Financial branches, and the Thrivent Financial Board of Directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at this assembly calls on the congregations of this synod, particularly those who own Thrivent Financial products, to register their concerns to the Thrivent Financial Board of Directors regarding this neutrality policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America direct the Secretary of this synod to send a copy of this resolution to the Thrivent Financial Board of Directors.

Action: The Secretary sends a copy of the resolution to the Thrivent Financial Board of Directors.

Transitional Ministry

S. A. 14.05.07 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the synod Transitional Ministry Development Team review and evaluate our present model for interim ministry, examine models used by other synods (and their perceived effectiveness), and make recommendations about our synod's interim ministry process with the purpose of expanding options for congregations entering transition; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the synod Transitional Ministry Development Team actively solicit input from laity and clergy from congregations who have been involved in the Interim Ministry process in the past two years, as well as other lay members and clergy, and seek input from multicultural and secular sources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the synod Transitional Ministry Development Team provide a report to the Synod Council before next year's Synod Assembly and to the 2015 Synod Assembly.

Action: Refer to the Transitional Ministry Development Team.

Resolution of Thanks

S. A. 14.05.08 The full text of this resolution is available in the assembly minutes.

No further action required.

Resolutions from the Synod Council

Mission Advancement Campaign

S. A. 14.05.05 In order to equip, strengthen, and grow the congregations and leaders of this territory, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA, enter a mission advancement campaign by which to clarify and communicate a compelling vision, engage congregations in a process of discovery and growth, and develop resources necessary to achieve the mission to which we believe God is calling us.

In progress.

Unfinished Business

S. A. 14.05.09 RESOLVED THAT the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly refers the document "Sabbaticals: Extended Study and Renewal, Guidelines for Implementation (April 2014)" to the Synod Council for review and presentation to the 2015 Synod Assembly.

Action: Refer to the Synod Council.

**FINAL REPORT OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
Synod Assembly 2014**

SYNOD COUNCIL

TICKET #1 SYNOD COUNCIL, Clergy (2017)

Stephen Keiser
Thomas Lang
Jane Marston

TICKET #2 SYNOD COUNCIL, Lay May at Large (2017)

Wynne Fisher

TICKET #3 SYNOD COUNCIL, Lay Woman at Large (2017)

Lucille Hall

TICKET #4 SYNOD COUNCIL, Chester Conference Lay May (2017)

Rod Rothermel

TICKET #5 SYNOD COUNCIL, Lower Bucks Conference Lay Man (2017)

Donald Gleiter

TICKET #6 SYNOD COUNCIL, Lower Montgomery Conference Lay Woman (2017)

Sue Massey

TICKET #7 SYNOD COUNCIL, Youth Representative Lay Woman (2016)

Emily Fowler

TICKET #8 SYNOD COUNCIL, Young Adult Representative Lay Man (Person of Color and/or Whose Primary Language is Other than English) (2016)

Emmanuel Alves

TICKET #9 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE, Clergy (2020)

Marie Canon
George Detweiler
Gerald Faust
Regina Goodrich

TICKET #10 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE, Lay Woman (2020)

Mary Julia McKenzie
Margie Pendarvis-Wright

TICKET #11 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE, Lay Man (2020)

Robert Hensil

Tom Salber

TICKET #12 COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE, Clergy

Donna Wright – term ending 2020

Paul Sorcek – term ending 2020

Janice Vogt – term ending 2018

Charles Leonard – term ending 2018

Mark Singh-Hueter – term ending 2016

TICKET #13 COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE, Lay Woman

Susan Pursch – term ending 2020

Joyce Brown Adams – term ending 2016

TICKET #14 COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE, Lay Man

John Ungerman – term ending 2020

Pete Duskey – term ending 2016