

**MINUTES**  
**of the 159<sup>th</sup> MEETING**  
**of the SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD COUNCIL**  
**of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
**St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Perkasie, PA**  
**February 27, 2020**

**WELCOME AND DEVOTIONS**

The Reverend Dr. Phil Krey and the Reverend Joshua Sullivan, pastors of St. Andrew, welcomed the Synod Council, and shared some highlights of the ministry of St. Andrew. St. Andrew focusses on invitation and details, delivering cookies to visitors, and trying to make “sticky contacts” when they come to encourage a connection to the congregation. St. Andrew has made small group ministry a priority in order to encourage such connections.

The Reverend Carolann Hopcke, Dean of the Upper Bucks Conference, led the Council in Devotions. Based on Jan Richardson’s “Where Breath Begins,” Pastor Hopcke had the members reflect on their journeys in life, as we enter this Lenten Journey

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Tracey A. Beasley called the 158<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council to order at 4:29 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the 158<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council were approved as presented.

**SETTING THE AGENDA**

The Synod Council adopted the Agenda for the 159<sup>th</sup> meeting with one alteration: to move the Mission Moment to precede the Report of the Bishop.

**MISSION MOMENT**

Ms. Phyllis Boyer, President of the Synodical Unit of the Women of the E.L.C.A., and Ms. Linda Garcia, Vice President, presented the Mission Moment.

They commented that they are pleased to note some connections with the Synod Council. Ms. Sandra Zimmerman is a Board Member of the Women of the E.L.C.A.; the Reverend Gwendolyn King will be representing the SEPA Synodical Unit of the Women of the E.L.C.A. at the next Triennial Gathering; the Reverend Dr. Jennifer Phelps has an article in the current edition of the Women of the E.L.C.A.’s magazine, “Gather;” Bishop Davenport will be the keynote speaker at the June Synodical Unit event, held at St. Matthew, Springfield, where Secretary Karl Richard is pastor.

The Women of the E.L.C.A. was formed in 1987, just prior to the merger that created the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and was voted into existence in 1988, the year of the merger. The Women of the E.L.C.A. is a separate, self-funding unit.

A goal of the Women of the E.L.C.A. is to empower women in service, as the women of our Church work to address the needs of women and children, particularly those in poverty. There are several tools the Women of the E.L.C.A. have to empower women in their faith and service. One of them is “Gather” magazine, the official magazine of the organization. The latest edition focusses on 50 years of the Lutheran Church ordaining women, and features the hands of our Bishop on the cover. Within “Gather” are Bible studies geared particularly for women, and they are very helpful for local church study.

“The Interchange” is the newsletter of the Women of the E.L.C.A., and there is also a website to make information broadly available.

The current desire is to attract more young women to join in this ministry, and so there are blogs and podcasts available to bring information and resources in this format as well.

February 24<sup>th</sup> is the second annual “Bold Women’s Sunday” – intended to encourage women to act boldly in their faith in Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement – “As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”

When women gather together, amazing things can be accomplished. We gather in congregational groups, in synodical groups, and as a church-wide entity. We are trying to make the organization more flexible by stream-lining the leadership structure and how congregational units operate to make it more possible for more women to be able to participate.

The Women of the E.L.C.A. works for social justice in many areas, particularly issues of women and children in poverty. Among the areas of focus are: AMMPARO, the effort of the E.L.C.A. to address needs of migrant minors; “Thursday’s in Black,” an initiative of the World Council of Churches which works to bring awareness to the issues of women experiencing gender-based violence; Lutheran World Relief quilts; and advocating against the scourge of Human Trafficking.

The next Triennial Gathering, entitled, “Just Love,” is scheduled for July 16 – 19, 2020, in Phoenix, AZ.

A focus from the last triennial was the need to provide potable water to Flint, and to recognize domestic violence in our areas of serving. In kind gifts were received for food pantries, supplies for Haiti, and domestic violence shelters.

At the 2019 SEPA synodical gathering the focus was also on water for Flint. \$15,000 was raised to send to our sister synod in Michigan, along with many notes of encouragement. The speaker addressed issues of water in our own area, and the efforts we can take to keep our water safe and secure.

In SEPA Synod there are 30 congregational units. Many meet monthly. They do many things, including making LWR quilts, and collecting clothing for domestic violence shelters. They give mutual support to other congregational units, encouraging one another on the work that each does.

The Synodical Organization assists in collecting the quilts for LWR, and provides the money and transportation to get the quilts to the distribution site in Maryland.

The Synodical organization is on the SEPA Synod website; down at bottom of list with the “W”s.

This year’s Synod Gathering, “This is My Story,” will be June 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthew, Springfield. Bishop Davenport will be the speaker, and we will celebrate and honor the women pastors within our Synod.

### **REPORT OF THE BISHOP**

Bishop Patricia A. Davenport began by asking if there were questions for her from her report.

#### **Assignment Process**

The Reverend Joey Klinger asked how committed the Church is to the Assignment process for seminary graduates who are candidates for call as it is currently structured, or how might it change?

Bishop Davenport said the Church is aware that the process needs to be changed, as it reflects dynamics and demographics from thirty years ago, and which do not reflect the reality of our graduates and candidates today. Different situations call for different approaches, and this is being considered by the broader Church leadership.

#### **End of Year Thanks**

A small staff luncheon was held at Christmas time to thank them and spend time together. We need to respect family and friends, and cultivate personal relationships as much as we do our professional relationships.

#### **Conference of Bishops**

The Conference of Bishops has decided to pull “Trustworthy Servants,” the potential successor to “Visions and Expectations,” from consideration. The goal will be to create an entirely new document, developed with a broader constituent base involved, and allowing for more discussion on this important topic.

Bishop Davenport has been elected Vice Chair of the Conference of Bishops. This has increased the number of Zoom meetings, but has not meant significantly more travel. One of the benefits of this position is the ability she has to build deeper relationships with other bishops of the Church. She is working on dividing the bishops into groups for prayer and support. It is not easy, but it is coming together.

#### **AME Church Founder’s Celebration**

Bishop Davenport was asked to preach for this event, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop noted that the AME has a reverence for their leaders that was overwhelming. Though it was the AME's anniversary, the occasion was intentionally ecumenical. This was a good opportunity for us as the E.L.C.A. to live into our desire to intentionally connect with the historically black churches in the United States.

### **United Lutheran Seminary**

The Seminary is exploring the possibility of developing Congregational Ambassadors to develop better ties between congregations and the Seminary, to describe what is happening at ULS, and to ask congregations for support. An ongoing conversation is being had to see if we can coordinate an understanding of giving support between the Seminary and the Synod so we that we can know what our congregations are giving in direct support to ULS, in order to celebrate the total of what is given by both the Synod and our congregations.

### **Muhlenberg College**

The college's search for a new president is on hold for two years, as they work to live into the vision set by the most recent president.

### **Leadership for Faithful Innovation**

Bishop Davenport called on Pastors Jennifer Phelps and Joey Klinger to describe a bit of what is happening in this program.

Pr. Phelps shared that on area of focus is to create lay guiding teams which will experiment with how to break old habits, and to listen to what God might be saying to the Church today. For instance, Trinity, Perkasio, is engaging young families to see how they might be better engaged in the church.

Pr. Klinger added that it is important to give permission to continually try new things.

Bishop Davenport concurred, saying her motto is "fail fast, fail forward, fail often."

There are eight congregations that are invested in this program, and we are curious to see what they will do.

### **Stewardship Extravaganza**

This was a wonderful two day event hosted by Trinity, Lansdale. Due to the support if congregations who helped to underwrite this program, we hosted a world class event for just \$50 per person. There were great speakers who kept telling us about how to keep this vision of ministry, and to remind us that Jesus is the focus, not just paying the bills. Many thanks to The Reverend Karen Sease, Synod staff, the Reverend Larry Smoose, and the Stewardship team for their work in coordinating this event.

Those who attended are very excited to have another event like this. We need to broaden the participation and the representation so that leaders of all types are involved, not because of their ethnicity or gender, but because they have gifts to bring to this important work.

### **Holy Closure**

Grace, Norristown, ended its ministry January 12<sup>th</sup>. These events are always bittersweet, as on this day the church is always full, and there is great celebration of what has happened in the congregation's history, leaving one wishing things could be different. It is good that Grace

“visioned forward,” and planned their ending well, including sharing their resources in ways that will bless the Church. Bishop Davenport is grateful that nearly all the members of Grace have found homes in other congregations; they have not quit on the church!

### **Urban Seeds**

This program, which gives micro-loans to members of our congregations, held a Youth Financial Expo at Grace, Philadelphia. Approximately 40 youth learned about money management, starting a business, and the need for generosity. Bishop Davenport was able to speak with several adults at this event.

### **Martin Luther King, Jr., Service**

The Philadelphia Chapter of the African Descent Lutheran Association hosted this service at Grace, Drexel Hill. Bishop Davenport was the preacher for the event. Sister Shavonne Edwards was the soloist, but Sister Tracey Beasley and Pastor Cornelius Eaddy also sang as a part of the celebration.

### **Staff Retreat**

The staff had its first overnight retreat. It was a good time to grow and vision together. The discussion centered in Simon Sinek’s concept of the “Golden Circle:” Why, What, and How. Bishop asked that we hold our staff in prayer as they continue to plan for the ministry we do together in SEPA Synod.

### **Silver Springs – Martin Luther School and The Villages**

These two organizations have joined forces in order to maximize their impact, and receive further funding streams. Silver Springs has been affiliated with the SEPA Synod, and The Villages had been affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). They are now incorporated as Gemma Services. This has changed the official affiliation, as the new organization no longer has its 501.c.3 status through SEPA Synod.

Pastor Phelps shared that this does not change our history of affiliation or our ministry association. Please realize that this is a difficult decision to create the funding streams that are necessary, but the work they do still continues. They still need our support.

### **Congregational Vitality Event**

Bishop Davenport, the Reverend Dr. William Flippin and the Reverend Tim Johansen were among leaders from across the E.L.C.A. who attended a training event in San Diego. There were great speakers, great workshops, and a hopeful spirit as we live into “Mission 2025” of the E.L.C.A.

AMMPARO had a large contingency at the conference. As part of the event there was a service at the border at Tijuana. At this point the wall between the U.S. and Mexico extends well out into the sea. It used to be possible to touch hands through the slats of the wall. Now a second series of slats has been added, so one can only touch pinkies through the wall. Very sad and moving experience, as U.S. Federal helicopters flew overhead during the entire service.

### **Two Significant Deaths**

Bishop Davenport noted with particular sadness the death of two leaders of the Church.

The Reverend Dr. Herbert Michel, who had served in SEPA Synod, and The Reverend Dr. Herbert Chilstrom, the first Presiding Bishop of the E.L.C.A., both died recently. We thank God for their service to Christ's Church. Please keep their families in prayer.

### **Sanctuary Church**

Bishop Davenport read an email from Mr. Brett Shaw, a member of St. Paul's, Applebachsville, expressing his support for the direction the Church has taken regarding Sanctuary Church. Mr. Shaw had attended a gathering of the Upper Bucks Conference addressing the concerns raised by St. John's, Richlandtown. While there is some consternation over the action of the Churchwide Assembly, it is refreshing to hear such a strong affirmation of what we are doing from one of our members. Within his message, he wrote, "How can we ever separate this word [sanctuary] from JESUS CHRIST and the Church of Jesus Christ?" Mr. Shaw ended his email with these words: "If 'sanctuary,' a Holy and Sacred place, is 'dangerous' if it means Advocacy and Protection for vulnerable refugees, then I'm all in. I cast my lot with Jesus."

### **Actions on the Roster**

*At this time the Synod Council went into executive session to consider the actions on the roster. This is done because the actions may include changes in call that rostered ministers have not yet been able to share with their ministry site. They are included in the minutes because by the time of posting, notifications will have been made.*

Secretary Richard presented the following actions on the roster, all of which were **unanimously adopted by the Synod Council.**

#### *Call to Specialized Ministry*

**S.C.20.02.01. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council extend a one-year renewable call to Specialized Ministry to the Rev. Margaret Ainsley as Director of Pastoral Care at Doylestown Hospital in Doylestown, effective February 27, 2020 to February 26, 2021.**

#### *Request to move from Active to On Leave from Call Roster*

**S.C.20.02.02. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council grant on leave from call status to the Rev. David Oppold, first year, effective December 27, 2019**

**S.C.20.02.03. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council grant on leave from call status to the Rev. Susan Lang, first year, effective February 27, 2020**

#### *Requests to move from Active to Retired Roster*

**S.C.20.02.04. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council grants the Rev. Janice Vogt retirement status, effective February 1, 2020**

### **Housing Allowances**

**S.C.20.02.05. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council approve the 2020 housing allowance for Bishop Patricia Davenport, Pastor**

**Robert Fisher, Pastor Violet Little and Pastor Karen Sease, and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the recipients be reminded that the amounts so designated as rental/housing allowance are excludable from the gross income of the respective recipients only to the extent that said amounts are used to rent or provide a home. Further the amount eligible for the Section 107 exclusion may not exceed the fair rental value of the minister's home (including furnishings and appurtenances) plus the cost of utilities. To the extent a greater amount is designated as rental/housing allowance, the designation will be ineffectual with respect to such amount.**

**The Synod Council unanimously adopted the resolution.**

#### **Information Not Requiring Action**

**Transfers:**

The Rev. Linnea K. Clark to New Jersey Synod effective December 7, 2019

The Rev. Nathaniel Preisinger to Rocky Mountain Synod effective December 8, 2019

**Death:**

The Rev. Dr. Herbert Michel (*Former Retired Pastor of Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, Member of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod as of February 17, 2009*)

#### **REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Report was received as presented.

#### **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

The Reverend Karl M. Richard, Secretary, referenced his written report.

#### **St. John's, Richlandtown**

A letter was drafted and sent to St. John's Congregation Council sharing the Synod Council's response to their resolution regarding Sanctuary Church from the discussion at the last Synod Council meeting.

A letter was also drafted and sent to Presiding Bishop Eaton, E.L.C.A. Secretary Rothmeyer, and the Church Council regarding this concern.

A letter was received from Bishop Eaton in response.

All letters were shared with the Synod Council, and Bishop Eaton's response was also forwarded to the Congregation Council of St. John's, Richlandtown.

#### **Changes to bylaws and continuing resolutions unique to SEPA Synod**

Secretary Richard reviewed proposed amendments to the portion of our Synod Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions that are unique to SEPA Synod. These involve changes to language and grammar to bring these provisions into alignment with the changes to Synod Constitutions adopted by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.

One provision that is still being clarified is S6.03.14., which describes our relationship as a Synod to the Social Ministry Organizations on our territory. Secretary Richard expressed his thanks to the Pr. Jennifer Phelps for her assistance in this language. Pr. Phelps had previously

served Liberty Lutheran Services, and had a strong understanding of the current structure and relationships of the SMOs and the Synod. The proposed revisions are being shared with each of the many SMOs on our territory to ensure they concur with the way in which we are amending this section.

#### **Reception of the property of a former congregation of the SEPA Synod**

Grace, Norristown has experienced “holy closure.” To formally receive the assets of this former congregation, I move the following:

**S.C.20.02.06. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council acknowledges with sadness the action of Grace Lutheran Church, Haws Ave., Norristown, to close, effective January 12, 2020, on which date the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod received the property of Grace, Norristown, in accordance with the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, specifically 9.71.b., +S13.23., and \*C7.01.; and, on this date, February 27, 2020, authorizes the Bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, or the Bishop’s representative(s), to sell the property on behalf of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod.**

**The Synod Council unanimously adopted the resolution.**

Bishop Davenport shared that Grace, Norristown, had suggested that it might be a good site for the Synod offices. The Synod had used space at Grace several years ago, and it is a property of the Synod. Bishop is grateful for the suggestion, but as with so many of our former congregational sites, deferred maintenance makes this impractical. There are concerns at Grace with asbestos, security, water issues, and other concerns which do not make this a feasible choice.

Mr. Adam Clark shared an observation about our former congregations. He noted that for several of them, their on-line presence is still active. This may cause concerns if someone sees their site and tries to attend worship, only to discover later that the congregation is closed. Bishop Davenport said this will be shared with Pastor William Vanderslice, who works with congregations in the process of Holy Closure.

#### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Janet Neff reviewed the financial reports, and outlined the budget for 2021 (fiscal year ending 1/31/2022). Mr. Albert Glenn, chair of the Finance Committee, was not available this evening. Pastor Sellers and Mr. Everett Wick, members of Finance, are here to assist with the report.

Main points of the budget:

Mission support from congregations is down by \$132,000. This is the lowest response we have had to budget in five years. We are hopeful the Stewardship Extravaganza and other efforts by Pr. Karen Sease, Pr. Larry Smoose, and the Stewardship Committee will bear positive results. We agree with the theme of the Extravaganza: it is not about the budget, but about ministry.

At the moment we anticipate a budget deficit (fiscal year ending 1/31/2022) of \$108,554.

This deficit is in part because of the Mission portion of the budget, which is never expected make a profit due to the nature of what we do in this segment of our spending.

This past year (fiscal year ending 1/31/2020), ended with a surplus, but this was because we were able to sell six properties we had under management.

There is a cost of living increase for the staff. The staff did not include this in their budget proposal, but the Finance Committee felt it is important to do this to properly care for our staff. If we are in deficit at the end of the fiscal year we will need to apply to the Fund for Mission for the difference.

Money from the sale of the property of the former St. John's, Quakertown is a receivable; we sold the property on the last day of the fiscal year, January 31, 2020.

The Finance Committee has a concern regarding the sale of the property of St. Petri-Hope. It appears as though the congregation may have made an inappropriate designation of funds to Northeast Philadelphia congregations. According to our practice, congregations may designate funds from their cash assets to bless other ministries, but they cannot designate money from the sale of the property. This is because when the property is sold, it is no longer in the possession of the congregation. It is the asset, and responsibility of the Synod. The congregation no longer exists to make a determination of the sale of property, or of the use of the proceeds from the sale.

This concern has both legal and relational ramifications. The interdependent nature of our structure, congregation, synod, and churchwide organization is based on trust of each other, and a need to hold each other accountable. We do not want to set a precedent allows former congregations to believe they have continued say over assets they once owned.

Pr. Gwendolyn King asked for clarification of which properties were sold.

Ms. Neff stated that they are the properties that once housed Immanuel, Burholme; St. Michael's, Germantown; Prince of Peace, Plymouth Meeting; St. Petri-Hope, NE Philadelphia; Good Shepherd, Mayfair; and St. John's, Quakertown.

Mr. Adam Clark moved that the Synod Council approve the following resolution:

**S.C.20.02.07. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council approve the budget for 2021 (fiscal year ending 1/31/2022) for presentation to the Synod Assembly for adoption.**

**The Synod Council unanimously adopted the resolution.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Forward Together in Faith**

The written report submitted to the Council show where the latest round of grants has been submitted. They include:

Total Grants awarded for 2020 (\$24,595), by area of emphasis:

Networking	\$1,750	Communicating	\$4,250
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Innovating	\$9,340	Equipping	\$9,255
<b>Ministry Site</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Area</b>
Ascension	Newtown	\$2,105	Communicating
Community of Love	Oxford	\$1,000	Innovating
Family of God	Buckingham	\$ 500	Networking
Grace	Hatfield	\$2,000	Innovating
Liberty Lutheran	Ambler	\$1,650	Equipping
Lutheran Campus Ministry	Philadelphia	\$5,000	Equipping
New Hanover – Peer support	New Hanover	\$2,515	Innovating
New Hanover – Incubator	New Hanover	\$1,000	Innovating
New Life Ministries	Philadelphia	\$ 500	Equipping
Redeemer	Jamison	\$1,000	Innovating
St. David’s	Philadelphia	\$1,000	Equip/Comm
St. John’s	Blue Bell	\$ 500	Networking
St. John’s	Sumneytown	\$1,500	Equipping
St. Michael’s	Philadelphia	\$2,500	Net/Comm
Trinity	Fort Washington	\$1,825	Innovating

**Constitution Committee**

The Reverend Tyler Rasmussen has moved to a new call in Michigan, and is no longer the chair of this Committee. The Reverend Serena Sellers has agreed to take over the chair. The Committee will meet in the next week or two to reorganize itself and review the status of the congregations that are revising their constitutions. These congregations will be made aware of this change in leadership, and what they still need to do in the process.

**Investment Committee**

Mr. David Ehret, chair of the Investment Committee, shared that they met in early February. They have scheduled the investment of the approximately \$421,000 received from the sale of the building of the former St. Petri-Hope. This may need to be revisited, as there are questions about restrictions that may be on these funds.

The Vanguard funds are slightly (-\$14,000) down after the first month of the calendar year.

The T. Rowe Price funds are up significantly (+569,500), but this also includes new investments added to these funds.

The overall value of our investments mid-February is \$5,356,032. We are anticipating growth of 7% this year.

**Nominating Committee**

The Reverend Lydia Posselt, chair of the Nominating Committee, distributed copies of the Nomination Report as of this date. She asked members of the Council to check it for accuracy, and inform her of any changes they see that may be needed. She asked that if any Council members are eligible for reelection, and have not yet submitted their paperwork, to please do so as soon as possible. She further requested that members of the Synod Council work to identify suitable persons to fill the open slots, and encourage them to submit their forms. All nominations need to be in by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New business**

Mr. Henry Geyer noted that Pr. Flippin is in Living Lutheran, and Pr. Lydia Posselt is in the Christ in our Home devotional booklet.

Pr. Sellers inquired about our 501.c.3. status. Congregations are considered 501.c.3. organizations through the Synod, and the Synod forms expire next month. Are we OK with this? Mr. Martin Schwab, Senior Accountant, said yes we are, the paperwork has been filed at Harrisburg.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Position Description for Synod Council Members**

Mr. Geyer addressed an issue he had broached in the Executive Committee meeting. A question has been on his mind as to what his job is as a synod council member. Is it just to go to this meeting? He hasn't been to the congregations in his conference. He has not met with the Dean of his conference. He thinks the lay members' job is to represent the Synod at the Conference. To that end, he feels we need a fuller description of what the role of this position is. It was echoed by Vice President Beasley that we also need to have a description of the role of clergy members on Synod Council as well. We may want to compare it with the Dean's description to see that we overlap appropriately.

This idea will be addressed more fully through the Executive Committee.

### **Help Needed at Assembly**

Administration team will be asking for people to help at Assembly. A team is coming together to discuss this, as the Assembly will be a bit different this year, incorporating a day of service along with the business of the Synod. There will be more than just registration, as we have the service project portion that will need coordination.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m. with prayer by Pr. Phelps

Respectfully submitted,  
The Reverend Karl M. Richard, Secretary  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, E.L.C.A.