



2022 Assembly Happenings

- Joined in devotions led by Deacon Margaret Folkemer-Leonard, assembly chaplain.
- Praised God through a Service of the Word with the Necrology.
- Remembered the following rostered ministers who died since the last assembly in 2021: The Rev. David W. Clark; the Rev. Marshall H. Gante; the Rev. Richard E. Geib; the Rev. E. Edward Keyser; the Rev. William C. Knotts; the Rev. L. Guy Mehl; the Rev. Raymond A. Sistek; the Rev. Martin L. Swartz; Deacon James H. Wise.
- Welcomed the Rev. Dr. Roger Willer as our churchwide representative.
- Honored the Rev. Beth Martini, assistant to the bishop, for ten years of ordained ministry.
- Launched the annual Generosity Appeal, designated this year for youth ministry.
- Considered memorials regarding restructuring the ELCA, divesting of Russian assets, and upholding the Office of Ministry for all rostered ministers.
- Elected members of the Synod Council and a board member for Susquehanna University.
- Blessed and sent the Voting Members of the 2022 Churchwide Assembly.
- Amended synod bylaws.
- Enjoyed mission videos from a variety of agencies and ministries.
- Installed the newly-elected members of the Synod Council and newly-elected conference secretaries.
- Blessed and sent Bishop Dunlop on sabbatical later this summer.
- Rejoiced to have finished the work of the synod assembly ahead of schedule.

2022 Assembly Actions

- ❖ Adopted the agenda and Rules of Procedure.
- ❖ Adopted the proposed budget for FY 2023 of \$2,320,000.
- ❖ Adopted the beginning minimum base salary and housing allowance for 2023 of \$57,760 for ministers of Word and Sacrament who serve full time at the time of their ordination and the beginning minimum salary for 2023 when housing is provided of \$40,185 for ministers of Word and Sacrament who serve full time at the time of their ordination.
- ❖ Adopted the beginning minimum salary for 2023 of \$53,865 for ministers of Word and Service who serve full time at the time of their ordination.
- ❖ Elected Synod Council members: Debra Barrett, the Rev. Angela Hammer, Hallie McCoy, Andrea Oslikova, the Rev. Ben Siebert, and Evan Williams.
- ❖ Amended bylaw S11.05.01. to make the language agree with the *Audit Committee Charter*, a policy of this synod, and assure the independence of the committee.
- ❖ Added bylaw S7.26.01. to establish the process by which baptized and confirmed members of synod-authorized worshipping communities may be certified as voting members of synod assemblies.
- ❖ Added bylaw S7.27.01. to establish the process by which a minister of Word and Sacrament from a church body with which a relationship of full communion has been declared and established by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America may by the Synod Council be granted the privilege of both voice and vote in the Synod Assembly during the period of that minister's service in a congregation of this church.
- ❖ Amended bylaws S12.04.01., S12.04.02., and S12.04.03. to permit both ministers of Word and Service (deacons) and ministers of Word and Sacrament (pastors) to serve as conference dean and secretary.



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