

## NC Synod Council meeting, March, 2019

### Summary of actions

The NC Synod Council met on March 22-23, 2019, at the synod office in Salisbury.

#### **The council approved:**

- changes for rostered ministers in term calls, those on leave from call, and those retiring.
- the Faith, Finances & Freedom initiative to apply for a scaling grant from the Lilly Foundation Inc. to continue their work in our synod and to work in conjunction with the other synods of Region 9; also to reappoint the Rev. John Mocko as Grant Writer and Program Director.
- constitution changes submitted by Bethany, Hickory; Community in Christ, Cornelius; Messiah of the Mountains, Burnsville; and St. Timothy, Havelock.
- the proposed budgets for 2020 and 2021, and the proposed mission support formula for 2020-21.
- the audit as prepared by Bernard Robinson & Company, LLP.
- the 2020 Compensation Guidelines which reflect no change to the 2019 Guidelines.
- the application of approximately \$105,000 in operating surplus plus \$100,000 in appropriated reserves, both from the budget year ending January 31, 2019.
- amending the policies of the Peeler/Casey Committee to reflect that Peeler/Casey funds will not be used to underwrite fundraisers.

#### **In addition to staff and officer reports, the following information was received:**

- Jim Naughton and Rebecca Wilson of Canticle Communications led conversation about the communication audit they are conducting for the synod. Their final report will be presented to Synod Council at a later date.
- A special order facilitated by the Rev. Danielle DeNise allowed for discussion to determine the core values and guiding principles of the NC Synod. This conversation will continue at the council retreat in September.
- The Rev. John Mocko and the Rev. Adrienne Martin gave a report of the synod's Faith, Finances & Freedom initiative which has received more than \$380,000 in donations and awarded grants to 87 leaders.
- Trustees from the NC Synod Foundation presented a report regarding the current status of the Foundation's funds. In 2018 distributions from the Foundation totaled \$609,541 with approximately \$555,000 in the form of Peeler/Casey Grants.

- Treasurer Terri Blake highlighted that mission support for the year ending January 31, 2019, was \$2,984,387 which was \$139,283 more than budgeted and an increase of \$170,752 over the prior year.

**The next meeting of the Synod Council will be held May 31, 2019, at Koury Convention Center, Greensboro.**