

NC Synod Council meeting, December, 2018

Summary of actions

The NC Synod Council met on November 30-December 1, 2018, at the synod office in Salisbury.

The council approved:

- changes for rostered ministers in term calls, those on leave from call, and those retiring.
- changes to both the guidelines and the grant amounts available to rostered ministers from the Lifeline Fund.
- constitution changes submitted by A Mighty Fortress, Charlotte; St. Paul's, Dallas; Emmanuel, Lincolnnton; and Calvary, Spencer.
- the members of the Nominating Committee for this year's Synod Assembly elections.
- the appointment of new members of the Synod Foundation, the Social Justice and Advocacy Team, and the Specialized Care Committee.
- the 2019 compensation for staff, housing allowance amounts for eligible staff, and housing allowance amounts for other eligible rostered ministers who are called by the synod.
- transferring any surplus from the 2018 synod budget to designated funds, so that decisions about the surplus can be made at the March, 2019, council meeting.
- ratifying new members of the Home Mission Foundation.
- changing the priority of the Peeler/Casey Grants to: (1) Requests from Synod staff (2) Second-year grants (3) Congregations (4) Camping and Campus Ministries (5) Current NC Synod Agencies & Institutions (6) Organizations, and (7) Capital.

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

- A special report from the Faith, Finances, Freedom Initiative Steering Committee about their work including the information that, to date, 82 grants have been awarded to rostered ministers in the NC Synod through the Lifeline Fund.
- A special report and conversation with Associate Director of ELCA Mission Support, Nick Kiger.
- The "Seriously?" video produced by the synod which went viral in the fall of 2018 was viewed and discussed.
- Treasurer Blake reported that the trend for mission support continues to be positive and that the synod has received \$146,050 more than expected through the third quarter. She also reported that the building's HVAC and LED lighting projects have been completed.

The next meeting of the Synod Council will be held March 22-23, 2019, at the synod office.