



Action of the Synod Council

February/March 2024

- SC24.02.01 designated the offerings from the 2024 Synod Assembly to be used to bring the Presidents of the synods of the Malagasy Lutheran Church to the United States for visits with the ELCA and Companion Synods.
- SC 24.02.02 approved, pursuant to *C9.07. of the Model Constitutions for Congregations, Rev. Joseph Murdy as Interim Associate Pastor Available for Call at First Lutheran Church, Downtown Pittsburgh.
- SC24.03.01 approved the retirement of Rev. Susan Devine on the Roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America effective July 1, 2024.
- SC 24.03.02 approved the retirement of Rev. Larry Mort on the Roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America effective June 1, 2024.
- SC24.03.03 granted Rev. Jennifer McCurry the status of On Leave From Call on the Roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America up to the completion of her eligible three-year term and/or annual review with the original effective date of February 19, 2024.
- SC24.03.04 recommended to the 2024 Synod Assembly that any motion from the floor of the Synod Assembly to amend the proposed budget (1) must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Synod by 3:00 PM on Friday, June 14, 2024, (2) that any proposed amendment to increase any line item of the proposed budget must include an offsetting reduction to another line item(s) in order to maintain the parameters of the proposed budget; (3) must be referred to the Committee on Reference and Counsel so that representatives of the Budget and Finance Committee can provide input on the proposed change(s) and the implication(s) of those changes prior to the Assembly's vote on the proposed budget.
- SC24.03.05 extended, pursuant to ELCA Constitution 7.44.A19.b.10.4. a call to Specialized Ministry to Rev. Jennifer McCurry to serve as Coordinator of Religious and Spiritual Life Initiatives at Carnegie Mellon University effective February 26, 2024.
- SC24.03.06 recommended to the 2024 Synod Assembly the 2025 Budget for adoption.
- SC24.03.07 appointed Rev. Wayne Gillespie to serve on the Care and Leadership of Congregations Committee with a term expiring in 2027.
- SC24.03.08 recommended the 2025 Mission Support Formula to the 2024 Synod Assembly for its adoption

- SC24.03.09 recommended the 2025 Compensation Guidelines for Ministers of Word and Sacrament to the 2024 Synod Assembly for adoption.
- SC24.03.10 recommended the 2025 Compensation Guidelines for Ministers of Word and Service to the 2024 Synod Assembly for adoption.
- SC24.03.11 recommended the 2025 Interim Ministry Guidelines to the 2024 Synod Assembly for adoption.
- SC24.03.12 created the Levi Fund for Synod Staffing, a board designated investment fund, for the purpose of ensuring there is staffing to support the Bishop.
- SC24.03.13 amended the Synod Gift Policy