

**South Dakota Synod, ELCA
Synod Council
Zoom Meeting
May 13, 2025, 2:30 pm**

Present: Bishop Constanze Hagmaier, Dennis Thompson, Jill Beers, Kristie Anderson, SAM, John Rasmussen, Rev. Karl Breddin, Marlee Braun, Deacon Christie Meier, Thad Titze, Chad Nilson, Rev. Justin Van Orman, Jeff Clark, Bonny Hansen, Rev. Becky Senner, Rev. Wilbur Holz, Jody Johnson, Craig Pfeifle, Lois Borchardt, Rev. Renee Splichal Larson, Rev. Jonathan Vehar

Dennis Thompson called the meeting to order.

Dennis Thompson read the Land Acknowledgement

Land Acknowledgement

South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America recognizes that the Oceti Sakowin (the Seven Council Fires of the Lakota, Dakota, Nakota), the Arikara, the Ponca and the Cheyenne, are the historic inhabitants of South Dakota; and South Dakota is the current home of the Cheyenne River Tribe, Crow Creek Tribe, Flandreau Santee Tribe, Lower Brule Tribe, Oglala Tribe, Rosebud Tribe, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, Standing Rock Tribe, and Yankton Tribe.

We recognize that we are called to be in good relationship with our neighbors, that the tribes are sovereign nations, that there is a history of broken treaties and broken trust, and that there is lots of work to be done. And we also recognize that as Christians, we have faith in new life, in hope for mending what is broken, and in our calling through the Holy Spirit to do this work.

Bishop Constanze led the opening prayer.

Roster Matters

Roster Matters will be discussed in executive session.

**MSC to enter executive session for roster matters.
SC.2025.05.01**

Synod Council met in Executive Session.

**MSC to come out of executive session and report all actions taken in the minutes.
SC.2025.05.05**

Rev. Christy Hallenbeck Ask is requesting Specialized Synod Letter of Call to serve as Health Equity and Experience Advisor & Associate Chaplain for Sanford Health, Sioux Falls effective 3/23/2025.

**MSC to grant Rev. Christy Hallenbeck Ask a Specialized Synod Letter of Call to serve as Health Equity and Experience Advisor & Associate Chaplain for Sanford Health, Sioux Falls effective 3/23/2025.
SC.2025.05.02**

Mara Stillson (First Call/Seminarian) is requesting a Specialized Synod Letter of Call to serve as Deacon for Church on the Street, Sioux Falls effective 5/17/2025.

**MSC to grant Mara Stillson (First Call/Seminarian) a Specialized Synod Letter of Call to serve as Deacon for Church on the Street, Sioux Falls effective 5/17/2025.
SC.2025.05.03**

Deacon Hannah Fleming is requesting On-Leave-from-Call effective 2/01/2025.

**MSC to grant Deacon Hannah Fleming On-Leave-from-Call effective 2/01/2025.
SC.2025.05.04**

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Beers, secretary