

**South Dakota Synod, ELCA
Synod Council
Email Meeting
June 26, 2026**

Participants: Dennis Thompson, Jill Beers, Rev. Michael DeKraai, John Rasmussen, Kristen Peterson, Thad Titze, Lyle Braun, Rev. Jeff Otterman, Anne Fortin, Rev. Justin Van Orman, Craig Pfeifle, Wyatt Lesmeister, Zoe Haselhorst

Dennis Thompson called the meeting to order in executive session.

New Business

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**MSC to grant Deacon Hannah Fleming an exception to the three-year
congregational service requirement.
SC.2026.06.01**

With enough members voting, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jill Beers, Secretary



Lois Borchardt <lborchardt@augie.edu>

Fwd: Synod Council meeting by email

28 messages

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Fri, Jun 26, 2026 at 8:13 AM

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Motion: To grant Deacon Hannah Fleming an exception to the three-year congregational service requirement.

A motion, second, and your vote Yea or Nay is required. Please respond to all.

Thanks for your attention to this

Terry Johnson <tjsouthlake@gmail.com>

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Second, vote yes.

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So moved, if necessary, and I vote yes.

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I vote Yes.

Lyle

Sent from my iPhone

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second and yes

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I vote yes.

Joyfully,
Pastor Tami

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I vote yes.

Pastor Herb Wounded Head III
Colton Lutheran Parish
herbwh@gmail.com

On Jun 26, 2026, at 8:49 AM, Karl Breddin <karlcbreddin@gmail.com> wrote:

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Justin Van Orman <pastorvanorman@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 26, 2026 at 9:07 AM

To: John Rasmussen <Johnrasmuss@gmail.com>

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On Jun 26, 2026, at 8:24 AM, Lyle Braun <lbraun87@icloud.com> wrote:

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zoey pigors <zoeypigors23@hotmail.com>

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I vote yes.

From: KA Fortin <latrkfortin@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, 26 June 2026 08:23:23

To: John Rasmussen <johnrasmuss@gmail.com>

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Synod Council meeting by email

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chad nilson <chadnilson@yahoo.com> Fri, Jun 26, 2026 at 9:12 AM
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Vote Aye

Chad Nilson

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Mail <valentine@kennebectelephone.com> Fri, Jun 26, 2026 at 9:17 AM
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On Jun 26, 2026, at 9:12 AM, chad nilson <chadnilson@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Craig Pfeifle <craigpfeifle@gmail.com> Fri, Jun 26, 2026 at 9:35 AM
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Yes

Craig Pfeifle

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Jill Beers <jibeers@yahoo.com>

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I vote yes. Jill Beers

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Fri, Jun 26, 2026 at 4:11 PM

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Yea

Cristy Harkness

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jclark@santel.net <jclark@santel.net>

Fri, Jun 26, 2026 at 4:48 PM

Hi Dennis:

I vote, Yea.

Regards,

Jeff Clark

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Erin Weinkauff <Communications@firstlutheranvolga.org>

Sun, Jun 28, 2026 at 9:12 AM

To: Lyle Braun <lbraun87@icloud.com>, "Thad A. Titze" <TTitze@robinskaplan.com>
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I vote yes.

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Constanze Hagmaier <chagmaier@sdsynod.org>

Mon, Jun 29, 2026 at 10:03 AM

To: Lois Borchardt <lborchardt@sdsynod.org>

Cc: Jonathan Vehar <jvehar@sdsynod.org>, Dennis Thompson <thompson3308@gmail.com>

I'll move to come out of executive session.

**Journeying Together in Christ with you,
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier
Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA**

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On Mon, Jun 29, 2026 at 8:38 AM Lois Borchardt <lborchardt@sdsynod.org> wrote:

Do we need a motion to come out of executive session? Or does Dennis adjourning the meeting do that?

Thanks

Journeying Together in Christ,
Lois Borchardt
Business Manager
South Dakota Synod, ELCA
2001 S Summit Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57197
605.274.4025

On Thu, Jun 25, 2026 at 6:02 PM Lois Borchardt <lborchardt@sdsynod.org> wrote:

Procedure question (for Vehar?)

Since it's a roster matter that is usually done in executive session of the synod council, should the meeting be called to order in executive session? Then does there need to be a motion adjourn the executive session and report out the actions? (Don't report out the explanation?) Or how should this work? Or.....??

Journeying Together in Christ,
Lois Borchardt
Business Manager

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On Thu, Jun 25, 2026 at 5:21 PM Constanze Hagmaier <chagmaier@sdsynod.org> wrote:
Move to approve

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On Thu, Jun 25, 2026 at 5:02 PM Dennis Thompson <thompson3308@gmail.com> wrote:
I am calling a special meeting of the Synod council. Since this is a roster matter, it takes full council approval.
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Jonathan Vehar <jvehar@sdsynod.org>

Mon, Jun 29, 2026 at 10:08 AM

To: Constanze Hagmaier <chagmaier@sdsynod.org>

Cc: Lois Borchardt <lborchardt@sdsynod.org>, Dennis Thompson <thompson3308@gmail.com>

Since there was no discussion that needs to be kept in executive session, I'd say that Dennis can just close the meeting and report it in the minutes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 29, 2026, at 10:04 AM, Constanze Hagmaier <chagmaier@sdsynod.org> wrote:

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Dennis Thompson <thompson3308@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 29, 2026 at 4:30 PM

To: Jonathan Vehar <jvehar@sdsynod.org>

Cc: Constanze Hagmaier <chagmaier@sdsynod.org>, Lois Borchardt <lborchardt@sdsynod.org>

We have more than enough yes votes to pass the motion

Motion is passed.

Thank you all for your attention to this meeting

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Meeting is adjourned

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