



Actions of the 2021 Synod Assembly

- Elected the following voting members to the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly:
Rev. Kerri Clark, Rev. Beth Clementson, Rev. Brenda Henry, Tom Hough, Dennis Lane, Rev. Martha McCreight, Rev. Jennifer McCurry, DaMisha McFarland-Pollock, Kyle Neumann, Sophia Rau, Andrew Sabol, Holly Schmitt, and Melanie Thomas
- Elected the following members of the Synod Council with terms ending in 2025:
Jennifer Armstrong-Schaefer (AL), Rev. Beth Clementson (AL), Beryl Gundy (5), Rev. Brenda Henry (4), Rev. Allyn Itterly (6), Janice Jeletic (1), Rev. JJ Lynn (2), Linda Schaeffer (3), and Holly Schmitt (AL)
- Elected the following members to the Committee on Discipline with a term expiring in 2027:
Rev. Scott Bryte, Jeanette Christensen, Lori Greene, and Rev. Erin Jones
- Elected the following members to the Lutheran Senior Life Board of Directors:
Scott Celin (2023), Chris Jordheim (2024), Rev. Kari Smail (2024), and Michael Sparlin (2023)
- Elected the following members to the Lutheran Service Society Board of Directors:
Rev. Martin Galbraith (2023) and R. Brandon James (2024)
- Elected the following member to the Bethesda Lutheran Services Board of Directors:
Rev. James Arter (2025)
- Elected the following members to the Glade Run Lutheran Services Board of Directors:
Ronald Montelaro (2023) and James Thompson (2023)
- Adopted the following change to the bylaw 101.22 so that it reads:
Pastors and deacons on this synod's roster of ministers who are retired, on continuing disability, or on leave from call, and who are not undergoing discipline, shall have the privilege of voice and vote at Synod Assemblies upon request. Such requests must be received in writing by the Synod Council by the end of the year for the following year's Synod Assembly. At its first meeting of the year, the Synod Council shall establish a formula for lay voting members for that year's Synod Assembly that complies with the voting member requirements of †S7.21."
- Adopted the Amended Budget for 2022
- Adopted the 2022 Interim Ministry Guidelines
- Adopted the 2022 Compensation Guidelines for Ministers of Word and Sacrament

- Adopted the 2022 Compensation Guidelines for Ministers of Word and Service
- Adopted the Mission Support Formula for 2022
- Adopted the changes to the Synod Bylaws brought by the Committee Structure Task Force (see BOR pgs. 142-143 Report of the Synod Council Appendix E)
- Adopted a resolution asking the SWPA Synod to make the first strategic initiative of Synod Council to be: Rekindle a passion for the Gospel.
- Adopted a resolution thanking the bishop for communicating the Southwestern PA Synod's endorsement of the American Families United Act to our local representatives of the United States Congress and our United States Senators on behalf of the Southwestern PA Synod, and to encourage our rostered ministers and members of our synod's congregations to continue the good work of communicating our synod's endorsement of the American Families United Act to their United States Representatives and Senators.
- Approved the Recommendations of the Committee on the Bishop's Report: 1) That everyone be encouraged to live into their baptismal vocational identities by being the people of God called to share the witness of Christ's love in our homes, communities, and the world; 2) That everyone recognizes their own God given gifts and talents, and those of their neighbor, for the work of God's Kingdom; 3) That we acknowledge the pain of those who have and continue to suffer from past and present racism; then continue through the help of Holy Spirit to strive for justice and peace for all.
- Celebrated the Ordination Anniversaries of the following Ministers of Word and Sacrament:
 25 years: Rev. Dorothy Worth and Rev. Lewis Messinger
50 years: Rev. Cyril Hurnyak
 55 years: Rev. David H. Clement, Rev. William Hauser, Rev. C. Gerald Huhn,
 Rev. Steven J. Myers, and Rev. Frank L. Zeman
 60 years: Rev. Cletus Fahrion
 70 years: Rev. Mont Bowser