

Florida-Bahamas Synod Council Highlights
September 15-16, 2023 – Tampa
By: Rev Dr Kenneth Blyth – Secretary

Approved Consent Agenda:

Minutes of Synod Council meetings on: June 7, 2023

Synod Executive Committee Minutes of: September 5, 2023

Synod Assembly Minutes of: June 8-10, 2023

Reports from: Candidacy/Transition, A2b-DEM Rev Khader El Yateem, A2b-DEM Rev Rob Carlson, Global Mission Table, Gun Violence Task Force

Roster Recommendations

Received the Bishop's Report

Discussed request to memorialize a review of the ELCA End of Life Social Message. (previously approved in June, 2011) Bishop to bring the matter to the Conference of Bishops.

Received and voted on recommendations from Governance Team and Executive Committee on changes to the Synod Constitution.

Received and reviewed the Treasurer's Report for p/e August, 2023. Approved Investment Policy Statement.

Approved funding for t-shirts for attendees to the National Youth Gathering. Approved establishing a campaign to raise funds for scholarships to the National Youth Gathering.

Approved a request from St Paul-Tampa to make available up to \$100,000 from the sales proceeds of the Faith-Tampa property for critical property needs. Voted to approve a tithe to churchwide on the Faith-Tampa property sale.

Approved up to \$600,000 in available grant monies under the Vision to Action program through the period ending January 31, 2024.

Under advice of counsel, Approved a new non-profit corporation be established to hold liquid assets of the Synod: Board to be the Officers of the Synod and the Assistant to the Bishop for Administration:

Voted to retire Together in Mission as of December 31, 2023 and transfer remaining funds as follows: Domestic to V2A and Haiti to the Haiti Team of the Global Mission Table.

Approved updated congregation constitutions.

Received reports from WELCA, our churchwide council rep, the VP and A2B for Administration

Appointed a Vision to Action Grant Team