

Florida-Bahamas Synod Council Highlights
September 6-7, 2024
Rev. Kenneth Blyth – Secretary

Approved Consent Agenda:

Minutes of Synod Council: May 30, 2024; Synod Assembly 2024; June 2, 2024; July 2, 2024.

Reports from:

Global Mission Table

Vision to Action Grant Manager

- 2023 grant season - Most projects proceeded as planned, and pictures/stories are being submitted to be showcased in E-Spirit.
- 2024 grant season – Application deadline was July 15, with 30 grant requests received and being evaluated.

WELCA

- Registration now open for Florida-Bahamas WELCA fall gathering at Warren Willis Conference Center, November 8-10.

Received the Bishop's Report

- Authorized 6 Synod Authorized Worshiping Communities & 8 Strategic Ministries (2025)
- Reports from: Candidacy/Transition, Rev. Nicole Eastwood; A2b-DEMs Rev. Carlos Ham (south) & Rev. Derek Hoven (north)
- Roster Recommendations

Received Treasurer's Report

- Approved monthly review process for synod investment funds
- Established Fund for Technology grants
- Approved Leadership Development Fund
- Disbursed funds received from Messiah, Panama City following the sale of part of their property.

Received Administrator's Report

- Agreed 2026 Synod Assembly would meet Thursday/Friday/Saturday, in the usual format.
- Formed a Taskforce to examine options for future assemblies.

Received Governance Committee Report

- Approved several Continuing Resolutions, including one which – along with Bylaw proposals to be considered by 2025 Synod Assembly - explicitly allows for the representation of non-binary persons in synod leadership.
- Declined to introduce term limits for Synod officers.

Approved a financial gift to NovusWay.

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