

Summary of the 2021 Synod Assembly

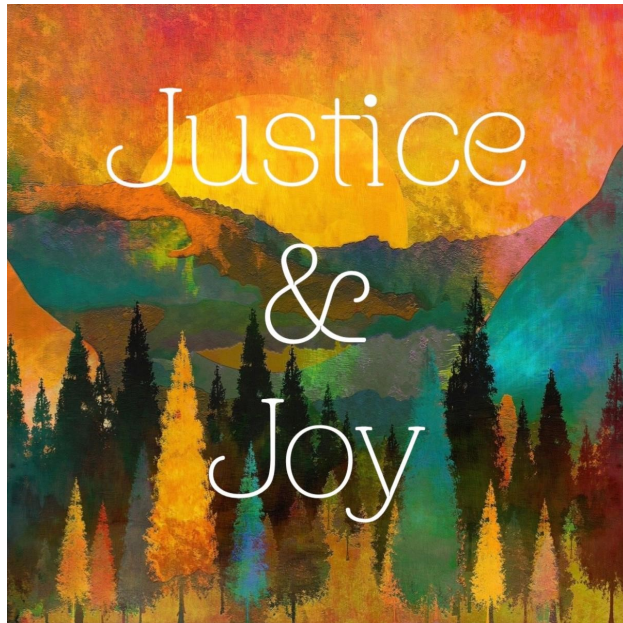
April 15 and April 17, 2021

Trinity Lutheran

Eau Claire

Report of Elections to Discipline Committee (six year term)

The following were elected at this assembly:



In the last eighteen months congregations have had to completely adapt the ways in which they communicate, hold worship, and meet together and the 2021 Synod Assembly this was no exception. Despite an entirely digital format via ZOOM, much was accomplished!

Report of Elections to Synod Council– 2 year term

The following were elected at this assembly:

Apple River Conference Lay Female:

Margo Nelson (unopposed)

Chequamegon Conference Clergy:

Rev. Evelyn Weston (unopposed)

Chippewa Valley Conference Clergy:

Rev. Lucy Schottelkorb* (unopposed)

Dairyland Conference Lay Male:

Jon Zander (unopposed)

Heart of the North Lay Female

Bonnie Christenson (unopposed)

Lake Superior Lay Male:

Tom Potterton* (unopposed)

St. Croix Valley Conference Lay Male:

Richard Jackson (unopposed)

***Incumbent**

Report of Elections to Discipline Committee (5 year term)

The following were elected at this assembly:

Mary Olson-Lay Female

Phyllis Beastro-Lay Female

Max Neuhaus-Lay Male

Rev. Jay Ticknor-Clergy

Rev. Heather Kistner-Clergy

Report of Elections to Synod Council (3 year term)

The following were elected at this assembly:

Apple River Conference Clergy:

Rev. Margaret Grant (unopposed)

Chequamegon Conference Lay Male:

Lyle Roe* (unopposed)

Chippewa Valley Conference Lay Female:

Arvin Solsaa* (unopposed)

Dairyland Conference Lay Female:

Linda Talford (unopposed)

Heart of the North Clergy:

Rev. Tamra Harder (unopposed)

Lake Superior Lay Female:

Karen St. George (unopposed)

St. Croix Valley Conference Lay Female:

Marcia Lindseth* (unopposed)

Secretary Synod Council (4 year term)

Rev. Julie Brenden* (unopposed)

Secretary Treasurer (4 year term)

Rev. Peter Muschinske (unopposed)

***Incumbent**

Report of Elections to Churchwide Assembly 2022

The following were elected at this assembly:

Apple River Conference

Lay Male: **Al Arndt**

Rostered Leader: **Rev. Laurie Kenyon-Woods**

Chequamegon Conference

Lay Female: **Carol Lekies**

Rostered Leader: **Rev. Elizabeth Bier**

Chippewa Valley Conference

Lay Female: **Paige Burrows**

Rostered Leader: **Rev. Karen Behling**

Dairyland Conference

Lay Male: **Scott Brown**

Lay Female: **Linda Trotter**

Rostered Leader: **Rev. David Christianson**

Heart of the North

Lay Female: **Teri Schult**

Rostered Leader: **Rev. Joel Bacon**

Lake Superior

Lay Male: **Tom Potterton**

Rostered Leader: **Rev. Bridget Jones**

St. Croix Valley Conference

Lay Male: **Ryan Brill**

Lay Female: **Sammy Brill**

Rostered Leader: **Rev. Carolyn Staats**

Black, Indigenous, or Person of Color

Carl Warren



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Resolutions

[Hunger Resolution](#) Approved: 315/3

[Racial Justice Resolution](#) Approved 292/31

[LGBTQIA+ Resolution](#) Approved 292/30

Operating Mission Plan for 2022-23 that the financial mission plan for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin be adopted. **Approved 302/2**

[2022 Minimum Standards for Compensation and Benefits](#) that the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin approve the salary guidelines standards as provided in the online pre-assembly materials. **Approved 307/4**

[Creation Care Resolution](#) Approved 301/8

[Amended-Gender Justice Resolution](#) Approved 309/5

Reception of Joy Lutheran, Centuria Approved 307/0

Celebrations!

Ordination: 25 years (2020)

Reverend Dean Lundgren, Reverend Paul Oppedahl, Reverend Carol Peterson, and Reverend Rodger Prois

Ordination: 25 years (2021)

Reverend Margaret Grant, Reverend Leila Haight, Reverend Fred Hanson, Reverend Darrell Kyle, Reverend Paul Simmons, and Reverend David Whelan

Ordination: 50 years (2020)

Reverend James Gordon and Reverend Roger Pittman

Ordination: 50 years (2021)

Reverend David Almlie, Reverend Jon Becker, Reverend Doug Brandt, Reverend Ronald Burke, Reverend Roger Churness, Reverend Ken Kuziej, Reverend David Natzke, Reverend John Puotinen, and Reverend William Thompson

Retirements:

Reverend Susan Anderson, Reverend Keith Anderson, Reverend Grant Aaseng, Reverend Jean Pierre Appel, Reverend Giselle Berninghaus, Reverend Robert Castro, Reverend Peter Friberg, Reverend Mark Hall, Reverend Margaret Isaacson, Reverend Kurt Jacobson, Reverend William

Mowchan, Reverend Michael Peterson, Reverend Valerie Peterson, Reverend David Sands, Reverend Dean Simpson, Reverend Mary Storm, Reverend Marilyn Thurber, Reverend Jeanne Warner, and Reverend Dan Watland.

Constitutional changes Approved 287/17

Bylaw Changes:

S7.2 I.01C Duly elected voting members of the Synod Council who are not otherwise voting members of the Synod Assembly under *S7.2 I. shall be granted the privilege of both voice and vote as members of the Synod Assembly.

S10.01.02. Conferences shall nominate at least one person from their constituent congregations for each respective position to the Synod Council, to be elected by the Synod Assembly for a three-year term; the conference representative may be re-elected once. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for all elections. Each conference representative shall be nominated by the conferences, and shall be elected by the 16 Synod Assembly to the Synod Council to a three-year term and may be reelected once. The Youth organization shall nominate two representatives to be elected by the Synod Assembly to staggered two-year terms and may be reelected once. The Synod Nominating Committee shall comply with the age and diversity goals of S6.04 and S6.04.01. ~~The Synod Nominating Committee shall nominate three persons of color or language other than English from the Synod at large, one clergy, one lay female, and one lay male to be elected by the Synod Assembly to a three-year term and may be reelected once. The Synod Council shall see that approximately one third be elected year. Should a vacancy occur between meetings of the Synod Assembly the Synod Council shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy and complete the unexpired term.~~

S10.01.04. ~~The Synod Council shall have the authority to elect to the Synod Council from the Synod at large the necessary number of minority persons to achieve the minority goal consistent with S10.01. The Synod council shall have this authority until the Synod has opportunity to establish its long-term plan as outlined in S6.04.A87.~~ The synod council oversee the formation and evaluation of the synod's Racial Equity Action plan. See the synod website.



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Offering

Service of Worship offering of **\$ 3,250 (as of April 22)** and was designated to 1/2 to the Malawi Covid Relief and 1/2 for Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry. **Thank you for your generous support!**

Thank You

A huge thank you to:

- Trinity Lutheran Church in Eau Claire for being so receptive to hosting the assembly in the ZOOM format.
- Special thanks to Heather Day and Cindy Beck for helping us troubleshoot ahead of time.
- Tech Crew! Reverend Elizabeth Bier, Reverend Rachel Sieja, Reverend Carolyn Staats and Deacon Laura Ramlow...thanks for making our one day assembly a resounding success.
- Leslie Frost...Parliamentarian
- Our Five Bright Spot Award winners for inspiring us with creative, new ideas
- Guest Speakers:
 - Judith Roberts, ELCA Program Director, Racial Justice Ministries

