



Eastern North Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Summary of Actions from the Meeting of the Eastern North Dakota Synod Council
Friday, October 13th and Saturday, October 14th, 2023

Administrative Actions

SC.23.10.52 to adopt the agenda as presented.

SC.23.10.53 to accept the minutes as corrected from the 36th Annual Assembly of the Eastern North Dakota Synod held June 3rd & 4th, 2023.

SC.23.10.54 to accept the minutes from the Synod Council meeting held August 21st, 2023 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** see *attached*

SC.23.10.60 to elect Rev. Lori Pankratz to the Synod Executive Committee.

SC.23.10.63 to receive the Conference Dean Position Description and Expectations.

Financial Actions

SC.23.10.55 to receive the Treasurer's Report.

Roster Actions

SC.23.10.56; SC.23.10.57; SC.23.10.58; and SC.23.10.59 to grant changes in roster status to rostered ministers, and to extend a Synod call to Interim Ministry.

Synod Authorized Worshipping Community (SAWC)

SC.23.10.61 to affirm and authorize the following SAWCs and leaders for 2024: South Sudan Lutheran Church and lay leader Matuor Alier, The Neighborhood Church and Pastor Jessica Miller as Mission Developer, and Native American Christian Ministry (The Way) and lay leader Amanda Vivier as Mission Developer for the year 2024.

Synod Assembly 2024

SC.23.10.62 to approve June 1st – 2nd, 2024 at the Holiday Inn, Fargo, as the date and location for the 2024 Synod Assembly.

EaND Endowment and Vital Leaders Fund

SC.23.10.64 to rename it to the “Eastern North Dakota Synod Endowment Fund” the “Eastern North Dakota Synod Endowment”

SC.23.10.65 that the Synod Council receive and review a new purpose statement for the Eastern North Dakota Synod Endowment.

SC.23.10.66 that the purpose statement of the EaND Synod Endowment Fund Objective and Investment Policy be newly stated as: “The purpose of the EaND Synod Endowment is to support the mission and ministry of the Eastern North Dakota Synod. The endowment ensures the Synod’s financial stability through preservation and protection of its assets. This policy allows for satisfactory total return on all funds appropriate to each fund’s purpose. The EaND Synod Endowment shall contain individual endowment funds, each with specific, documented, purpose and distribution parameters (appendix A). All funds are accountable to the Objective & Investment Policy.”

SC.23.10.67 to establish the Vital Leaders Endowment Fund within the Eastern North Dakota Synod Endowment. Its purpose in Appendix A shall be stated as: “This fund is to sustain rural ministry and enhance quality pastoral leadership within the synod. The fund gains are dispersed within the following categories: Scholarship aid for seminarians; Student loan repayment aid program; Pension equity program; Rural internship assistance; and Leadership development,” and that the Vital Leaders Endowment Fund shall include all existing monies designated for this fund.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Kyle Symanski, EaND Synod Secretary