

Results of the General Election Synod Council: Vice President (4 year term) Esther Prabhakar. Synod Council: Treasurer (4 year term) Jill Flickinger. Synod Council: Youth Representative (1 year term) Johanna Larson. Synod Council: Lay (3 year term) Jerilyn Strohecker. Synod Council: Lay (3 year term) Bill Bartlett. Synod Council: Ordained Minister (3 year term) Timothy Kenyon. Synod Council: Ordained Minister (3 year term) Jay Quinn. Congregational Life Com.: Lay (3 year term) Marcia Meyers. Congregational Life Com.: Ord. Minister (3 year term) Margo Peterson. Ministry Support Com.: Lay (3 year term) Linda L. Wold. Ministry Support Com.: Ord. Minister (3 year term) Robert Lee Bennight. Outreach Committee: Lay (3 year term) Ruth Fairchild. Outreach Committee: Ord. Minister (3 year term) Carol Gates. Social Ministry Com.: Lay (3 year term) Janis Butterfield. Social Ministry Com.: Lay (3 year term) Carol Wahlstrom. Consultation Com.: Ord. Minister (2 year term) Henrietta J. Milner. Consultation Com.: Ord. Minister (4 year term) Marilyn Hanson. Consultation Com.: Lay (4 year term) Anne D. Link. Consultation Com.: Lay (6 year term) Carol J. Swenson. Consultation Com.: Lay (6 year term) Karl E. Bronn. Consultation Com.: Ord. Minister (6 year term) Marcia Strahl. Consultation Com.: Ord. Minister (6 year term) Roger V. Asplund. Discipline Com.: Ord. Minister (2 year term) Robert C. Kinnear. Discipline Com.: Lay (4 year term) Greg Zeiglar. Discipline Com.: Ord. Minister (6 year term) Karen Capel. Discipline Com.:

Ord. Minister (6 year term) Christine Stienstra. Discipline Com.: Lay (6 year term) Mariel Heinke. Discipline Com.: Lay (6 year term) Richard J. Brynteson.

Poll Results

Recommendation 1, which urges ELCA members, congregations, synods, etc. to live together faithfully in the midst of disagreements, returned 380 YES votes, 88 NO votes, and 6 abstentions. **Recommendation 2**, which resolves that the ELCA continue to respect the guidance of the 1993 statement of the Conference of Bishops, welcome gay and lesbian persons into its life, and trust pastors and congregations to provide faithful pastoral care to same-sex couples, returned 369 YES votes, 97 NO votes, and 5 abstentions. **Recommendation 3**, which includes permitting exceptions to the expectations regarding sexual conduct for gay and lesbian rostered leaders in life-long, committed, and faithful relationships, and the adoption of bylaws to the ELCA constitution to make clear the way for those exceptions, returned 235 YES votes, 229 NO votes, and 5 abstentions. The poll on **“Position #1: Homosexuality as sin and brokenness”** had 146 respondents say they AGREE, 229 say they DISAGREE, 94 that were NOT SURE, and 4 abstentions. The poll on **“Position #2: Homosexuality as condition, not choice”** had 259 respondents AGREE, 152 DISAGREE, 56 NOT SURE, and 4 abstentions. The complete text of these Recommendations and Positions can be found at www.elca.org/faithfuljourney.

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Actions on Resolutions

R-1: A Resolution to Determine the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly’s Opinion Concerning the ELCA Church Council’s Resolution on the Task Force Recommendations – action: PASSED as amended.

R-1 resolved that the NI Synod Assembly should discuss the three resolutions forwarded by the Church Council to the Churchwide Assembly and take a written ballot poll for the purpose of informing the Churchwide Assembly of its opinion concerning each of the three resolutions. This resolution was amended to include as part of the poll the two positions that were also a part of the recommendations. See the poll results on the back side of this insert.

R-2: Resolution Calling for Support and Monitoring of ELCA

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Anti-Racism Work – action: PASSED.

R-2 asked the NI Synod to memorialize the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to allocate resources for a full-time position, support staff, and program budget for the work of anti-racism within the Office of the Bishop and Commission for Multicultural Ministries, and that the anti-racism efforts of the ELCA be monitored and reported to each Churchwide Assembly.

R-3: Resolution Requiring Ratification of Amendments to ELCA Constitution – action: DEFEATED

R-4: Resolution in Support of Augsburg Fortress, R-5: A Resolution for Unity in the Church, and R-6 A Resolution on World Hunger (added June 17) were all referred to the Synod Council for action because time ran out for resolutions on the floor of the assembly.