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Christ's Healing for a Broken World

Meeting in assembly on May 31 and June 1, 2024, the Lower Susquehanna Synod took the following actions.

- Welcomed the Rev. Phil Hirsch, Executive Director of Christian Community and Leadership (USA) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as churchwide representative, and received greetings from him.
- Adopted the agenda and rules of procedure as recommended by the Synod Council.
- Re-elected Jennifer R. Lau as synod vice president for a second term.
- Established slates of nominees for the Synod Council, ELCA Church Council, and voting members to the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.
- Received report of the 2023 Generosity Appeal and thanks from Hope Academy and Tree 4 Hope for the support from the 2023 Generosity Appeal.
- Recognized rostered ministers celebrating 50 years of ordination.
- Received greetings from United Lutheran Seminary in both an address by the Rev. Dr. Martin Otto-Zimmann and video greetings from the Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin.
- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget of \$2,606,708.28.
- Adopted the 2025 minimum salary guidelines for Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ministers of Word and Service.
- Launched the 2024 Generosity Appeal to benefit the construction of the new hospital in Mbeya, Konde Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.
- Elected to the Synod Council: The Rev. George B. Scott, the Rev. Susan E. Scott, Sue McCleaf Nespeca, Randall D. Tyson, and Jade Lesisko.
- Nominated to the ELCA Church Council for election at the 2025 Churchwide Assembly: Moses Kavishe and Charles R. Roberts III.

- Elected as voting members to the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly: Moses Kavishe, Jade Lesisko, Nicholas G. Keilholtz, Zachary M. Fetter, the Rev. Elizabeth Peter Eckman, the Rev. Drahomir Oslik, Andrea L. Oslikova, Molly A. Wirick, Randy Tyson, R. Jack Hinkle, Rebecca A. Brewster, Kay A. Hinkle, the Rev. Molly K. Haggerty, Deacon April E. Trout, and the Rev. Stephen R. Herr.
- Welcomed Jennie Wolf Smith from GSB Fundraising and received her presentation on our synod's stewardship initiative, Building a Culture of Generosity.
- Received updates from this synod's Mission Committee regarding the bishop election process that will unfold over the next year, including a call to prayer and schedule of listening sessions.
- Adopted the motion to amend continuing resolution S9.04.A23 Preliminary Identification Process Leading to the Election of a Bishop.
- Amended and adopted a resolution submitted by the Synod Council promoting LGBTQIA+ cultural competency in the Lower Susquehanna Synod.
- Received a presentation and report from the Equity Audit Task Force.
- Recognized the Rev. Richard E. T. Jorgensen Jr. for his 35th anniversary of ordination and his ministry in this Church.
- Amended bylaw S10.07.07. related to the Personnel Committee.
- Installed newly elected members of the Synod Council and newly elected conference secretaries: The Rev. Andrew E. Berdahl, York Conference; the Rev. DeAnn R. Books, North York Conference; the Rev. Scott V. Brubaker, North Lancaster Conference; the Rev. Douglas L. DeStephano, South York Conference; the Rev. Pamela M. Illick, Lancaster Conference; the Rev. Matthew A. Kayhart, Chambersburg Conference; the Rev. Susan E. Scott, Gettysburg Conference; the Rev. Sean S. Titus, Harrisburg Conference.
- Received worship offering of \$7,513.25 in support of the 2024 Generosity Appeal.
- Registered: 444 voting members, of which 251 were lay voting members and 193 were rostered ministers.

Gratitude is due to everyone who gathered for the assembly, and to the many people who helped make the assembly happen. We look forward to gathering together again on June 5, 6, and 7, 2025, in St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, York, Pennsylvania.