

**The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod**  
**Minutes of the Synod Council Meeting**  
**June 26-27, 2009**

The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Council met at Lutherhill Camp, LaGrange, Texas, on June 26 and 27, 2009.

In attendance:

Council Members: Bishop Mike Rinehart, Evan Moilan, Paul Monroe, Grace Taylor, Kurt Goedecke, Rev. Pete Lopez, Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade, David Hollrah, Sue Moehring, Arthur Murphy, Rev. Barbara Simmers, Jennifer Grove, Don Hodde, and Rev. David Tart.

Synod Staff and Visitors: Don Carlson, Peggy Hahn, Kerry Nelson, and Reyna Pereira.  
Absent: Karee Viergutz.

**Summary of Actions:**

Friday, June 26, 2009

Vice President Evan Moilan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. We began by singing Hymn #374, Day of Arising.

**SC.09.06.01** For the Good of the Church: Bishop Mike lifts up Grace's organ rededication in New Orleans, and St. John of Prairie Hill near Brenham.

**SC.09.06.02** Discussion of Synod Assembly (SA) and feedback survey responses of voting members.

**SC.09.06.03** Orientation for new members, leadership models for nonprofit organizations, duties of synod council, goal setting, vision setting, and administration.

Barb Simmers led a closing devotion. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m. A wine and cheese reception followed.

Saturday, June 27, 2009

Evan Moilan called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

Arthur led the opening devotion.

**SC.09.06.04** Discussion of synod council (SC) and staff responsibilities chart.

**SC.09.06.05** SWOTT discussion of synod strengths, weaknesses, etc.

**SC.09.06.06** Referral of SA Resolution 10 on justice issues to Justice Task Force. Motion by Arthur Murphy. Motion passed.

**SC.09.06.07** Referral of SA Resolution 12 on immigration issues to Immigration Task Force. Motion by Arthur Murphy. Motion passed.

**SC.09.06.08** Referral of SA Resolution 20 on ADL community of respect to Justice Task Force and Arthur Murphy. Motion by Arthur Murphy. Motion passed.

**SC.09.06.09** Referral of Consultation Committee nominees to Bishop Mike.

**SC.09.06.10** Minutes of the May SC meeting (SC.09.05) received as corrected.

**SC.09.06.11** Bishop's Report. See detailed minutes below.

After a lunch break, Evan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**SC.09.06.12** Treasurer's report received. Motion by David Hollrah. Motion passed.

**SC.09.06.13** Motion to table decision on Kiho Song. Motion by Robin McCullough-Bade. Motion passed.

**SC.09.06.14** Report on companion synod in Peru by Peggy Hahn.

**SC.09.06.15** Motion to approve Immigration Coalition request to join coalition. Motion by David Hollrah. Motion passed.

**SC.09.06.16** Motion to appoint Amy Zeittlow to LSSS Board. Motion by Bishop Mike Rinehart. Motion passed.

**SC.09.06.17** Motion to request that LSSS begin providing the following prioritized services in Louisiana [with the list to be added by SC and staff based on needs in Louisiana]. Motion by Robin McCullough-Bade, as amended. Motion passed.

**SC.09.06.18** Motion that the synod release the Lutheran Church in Hungary as a companion synod in order to focus our efforts on Peru and the Central African Republic. Motion by Arthur Murphy. Motion passed.

**SC.09.06.19** Motion that we adopt the 2010 Compensation Guidelines as presented. Motion by Sue Moehring. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned with Eucharist at 4 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur Murphy  
Synod Secretary

(Minutes received as corrected by SC on September 19, 2009)