

**Synod Council Meeting
May 29th, 2008
The Woodlands, Texas**

The meeting was called to order by Erika Canham.
Bishop Mike Rinehart led the opening Devotion.

SC08.05.01 Bishop Rinehart gave an overview of the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Assembly Agenda.

SC08.05.02 The Rev. Pete Lopez moved that we accept the **Elections Committee** (Linda Mosley, Chair, William Schwertlich, Nancy Borgfeldt and LaVerne Albers), **Reference & Counsel Committee** (David Hollrah, Chair, Allan Lenhardt, Pr. Lawrence Bade, Carrol Shaddock, Nancy Cook, Pr. Fred de Oliveira, and Richard Baker), and the **Credentials Committee** (Darrell Reimer, Chair, Pr. Lemaie Higgs, Rev. Paul Geye, Ms. Kathy Carroll, and Rev. Bob Navarro) as presented for the Synod Assembly. Motion Passed.

SC08.05.03 Larry Petershagen moved to amend provision C20.02.06.b regarding terms of the Mission Endowment Fund directors in the Synod constitution to read as follows: **"C20.02.06.b. A full term shall be three years. One third of the members will be appointed or reappointed every year. Terms shall commence on February 1 each year."** [A two-thirds majority vote is needed to approve this amendment.] Motion carried.

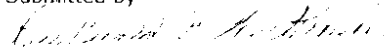
SC08.05.04 The anti-defamation league presented a banner to the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod. It was accepted by Bishop Rinehart.

SC08.05.05 The 2009 budget for the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod was presented. A motion was made and carried that the Synod Council recommend the budget as presented to the Synod Assembly for adoption.

SC08.05.06 Bishop Rinehart presented nine areas of concern that congregations have expressed to him in his visit with them. They are as follows: (1) Congregations feel they need help with outreach; (2) People are concerned about aging in the parish as it relates to their future as a congregation; (3) They have concerns about the Call Process; (4) They want help in stewardship and finance; (5) They are concerned as to how to recruit volunteers; (6) They want to know how to better serve in community; (7) They have communication concerns on various levels; (8) They are concerned about Worship and music in their churches; and, (9) People are concerned about spiritual growth. These nine concerns will be the basis for our visioning process during the Assembly.

SC08.05.07 Darrell Reimer moved that Father Richard Nelson, an Episcopal priest serving one of our churches as an interim pastor, be approved to have voice and vote at our Synod Assembly. The motion carried.

Submitted by



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Acting Secretary