

**SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS SYNOD  
OF THE  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8-10, 2008  
St. John Lutheran Church, San Juan, Texas**

**ADOPTED AGENDA**

**Friday, February 8, 2008**

**Groups travel to St. John, San Juan, to arrive by 7:00 p.m.**

**7:00 p.m. Meeting begins: St. John Lutheran Church, 506 North Nebraska Avenue  
San Juan, TX 78589 Phone 956-787-4708  
Janet Fries' cell phone 210-288-0013**

**Light snacks will be available, but eat dinner before arriving**

Call to Order & Welcome Mark Helmke  
Opening Devotions Bishop Tiemann  
Ratify Continuing Resolution S3.04.A08 approved by Executive Committee on 10-20-07:  
*"The dean of the conference may appoint a qualified person to serve  
as a voting member of the synod council on an interim basis until a  
vacancy is filled by election by the conference."*

Roll Call/Establish Quorum Linda Zander  
Adoption of Agenda Mark Helmke  
Review and Approval Mark Helmke  
Minutes of September 14-15, 2007 meeting Exhibit A

**9:00 p.m. Committee Meetings  
Snacks, fellowship, and meeting host families**

**Saturday, February 9, 2008 -- Breakfast on your own**

**Breakfast with host families**

**9:00 a.m. Meeting Begins**

Call to Order Mark Helmke  
Opening Devotions Bishop Tiemann

Executive Committee Report  
- Ratify contract for Anne Hilbert, Synod Statistician Exhibit B  
- Ratify Continuing Resolution S9.01.A08 background check for  
synodical officers Exhibit C  
- Ratify Kevin Benz, Triumphant Love, Austin, to a second three-year  
term to the LSS Board of Directors  
- Ratify changes to policies and procedures for the Philip L. Wahlberg  
Scholarship Fund Exhibit D  
- Ratify housing allowances for 2008 for Bishop Ray Tiemann \$25,000  
o Asst. to Bishop Michael Robinson \$26,000  
- Ratify members to TLU Corporation Board  
The Rev. John Braulick, Mr. Michael Aguirre, Mr. Ralph Cook

Treasurer's Report/Financial Bill Warncke  
Mission Support Comparison Exhibit E  
Financial Statements – Fiscal Year 2007-08 Exhibit F  
Present Proposed Budget – Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Exhibit F-1

Open Discussion – for guidance for personnel reviews by Executive Committee  
re: *Forming Faithfulness – in Leaders, with Congregations, among Partners!*

Program and Evaluation Committee Report  
Vision Projects – grant recommendations

Other Agenda Items (as time allows)

Assignment of Synod Council member visits to congregations on Sunday morning  
Orientation for Synod Council visits to congregations tomorrow

**Noon**

**Lunch at St. John's**

Bishop Ray Tiemann	Exhibit G
Approve Nominating Committee	
Approval of John Dellis to the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest Board	
Approval of Lutheran Church of the Hills, Kerrville as SAWC	Exhibit G.1
Approve Youth Ministry Co-Coordinator Contract - Hansen	Exhibit G.2
Approve Youth Ministry Co-Coordinator Contract – Myers	Exhibit G.3
Youth Ministry Co-Coordinator Report to Council	Exhibit G.4
Assistant to the Bishop, the Rev. Lynn Schudy Ziese	Exhibit H
Assistant to the Bishop, the Rev. Michael Robinson	Exhibit I
Administration and Finance Committee – Jim Price	
Termination of FSA Plan with Administration Resources Corp. (ARC)	Exhibit J
Legal, Constitutional, and Roster Review Committee – Deb Wilson	Exhibit K
Roster Changes	
Synodical Calls	
On Leave from Call	
Retirements	
Resignations	
Removals	
Ratify Constitutions	
St. Andrew, Canyon Lake	
New Hope Worshipping Community, Blanco	
Bethany, Fredericksburg	
St. John (Lindenau), Cuero	
Commission Reports	
Commission for Communication – Claudia Teinert	Exhibit L
Commission for Congregational Life – Donna Shurley	Exhibit M
Commission for Mission – Pr. Bonnie Claycomb	Exhibit N
Commission for Professional Leadership – Pr. Mike Coffey	Exhibit O
Compensation Guidelines for 2008 – Pr. Skip Courter	(45 minute Powerpoint)
2008 Synod Assembly	
Proposed Budget 2009-10 (Discussion/Action)	Exhibit F-1
Ratify 2008 Synod Assembly Planning Committee	
Recommendation for Adoption of Proposed Standing Rules	Exhibit P
Announcement of ELCA representative – Ms. Lita Johnson	
Report of the Planning Team - Pr. Lynn Ziese, Asst. to Bishop, and Janet Fries, Admin. Asst. to Bishop	
Meeting time of Synod Council meeting prior to Assembly	
Reception for Synod Council and early registration	

	Display space request – LC/NA – Gayle Gordon Bouzard	Exhibit Q
Information Reports:		
	Women of the ELCA	Exhibit R
	Cross Trails Ministry Report – Carl Teinert	Exhibit S
	Lutheran Social Services of the South, Inc.	
	St. Luke’s Lutheran Health Ministries	
	Texas Lutheran University	
	Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest	
	Lutheran Men in Mission	
	Mission Investment Fund	
	The Rev. Joe Garcia, Hispanic Ministry Mission Director	
	The Rev. Steve Kanouse, Mission Director	

2:45 p.m.	Closing Devotions	Bishop Tiemann
3:00 p.m.	Planned trips across the Valley	
7:00 p.m.	Return to St. John’s for dinner and discussion about what we have seen/heard	

**Sunday, February 10, 2008** - Host families provide breakfast; SC members attend worship services at assigned congregations; have lunch and meet back at St. John’s at 1:00 p.m. for prayer and trips back home

Calendar Items:

Synod Assembly Dates:	May 31-June 1, 2008	TLU
Synod Council Meetings:	May 30, 2008	LMC, Seguin
	September 12-13, 2008	LMC, Seguin