

Synod Visioning Oversight Team September Synod Council Report 2018

Members of the Committee: Pr Greg Berger, Pr. Sheryl Kester Beyer, Pr Sarah Cordray, Pr Allison Siburg, Bishop Brian Maas, Diane Harpster

No Synod Council action is needed at this time. The summary below will keep you up to date on what is happening with our Strategic Vision Plan.

Hope

- Pr Allison Siburg has agreed to join the team for a three year term. Thank you to, Pr Tim Koester whose term ended.
- Bishop Maas and Pr Steve Meysing will report to Synod Council regarding the Synod Ministry Assessment.
- “We are Church Together” group is completing the devotions. Lenten resources will be available at TheoCon.
- “We are Church for the Sake of the World” group will consist of the following persons: Allison Siburg (liaison), Carrie Gubsch, John Gok Badeng, Sandy Terry Jacob Krueger, Megan Clausen, Justin Eller (co-chair), Ramona Edwards, Jenny Sharrick, Stephanie Lusienki (staff liaison). They began meeting August 1st.

Connect

- Discussing a more active role of Deans in the first year of a new call.
- Healthy Leader discussion around a number of resources and possibilities. Contacts are being made, but nothing concrete to date. Healthy Boundaries 201 training is developed. Staff will take the training September 24 and the training will be ready for roll out to synod leaders early 2019.
- Sow the Seeds initiative continues to develop resources and NLOM will continue God’s IDEA events.
- Brenda Rivas has developed a communication proposal.
- Current networks include: Deacons, Theological Educators, Rural Ministry, Transition Ministry, Stewardship, Justice/World Hunger/Gloal Mission-Micah 6:8, Leadership Support, Outreach, and Evangelism. These will be posted on the Synod website. Theological Educators will have a presentation at TheoCon.
- Ecumenism Committee appointments are in process.

Go

- The Young Adult Strategy is under redevelopment, recruiting new persons to reengage the conversation.
- SLIM (Senior Lutherans in Ministry): 45 congregations signed up for the orientation to “Generation: Together.” Implementation will be later than the original November date. The group has applied for an Immanuel grant for a SLIM retreat.

Other

- The Oversight Team is looking to recruit additional members as terms expire.
- Conversations have begun about the next strategic vision process, when it would occur, and what that process would look like. The Oversight Team encourages the Synod Council to soon discern how to proceed with a new Strategic Vision process.

Next meeting: October 11, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
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