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Among the business the synod conducted:

- The [2025 Nebraska Synod Budget](#) was approved.
- The [2025 Compensation Guidelines](#) for Pastors and Deacons were approved.
- The [2024 changes to the Nebraska Synod Constitution](#) were approved.
- [Resolution 2024:1](#), regarding providing for the needs of women and children living in poverty was approved.
- The following were elected to serve on the **Nebraska Synod Council**: Rev. Carol Ann Hopke, Kathy McAreavey, Rev. Brenda Pfeifly, Caleb Ruch, Irv Schleufer, and Mike Unverferth.
- The following were elected to serve on the **Nebraska Synod Consultation Committee**: Rev. Kris Bohac, Ron Gunderson, Ian Hartfield, Rev. Erin Heidelberger, Christine Lund, and Rev. Chad Rademacher.
- The following were elected to serve on the **Nebraska Synod Committee on Discipline**: Rev. Erick Hill, Rev. Kat Montira, Rev. Otto Schultz, and Rev. Patrick Sipes.
- The following were nominated to be **nominees for the ELCA Church Council** from the Nebraska Synod: Jeff Akerson and Matt Schur. Their names will be placed in nomination for consideration by the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.
- The following were elected to serve as **2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly voting members**: Kristin Bartlett, Dex Dexter, Rev. Marcia Dorn, Gwen Edwards, Adam Frerichs, Nancy Hinrichs, Rev. Lori Kitzing, Rev. Paula Lawhead, Rhonda Obert, Mary Magstadt, Carol Meyer, Ric Miller, Nathan Peterson, Rev. Miles Ruch, Rev. Allison Siburg, Dn. Timothy Siburg, Rev. Eric Spruth-Jannsen, and Laurel Wiegand.

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