

**TEXAS-LOUISIANA GULF COAST SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING**

Date of Meeting: January 12th, 2026

Venue: Zoom

Attendees: Bishop Tracey Breashears-Schultz, Kathy Patrick, Caleb Parks, Deacon Brandi Painter, Lori von Heyking, Lucky Sahualla, Rev. Anthony Chattman, Rev. Chon Pugh, Rev. Anders Nilsen, Taylor Rivera

Staff: Deacon Aimee Elles, Rev. Cassandra Nagle

Visitors: Colt Rivera

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Kathy Patrick.

Actions Taken

1. Approved the proposed agenda from the Vice President and authorized the Vice President to adjust it as needed for the purposes of the meeting.
 - a. Moved - Lori, Second - Anders. Motion Carried.
2. Authorized Synod Staff to draw funds from the Synod Savings account to address the Financial Deficit according to Option 1 as detailed in the financial report.
 - a. Moved - Brandi, Second - Lucky. Motion Carried.
3. Extended a call to Jadher Abad for St James - Santiago Apostol.
 - a. Moved - Lori, Second - Anders. Motion Carried.
4. Adjourned the Meeting.
 - a. Moved - Caleb, Second - Lori. Motion Carried.

Discussion

1. Financial Report - Synod Staff
 - a. There are two options available to the Synod, with the primary difference being the question of which funds get zeroed out by a withdrawal from the Synod's Savings Account.
 - b. Option 1 results in a Savings withdrawal of \$408,968, Option 2 results in a

withdrawal of \$504,573.

- c. Preference from Synod Council would be to make a smaller withdrawal from Savings.