



Synod Council Highlights - Meeting via Zoom

February 21, 2026

- The draft agenda for the 2026 Synod Assembly, occurring at Split Rock Resort on June 4-6, was approved. Volunteers are needed to help with this year's Synod Assembly. Anyone interested in assisting, especially with regards to ushering and counting during elections, may contact Pr. Ken Melber, Jr., Synod Secretary, who will pass on the request.
- The 5G Team (Growing Grateful Generous Givers Group) is looking for new members. The Finance Committee, chaired by Pastor Carl Shankweiler, is temporarily handling the work of 5G. Interested individuals may contact Pr. Shankweiler or Pr. Melber.
- In regards to our Synodically Authorized Worshipping Communities (SAWCs) and Synodically Authorized Outreach Ministries (SAOMs): Free to Be was reauthorized for another year with Pr. Lauren Applegate as its designated ministry leader. Inside Out, with Pr. Rashion "Woody" Santiago was approved as an exploration SAOM (An exploration is a short period to test a possible SAWC/SAOM for viability and purpose.) Seminarian April Mulvey was designated as the ministry leader for Hope's Table, Reading.
- The Synod Council affirmed the 10 Goals presented at last year's Synod Assembly.
- The Synod Council approved a request for On Leave status from Pr. Ruth Doty.

The Synod Council will hold its next meeting at St. John, Pen Argyl on April 18, 2026.

These highlights represent the major resolutions passed by Synod Council. Detailed minutes, once approved, are held at the Synod office and by the Synod Secretary once they are approved.