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The sixty-sixth meeting of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) was convened on Friday, October 8, 2010, in the Council Room of the Lutheran Center at Chicago, Illinois, and by conference call. Mr. Carlos E. Peña, vice president of the ELCA and chair of the Church Council, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. At the request of the chair, the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA, read 1 Peter 2:4–10 and opened the meeting with prayer.

The first plenary of the meeting took place in executive session.

ORGANIZATION OF MEETING

(Agenda I.A.-I.F.)

The following persons were present for all or part of the executive session:

Voting Members

Officers:

Pr. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop
Mr. Carlos E. Peña, vice president
Mr. David D. Swartling, secretary
Ms. Christina Jackson-Skelton, treasurer

Church Council:

Pr. David P. Anderson	Pr. Heather S. Lubold
Ms. Judith E. Barlow-Roberts	Ms. Susan W. McArver
Mr. Baron Blanchard (<i>excused</i>)	Pr. Raymond A. Miller
Ms. Rebecca Jo Brakke	Mr. John S. Munday
Ms. Rebecca D. Carlson	Mr. Mark W. Myers
Ms. Deborah L. Chenoweth	Ms. Ann F. Niedringhaus
Pr. Rachel L. Connelly	Pr. J. Pablo Obregon
Mr. John R. Emery	Mr. Ivan A. Perez
Pr. Amsalu T. Geleta	Ms. Lynette M. Reitz
Ms. Karin Lynn Graddy	Ms. Sandra Schlesinger
Mr. Mark S. Helmke	Pr. Michael J. Schmidt
Ms. Louise A. Hemstead (<i>excused</i>)	Mr. Blaire P. Smith
Mr. William B. Horne II	Pr. Jeffrey “Jeff” B. Sorenson
Pr. Keith A. Hunsinger	Pr. Kathryn A. Tiede
Mr. Mark E. Johnson	Mr. David Truland (<i>excused</i>)
Pr. Susan Langhauser	Pr. Philip R. Wold
Pr. Steven P. Loy	

Representatives of the Conference of Bishops

Bp. Allan C. Bjornberg (<i>excused</i>)	Bp. Margaret G. Payne
Bp. Michael L. Burk	Bp. Harold L. Usgaard
Bp. Murray D. Finck (<i>excused</i>)	Bp. Peter Rogness
Bp. Callon W. Holloway Jr.	Bp. Martin D. Wells (<i>excused</i>)
Bp. Ralph E. Jones	Represented by Bp. David Brauer-Rieke
Bp. Gerald L. Mansholt	Bp. Herman R. Yoos III

Program Unit Executives

Pr. Stephen P. Bouman, executive director, Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission

Mr. Doug Haugen, director, Lutheran Men in Mission

Ms. Linda Post Bushkofsky, executive director, Women of the ELCA

Pr. Sherman Hicks, executive director, Multicultural Ministries

Pr. Rebecca S. Larson, executive director, Church in Society

Ms. Beth A. Lewis, president, Augsburg Fortress, Publishers

Pr. Rafael Malpica Padilla, executive director, Global Mission (*excused*)

Pr. Stanley N. Olson, executive director, Vocation and Education (*excused*)

Service Unit Executives

Ms. Kristi Bangert, executive director, Communication Services

Ms. Cynthia Halverson, president, ELCA Foundation, and executive director, Development Services

Mr. John G. Kapanke, president and chief executive officer, ELCA Board of Pensions

Mr. Daniel Lehmann, editor, *The Lutheran* magazine

Ms. Eva M. Roby, executive vice president for administration, Mission Investment Fund (*excused*)

Press:

Mr. John R. Brooks, director, ELCA News Service

Ecumenical Guests:

Ms. Lelanda Lee, The Episcopal Church (*excused*)

Pr. Mary Ann Neevel, United Church of Christ (*excused*)

Moravian Church in America [position vacant]

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) [position vacant]

Reformed Church in America [position vacant]

The United Methodist Church [position vacant]

**Friday, October 8, 2010
Plenary Session I**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Church Council entered into executive session at 1:08 p.m. Vice President Carlos E. Peña reviewed the protocol and procedures for the conference call and reminded people that all matters discussed in the first portion of the meeting were confidential, including the relevant exhibits.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(Agenda II.)

Background:

Agenda items had been distributed by mail and electronically.

Church Council Action:

Vice President Carlos E. Peña called on Mr. David D. Swartling, secretary, to read the action pertaining to adoption of the agenda. The chair called for a second, then opened the floor to discussion. There being no discussion, Vice President Peña called for a vote. After the vote, the chair declared the motion was adopted.

VOTED:

CC10.10.34 To adopt the agenda and to permit the chair to call for consideration of agenda items in the order the chair deems most appropriate.

UPDATE ON 2011 ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGN PROCESS

(Agenda III.A.; Agenda/MINUTES Exhibit A, Parts 1a–1d)

Background:

The Church Council met in executive session with members of the Churchwide Organization Design Team to receive a detailed report on recommendations related to the restructuring of the churchwide organization, including personnel implications and related amendments to the ELCA's governing documents. The members of the design team were Mr. Jonathan H. Beyer, executive for information technology; the Rev. M. Wyvetta Bullock, executive for administration; Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson; the Rev. Sherman G. Hicks, executive director, Multicultural Ministries; Mr. Kenneth W. Inskip, executive for research and evaluation; Treasurer Christina Skelton-Jackson; and Ms. Else B. Thompson, executive for human resources.

The Church Council's action were to be made public October 11, 2010. Until that time, the documents and their contents remained confidential.

The Church Council will consider further recommendations related to the design team proposal in open session at its meeting November 12–14, 2010.

Church Council Action:

Vice President Carlos E. Peña called on the presiding bishop to introduce the proposed action.

Presiding Bishop Hanson presented the 2011 Organizational Design Proposal and outlined the context and goals of the proposal. Treasurer Jackson-Skelton described this church's financial situation. Pr. Bullock provided an overview of the consultative work of the Churchwide Organization Design Team. Then the presiding bishop laid out the design proposal for consideration.

Church Council members discussed details of the proposed structure, continuing ministries, staffing decisions, financial implications, and relationships within the ELCA and with partner churches and organizations.

After the discussion, Vice President Peña asked the Rev. Keith A. Hunsinger to lead the council in prayer. The chair then called for a vote on the motion to approve the concept proposed to restructure the churchwide organization, noting it required a two-thirds vote for adoption. After the vote, Vice President Peña declared the motion was adopted.

The following action was adopted in executive session. It was made public on Monday, October 11, 2010.

VOTED:

CC10.10.35

To affirm the concept proposed by the presiding bishop, as described in Exhibit A, Part 1a, to restructure the churchwide organization to reflect missional priorities and economic realities in order to position this church for mission and ministry into the future;

To authorize the officers of the churchwide organization to take steps to the extent possible, including necessary personnel actions, to implement the restructuring proposal before the beginning of fiscal year 2011, consistent with the ELCA constitution and bylaws, churchwide organization policies, and this resolution;

To delete the following continuing resolutions as detailed in Exhibit A, Part 1b, as part of the process of implementing the restructuring proposal and to eliminate outdated provisions:

Continuing resolution

Topic

14.32.A05.	Chairs of named program committees serve as advisory members of the Church Council
14.32.B05.	The chair of the consulting committee on work on behalf of women serves as an advisory member of the Church Council
15.11.E05.	<i>Responsibility for Anti-Racism and Diversity Training</i>
15.11.H05.	<i>Responsibility for Worship and Liturgical Resources</i>
16.11.A05.	<i>Program Units</i>
16.12.A05.	<i>Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission Unit</i>
16.12.B05.	<i>Global Mission Unit</i>
16.12.C06.	<i>Vocation and Education Unit</i>
16.12.D06.	<i>Church in Society Unit</i>
16.12.E07.	<i>Multicultural Ministries Unit</i>
17.11.A05.	<i>Identification of Service Units</i>
17.21.A06.	<i>Communication Services</i>
17.41.B05.	<i>Development Services</i>
17.41.C09.	Implementation of staggered terms for Foundation board members
17.51.A05.	<i>Operation of the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA</i>
17.51.B09.	Implementation of staggered terms for MIF board members
19.04.A05.	<i>Implementation Process</i> for changes in size of boards and program committees
19.21.D05.	Process for soliciting nominations to program committees
19.51.A09.	<i>Nomination for Multicultural Ministries Program Committee;</i>

To adopt the following new continuing resolutions as part of the process of implementing the restructuring proposal:

14.32.A10. *The chairs of the program committees for the Congregational and Synodical Mission unit and the Global Mission unit shall serve as advisory members of*

the Church Council with voice but not vote. In addition, the chairs of the respective boards of trustees of the Publishing House of the ELCA and Women of the ELCA shall serve as advisory members of the Church Council with voice but not vote.

15.11.K10. Responsibilities for Relationships with Separately Incorporated Ministries
The Office of the Presiding Bishop shall be the primary liaison between the churchwide organization and Women of the ELCA, the Publishing House of the ELCA, the Deaconess Community of the ELCA, Lutheran Men in Mission, and National Lutheran Campus Ministry, Inc. The Office of the Secretary shall be the primary liaison between the churchwide organization and ELCA Risk Management, Inc. The Office of the Treasurer shall be the primary liaison between the churchwide organization and the Mission Investment Fund, the Endowment Fund of the ELCA, and the Board of Pensions of the ELCA.

16.11.A10. Program Units

Program units of the churchwide organization, which shall function through cooperation, coordination, and collaboration, are the following:

- a. Congregational and Synodical Mission unit;*
- b. Global Mission unit.*

16.12.A10. Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit

The Congregational and Synodical Mission unit shall foster and facilitate the work of synods, congregations, and partners in making congregations vital centers for mission and in creating coalitions and networks to promote justice and peace. Its work includes creating and revitalizing congregations; leadership development; providing worship and liturgical resources; enhancing discipleship; supporting multicultural ministries and the commitment of this church to inclusivity; fostering relationships with educational partners; facilitating the engagement of this church in advocacy; and related activities that serve the evangelical mission of synods and congregations.

16.12.B10. Global Mission Unit

The Global Mission unit shall provide integrated support of this church's work in other countries and be the means through which churches in other countries engage in mission to this church and society. The Global Mission unit shall build capacity and provide support for mission in the following areas:

- a. Global Community: maintaining church-to-church relationships and mutual endeavors for evangelical witness, leadership development, sharing of mission personnel, and collaborative work;*
- b. Mission Formation and Relationships: mutual learning and growth with companion churches and ELCA synods and congregations in the accompaniment model for mission, companion synod relationships, young adults in global mission, relationships with independent Lutheran organizations related to global mission, and mission efforts for full communion partners;*

- c. *Diakonia: meeting human need and working collaboratively with partners toward the flourishing of human community through engagement in international development and disaster response.*

17.11.A10. Mission Advancement Unit

The service unit of the churchwide organization is the Mission Advancement unit, which shall be responsible for coordinating this church's communication, marketing, public relations, mission funding, major gifts, planned gifts, and constituent data management. It also shall oversee the work of the following:

- a. *The Lutheran magazine;*
- b. *The ELCA Foundation.*

17.51.A10. Operation of the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA

The Mission Investment Fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall:

- a. *have primary responsibility for the development, administration, and promotion of Mission Investments;*
- b. *relate to the Congregational and Synodical Mission unit, which shall request real estate acquisition for new and existing ministries within the limits of the capital funds available and within established criteria;*
- c. *provide expertise for management of real property and execute all necessary documents for the acquisition and disposition of such property;*
- d. *establish, in consultation with the Congregational and Synodical Mission unit, an annual capital budget for ministry development;*
- e. *have responsibility, within established guidelines for determining which congregations shall receive loans, the amount of each loan, and the repayment schedule; and shall confer with the Congregational and Synodical Mission unit on any loans to developing ministries;*
- f. *execute the loans, ensure safekeeping for the legal documents, provide accounting services for the repayment, and supervise collection;*
- g. *offer building and architectural consultative services to new congregations entering first-unit construction, to congregations relocating with synodical approval, to other congregations, and to other organizations and institutions that are affiliated with this church.*

19.04.A10. Implementation Process

To implement the transition in the number of program committees, the Church Council shall take the following actions during its November 2010 meeting:

- a. *invite the duly elected members of the program committee related, as of October 2010, to the Global Mission unit to serve the remainder of their terms;*
- b. *elect from the members of the program committees related, as of October 2010, to the Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission unit, the Vocation and Education unit, the Church in Society unit, and the Multicultural Ministries unit, fifteen (15) people to*

- serve the remainder of their terms as the program committee of the Congregational and Synodical Mission unit;*
- c. appoint, in accordance with bylaw 16.12.12., one member of the Church Council to serve as a liaison member of the Congregational and Synodical Mission program committee; and*
 - d. request the Conference of Bishops to select, in accordance with bylaw 16.12.12., one bishop to serve as an advisory member of the Congregational and Synodical Mission program committee.;*

To request that the Office of the Secretary, in collaboration with the presiding bishop and treasurer, prepare necessary amendments to the governing documents of this church to implement the redesign of the churchwide organization, as outlined in Exhibit A, Parts 1a-1d, and present them to the Church Council for action and recommendation, as necessary, to the 2011 Churchwide Assembly;

To express gratitude to those who serve on the staff of the churchwide organization for their dedication and perseverance; and

To hold in prayer all those churchwide employees personally affected by the reduction in staff as part of the implementation of the churchwide organization restructuring proposal.

RECESS

The October meeting of the Church Council recessed at 2:37 P.M.

**Friday, October 8, 2010
Plenary Session II**

The Church Council entered into open session at 3:30 p.m. Vice President Carlos E. Peña called the second plenary of the October 8, 2010, meeting to order.

ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN
(Agenda III.B.; Agenda/MINUTES Exhibit B)

Background:

The Church Council received an update on decisions related to the continuing commitment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America related to malaria and had an opportunity to discuss the planning for the future of the ELCA Malaria Campaign (working title).

The Executive Committee received a briefing at its meeting on September 28, 2010, and, as noted in an e-mail to the Church Council from Vice President Carlos E. Peña on October 1, 2010, "While no vote was taken, the group consensus was that Bishop Hanson had the ultimate decision whether to sign the agreement [United Nations Foundation (UNF) grant proposal]. The timing of the deadline necessitated the decision to be made in this manner."

An announcement on September 30, 2010, was released first to the Church Council and Conference of Bishops and then to critical networks prior to a release to the public later that afternoon. A revised version of the announcement was provided in Exhibit B.

The Executive Committee has recommended the following action for consideration by the Church Council. Following additional development of plans for the ELCA Malaria Campaign, an action for consideration by the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be brought to the April 2011 meeting of the Church Council.

Church Council Action:

Vice President Peña asked Secretary David D. Swartling to move the recommended action.

Moved;

Seconded:

To focus the commitment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to address malaria through a re-branded and prioritized ELCA Malaria Campaign throughout this church;

To acknowledge the enthusiasm of this church to meet this commitment, giving thanks to God for:

1. the energy and commitment of the five current pilot synods and the five additional pilot synods eager to begin in 2011;
2. the generous gifts of donors throughout this church;
3. resources prepared and stories told;

To give thanks as well for the enthusiasm with which companion churches in Africa have embraced and have begun to implement a joint effort with the ELCA to roll back malaria, utilizing their personnel, church programs, health ministries and community development programs in this effort;

To focus and expand the work already begun, anticipating an authorizing action to be taken by the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly;

To reaffirm the ongoing core work of ELCA World Hunger and strengthen its capacity through this special giving opportunity that reaches out to new donors and invites current donors to deepen their commitment above and beyond normal World Hunger giving;

To request that, after donors are informed of this church's refocus of its distribution channels for gifts designated for malaria, funds already held by this church and funds to be received with any designation for malaria be distributed to address issues of malaria through Global Mission's ongoing relationships with partner churches;

To authorize continued receipt of designated gifts for malaria under the auspices of the World Hunger appeal in support of malaria work of this church;

To request that a report and recommendations for a churchwide campaign to address malaria be brought to the April 2011 meeting of the ELCA Church Council for referral to the 2011 Churchwide Assembly;

To acknowledge with gratitude the work begun with Lutheran World Relief (LWR), The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS), and the United Nations Foundation (UNF) through the Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI), and to deepen partnerships with LWR among specific partners and ministries, with the Lutheran World Federation, and with other partners; and

To anticipate that this whole church—members of every age, congregations, synods, the churchwide organization, agencies and institutions, the Women of the ELCA, Lutheran Men in Mission, the Lutheran Youth Organization, colleges and universities, seminaries, social ministry organizations, camping ministries, and all others—will learn about malaria and other diseases intensified by poverty and prayerfully support this commitment as it grows into readiness for a possible major fund-raising campaign in synods and congregations following authorizing action by the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.

The chair called on Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson to introduce the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Presiding Bishop Hanson stated that the ELCA had been in conversation with LWR and the LCMS about their participation in a malaria campaign. He noted that UNF originally approached LWR and contracted with it on behalf of the ELCA and LCMS. LWR informed UNF it could no longer continue in that role. The ELCA renegotiated its own grant proposal with UNF, and the LCMS did not. It opted to continue with LWR as the primary grant recipient. At that time the ELCA experienced a significant decline in mission support and World Hunger income, and the goal of raising \$30 million over a five-year period came into question. LMI would commit the ELCA to contribute \$15 million to its partners, \$9 million to the Global Fund, and \$6 million to build the capacity of the partners to access the Global Fund. The presiding bishop said he convened two meetings with churchwide leadership and those involved in the initiative prior to a September 30 deadline to sign the UNF contract. To recommend that the 2011 Churchwide Assembly commit this church to raise \$30 million for LMI while reducing the World Hunger budget was not good stewardship, he explained, and it would have focused the money for global partners on one disease. The ELCA Malaria Campaign reduced the goal to a more realistic total of \$15 million, while retaining this church's commitment to its partners, he added.

The Rev. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl, coordinator of the Lutheran Malaria Initiative and the HIV and AIDS Strategy, asserted that the ELCA's commitment to address malaria will continue in the new campaign, raising awareness and funds and working closely with partners in Africa. The goal of containing malaria-related deaths will be honored. Synods will continue to test materials and strategies, and a report on the pilot program will be prepared for the 2011 Churchwide Assembly. The work and networks of LMI will continue in the new campaign.

Presiding Bishop Hanson described meetings with people involved in LMI. He said they understood the need for change and were delighted that the work to contain malaria will continue. The presiding bishop added that he expected similar responses across this church.

Vice President Carlos E. Peña called for discussion of the motion.

The Rev. Jeffrey "Jeff" B. Sorenson proposed an amendment.

Moved;

Seconded: *To amend by inserting:*

To communicate to The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and to Lutheran World Relief (LWR), in light of these decisions, the ELCA's continuing desire to work cooperatively on malaria-related efforts with them;

Pr. Sorenson noted that the motion acknowledged this church's past cooperation with LCMS and LWR and a desire to deepen its relationship with LWR. His amendment would add the ELCA's desire to continue working with the LCMS. There being no further discussion of the amendment, Vice President Peña called for a vote.

Moved;
Seconded;
Carried:

To amend by inserting:

To communicate to The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and to Lutheran World Relief (LWR), in light of these decisions, the ELCA’s continuing desire to work cooperatively on malaria-related efforts with them;

The chair declared the amendment approved and asked for further discussion of the motion as amended. Presiding Bishop Hanson noted that the council’s Executive Committee had been kept involved in the process. There being no further discussion, Vice President Peña called for a vote on the motion as amended.

VOTED:

CC10.10.36

To focus the commitment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to address malaria through a re-branded and prioritized ELCA Malaria Campaign throughout this church;

To acknowledge the enthusiasm of this church to meet this commitment, giving thanks to God for:

- 1. the energy and commitment of the five current pilot synods and the five additional pilot synods eager to begin in 2011;**
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- 3. resources prepared and stories told;**

To give thanks as well for the enthusiasm with which companion churches in Africa have embraced and have begun to implement a joint effort with the ELCA to roll back malaria, utilizing their personnel, church programs, health ministries and community development programs in this effort;

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To reaffirm the ongoing core work of ELCA World Hunger and strengthen its capacity through this special giving opportunity that reaches out to new donors and invites current donors to deepen their commitment above and beyond normal World Hunger giving;

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To request that a report and recommendations for a churchwide campaign to address malaria be brought to the April 2011 meeting of the ELCA Church Council for referral to the 2011 Churchwide Assembly;

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To acknowledge with gratitude the work begun with Lutheran World Relief (LWR), The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS), and the United Nations

Foundation (UNF) through the Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI), and to deepen partnerships with LWR among specific partners and ministries, with the Lutheran World Federation, and with other partners; and

To anticipate that this whole church—members of every age, congregations, synods, the churchwide organization, agencies and institutions, the Women of the ELCA, Lutheran Men in Mission, the Lutheran Youth Organization, colleges and universities, seminaries, social ministry organizations, camping ministries, and all others—will learn about malaria and other diseases intensified by poverty and prayerfully support this commitment as it grows into readiness for a possible major fund-raising campaign in synods and congregations following authorizing action by the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.

The chair declared the motion adopted as amended.

Presiding Bishop Hanson and Vice President Peña expressed their gratitude to everyone involved with the Lutheran Malaria Initiative and the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

The chair then called on Secretary Swartling to address the next item on the agenda.

JANUARY 2011 CHURCH COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL

(Agenda III.C.)

Background:

Secretary David D. Swartling has requested that the Church Council schedule a meeting to be held by conference call on Friday, January 14, 2010, from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. (CST) to consider any additional amendments to the ELCA governing documents not finalized at the November 2010 meeting of the Church Council. If no such business remains after the November 2010 meeting, the January 2011 meeting may be canceled and members notified.

Church Council Action:

Secretary David D. Swartling introduced the proposed action concerning a meeting by conference call in January 2011 to consider possible additional amendments to the *Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA*. He noted that all proposed changes may not be available by November, but, if the changes are ready, it would be possible to cancel the January 2011 meeting. Any constitutional changes to be proposed to the 2011 Churchwide Assembly must be submitted before February 15, 2011.

Ms. Karin Lynn Graddy asked whether an hour would be enough time for the meeting.

Secretary Swartling suggested it would be possible to schedule an additional hour.

There being no further discussion, the chair called for a vote.

VOTED:

CC10.10.37

To schedule a meeting of the Church Council to be held if necessary by teleconference on January 14, 2011, from 10:00 A.M. to noon (CST) to consider amendments to the ELCA governing documents for recommendation to the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.

Vice President Carlos E. Peña declared the motion approved and called on the Rev. J. Pablo Obregon for a closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

The sixty-sixth meeting of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adjourned October 8, 2010, at 3:57 P.M.