

**Eastern District Board of Directors - Telephone Conference Call
August 28, 2014**

Voting Directors Present: President Chris Wicher, Chairman Mark Lambrecht, Gordon Tresch, Rev. Ron Breight, Lyle Heggemeier, Jacqui Green, Rev. Karl Haeussler, Rev. Peter Richert

Voting Directors Absent: Rev. Dave Bernard, Rev. Greg Tafel, Rev. Howard Alexander, Irene McFadden, Larry Thompson, Rev Dan Strussenberg, Mike Fenger

Quorum declared: With 8 members in attendance, Chairman Lambrecht declared a quorum.

Opening Prayer: Lead by President Wicher

2015 Eastern District Convention Nominating Committee:

President Wicher advised the board that a vacancy on the Convention Nominating Committee remains from the last convention. Cliff has been contacted and is willing to serve in this capacity.

M/2 to appoint Cliff Hummel, Commissioned Minister Rochester Region, to the 2015 Convention Nominating Committee, passed.

Camp Pioneer Financing:

President Wicher briefly reviewed Camp Pioneer's financial status, the need for cash to see the camp through the retreat season, and the availability of funds through the board's line of credit with LCEF.

M/2 to approve a \$100,000 loan by the Eastern District from LCEF line of credit and to approve a 30 day bridge loan of \$100,000 from the Eastern District to Camp Pioneer to be confirmed with appropriate legal documentation, passed.

Pioneer Staffing:

With a grieving heart and somber tone, President Wicher reported that Rev. Alex Knowles released two long-term Pioneer employees, Leah Sallach and Mike Kinsella this past week. This decision was made due to Pioneer's financial situation and PRATT recommendations. It was a very difficult and emotional decision. Separation agreements have been signed with Leah and Mike.

Church Properties: St. Thomas, Pittsburgh and Alpha Deaf, Rochester

President Wicher updated the board on the status of these two properties. Both congregations are in the process of closing. The board asked President Wicher to provide financial information regarding these properties at the October 3-4, 2014 meeting.

October 3 & 4th Meeting in Philadelphia Region:

The board briefly discussed the next regular meeting to be held on Friday, October 3rd at Christ, Malvern and Saturday, October 4th at Christ Assembly, Philadelphia.

M/2 to adjourn, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Peter A. Richert, Secretary
Eastern District, LCMS