

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS for January 2025

Council Actions and Information

Council Continuing Business

Multiple items of Continuing Business were addressed within the JANUARY Council Meeting.

- The 2025 KoG Annual Meeting is history, as of 1/26/2025 and was well attended. All motions passed with no opposition and we have new volunteers serving in our various ministries and a new 2025 Budget approved.
- NWIM Synod Assembly will be online this year (May 3, 2025) – Nancy Seid and Lois Wisner will be our congregational voting representatives.
- Audit Team members Chuck Lindeen, Terri Wiley and Stan Fornander have confirmed that they are able to support an audit in 2025 for the past 3 calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024). The Church Constitutional amendment motion passed so this team can officially begin its audit work, which will progress between February and June of 2025.
- Planning is underway for KoG's participation in the 2025 LHBC Capital Campaign. A 3–5-member team will be created and the 6-week timeframe for this event will be finalized after the 'new' Council meets for the first time together in February.
- **Still pending** A program for updating our Church Directory Photos, a volunteer is needed to coordinate this program and schedule times for members to have their photos updated, using the AV room at KoG and a smart phone camera.
- **Still pending** A church key audit is in progress. Paper records are being converted to electronic files as well and those members listed as having key(s) will be contacted to confirm which keys are within their possession.
- **Still pending** Plans for creating documentation of Church Inventory (Carolyn Jean Smith and Mary Rickerd).

Council Reports

The standing agenda includes review of the previous month's meeting minutes, the previous month's financial reports and an update from the KoG LEAP/Veolia Task Force. We also receive reports from Pastor Connie for pastoral acts and upcoming plans and from Steve Eulberg for Music Ministry updates. Requests for copies of these reports can be made by emailing Becky Newberry at semgoddessid@gmail.com. Otherwise, the weekly email blasts and Sunday morning bulletin announcements cover these topics in depth as well.

For reports from other committees supported by a council liaison, please use this link:

<https://www.koglutheran.org/committees>

LEAP/Veolia Task Force Report

For LEAP the public sale was completed on January 8, 2025. Bart Cochran, CEO of LEAP Housing, provided an update that was read to the congregation during the Annual Meeting. The balance of 2025 will be spent in the financing phase with a hope that ground-breaking can occur in the spring of 2026. For Veolia, the Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment was completed on January 24, 2025. The cross-access agreements have been finalized, and we are very nearly able to be able to close on the sale of the one-third acre to Veolia for the drilling of a community well. An update will be provided in February when the final PSA closing should occur.