

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS for November 2024

Council Actions and Information

Council Continuing Business

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

- Preparations are underway for the Nominating Committee to recruit new members to several elected positions that become available in January 2025 – Columbarium Committee, Endowment Committee, Nominating Committee and Church Council. Also will be recruiting someone interested in the church Financial Secretary position (Kurt Borm has stepped down due to health reasons) and the Columbarium Manager position is open. Mary Rickerd/Becky Newberry are serving jointly as an interim Columbarium Manager.
- NWIM Synod Assembly will be online this year (May 3, 2025) – two voting members will need to be elected to attend this event remotely. Cost is \$25 per voting member.
- **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:** More revisions are planned to the Church Constitution within Chapter 13 for the sections that describe the composition and function of the Audit Committee. These updates will be presented at the next Annual Congregational Meeting in January, 2025, for the congregation to vote on to approve.
- Audit Team members have been identified and have accepted their invitation: 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)
- **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 sewer tap is planned for November 25-December 4. After this is completed, LEAP can complete the final filing needed to close on the sale of this parcel. For Veolia, we have negotiated THREE Easement agreements: (1) Cross-Access for shared use of south entrance driveway (not done after Ustick Water Tank installation in 1980); (2) Access to new Community Well parcel; (3) Garden – for pedestrian access to KoG Community Garden. Veolia is now motivated to get these agreements and the PSA finalized within this calendar year, so closing on the sale of this parcel should be completed in December 2024.