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Congregation Council

December 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2026
(Moved from third Thursday of December with consent of council members to accommodate travel / holiday schedules and medical issues.)

ATTENDANCE

Council Members

Present
- President Karen Lawfer *(via Zoom)*
- Vice President Delores Graver
- Secretary Clarice Bethers *(via Zoom)*
- Treasurer Lynda Stover *(via Zoom)*
- Nelson Merrell *(via Zoom)*
- Dennis "Woodsy" Nichols *(via Zoom)*

Excused
- Connor Blackwell

Congregation Members
- Of Counsel Brad Perkins *(via Zoom)*
- Karen Perkins *(via Zoom)*
- Tamara Walter *(via Zoom)*
- Lucy Merrell *(via Zoom)*

DEVOTIONS

President Lawfer led devotions.

CALL TO ORDER

President Lawfer called the regular December 2025, meeting of Congregation Council of Resurrection Lutheran Church (RLC), Juneau, Alaska to order at 6:50 pm.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Quorum was established with six of the seven members of the council present.

CODE OF CONDUCT

President Lawfer reminded all attendees that RLC's Code of Conduct applied the proceedings and actions of the meeting and asked if anyone needed another copy before proceeding. Not hearing any requests, she proceeded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft Minutes of:

November 13, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

Vice President Graver moved, and Council Member Merrell seconded a motion to approve the presented minutes. President Lawfer offered an

opportunity for discussion. After President Lawfer heard no comments, the council accepted the minutes.

November 25, 2025, Special Council Meeting

Vice President Graver moved, and Secretary Bethers seconded a motion to approve the presented minutes. President Lawfer offered an opportunity for discussion. After President Lawfer heard no comments, the council accepted the minutes.

REPORTS

President's Report

The council reviewed the President's Report (attached).

Treasurer's Report

The council reviewed the Treasurer Report (attached).

Worship and Music Committee Report

The council reviewed the Worship and Music Committee (attached).

Programs Report

The council reviewed the Programs Report (attached).

Incident Reports

President Lawfer reported that reports had been submitted via RLC Virtual Office.

BUSINESS

Lawsuit, Synod Actions and Resurrect Hope Foundation

After a report and discussion occurred regarding the current topic, the following resolutions were adopted in response to Superior Court's ruling dismissing the action, the council must now focus on reconciliation of records, recovery of assets, and orderly continuation or transition of ministries consistent with the RLC Constitution and the outcome in the following resolution:

Whereas, individuals claiming to act as RLC officers—without lawful authority and with the encouragement of former Bishop Shelley Wickstrom and current Bishop Timothy Oslovich—have interfered with governance, alienated members, and disrupted worship and outreach ministries;

Whereas, individuals convened illegitimate council and congregational meetings without proper notice or constitutional procedure, misrepresented quorum and election results, and permitted the unconstitutional election of Kelly McGee as "president," despite her lack of lawful authority;

Whereas, Lisa Brendle exceeded the C12.02 constitutional limit of six consecutive years of Council service in March 2024 and therefore has no legal authority to serve on the Council or to act as President under C11.01.01;

Whereas, Brendle and Kristin Cadigan-McAdoo removed approximately $205,000 in church and grant funds from RLC accounts without Council authorization or accounting, and their attorney sought to block disbursements necessary to fulfill grant commitments and other budgeted expenses;

Whereas. Plaintiffs' ongoing actions—including fraudulent meeting notices, unauthorized control of church facilities, communications, and service accounts, failure / refusal to provide financial reports or accounting, and repeated interference with Juneau Live! Studio cabling—have caused serious harm to RLC's operations;

Whereas, the Superior Court's November 24, 2025, Order concluded that the remaining claims fall within ecclesiastical matters and therefore dismissed the case, declining civil jurisdiction and directing all parties to follow their faith and internal church processes;

Whereas, with civil proceedings now closed, RLC is obligated to resume governance and administrative duties internally, restoring records, reconciling finances, and protecting the continuity of its mission-based programs;

Whereas, RLC has not paid any fees or costs toward the creation or maintenance of Resurrected Hope Foundation ("Foundation") but was recorded as the holder its sole (1) nominal share at formation;

Whereas, RLC council members and volunteers have supported and encouraged the development of community-serving programs and documentation that are intended to continue through independent nonprofit entities, including the proposed merger between the Foundation and TBI Resource Foundation (the "Merger") under the emerging Nourish Communities framework;

Whereas, the Council reaffirms that Lisa Brendle has been constitutionally ineligible to serve on the Council or as its President since March 2024, and all actions taken or authorized by her in that role are null and void, unless later ratified by a duly elected Cuncil;

Whereas, the Council reaffirms that Kelly McGee has never been duly elected or recognized under the RLC Constitution as President or authorized representative of RLC; and

Whereas, The Council acknowledges the Superior Court's November 24, 2025, Order as final, requiring no further civil proceedings;

Now, therefore be it resolved, the RLC Council authorizes the following officers and counsel—President Karen Lawfer, Of Counsel Bradley Perkins, and Attorney Jeffrey Troutt—to undertake actions necessary to restore lawful operations and stewardship of RLC's ministries and assets, including:

Resolved further,

<u>Administrative Restoration</u>

- Reconcile RLC financial accounts, membership records, and Council minutes.
- Restore access to bank, grant, and utility accounts and notify vendors, donors, and granting agencies of authorized RLC contacts;
- Complete reporting obligations for grants and community programs;
- Secure and inventory church records, property, and equipment;

<u>Legal and Fiduciary Matters</u>

- Request written confirmations from financial institutions, the Alaska Synod, and third parties acknowledging the court's dismissal and RLC's standing.
- Recover or account for the approximately $205,000 in RLC funds removed from its accounts;
- Prepare a closing memorandum summarizing the litigation's outcome for internal and donor records;
- Address any residual issues of privilege, document retention, or data protection;

<u>External Relations</u>

- Approach the Alaska Synod Council regarding their fiduciary and pastoral obligations to RLC and the Juneau community;
- Communicate with partners and granting agencies regarding RLC's program continuity and legal closure of the case;

Resolved further,

that upon verification of documentation, RLC authorizes the release, assignment, and transfer of its one (1) nominal share in Resurrected Hope Foundation to the Foundation or its designated successor (including TBI Resource Foundation), for nominal consideration of $1.00 or no consideration if permitted by law, for the purpose of facilitating the Merger;

Resolved further,

that RLC consents to the Merger and authorizes its President and Secretary (acting jointly or separately) to execute any necessary consents, waivers, or acknowledgments to complete the Merger, provided that RLC assumes no debts or liabilities of the Foundation or successor entity;

Resolved further,

that the President and Secretary may consult counsel and make technical edits to these instruments without imposing any new financial obligations on RLC;

Resolved further,

that the Secretary shall record this resolution in the official minutes and retain certified copies with RLC's records; and

Resolved further,

adopted by the Resurrection Lutheran Church Council on January 22, 2026. to affirm the lawful governance and continued mission of RLC and to authorize all necessary actions to protect its ministries, members, and property pending final adjudication.

Secretary Bethers moved, and Vice President Graver seconded the proposed resolutions. After President Lawfer offered an opportunity for discussion. After hearing no further comments, the council approved the resolutions as presented above.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Bethers moved, and Vice President Graver seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm Alaska time with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarice Bethers

Clarice Bethers, Secretary