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Congregation Council

November 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2025
(Moved from third Thursday with consent of council members to accommodate travel / holiday schedules.)

ATTENDANCE

Council Members

Present
- President Karen Lawfer
- 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
- Adam Garner
- Of Counsel Brad Perkins
- Karen Perkins *(via Zoom)*
- Laura Roram
- Rebel Stevens

DEVOTIONS

President Karen Lawfer led devotions.

CALL TO ORDER

President Lawfer called the regular October 13, 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 Regular October Council Meeting on October 13, 2025.

Vice President Delores 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 and Synod Actions

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 and respond to ongoing constitutional violations, continued interference in church governance and operations, obstruction of mission-aligned programming, and the urgent need to protect RLC's legal, financial, and ministry integrity in light of pending litigation and recent court filings:

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, these individuals have 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 any 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 has sought to block disbursements necessary to fulfill grant commitments and other budgeted expenses;

Whereas, Plaintiffs' ongoing actions—including fraudulent meeting notices, unauthorized attempts to control church resources, facilities, communications, interference with utilities and service accounts, failed to provide financial reports or accounting of church finances and assets, and repeated vandalism of Juneau Live! Studio cabling—are ultra vires, void, and damaging to RLC's operations; and

Whereas, such interference directly harms RLC's ability to meet its mission, including providing meals to nearly 500 people per week through the food pantry and cafeteria at a time of rising food insecurity and reduced community resources.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the RLC Congregation Council hereby adopts the following:

Reaffirmations

- 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, subject to court determination; and
- Kelly McGee is not the legitimate congregation "president," and her repeated attempts to represent herself as such—often with apparent support from Synod officials—are rejected and decried; and

Authorizations

the RLC Council authorizes council officers, including President Karen Lawfer, and Of Counsel Bradley Perkins and legal counsel Jeffrey Troutt to take all necessary legal and administrative actions, including but not limited to:

  - stipulating to the payment of invoices in the normal course of business;
  - requesting discovery from former Bishop Shelley Wickstrom, Bishop Timothy Oslovich and others; and

- seeking nullification of all unconstitutional actions and meetings, including the January 2025 "Annual Meeting" and all resulting actions;
- securing the release of the $205,000 in church and grant funds improperly removed from RLC's accounts;
- enjoining any unauthorized use of the church's Mission Endowment Fund;
- approach Alaska Synod Council regarding their fiduciary obligations, including to RLC, Karen Perkins and the Juneau community;
- pursuing civil remedies or protective orders related to unauthorized use of church accounts, access credentials, and confidential communications;
- addressing potential violations of attorney-client privilege
- representing RLC in mediation, arbitration, or settlement discussions;
- settling or otherwise disposing of the current lawsuit if, in their judgment, such action is in RLC's best interests;
- taking any additional actions reasonably necessary to protect RLC's integrity, ministry, and legal standing; and

<u>Communications and Operations</u>

- notify granting agencies, banks, and service providers of the current legal situation and Council-approved contacts;
- demand restoration of account and communications access;
- enter into contracts and obligations in the normal course of business;
- execute these directives and take any additional steps necessary to protect RLC's integrity, ministry, and legal standing, including actions not specifically enumerated herein but reasonably related to the matters described;
- take all necessary actions to execute the foregoing resolutions; and

Adoption

adopted by the Resurrection Lutheran Church Council on November 13, 2025, 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.

Vice President Delores Graver moved and Secretary Bethers 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.

Discernment Process

President Lawfer postponed discussion on the discernment until next council meeting.

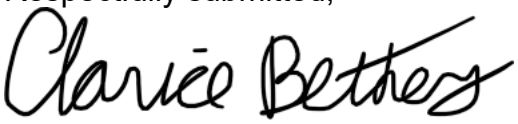
NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Delores Graver moved, and Secretary Bethers seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm Alaska time with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Clarice Bethers, Secretary