

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA
MINUTES OF NATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

MARCH 15-17, 2007

ST BENEDICT'S RETREAT CENTRE, WEST ST PAUL MB

PRESENT:

Officers: National Bishop Raymond Schultz Donald Storch, Secretary
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Council: Tom Brook Rev Mark Koenker
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Ken Hartviksen Carl Sorensen
Rev. Roger Haugen Rev Trish Schmermund
Heidi Hesselink
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ACC REP The Very Rev. Peter Wall

Synod Rev. Cindy Halmarson, SK Synod Rev. Michael Pryse, Eastern Synod
Bishops: Rev. Ron Mayan, ABT Synod Rev Elaine Sauer, MNO Synod
Rev. Gerhard Preibisch, BC Synod

Staff: Rev Paul Johnson, Assistant to the Bishop for Ecumenical Relations
Rev Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Relations
Ryan Andersen, Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship in Public Life
Gloria McNabb, Director of Finance and Administration
Trina Gallop, Communications Manager
Faye Schultz, Executive Assistant to the Office of the Bishop

Absent: Kathy Magnus, LWF NA

THURSDAY, March 15, 2007

7:00 pm Opening Worship—led by National Bishop Raymond Schultz, with installation of Assistants to the Bishop Rev Paul Gehrs, Ryan Andersen, and Sr Monica Denk, International Volunteer Coordinator.

8:00 pm Presentation by Jeff Pym and Catherine Pate on Stewardship entitled “What’s Enough?”

FRIDAY, March 16, 2007

Opening devotions led by Rev Mark Koenker

9:10 am Called to order.

CC-07-20 MS that NCC approve the amended agenda. **Carried**

Special order items Dennis Brown, AON, Robert Granke, CLWR, and Hildy Thiessen, GSI. Addition of Hildy Thiessen of GSI presenting at 11:30 am.

Business Session 1

Special Orders:

Dennis Brown AON spoke on the ELCIC National insurance program. Regarding liability coverage in the program for sexual abuse

CC-07-21 MS that NCC move to an in-camera session **Carried**

Business Session 2

CC-07-22 MS that NCC approve the memo of understanding with CLWR and ELCIC(tab E) **Carried**

CC-07-23 MS that NCC approve the following Terms of Reference be adopted for the Program Committee for Mission in the World. **Carried.**

The **Program Committee for Mission in the World** shall establish priorities, recommend policies, and develop resources for world mission. By communication and promotion of programs throughout the synods of this church, the Committee shall provide opportunities to the ELCIC to engage in Mission in the World. The Committee shall be appointed by the National Bishop and shall be comprised of one person from each synod nominated by the synod bishop plus an Anglican partner appointed by the Anglican Church of Canada in consultation with the National Bishop.

CC-07-24 MS that NCC receive the treasurer's report as information. **Carried.**

CC-07-25 MS that NCC appoints Rev. Greg Mohr and Rev. Larry Ulrich to the CECF Advisory Board. Their terms are concurrent with their functioning as Synodical Canadian Mission consultants. This is the practice identified in the CECF Management Handbook. **Carried.**

CC-07-26 MS that NCC accepts the CECF Management Handbook, as revised at the CECF Advisory Board meeting of March 1-3, 2007. **Carried.**

CC-07-27 MS that the leadership capital appeal be deferred at this time.

Ammendment to the motion was carried.

MS that the consideration of a leadership capital appeal be deferred indefinitely and the task force be excused with thanks. **Carried.**

CC-07-28 MS that NCC approve numbered action style minutes. **Carried**

Carl Sorensen asked that his negative vote be recorded.

CC-07-29 MS that NCC approve Ken Hanssen and Bill Kuehnbaum be recommended to reappointment to the GSI Board for a four year term 2007-2011. **Carried.**

CC-07-30 MS that NCC recommend that Ernest and Young be appointed auditors for Group Services Inc. for the year ending December 1, 2007. **Carried.**

CC-07-31 MS that NCC approve the Committee for Bishop's relationship evaluation with NCC be Rev Roger Haugen, Elizabeth Hackborn, and Carl Sorensen. **Carried.**

Rev Roger Haugen agreed to call the first meeting of the Bishop's relationship evaluation committee.

CC-07-32 MS that the governance review schedule be moved to the executive committee. **Carried.**

It was agreed that the council executive take the review of the ELCIC Strategic Priorities under consideration.

It was agreed that the NCC Report to the 11th Biennial Convention, National chair, Roger Kingsley to give report along with another council member, Rev Trish Schmermund.

CC-07-33 MS that NCC approve the establishment of an ELCIC Global Hunger and Development Appeal Peace and Justice Fund and the related terms of reference. **Carried.**

CC-07-34 MS that NCC approve the amendment to Section 29 of the ELCIC Corporate Bylaw and be recorded as Corporate Bylaw 2007-01. **Carried** with one opposing.

MS that NCC propose to the 11th Biennial Convention the revised *Evangelical Declaration* be reaffirmed as a theology of mission for the ELCIC for the next ten years.

CC-07-35 MS that the motion be postponed until NCC have a written document available to consider. **Carried.**

CC-07-36 MS that NCC approve the Standing Rules of Order for the 11th Biennial Convention. **Carried.**

Bob Schmidt opposed vote was recorded

CC-07-37 MS that NCC recommend the approval of the 2007-2009 ELCIC operating budget. **Carried.**

CC-07-38 MS that NCC approve the ELCIC amended Nominating Committee Report for positions on NCC, GSI, and Court of Adjudication. **Carried.**

CC-07-39 MS that NCC recommend Ken Harviksen for the position of National Treasurer, for the next four years. **Carried.**

Business Session 3

CC-07-40 MS that National Church Council recommends the following resolution to the 11th Biennial Convention of the ELCIC:

We affirm that God calls us, through Word and Sacrament, to be disciples and to make disciples. Our discipleship is defined by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Our mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people in Canada and around the world through the proclamation of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments, and through service in Christ's name. On the basis of the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions:

We believe, teach and confess that everything we have is a gift from God entrusted to our nurture and care, and that the Christian life is a life of stewardship.

We believe, teach and confess that the Holy Spirit calls and gathers the whole church into the mission of God, which takes seriously both the reality of the world, and the reality of Christ, with equal care.

Therefore, we, as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, will celebrate and rejoice in the gifts which God has given us to carry out our mission in the world today. Where we see need, we will take action. We will use our gifts deliberately to be the people of God for others. We will be involved in mission by focusing on the following:

We commit ourselves as church to answer the call to respect the integrity of God's creation through an environmental stewardship initiative engaging our national, synodical, congregational and individual member expressions. **Carried.**

CC-07-41 MS that NCC recommends to the 11th Biennial Convention the document In Mission for Others an Evangelical Theology of Mission, Evangelical Declaration for the next decade. **Carried.**

Document was approved as distributed.

CC-07-42 MS that NCC approve the abuse and liability issue be referred to the officers' consultation and a process will be developed for the congregations. **Carried.**

CC-07-43 MS that NCC recommend that a new Joint Commission be constituted for a six year term (2007-2013) to seek greater fulfillment of the mandate first given to the Commission in 2001. **Carried.**

1. A new Joint Commission be constituted for a six year term to seek greater fulfillment of the mandate first given to us in 2001, specifically, ***“to nurture our growth in communion, to coordinate the implementation of this Declaration, and report to the decision-making bodies of both our churches.”***
2. That our respective churches commit themselves to engaging a more ambitious agenda toward implementation of the Waterloo Declaration.
3. That this report and its suggestions for future work be commended to the next Joint Commission for their consideration and action.

CC-07-44 MS that NCC approve a NCC standing governance committee with terms of reference to be developed. **Carried.**

CC-07-45 MS that NCC approve committee members: Roger Haugen, convenor, Roger Kingsley, and Maaike Froelich. **Carried.**

Evening Prayer led by Rev Mark Koenker

