

MINUTES- APPROVED

**ELEVENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA
UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, WINNIPEG MB
JUNE 21–24, 2007**

Session One: Thursday, June 21, 2007, 7:00 pm

Opening of Convention

The Convention opened with worship.

National Bishop Raymond Schultz, declared the Eleventh Biennial Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) open.

Opening prayer conducted by the Rev. Mark Harris, Convention Co-Chaplain.

Report of the Committee of Registration and Credentials

(Chair) reported the following registration figures:

Lay delegates registered	209
Ordained delegates registered	167
Total voting delegates registered	376
Visitors registered	146
Total persons registered	522

Adoption of the Agenda

Bishop Schultz reviewed the Convention agenda and the procedure for submitting any new motions.

Point of order, regarding the standing rules of order. They will be addressed at the orientation.

Chair asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

NC-07-01 MS that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

Amendment

MS that the agenda that the agenda be amended to bring forward the discussion and vote on same sex blessings, NCC recommendation #22 from the 45 minutes scheduled for 11:00 am Saturday, June 23, 2007 to 9:00 am Friday, June 22, 2007 with a time allocation of at least 90 minutes. Defeated.

Special Order

Motion #5 from Bulletin of Reports

NC-07-02 MS that the ELCIC Constitution, Article XI (Conventions), Section 5, be amended with the addition of subsection c.

Section 5. The voting membership of conventions shall consist of:

- c. Twelve youth selected by the synods as members of the youth assembly. **Carried.**

Elections Committee:

First ballot for election of the National Bishop was distributed and collected.

Convention chaplain, Mark Harris led the gathering in prayer.

Orientation:

Convention Procedures were reviewed, including the standing rules of order.

NC-07-03 MS that the standing rules of order be adopted as printed.

Discussion

NC-07-04 MS the previous question be moved. **Carried.**

Motion NC-07-03 was **Carried.**

NC-07-05 MS that seat and voice privileges be granted to the following: **Carried.**

- Paul Johnson, Paul Gehrs, Ryan Andersen, Assistants to the National Bishop
- Gloria McNabb, Director of Finance and Administration
- Jeff Pym, Director of Planned Giving
- Rev Dr David Pfrimmer, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary (WLS)
- Rev Dr Kevin Ogilvie, Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS)
- Dr Bruce Perlson, Luther College
- President, Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute (LCBI)
- John Wolff, Chair, Group Services Inc. Board (GSI)
- Hildy Thiessen, Executive Director, Group Services Inc. (GSI)
- Ruth Vince, Executive Director, National ELW
- Kathy Magnus, Coordinator Lutheran World Federation-North America (LWF-NA)
- Karen Hamilton, General Secretary, Canadian Council of Churches (CCC)
- Carlos Peña, Vice President, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA)
- Norbert Denecke, United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany (VELKD)
- Edelvis Iraida Rodriguez Cadillo, Council, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Peru (ILEP)
- Robert Granke, Executive Director, Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)

Convention Chaplains: Rev. Mark Harris
Rev. Tanya Ramer

Worship Coordinator: Rev. Mark Ehlebracht

The Convention Committees were introduced:

Reference and Counsel: Rev Dr Faith Rohrbough, Chair
Tony Chong
Rev Trent Felstrom
Rev James Hendricksen
Rev Carol Janke
Preston Pouteaux
Rev Helmut Nachtigall, Parliamentary Advisor

Minutes: James Garey, Chair
Barton Beglo
Laurie Knott
Ruth Bergman
Barb Stolee

Elections: Stephen Wildfang, Chair
Gail Bruner
Richard McManus
Merv Bender

Joyce Grahlman
 David Stewart
 Larry Kochendorfer
 Jason Anderson
 Adolf Manz
 Roland Ziprick
 Carla Blakely
 David Knutdson

Registration and
 Credentials: George Johnson, Chair
 Stephen Boros
 Riitta Hepomaki
 William Free

NC-07-06 MS that a new Article IX (Full Communion Provisions), Section 1, be inserted into the ELCIC Constitution and that the current Articles IX to XX be renumbered to Articles X to XXI.

Section 1. Ordered ministers of churches with which this church has a full communion agreement, who are serving in this church under the provisions of that full communion agreement, shall have the same rights and privileges as the equivalent order of ministry in this church. **Carried.**

NC-07-07 MS that the ELCIC Constitution, Article XI (National Church Council), Section 1 first sentence be amended as follows:

Section 1. There shall be a National Church Council ~~comprised~~ composed of the officers of this church, who shall serve as the officers of the council; and additional members from the synods allocated on the basis of proportional representation according to baptized membership; and other representatives from full communion agreements. **Carried.**

Announcements

Report of the Committee of Registration and Credentials as of 8:15 pm

(Chair) reported the following registration figures:

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Report of the Elections Committee

Results of first ballot for National Bishop

Votes cast	376
Needed to elect	75%
Spoiled ballots	9

Aguirre, Curtis	1	Borkowsky, Jerry	2
Becker, Dennis	1	Brotherton, Lawrence	1
Beglo, Barton	1	Burnie, Howard	1
Berg, Daniel	1	Carlson, Glen	1
Bergbusch, Katharine	1	Diegel, Matthew	1
Bergh, Rick	2	Eriksson, David	3

Fogelman, Jon	1	Morck, David	1
Gehrs, Paul	1	Nostbakken, Roger	1
Gelhorn, Bruce	2	Ogilvie, Kevin	1
Halmarson, Cynthia	48	Pannell-Haugen, Roger	1
Halmarson, James	1	Pfrimmer, David	1
Halvorson, Murray	1	Preibisch, Gerhard	3
Harder, Cam	2	Pryse, Michael	23
Harris, Mark	1	Pudrycki, Roy	1
Haugen, Daniel	8	Reble, Douglas	1
Hendricksen, Dennis	1	Ree, Kevin	1
Hink, Phil	3	Rodgers, Michael	1
Hognestad, Lindsay	1	Rohrbough, Faith	1
Jensen, Gordon	5	Rude, Brian	1
Johnsen, Karl	1	Saarinen, Jukka	1
Johnson, Glen	27	Saude, David	2
Johnson, Paul	5	Sauer, Elaine	1
Johnson, Susan	75	Sauer, Richard	1
Johnson, Tim	3	Scheske, Barrett	1
Knudson, David	1	Schmitke, Kathleen	2
Knutson, Lanny	2	Schultz, Raymond	1
Kristenson, Steve	22	Schulz, Richard	1
Kuglin-Alyea, Elizabeth	3	Schwabe, Lothar	1
Lapointe, Marc	1	Skutshek, Edward	36
Lurvey, Thomas	4	Solheim, Arthur	1
Maier, Harry	1	Tastad, Kirk	2
Mastin, Howard	1	Tin, David	2
Mayan, Ron	22	Ulrich, Larry	1
Mikelic, Peter	1	Van Katwyk, Peter	1
Miller, Stewart	1	Vanker, Peeter	11
Mitchler, Edward	1	Whaley, James	1
Moeller, Craig	1	Wilhelm, Markus	1

Second ballot for National Bishop was distributed and collected.

Convention chaplain, Mark Harris led the gathering in closing prayer.