

Convention 2007 Minutes

**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 p.m. Approved

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

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

National Church Council Report

Special Order

NC-07-02 MS that the ELCIC Constitution, Article X (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 Co-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 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: Faith Rohrbough, Chair
 Tony Chong
 Trent Felstrom
 James Hendricksen
 Carol Janke
 Preston Pouteaux
 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 Blakley
David Knudson

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

National Church Council Report

Second reading amendments to the ELCIC Constitution.

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 p.m.

(Chair) reported the following registration figures:

Lay delegates registered	210
Ordained delegates registered	168
Total voting delegates registered	378

Visitors registered	146
Total persons registered	524

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
Becker, Dennis	1
Beglo, Barton	1
Berg, Daniel	1
Bergbusch, Katharine	1
Bergh, Rick	2
Borkowsky, Jerry	2
Brotherton, Lawrence	1
Burnie, Howard	1
Carlson, Glen	1
Diegel, Matthew	1
Eriksson, David	3
Fogelman, Jon	1
Gehrs, Paul	1
Gelhorn, Bruce	2
Halmarson, Cynthia	48
Halmarson, James	1
Halvorson, Murray	1
Harder, Cam	2
Harris, Mark	1
Haugen, Daniel	8
Hendricksen, Dennis	1
Hink, Phil	3
Hognestad, Lindsay	1
Jensen, Gordon	5
Johnsen, Karl	1
Johnson, Glen	27
Johnson, Paul	5
Johnson, Susan	75
Johnson, Tim	3
Knudson, David	1
Knutson, Lanny	2
Kristenson, Steve	22
Kuglin-Alyea, Elizabeth	3
Lapointe, Marc	1
Lurvey, Thomas	4
Maier, Harry	1
Mastin, Howard	1
Mayan, Ron	22
Mikelic, Peter	1
Miller, Stewart	1
Mitchler, Edward	1

Moeller, Craig	1
Morck, David	1
Nostbakken, Roger	1
Ogilvie, Kevin	1
Pannell-Haugen, Roger	1
Pfrimmer, David	1
Preibisch, Gerhard	3
Pryse, Michael	23
Pudrycki, Roy	1
Reble, Douglas	1
Ree, Kevin	1
Rodgers, Michael	1
Rohrbough, Faith	1
Rude, Brian	1
Saarinen, Jukka	1
Saude, David	2
Sauer, Elaine	1
Sauer, Richard	1
Scheske, Barrett	1
Schmitke, Kathleen	2
Schultz, Raymond	1
Schulz, Richard	1
Schwabe, Lothar	1
Skutshek, Edward	36
Solheim, Arthur	1
Tastad, Kirk	2
Tin, David	2
Ulrich, Larry	1
Van Katwyk, Peter	1
Vanker, Peeter	11
Whaley, James	1
Wilhelm, Markus	1

Second ballot for National Bishop was distributed and collected.
Convention Co-Chaplain, Mark Harris led the gathering in closing prayer.

Session Two: Friday, June 22, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - Approved

Called to order by National Bishop, Raymond Schultz
Opening Prayer led by Convention Co-Chaplain, Tanya Ramer

Report of the Committee of Registration and Credentials

(Chair) reported the following registration figures:

Lay delegates registered	221
Ordained delegates registered	170
Total voting delegates registered	391
Visitors registered	144
Total persons registered	535

Report of the Elections Committee

Results of the second ballot for National Bishop

Votes cast	372
Needed to elect	248
Spoiled ballots	1

Beglo, Barton	1	Mayan, Ron	21
Bergbusch, Katharine	1	Mikelic, Peter	1
Bergh, Rick	1	Mitchler, Edward	1
Borkowsky, Jerry	2	Preibisch, Gerhard	3
Diegel, Matthew	1	Pryse, Michael	12
Eriksson, David	2	Rodgers, Michael	1
Halmarson, Cynthia	61	Rude, Brian	1
Halvorson, Murray	1	Saude, David	2
Haugen, Daniel	3	Sauer, Elaine	2
Hendricksen, Dennis	1	Sauer, Richard	1
Hink, Phil	2	Schmitke, Kathleen	2
Jensen, Gordon	4	Skutshek, Edward	66
Johnsen, Karl	2	Tastad, Kirk	1
Johnson, Glen	21	Tin, David	2
Johnson, Paul	7	Van Katwyk, Peter	2
Johnson, Susan	112	Vanker, Peeter	7
Knutson, Lanny	1	Wilhelm, Markus	1
Kristenson, Steve	19		
Kuglin-Alyea, Elizabeth	1		
Lapointe, Marc	1		
Lurvey, Thomas	1		

Reports

Reference and Counsel—report #1

Motions presented.

NC-07-08 MS that Convention refer to NCC re: petitions requiring changes in the *ELCIC Constitution*, as well as important changes in policy be voted on by individual members of the ELCIC by means of mail-in or electronic balloting. The process should be controlled by the congregations to ensure only members in good standing are voting. Proper information prior to voting is to be given to members at conferences and congregational level. **Carried.**

Motion concerning CECF

Move that the National Bishop appoint a task force to evaluate the mandate of the Church Extension and Capital Fund (CECF). Specific consideration should be given to:

- broadening the purpose of the fund beyond exclusively financing new land acquisitions and buildings for new mission congregations, and
- supporting other building projects of existing congregations in renewal.

The task force should report its findings and recommendations to the National Bishop and to the National Church Council within the next two years. **Defeated.**

NC-07-09 MS that National Church Council consider adopting a procedure of funding delegates to the National Church Convention on a per capita basis similar to the practice currently in place in the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

Motion to refer the funding of Convention delegates motion to National Church Council for research and further study to report to delegates prior to the 2009 National Convention. **Defeated.**

Motion NC-07-09 was **Carried.**

Petition that this convention amend the *Administrative Bylaws—Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada* by adding the following section:

Part II section 7 Except for the provisions of Article VI, Section 9 of the constitution of this church, this church, including any synod of this church, cannot take any action that transfers, encumbers, or establishes any control over any asset (including real property) owned by a congregation, except by the provisions of the Congregation's Constitution.

Reference and Counsel recommends no action. Defeated.

Motion to challenge the ruling of the chair was defeated.

MS that the original petition be considered as ruled out of order by the chair, as the motion requires a by-law change which necessitates a days lapse in presentation and vote.

This motion will be dealt with as a bylaw change by NCC.

National Church Council Report

Tenth Anniversary of *Evangelical Declaration*

NC-07-10 MS that National Church Council recommends to the Eleventh Biennial Convention the adoption of the document *In Mission for Others an Evangelical Theology of Mission, Evangelical Declaration* for the next decade. **Carried.**

Environmental Stewardship resolution

NC-07-11 MS that National Church Council recommends that we commit ourselves as a 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.**

Close of Biographical Information for National Bishop.

National Church Council was introduced.

Greetings were received from the Rev. Canon Dr. Alyson Barnett-Cowan, Director of Faith, Worship and Ministry, and Ecumenical Officer, Anglican Church of Canada.

Presentation "*What's enough?*" (first segment) by Jeff Pym and Catherine Pate.

Greetings:

Greetings received from Rev. Dr. Ralph Mayan, President, Lutheran Church—Canada

Greetings received from Dr. Dieter Kays, President, FaithLife Financial

Elections Committee

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

Convention Minutes

NC-07-12 MS that the convention minutes from session one be approved as corrected. **Carried**

Greetings received from the Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton, General Secretary, Canadian Council of Churches.

Youth Assembly was introduced and made a presentation about the next Canadian Lutheran Youth Gathering in Whitehorse, Yukon, under the theme *Travel Light*.

Announcements

Presentation “*What’s enough?*” (second segment) by Jeff Pym and Catherine Pate.

Closing prayer by Convention Co-Chaplain, Mark Harris.

Recess.

Session Three: Friday, June 22, 2007, 1:30 p.m. - Approved

Report of the Committee of Registration and Credentials

(Chair) reported the following registration figures:

Lay delegates registered	223
Ordained delegates registered	171
Total voting delegates registered	394
Visitors registered	159
Total persons registered	553

Report of the Elections Committee

Results of third ballot for the election for National Bishop

Votes cast	387
Needed to elect	194
Spoiled ballots	0
Ericksson, David	1
Halmarson, Cynthia	79
Haugen, Daniel	1
Hink, Phil	2
Jensen, Gordon	3
Johnsen, Karl	1
Johnson, Glen	7
Johnson, Paul	1
Johnson, Susan	143
Kristenson, Steve	6
Mayan, Ron	9
Mitchler, Edward	1
Preibisch, Gerhard	3
Pryse, Michael	15
Saude, David	1
Sauer, Elaine	1

Skutshek, Edward	112
Tin, David	1

Report of National Bishop

Greetings were received from Dr. Gail Allan, United Church of Canada.
 Greetings were received from Kathy Magnus, Coordinator, Regional Office of North America for The Lutheran World Federation.

The five Nominees for National Bishop were each asked to address the convention for five minutes.
 Bishop Cindy Halmarson
 Rev. Susan Johnson
 Bishop Michael Pryse
 Rev. Edward Skutshek
 Bishop Ron Mayan declined to address the convention.

The Rev. Dr. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan announced that The Rt. Rev. Fred Hiltz, Bishop of P.E.I. and Nova Scotia, has been elected Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada.

Greetings were received from Carlos Peña, Vice-President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Co-Convention Chaplain, Tanya Ramer lead the gathering in prayer.

Fourth ballot for the election for National Bishop was distributed, marked, and collected.
 Bishop Schultz announced that questions for National Bishop nominees will be received at the registration desk up to the break time this afternoon.

Report of ELCIC Group Services Inc.

A report was received from the chair of the ELCIC Group Services Inc. Board, John Wolff and the Executive Director, Hildy Thiessen.

Presentation “*What’s enough?*” (third segment) by Jeff Pym and Catherine Pate.

Greetings were received from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia given by Rev. Dennis Aicken.
 Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Relations introduced Rev. Dr. Kevin Ogilvie, President, Lutheran Theological Seminary and Rev. Dr. David Pfrimmer, Principal Dean, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Report of the Elections Committee

Results of fourth ballot for the election for National Bishop

Votes cast	384
Needed to elect	192
Spoiled ballots	2

Halmarson, Cynthia	82
Johnson, Susan	123
Ron Mayan	2
Pryse, Michael	32
Skutshek, Edward	143

No election on the fourth ballot.

Ryan Andersen, Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship in Public Life spoke about the work of GHDA and CLWR and introduced Robert Granke, Executive Director. Robert Granke brought greetings and spoke about the work of CLWR.

Reports

Reference and Counsel—report #1 cont'd

NC-07-13 MS that a 2/3 majority be required for passage of motion 22 of the NCC report. Reference and Council recommends no action. **Carried.**

NC-07-14 MS that no action be taken on petition 22 of the NCC Report, which states a vote be recorded and reported in separate categories of lay delegates and ordained delegates and that passage of this motion require that the same majority be achieved in each category of delegates. **Carried.**

NC-07-15 MS that no action be taken on petition 22 of the NCC Report, which states if approved at this convention, not come into effect until it has been ratified by approval without amendment at the next convention of the ELCIC by the same majority and in the same manner. **Carried.**

Notice was given that the petitions concerning the following subjects will be dealt with after the decision on NCC's petition 22:

- Marriage, homosexuality, and the church;
- Disciplinary action for a pastor performing same-sex blessings or marriage;
- Amicably splitting the church;
- Requesting a theological opinion on same-sex blessings; and
- Requesting the National Convention to reaffirm the NCC's ruling that the Eastern Synod acted "beyond its constitutional authority."

Reference and Council reported that additional petitions without motions attached, were received from St Timothy, Pembroke ON and Grace, Kelowna BC, and no further convention action is required.

Report of the Elections Committee

Structured interviews of three nominees for National Bishop took place with each responding to the following questions:

1. How will you endeavor to heal the divisions in the ELCIC?
2. What is your greatest personal strength, and what is your greatest personal challenge?
3. How do you understand the role of the National Bishop on leading this church *In Mission for Others*?
4. What support and leadership would you see as necessary to engage young people who may not see a need for an organized church?

Deadline for submissions to Reference and Council was declared.

Convention Co-Chaplain, Tanya Ramer led the gathering in prayer.

Fifth ballot for the election for National Bishop was distributed and collected.

Presentation “*What’s enough?*” (fourth segment) by Jeff Pym and Catherine Pate.

Recess.

Session Four: Friday, June 22, 2007, 7:00 p.m. - Approved

Report of the Committee of Registration and Credentials

(Chair) reported the following registration figures:

Lay delegates registered	223
Ordained delegates registered	171
Total voting delegates registered	394
Visitors registered	161
Total persons registered	555

Report of the Elections Committee

Results of fifth ballot for the election for National Bishop

Votes cast	383
Needed to elect	192
Spoiled ballots	2
Cindy Halmarson	71
Susan Johnson	152
Edward Skutshek	160

Sixth ballot for the election for National Bishop was distributed, marked and collected.

Prayers led by Convention Co-Chaplain, Mark Harris.

Greetings

Sister Anne Keffer, Executive Director, ELCA Deaconess Community brought greetings.

First ballot for the election for National Secretary was distributed, marked, and collected.

Report of the National Treasurer

Approval of 2006 Audited Financial Statements

NC-07-16 MS that the audited financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2006 be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

Appointment of auditors for 2007

NC-07-17 MS that the firm of Ernst & Young be reappointed auditors for the year 2007. **Carried.**

Authorization to NCC to approve auditors for 2008

NC-07-18 MS that National Church Council be authorized to appoint the auditors for the year 2008. **Carried.**

Approval of 2007 Budget

NC-07-19 MS that this convention approve the submitted budget for the year 2007.
Carried.

Authorization to NCC to approve 2008 and 2009 budgets

NC-07-20 MS that NCC be authorized to approve the 2008 and 2009 budgets. **Carried**

Report of the Nominations Committee

NATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL			
Synod	Type	Term	Nominee
BC	Ordained	4 years	Nolan Gingrich (e) *
	Ordained		Robert Goos
ABT	Lay	4 years	Carl Sorensen (e)
	Lay		Donald E. Belke
SK	Lay	4 years	Irene Adams
	Lay		Cindy Lea Hoppe
	Ordained	4 years	Roger Haugen (e)
	Ordained		Kathleen Schmitke
MNO	Lay	4 years	Tom Brook
	Lay		Beverly Wahl
EASTERN	Lay	4 years	Maaike Froelich (e)
	Lay		Marquise Sopher
	Ordained Position 1	4 years	Lori Pilatzke
	Ordained Position 1		Claudine Carlson
	Ordained Position 2	4 years	Peter Mikelic (e)
	Ordained Position 2		E. Stephen Weber

ELCIC GROUP SERVICES INC.		
Type	Term	Nominee
Ordained Position 1	4 years	Loretta Jaunzarins (e)
Ordained Position 1		Greg Kern
Ordained Position 2	4 years	Richard M. Smith
Ordained Position 2		Glen C. Bergson
Lay Position 1	4 years	George Bridge
Lay Position 1		Edna Bjorgan
Lay Position 2	2 years	Douglas M. Peterson
Lay Position 2		Jacqueline Dojack

COURT OF ADJUDICATION		
Type	Term	Nominee
Ordained Position 1	4 years	Eric Krushel (e)
Ordained Position 1		Craig Moeller
Ordained Position 2	4 years	Cameron R. Harder
Ordained Position 2		Dennis Aicken
Lay Position 1	4 years	Janet Morck (e)
Lay Position 1		Laureen Wray
Lay Position 2	4 years	Barbea Flath
Lay Position 2		Rochell Shafer (e)

- Eligible for re-election

Nominations from the floor for National Church Council were as follows:

BC Ordained	Edward Skutshek
SK Lay	Dr. Daniel Glaeske
SK Ordained	Dan Haugen
MNO Lay	H. Georg Schreckenbach
MNO Lay	Dr. Brent Kvern
Eastern Lay	Evelyn Swanson
Eastern Ordained Position 1	Samuel King-Kabu
Eastern Ordained Position 2	Dr. Peeter Vanker

Nominations from the floor for ELCIC Group Services Inc.

Ordained Position 1	Martin Olsen
Lay Position 1	Dale Schmekel
Lay Position 1	Dave Wylie

Nominations from the floor for Court of Adjudication

Ordained Position 1	Stewart Miller
Ordained Position 1	Phil Gagnon
Lay Position 1	Frederic Schroeder
Lay Position 2	Keith Odegard

NC-07-21 MS that National Church Council nominate Ken Hartviksen for the position of national treasurer for the next four years (2007–2011). **Carried. Declared elected.**

Report of the National Bishop

Rev. Paul Johnson, Assistant to the Bishop for Ecumenical Relations introduced two international guests. Greetings received from The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Peru given by a member of their council Edelvis Iraida Rodriguez Cadillo. Rev. Katharine Bergbusch served as translator.

Greetings received from the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany (VELKD), Norbert Denecke, an officer of that church.

A taped greeting from Bishop Munib Younan from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land.

Remarks from Bishop Raymond Schultz about his term as the ELCIC National Bishop.

Bishop Schultz introduced Betty St. Onge, National President of Evangelical Lutheran Women. Betty shared with the gathering the work of the ELW.

Report of the Elections Committee

Results of the sixth ballot for the election for National Bishop

Votes cast	378
Needed to elect	190
Spoiled ballots	0

Susan Johnson	206
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Edward Skutshek	172
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Rev. Susan Johnson was declared elected as the new National Bishop of the ELCIC.

Results of the first ballot for the election of National Church Secretary

Votes cast	350
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Needed to elect	263		
Spoiled ballots	0		
Aicken, Dennis	1	Lapointe, Marc	3
Baglo, Kevin	1	Miller, Norman	1
Baribeau, Judy	1	Miner, Doug	1
Belke, Don	1	Moore, Doug	1
Bjorgan, Edna	1	Odegard, Keith	2
Bjornstad, Rolf	1	Pannell- Haugen, Roger	2
Changul, Sherland	1	Ramer, Tanya	1
Chell, Jim	1	Roper, Lois	1
Eriksson, Bart	1	Schenk, Gary	1
Eriksson, David	1	Schmermund, Trish	1
Gallop, Trina	1	Schmitke, Kathleen	1
Gelhorn, Bruce	2	Simonson, Pat	1
Gellner, David	1	Skutshek, Ed	3
Genery, Patricia	1	Smith, Jordan	1
Gingrich, Nolan	1	Smith, Richard	1
Granke, Robert	1	Smith, Jeff	1
Hachborn, Elizabeth	1	Stewart, Don	1
Halmarson, Cindy	1	Storch, Don	278
Haugen, Roger	2	Theiss, John	1
Haugen, Sid	1	Tubbe, Rosalynn	1
Hink, Phil	1	Ulrich, Larry	1
Johnsen, Karl	5	Vanker, Peeter	3
Johnson, K Glen	6	Voss, Ron	2
Krushel, Eric	1	Weiterman, Maureen	1
Kurtz, Michael	1	Wunderlich, David	4

Don Storch was declared re-elected as National Church Secretary.

Convention Co-Chaplain, Mark Harris offered closing prayer.

Recess.

Session Five: Saturday, June 23, 2007 9:00 a.m. - Approved

Convention Co-Chaplain, Rev. Mark Harris opened with prayer.

Report of the Committee of Registration and Credentials

(Chair) reported the following registration figures:

Lay delegates registered	223
Ordained delegates registered	171
Total voting delegates registered	394
Visitors registered	168
Total persons registered	562

Secretary Report

2009 Nominating Committee	BC	Ms. Loris Dow Martin
	ABT	Rev. Randy Meissner
		Ms. Bev Maertens-Poole
	SK	Rev. David Hanes
		Mrs. Elaine Miller
	MNO	Ms. Kim Scherger
	Eastern	Rev. Guenter Dahle
		Ms. Dorothy Frook
		Rev. Mark Harris

NC-07-22 MS that the convention adopt the slate for the 2009 Nominating Committee. **Carried.**

National Church Council Report

First Reading Constitution Amendments

Moved that first reading of motions 7–14 be adopted as printed.

NC-07-23 MS that motion #8 be dealt with separately. **Carried.**

NC-07-24 MS that first reading of motions 7, and 9–14 be adopted as printed. **Carried.**

7. That the ELCIC Constitution, Article IV (Mission of the Church). Section 2, be amended to include a new subsection c and the following subsections be re-lettered:

Section 2. In seeking to achieve its mission, this church shall:

- c. Admit persons to the roster of diaconal ministers by consecration or transfer and be responsible for their nurture, support, and discipline.

9. That the ELCIC Constitution Article IX (Synods) be amended as follows:

Section 5. Included on the roster of ~~ordained~~ ministers of each synod shall be those who are:

Section 6. It shall be the responsibility of each synod to:

- a. Shepherd congregations, ordained ministers, ~~deaconesses~~ **diaconal ministers**, and its lay workers;

10. That the ELCIC Constitution Article X (Conventions) and Article XI (National Church Council) be amended with the deletion of the word ordained and replaced with the word rostered.

Article X Conventions

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

- a. Two hundred ~~ordained~~ rostered ministers elected by the conferences as allocated by the National Church Council on the basis of baptized membership; and

- b. A lay delegate elected by each parish* not already represented by ~~an ordained~~ a rostered minister and an additional lay delegate elected by every parish with more than eight hundred baptized members. Any parish with less than eight hundred members represented by ~~an ordained~~ a rostered minister for two consecutive conventions may not be represented by ~~an ordained~~ a rostered minister at the following convention.

Article XI National Church Council

Section 1. There shall be a National Church Council comprised 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. Each synod shall be represented by at least one lay person and one ~~ordained~~ rostered minister, and the total number of lay persons shall equal or exceed the total number of ~~ordained~~ rostered ministers. The distribution of additional members shall be specified in the administrative bylaws. The additional members shall be elected by the convention and shall be eligible to serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms. Synod bishops shall be present as advisory members. Terms of elected members shall be such that half of the members shall be elected at each convention. Vacancies shall be filled by the National Church Council until the next regular convention. A member of the National Church Council who is ~~an ordained~~ a rostered minister who has been suspended from the office of the ~~ordained~~ rostered ministry or removed from the roster of ~~ordained ministers~~ by a synod council, may be removed from membership on the National Church Council by a majority of a least two-thirds of the members of the National Church Council at a meeting duly called and held for such purpose.

11. That the ELCIC Constitution, Article XIII (Divisions) be removed from the Constitution.

~~ARTICLE XIII Divisions~~

~~Section 1. This church shall carry out its work in mission and ministry through such divisions as may be established in the administrative bylaws.~~

~~Section 2. In establishing a division in the administrative bylaws, such provision shall set out the objectives of the division and the method by which such objectives are to be accomplished.~~

12. That the ELCIC Constitution, Article XIV (Offices), Section 1 be amended as follows:

Article XIV Offices

Section 1. This church shall provide ongoing support services for ~~the divisions and~~ this church through such offices as may be established in the administrative bylaws.

13. That the ELCIC Constitution, Article XV (Department of Finance and Administration), Section 1, subsection c be amended as follows:

Article XV Department of Finance and Administration

Section 1. The National Church Council shall, through its Department of Finance and Administration, have responsibility for the general oversight and control of the finance and business management of this church. As such it shall:

- c. Ensure that there be sound and responsible fiscal management by its ~~divisions~~, offices, committees and institutions;

14. That the ELCIC Constitution, Article XVI (Benefit and Pension Plans) Section 1 and Article XVIII (Court of Adjudication) Section 2 and 10 be amended as follows:

Article XVI Benefit and Pension Plans

Section 1. The administrative bylaws shall provide for the participation by ~~ordained~~ rostered ministers and lay employees of this church, its synods, congregations, agencies, institutions, and other recognized organizations in a pension plan and in a group benefits plan. The administrative bylaws may establish rules providing for the participation of such employers and employees in such plans on a compulsory basis, and may determine the methods to be adopted by the participants in such plans in order to provide for the proper administration of such plans.

Article XVIII Court of Adjudication

Section 2. The Court of Adjudication shall consist of seven members, four lay and three ~~ordained~~ rostered ministers, who shall be elected by the convention for a term of four years. No member may hold a position on Church Council, synod council or a synodical committee for theological education and leadership. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. A vacancy occurring *ad interim* may be filled by the National Church Council until the next regular convention, which shall fill the unexpired term.

Section 10. An appeal made under ARTICLE VI, Section 11, ~~and~~ ARTICLE VII, Section 8, and Article VIII, Section 6 must be in writing and must be filed with the secretary of the court within forty-five days from the date of the decision, which is being appealed. The court shall hear and determine the appeal on the data upon which the decision appealed was based and render its verdict in writing. The court may for the purpose of hearing and determining the appeal receive such further evidence and in such manner and form as it in its sole discretion may determine.

NC-07-25 MS that first reading of motion 8 be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

8. That the ELCIC Constitution, Article VIII (Lay Diaconal Ministers) be amended with the deletion of the word lay in the title and in sections 1 through 6.

Section 1. A synod may admit individuals as ~~lay~~ diaconal ministers. In doing so the synod shall comply with and administer the provisions of this article and shall maintain a roster of those admitted and continued as ~~lay~~ diaconal ministers.

Section 2. Consecration of candidates as and reception of ~~lay~~ diaconal ministers shall be the function of the synods. Synods shall also have responsibility for recruitment, approval and supervision of all candidates for the ~~lay~~ diaconal ministry. Applicants for consecration or for reception shall appear before the examining committee of the synod, and may be consecrated or otherwise admitted only upon recommendation by such committee. The members of the examining committee shall be appointed or elected by the synod.

Section 3. Each ~~lay~~ diaconal minister shall covenant to abide loyally by the constitution, administrative bylaws and enactments of this church and of the synod.

Section 4. Each ~~lay~~ diaconal minister shall conform in teaching to the Confession of Faith of this church and shall lead a life befitting the office.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the administrative bylaws of this church each ~~lay~~ diaconal minister, except those who are retired or disabled, shall be in possession of a call from a congregation or a synod or this church itself. Under the conditions stated in the administrative bylaws, a ~~lay~~ diaconal minister on leave from call may be retained on the roster of ~~lay~~ diaconal ministers from year to year for no more than three consecutive years by action of the appropriate synod. A ~~lay~~ diaconal minister on leave from call for parental leave or study leave may be granted an additional five consecutive years by action of the appropriate synod.

Section 6. The synod shall be responsible for discipline of ~~lay~~ diaconal ministers on its roster. A Committee on Discipline shall be formed, when necessary. The composition and responsibilities of the Committee on Discipline shall be set out in the administrative bylaws. Disciplinary action may be appealed to the Court of Adjudication, whose decision therein shall be final.

Administrative Bylaw Amendments

Moved that motion 15 be referred to National Church Council for further discussion. **Defeated.**

NC-07-26 MS that motion 15 be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

15. That Administrative Bylaw, Part III (Rostered Ministers) Section 3, subsection b. be amended by adding sub-point xviii as follows:

Part III Rostered Ministers (Constitution, Article VII)

Section 3. Continuance on the Roster of Ordained Ministers

b. Calls may be issued for the ministries specified below by the agencies indicated:

	Type of ordained ministry	Source of call
xviii	Pastor ordained through the Alternative Route.	synod councils

NC-07-27 MS that motion 16 be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

16. That Administrative Bylaw, Part III (Rostered Ministers) Section 5 be amended as follows:

Section 5.

Ordained ministers on the faculty of the Lutheran Theological Seminary must maintain status on the roster of the British Columbia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Alberta Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Saskatchewan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada or the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. The synod in which the faculty member will be rostered will be decided by the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Governors** of Lutheran Theological Seminary.

NC-07-28 MS that motion 17 be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

17. That Administrative Bylaw, Part III.1 (Lay Diaconal Ministers) be amended to include a new section number 14.

Part III.1 Lay Diaconal Ministers (Constitution, Article VIII)

Section 14.

All Diaconal Ministers consecrated by the ELCIC have the right to use the title Deacon.

Report of the Elections Committee

First ballot for National Church Council, GSI Board, and Court of Adjudication was distributed, marked, and collected.

Presentation "*What's enough?*" (fifth segment) by Jeff Pym and Catherine Pate.

National Church Council Report

Discussion on NCC's motion #22 took place; the gathering agreed to a speaking time limit of three minutes for each speaker addressing the motion.

NC-07-29 MS that the voting on motion #22 be held by secret ballot. **Carried.**

Motion that motion #22 be tabled and an ad hoc committee be formed to study the issue and bring a report to each congregation, and that it be brought to the 2009 National Convention. **Defeated.**

The newly-elected Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada, The Rt. Rev. Fred Hiltz was greeted by the newly-elected National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, Rev. Susan Johnson and the gathering of the convention. The newly-elected Primate addressed the convention.

Presentation "*What's enough?*" (sixth segment) by Jeff Pym and Catherine Pate.

Convention Co-Chaplain, Rev. Tanya Ramer led the convention in prayer.

The convention recessed, so that the annual meeting of the school corporations could be held.

Session Six: Saturday, June 23, 2007, 1:30 p.m. - Approved

Report of the Committee of Registration and Credentials

(Chair) reported the following registration figures:

Lay delegates registered	223
Ordained delegates registered	171
Total voting delegates registered	394
Visitors registered	172
Total persons registered	566

The convention reconvened.

National Church Council Report

Move that motion 22 be amended to read:

Accordingly, we encourage synods to develop ways to minister to couples who desire to live in loving, committed, Christian relationships, including the possibility of commending faithfulness in same-sex unions.

The chair ruled that the motion to amend was out of order. Discussion continued.

NC-07-30 MS motion to challenge the ruling of the chair. **Defeated.**

Discussion continued.

The chair ruled that time had elapsed for discussion.

NC-07-31 MS motion to challenge the ruling of the chair. **Defeated.**

Convention Co-Chaplain, Rev. Tanya Ramer led the gathering in prayer.

NC-07-32 MS that motion 22 be adopted as presented.

22. That National Church Council recommends the following motion to the 2007 Convention:

- **That this convention affirms that the diversity within Canada's culture requires responses to a variety of persons in order for this church to be *In Mission for Others*.**
- **We also affirm that the synods have the mandate to devise mission strategies appropriate to their regional settings.**
- **Accordingly, we encourage synods to develop ways to best minister to people who live in committed same-sex relationships, including the possibility of blessing such unions.**

Results of the vote in favour 181, against 200, 3 spoiled, 3 abstained. The motion was defeated.

Elections Committee

Results of first ballot for National Church Council

POSTION #1	ABT LAY	POSITION #5	EASTERN ORDAINED (POSITION #2)
Carl Sorensen	231	Peter Mikelic	170
Donald E. Belke	135	E. Stephen Weber	52
		Peeter Vanker	140
POSITION #2	BC ORDAINED	POSITION #6	MNO LAY
Nolan Gingrich	149	Tom Brook	139
Robert Goos	51	Beverly Wahl	70
Edward Skutshek	172	H Georg Schreckenback	107
POSITON #3	EASTERN LAY	Brent Kvern	37
Maaike Froelich	190	POSITION #7	SK LAY
Marquise Sopher	43	Irene Adams	94
Evelyn Swanson	127		

POSITION #4	EASTERN ORDAINED (POSITION #1)	Cindy Lea Hoppe Daniel Glaeske	132 132
Lori Pilatzke Claudine Carlson Samuel King-Kabu	109 118 142	POSITION #8 Roger Haugen Kathleen Schmitke Daniel Haugen	SK ORDAINED 186 58 121

Results of first ballot ELCIC Group Services Inc.

ORDAINED
POSITION#1

Loretta Jaunzarins	178
Greg Kern	84
Martin Olsen	110

LAY POSITION #1

George Bridge	121
Edna Bjorgan	87
Dave Wylie	65
Dale Schmekel	87

ORDAINED
POSITION #2

Richard M. Smith	222
Glen C. Bergson	114

LAY POSITION #2

Douglas M. Peterson	149
Jacqueline Dojack	186

Results of first ballot for ELCIC Court of Adjudication

ORDAINED POSITION #1

Eric Krushel	181
Craig Moeller	26
Stewart Miller	38
Phillip Gagnon	130

ORDAINED POSITION #2

Cameron R. Harder	219
Dennis Aicken	129

LAY POSITION #1

Janet Morck	186
Laureen Wray	49
Frederic Schroeder	134

LAY POSITION #2

Barbea Flath	66
Rochell Shafer	155
Keith Odegard	147

Results of first ballot for the election for National Church Council.

National Church Council members declared elected:

ABT Lay	Carl Sorensen
SK Ordained	Roger Haugen
Eastern Lay	Maaike Froelich

ELCIC Group Services Inc. members declared elected:

Ordained Position 2	Richard Smith
Lay Position 2	Jacqueline Dojack

ELCIC Court of Adjudication members declared elected:

Ordained Position 2	Cameron Harder
Lay Position 1	Janet Morck

Presentation “*What’s enough?*” (seventh segment) by Jeff Pym and Catherine Pate.

Second ballot for National Church Council was distributed, marked, and collected.

Reference and Counsel

NC-07-33 MS that the ELCIC through its National Bishop, and/or National Church Council, write to encourage the Government of Canada to develop and pass binding legislation to hold Canadian corporations accountable to Canadian laws, standards and values for their business conduct in foreign lands. **Carried.**

Petition that this convention reaffirm the NCC’s ruling that the motion passed by the Eastern Synod Convention in 2006 giving its congregations a local option to bless same-sex unions was ‘beyond the Synod’s constitutional authority’.

Reference and Counsel recommended no action. Chair declared motion out of order as the matter has been dealt with.

NC-07-34 MS request NCC refer this petition to the Faith, Order and Doctrine; whether God, through scripture, provides the church with authority as it pertains to the granting of same-sex blessings. **Carried.**

NC-07-35 MS that the NCC explore increased funding to existing Lutheran Campus Ministries across Canada, and begin the process of seeking new opportunities for emerging campus missions across the nation; including potential partnerships with The Anglican Church of Canada, Evangelical Lutheran Women and other allied faith-based corporations. **Carried**

NC-07-36 MS that the ELCIC through the NCC commit itself to make preparations for a global pandemic. Such preparations should include materials dealing with issues such as worship practices, congregations as community resources, both individual and corporate self-care, being good neighbours and by facilitating training of church leaders in the use of such resources.

M/S to amend, by adding, should be in conjunction with local, provincial, and national health agencies. Amendment **Carried.**

NC-07-36 Amended motion to read. That the ELCIC through the National Church Council commit itself to make preparations for a global pandemic. Such preparations should in conjunction with local, provincial, and national health agencies include materials dealing with issues such a worship practices, congregations as community resources, both individual and corporate self-care, being good neighbours, and by facilitating training of church leaders in the use of such resources. Moved as amended. **Carried.**

NC-07- 37 MS That the NCC and this convention express our thanks to the ELW for their continued support of the ELCIC.

That the Eleventh Biennial Convention express its gratitude to all who have worked to enable this convention to do its work, to make our stay in Winnipeg memorable, and to be in mission for others:

- the Local Arrangements Committee: Norm Coull, Debbie Beyers, Karen Mattern, Mark Irvine, Rev. Kolleen Karlowsky-Clark, Judy Long, Greg Schwenneker, Ernie Buhr, Rolly Otto, Kelly Speak, Gerda Coull, Gertrude Steciuk; for their planning and tireless work;
- the many volunteers who cheerfully greeted, ushered, “stewarded”, directed and transported us, and counted our offerings;
- the Rev. Mark Harris and Rev. Tanya Ramer, our convention chaplains, and the worship and music leaders, particularly Mark Sedio, our convention musician, for renewing us through worship;
- National Office administrative staff, quietly coming and going: Gloria McNabb, Tanya Watts, Barb Wiebe, Kristen Guy, Rick Natividad, Myra Golebioski, Trina Gallop, and Faye Schultz;
- National Office program staff: Ryan Andersen, Monica Denk, Paul Gehrs, Paul Johnson, Kelvin Krieger;
- University of Manitoba Special Functions Office and Sandy Gibson and staff;
- Convention committees: Minutes, Elections, Registration and Credentials (and, if we may be so bold...Reference and Counsel); and

That the Eleventh Biennial Convention expresses its appreciation for the faithful leadership of:

The members of our National Church Council

- our National Bishop, The Rev. Raymond Schultz (retiring)
- our Vice-President, Roger Kingsley
- our Secretary, Donald Storch
- our Treasurer, Norman Thompson (retiring)

That the Eleventh Biennial Convention expresses its thanks and gratitude to our Triune God in whom we have life and breath and from whom come all our gifts. Blessed be our God! **Carried.**

The remaining petitions presented to Reference and Counsel have expired.

National Church Council Report

NC-07-38 MS that motion #18 be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

18. That Administrative Bylaw, Part IV (Synods) Section 1 be amended as follows:

Part IV Synods (Constitution, Article IX)

- Section 1. This church shall be organized into five synods with names and territories as follows:
- b. Name: Alberta Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, also known as the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.
Territory: The Province of Alberta, plus the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.
 - e. Name: Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.
Territory: The Province of Ontario east of 86 degrees longitude and the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador.

NC-07-39 MS that motion #19 be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

19. That Administrative Bylaw, Part V (Conventions) Section 13 be amended as follows:

Part V Conventions (Constitution, Article X)

- Section 13. The privilege of the floor shall be granted at all times to all members of the National Church Council and of the Court of Adjudication and to the synod bishops and the president of the Evangelical Lutheran Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada Inc. ~~and to the official youth participants.~~

NC-07-40 MS that motion #20 Youth Assembly be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

Amendment to add the words youth shall be baptized members of an ELCIC or ACC congregation on the territory of the synod in which they live. **Defeated**

20. That Administrative Bylaw Part VI (Youth Assembly) Sections 1 & 2 be added to the Bylaws, and Part VI to XVI be renumbered.

Part VI Youth Assembly

Section 1. The Youth Assembly shall consist of four youth from the Eastern Synod, two youth from the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod, two youth from the Saskatchewan Synod, two youth from the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, and two youth from the British Columbia Synod.

Section 2. Youth shall be baptized members between the ages of 16 and 23 inclusive on the first full day of the convention.

NC-07-41 MS that motion #21 be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

21. That Administrative Bylaw Part VII (National Church Council) Section 2 and Section 5 be amended as follows:

Part VII National Church Council (Constitution, Article XI)

- Section 2. The Executive Committee of the council shall consist of the officers of this church. In addition to the officers there shall be sixteen (16) elected members of National Church Council: one ordained minister and one lay person from each of the synods of British Columbia and Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario, one ordained minister and two lay persons

from each of the synods of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and three ordained ministers and three lay persons from the Eastern Synod. There shall be one additional member appointed by the Council of General Synod (COGS) of the Anglican Church of Canada for a term to be determined by COGS.

Section 5. The council shall issue letters of call to the rostered salaried officers of this church, to ordained ministers serving full time within the structures and agencies of this church, and to those in special service in accordance with the bylaw provisions (Part III, Section 3 and Part III.I, Section 3.)

NC-07-42 MS concerning petition #4 that this matter be sent to NCC for research, review, and recommendation to the 2009 Convention. **Carried.**

4. That this convention amend the Administrative Bylaws—Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada by adding the following section:

Part II section 7 Except for the provisions of Article VI, Section 9 of the constitution of this church, this church, including any synod of this church, cannot take any action that transfers, encumbers, or establishes any control over any asset (including real property) owned by a congregation, except by the provisions of the Congregation’s Constitution

Youth Assembly Reflection

The Youth Delegates gave a view of the voting procedures.

Session adjourned until 7 p.m.

Session Seven: Saturday, June 23, 2007, 7:00 p.m. - Approved

Delegates gathered for an Evening of Thanks in Pembina Hall.
The following business was transacted at this session.

Elections Committee

Results of second ballot for National Church Council

POSITION #2	BC ORDAINED	POSITION #6	MNO LAY
Nolan Gingrich	205	Tom Brook	217
Edward Skutshek	174	Georg Schreckenbach	152
POSITION #4	EASTERN ORDAINED (POSITION #1)	POSITION #7	SK LAY
Claudine Carlson	212	Cindy Lea Hoppe	222
Samuel King-Kabu	161	Daniel Glaeske	135
POSITION #5	EASTERN ORDAINED (POSITION #2)		
Peter Mikelic	215		
Peeter Vanker	149		

National Church Council members declared elected:

BC Ordained Position 2	Nolan Gingrich
Eastern Ordained Position 1	Claudine Carlson
Eastern Ordained Position 2	Peter Mikelic
MNO Lay	Tom Brook
SK Lay	Cindy Lea Hoppe

Results of second ballot for ELCIC Group Services Inc.

ORDAINED POSITION #1		LAY POSITION #1	
Loretta Jaunzarins	235	Georg Bridge	155
Martin Olsen	132	Edna Bjorgan	85
		Dale Schmekel	115

ELCIC Group Services Inc. members declared elected:
ORDAINED POSITON 1 Loretta Jaunzarins

Results of second ballot for ELCIC Court of Adjudication

ORDAINED POSITION #1	
Eric Krushel	227
Phillip Gagnon	139

LAY POSITION #2	
Rochell Shafer	211
Keith Odegard	156

ELCIC Court of Adjudication members declared elected:
Ordained Position 1 Eric Krushel
Lay Position 2 Rochell Shafer

Results of third ballot for ELCIC Group Services Inc.

LAY POSITION #1	
George Bridge	151
Dale Schmekel	97

ELCIC Group Services Inc. members declared elected:
Lay Position #1 George Bridge

NC-07-43 MS that the election ballots be destroyed. **Carried.**

National Bishop, Raymond Schultz declared the Eleventh Biennial Convention closed.

**Corporate Meeting Minutes
Luther College
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba
June 23, 2007**

Bishop Raymond Schultz called the meeting to order.

MS That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MS That the minutes from the July 22, 2005 Corporation Meeting be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Report of the Luther College Board

Dr. Bruce Perlson, President, made the report of the Board.

MS That the report of the President be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Nominations to the Board of Regents

MS That Gavin Semple be appointed to the Board for a four year term.

CARRIED

Resolution of Ratification

MS That any and all actions of the Eleventh Biennial Convention of ELCIC which pertain to the Corporation of Luther College are hereby ratified.

CARRIED

The chair declared the meeting of the Corporation adjourned.

**Corporate Meeting Minutes
Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute
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Bishop Raymond Schultz called the meeting to order.

MS That the agenda be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

MS That the minutes from the July 22, 2005 Corporation meeting be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

Report of the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute

Garth Weiterman, Chair, and Cindy Akre, President, presented the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute report.

MS That the report be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

Nominations to the Board of Regents

MS That nominees Pastor Jason Anderson, Jeff Grant, and Pastor Kirk Tastad be elected for another term to the Board of Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute. **CARRIED**

MS That the appointment of Nancy Knutson to the board be ratified. **CARRIED**

Resolution of Ratification

MS That any and all actions of the Eleventh Biennial Convention of ELCIC which pertain to the Corporation of Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute are hereby ratified. **CARRIED**

The chair declared the meeting of the Corporation adjourned.