

Convention 2007 Minutes

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

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.

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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.