

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
Minutes of the National Church Council Meeting
July 5, 2017 (Wednesday)
University Centre, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB**

Present:

Officers:	National Bishop Susan Johnson Ken Day, Treasurer	Sheila Hamilton, Vice-Chair Linda Grainger, Secretary
Council:	Vanessa Bergeron Jeff Buhse Marie-Laure Collet Bruce Cook Cole Guenter Cynthia Haines-Turner (<i>CoGS rep. to NCC</i>) Rev. Dr. Marc Jerry	Pat Lovell Rev. Jeffrey Smith Rev. Heather Spencer-Stoltz Jeanie Stann Rev. Brian Wilker Rev. Dennis Serfas
Synod	Bishop Sid Haugen, SK Synod	Bishop Michael Pryse, Eastern Synod
Bishops:	Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, ABT Synod	Bishop Greg Mohr, BC Synod
Staff:	Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the Bishop, Justice and Leadership Rev. André Lavergne, Assistant to the Bishop, Ecumenical and Interfaith Rev. Lyle McKenzie, Assistant to the Bishop, Worship Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the Bishop, Communications and Resource Generation Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the Bishop, Youth Ministry Kyle Giesbrecht, Director of Finance and Administration Desiree Mendoza, Meetings and Communications Coordinator	
Regrets:	Bishop Elaine Sauer, MNO Synod Rev. Jane Gingrich Rev. Dr. Cam Harder Les Pearson Judy Wry	

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017, 2:00 P.M.

Opening Worship led by Rev. Dennis Serfas

Bishop Susan called the meeting to order.

Check-In — Your hopes for the ELCIC 2017 National Convention

Approval of Agenda (Tab 2)

M/S That NCC approve the NCC meeting agenda. **CARRIED.**

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest—No conflicts declared.

Approval of March 2–4, 2017 Minutes (Tab 3)

M/S That NCC approve the March 2–4, 2017 meeting minutes. **CARRIED.**

Approval of NCC E-vote Meeting Minutes (Tab 4)

M/S That NCC approve the E-vote meeting minutes.

CC-2017-30 That NCC issue a Call to Special Service to Rev. Dr. William H. Harrison as president of the Luther Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, SK for a five-year term (2017–2022).

CC-2017-31 That NCC approve the report of the Committee on Nominations.

CC-2017-32 That NCC approve the 2016 audited ELCIC financial statements.

Report of the National Bishop

Bishop Susan gave an oral report to NCC regarding her experience along with the other ELCIC delegates at the LWF Twelfth Assembly in Windhoek, Namibia. Bishop Susan shared her spiritual highlights after being asked to preside at the Sunday Eucharist.

Bishop Susan had the opportunity to attend World Refugee Day in Kitchener, Ont., along with Rev. Robert Bugbee, Lutheran Church – Canada. Bishop Susan stressed the important work that CLWR does.

A video teaser on the 500th Reformation produced by the Anglicans will be shown at the 2017 National Convention. The video is the story of our church to the world.

Review of the Agenda for 2017 National Convention (Tab 5)

- advised of Rev. Dr. Marc Jerry's withdrawal from NCC nominations
- Elections for Vice-Chair
- need for time for Reference and Counsel to do their work

Discussion of NCC roles at National Convention

NCC assignments for convention

- Vanessa Bergeron and Bruce Cook – setting up video and photos for Reformation Challenge
- Linda Grainger – Introduction to the Leadership Award
- Jeanie Stann – Introduction of the Leadership Award recipient (Don Storch)
- Ken Day and the Finance Committee – Finance Report

Ecumenical guests' hosts: Jeff Smith (Munib Younan); Heather Spencer-Stoltz (Kathryn Johnson); Pat Lovell (Fred Hiltz); Bruce Cook (Willard Metzger); Cynthia Haines-Turner (Jordan Cantwell); ML Collet (Richard Gagnon); Cole Guenter (Alyson Barnett-Cowan); Dennis Serfas (Peter Bush)

Other Business

Closing worship led by Rev. Dennis Serfas

Meeting adjourned.

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Council:	Rev. Chris Bishopp (<i>newly elected</i>) Jeff Buhse Marie-Laure Collet (<i>retiring NCC</i>) Bruce Cook Cole Guenter Cynthia Haines-Turner (<i>CoGS rep. to NCC</i>) Rev. Dr. Cam Harder (<i>retiring NCC</i>) Rev. Dr. James Hendricksen (<i>newly elected</i>) Rev. Iris Kristjánsdóttir (<i>newly elected</i>)	Pat Lovell Rev. Jeff Smith Rev. Heather Spencer-Stoltz (<i>retiring NCC</i>) Jeanie Stann (<i>retiring NCC</i>) Rev. Brian Wilker (<i>retiring NCC</i>) Rev. Dennis Serfas (<i>retiring NCC</i>)
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Regrets:	Bishop Elaine Sauer, MNO Synod Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the Bishop, Communications and Resource Generation Vanessa Bergeron (<i>retiring NCC</i>) Rev. Jane Gingrich (<i>not at the convention</i>) Rev. Dr. Cam Harder (<i>retiring NCC</i>) Rev. Dr. Marc Jerry (<i>retiring NCC</i>) Les Pearson (<i>not at the convention</i>) Curt Satre (<i>newly elected; not at the convention</i>) Judy Wry (<i>retiring NCC; not at the convention</i>)	

Welcome

National Bishop Susan Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting particularly the newly elected members of the National Church Council who were present – Rev. Chris Bishopp (MNO), Rev. Dr. James Hendricksen (ABT) and Rev. Iris Kristjánsdóttir (SK Synod); and re-elected NCC member Bruce Cook (EAST).

Debrief on the recently concluded 2017 ELCIC National Convention

National Bishop Susan asked the group how the 2017 ELCIC National Convention measured up to their expectation and hopes. Sharing of insights, comments and observations took place. She also asked the group what we could do better.

Homework/Assignment

How did we spend our time? Did we do the right balance of things? For example, if we need more engagement from people, what sections do we need to expand or compress?

Next NCC Meetings

September 7–9, 2017

- Chaplain—Officers
- Bible Study—Bishop Greg Mohr

2018

March 1–3

- Chaplain—
- Bible Study—

September 6–8

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March 7–9

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned.