

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada  
Minutes of the National Church Council Meeting  
July 2, 2013  
Lord Elgin Hotel, Downtown Ottawa, ON**

Officers: National Bishop Susan Johnson  
Sheila Hamilton, Vice-President Murray Walter, Secretary  
Ken Day, Treasurer

Council: Rev. Chris Bishopp  
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Synod Bishops: Bishop Cindy Halmarson, SK Synod  
Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, ABT Synod  
Bishop Michael Pryse, Eastern Synod  
Bishop Elaine Sauer, MNO Synod

Staff: Rev. André Lavergne, Assistant to the Bishop, Ecumenical and Interfaith  
Rev. Lyle McKenzie, Assistant to the Bishop, Worship  
Trina Gallop, Director of Communications and Stewardship  
Desiree Mendoza, Meetings and Communications Assistant

Regrets: Cindy Hoppe  
Bishop Greg Mohr, BC Synod  
Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the Bishop, Justice and Leadership  
Gloria McNabb, Director of Finance and Administration

**TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013, 3:00 P.M.**

**Opening Worship** led by Rev. Doug Reble and Heidi Hesselink.

Vice-President Sheila Hamilton called the meeting to order.

**Check-in—Your hope for the Joint Assembly**

**Approval of Agenda (Tab 2)**

M/S That NCC adopt the agenda. **CARRIED.**

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**—No conflicts declared.

### **Approval of March 7–9, 2013 Minutes (Tab 3)**

M/S That NCC approve the March 7-9, 2013 meeting minutes. **CARRIED.**

### **Approval of E-vote Meeting Minutes (Tab 4)**

M/S That NCC approve the E-vote Meeting Minutes. **CARRIED.**

That NCC record the minutes of April 3, 2013 e-vote #1  
**CC-2013-25** —“M/S That NCC approve the Draft Agenda for National Convention and recommend it to National Convention for adoption.” **CARRIED.**

That NCC record the minutes of April 10, 2013 e-vote #2  
**CC-2013-26**—“M/S That NCC approve the amended slate of nominees to be presented to the convention.” **CARRIED.**

That NCC record the minutes of April 23, 2013 e-vote #3  
—“M/S That NCC adopts “Continuing Education Plan—Revised March 2013” as the policy for the Continuing Education Plan (CEP).” **DEFERRED.**

That NCC record the minutes of May 2, 2013 e-vote #4  
**CC-2013-27**—“M/S to approve the ELCIC 2012 Audited Financial Statements.”  
**CARRIED.**

That NCC record the minutes of May 14, 2013 e-vote #5  
**CC-2013-28**—“to extend a call to special service to Rev. Michael H. Macintyre to serve as a chaplain within the Canadian Forces.” **CARRIED.**

### **Report of the National Bishop**

National Bishop Susan Johnson reported on the National Office’s move to a new location with CLWR.

### **Proposed amendment to the agenda for the National Convention (Tab 5)**

The National Bishop proposed amendments that set back the start time for business session #1 and allowed a report from General Secretary Martin Junge to the National Convention.

M/S That NCC adopt the amendment to the agenda for National Convention. **CARRIED.**

### **Discussion of NCC role at National Convention**

## **NCC assignments for convention**

Various assignments for supporting the reports from National Church Council were agreed upon.

## **2013 National Convention Committees (Tab 6)**

The National Bishop shared the assignments to the 2013 National Convention Committees as done by the Officers for information.

## **Revised Description for Committee on Conduct of Elections (Tab 7)**

A revised description of the Committee on Conduct of Elections, which suggested their role given the use of electronic voting, was shared.

## **Approval of the Auditors**

Teddy Pope reported that a call for proposals was sent to eight (8) auditors. Six (6) replied as a result. From June 20 to 21, 2013, auditors were interviewed by the Committee on Audit. A recommendation was made for Ernst & Young.

**CC-2013-29** That NCC approve Ernst & Young to be the auditor for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) for the year 2013. **CARRIED.**

**Closing worship** by Rev. Doug Reble and Heidi Hesselink.

**Meeting adjourned.**

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**SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2013, 12:30 P.M.**

**Welcome**

National Bishop Susan Johnson welcomed everyone including the newly elected NCC members who are in attendance.

- Bruce Cook
- Rev. Marc Jerry

**Debrief on the recently concluded Joint Assembly and National Convention**

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## **Evaluation form responses**

National Bishop Susan Johnson mentioned that the National Office will collate the responses on the evaluation forms and these will be discussed on the next NCC meeting in September.

## **Joint Anglican Lutheran Commission (JALC)**

**CC-2013-30** That the following persons be appointed to serve on the Joint Anglican Lutheran Commission (JALC) for the term 2013-2019. **CARRIED.**

Brita Chell (co-chair)  
Deaconess Pamela Harrington  
Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson  
Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

**Meeting Adjourned.**