

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
Minutes of the National Church Council Meeting
July 10 & 13, 2019
LC-100, Luther College at the University of Regina, Regina, SK

Present:

Officers:	National Bishop Susan Johnson Ken Day, Treasurer	Sheila Hamilton, Vice-Chair Linda Grainger, Secretary
Council:	Rev. Chris Bishopp Jeff Buhse Bruce Cook Rev. Jane Gingrich Cole Guenter Rev. Dr. James Hendricksen	Rev. Íris Kristjánsdóttir Rev. Jeffrey Smith Pat Lovell Les Pearson Curt Satre
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Regrets:	Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the Bishop, Communications and Resource Generation	

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019, 2:30 P.M.

Opening Prayer led by Bishop Larry Kochendorfer.

Bishop Susan Johnson called the meeting to order.

Check-In — Your hopes for the 2019 ELCIC National Convention

Approval of Agenda

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

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest—No conflicts declared.

Approval of March 8–10, 2019 Minutes

M/S That NCC approves the March 8–10, 2019 meeting minutes. **CARRIED.**

Approval of NCC E-vote Meeting Minutes

M/S That NCC approves the E-vote meeting minutes (March 29, May 3, June 10 & 25, 2019)

CC-2019-33 That NCC approves to recommend to the National Convention the following amendment to the administrative bylaws:

Section 7. The members of National Church Council shall be voting delegates at convention. In addition, the maximum number of synod elected or appointed voting delegates at convention shall be one hundred and fifty (150), comprised of a maximum of ninety (90) delegates who shall be lay and a maximum of sixty (60) delegates who shall be rostered pastors or rostered deacons. Of the one hundred and fifty (150) delegates, synods shall make reasonable efforts to elect or appoint one-fifth (1/5) of such delegates who are 16 to 30 years of age as of the first day of convention.

CC-2019-34 That NCC approves the 2018 audited ELCIC financial statements.

CC-2019-35 That NCC nominates Linda Grainger for a second term as Secretary and Gene Blishen for a first term as Treasurer.

Resolution of the Member of ELCIC Group Services Inc.

(Appendix A: Minutes of the Resolution of the Member of ELCIC Group Services, Inc.)

Report of the National Bishop

Bishop Susan Johnson gave an oral report to NCC.

Reinstatement to the Roster – Ordained or Diaconal Ministry

CC-2019-36 That NCC approves the following recommendation from the Program Committee for Leadership Ministry (PCLM)—

That the Candidacy Manual, Section I “Reinstatement to the Roster – Ordained or Diaconal Ministry be amended as per Tab 6 with additions underlined & in red and deletion ~~strikethrough font~~.

Rationale:

Section 1-2.1-D

Adds a new section that acknowledges the possibility of a policy change by the church leading to a change in a person’s relationship to discipline.

Section 1.2.2-B

Amends the National Office contact from the Secretary to the National Bishop. The National Office’s role here is administrative and for record keeping. The Secretary is a volunteer position and is not at the National Office on a regular basis.

Section 1.2.2-G

Adds a new section that verifies the circumstance of changed policy and streamlines the process of going to examining committee. Subsequent sections are re-numbered.

Section 1.2.4-A.2

Adds a new section. Normally the ELCIC does not have a process of putting people on the roster with retired status. In at least one case, the person removed from the roster for sexual orientation related policies has already retired and feels called to reclaim Lutheran pastoral identity. Subsequent sections are re-numbered.

CARRIED.

Appointment to the CLWR Board

CC-2019-37 That NCC appoints Mark Johnson (BC Synod) to the Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) Board for a three-year term (September 2019 to September 2022) and reappoint Pauline Klemencic (EAST Synod) and Stephen Davies (Youth Representative) to the CLWR Board for a second three-year term (September 2019 to September 2022). **CARRIED.**

National Convention Updates

National Convention Agenda (*Editorial Notes and Suggestions for NCC Motions*)

Other Business

Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute (LCBI) – Corporation Meeting at the Convention

Closing Prayer led by Bishop Larry Kochendorfer.

Meeting adjourned.

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Welcome

Vice-Chair Sheila Hamilton welcomed everyone to the meeting particularly the newly elected members of the National Church Council who were present – Gene Blishen (Treasurer); Rev. Kimberlynn McNabb (BC Synod); John Nilson (SK Synod) and Linda Sander (MNO Synod) and re-elected NCC members Rev. Jane Gingrich (BC Synod); Pat Lovell (Eastern Synod); and Secretary Linda Grainger. Newly elected Kathleen Jensen (ABT Synod) was not present.

Debrief on the recently concluded 2019 ELCIC National Convention

Vice-Chair Sheila Hamilton asked the group how the 2019 ELCIC National Convention measured up to their expectation and hopes. Sharing of insights, comments and observations took place.

Next NCC Meetings

September 5–7, 2019 (Thurs.-Sat.)

- Co-Chaplains—Rev. Jane Gingrich, Bruce Cook and Rev. James Hendricksen (back-up)
- Bible Study—Rev. Íris Kristjánsdóttir

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March 6–8 (Fri.-Sun.)

- Chaplain—
- Bible Study—

September 3–5 (Thurs.-Sat.)

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes of the Resolution of the Member of ELCIC Group Services Inc.
(NCC) Meeting – July 10, 2019
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Resolution of the Sole Member

M/S Be it resolved that the Resolution be ratified, authorized, and approved so that The Place Community Church be accepted as a subscribing employer in the ELCIC Group Benefits Plan upon signing a Subscription Agreement and if they further request to be a participating employer in the ELCIC Pension Plan that they be accepted upon signing a Participant Agreement.

CARRIED.

(See Attachment 1: Signed Resolution of the Sole Member of ELCIC Group Services, Inc.)

Meeting adjourned.

RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBER
OF
ELCIC GROUP SERVICES INC.

WHEREAS The Place Community Church has requested that their Rostered and other employees serving in their church be allowed to become Members in the ELCIC Group Benefits Plan (and may wish to join the ELCIC Pension Plan in the future);

AND WHEREAS The Place Community Church has agreed in principle to sign a Subscription Agreement with ELCIC Group Services Inc.;

AND WHEREAS by-law 2.01(b)(ii) states that other not-for-profit faith based organizations may be approved as subscribing employers;

AND WHEREAS ELCIC Group Services Inc. has completed its due diligence and is pleased to have pastors and other employees of The Place Community Church join the ELCIC Group Benefits Plan when meeting established membership eligibility requirements:

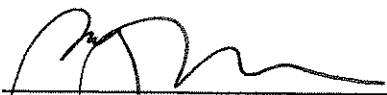
AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of ELCIC Group Services Inc. has, by resolution (the "Resolution"), recommended that The Place Community Church be accepted a subscribing employer in the ELCIC Group Benefits Plan upon signing a Subscription Agreement and that if they further request to be a participating employer in the ELCIC Pension Plan that they will be accepted upon signing a Participation Agreement.

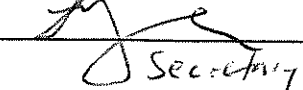
BE IT RESOLVED that the Resolution be ratified, authorized, and approved so that The Place Community Church be accepted as a subscribing employer in the ELCIC Group Benefits Plan upon signing a Subscription Agreement and if they further request to be a participating employer in the ELCIC Pension Plan that they be accepted upon signing a Participation Agreement.

The foregoing resolution is hereby signed by the sole member of ELCIC Group Services Inc. entitled to vote thereon at a special meeting of the members.

DATED the ____ day of _____, 2019.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN CANADA

Per:  _____

Per:  _____
Secretary, ELCIC