

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA
MINUTES OF NATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

JUNE 20, 2007

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, WINNIPEG MANITOBA

PRESENT:

Officers:	National Bishop Raymond Schultz Roger Kingsley, Vice-President	Donald Storch, Secretary Norm Thompson, Treasurer
Council:	Tom Brook Rev. Sonja Free Maaike Froelich Rev. Nolan Gingrich Elizabeth Hachborn Ken Hartviksen Rev. Roger Haugen Heidi Hesselink Judy Kochendorfer	Rev Mark Koenker Rev. Dr. Peter Mikelic Teddy Pope Rev. Doug Reble Robert Schmidt Carl Sorensen Rev Trish Schmermund
LWF NA	Kathy Magnus	
Synod Bishops:	Rev. Cindy Halmarson, SK Synod Rev. Ron Mayan, ABT Synod Rev. Gerhard Preibisch, BC Synod	Rev. Michael Pryse, Eastern Synod Rev Elaine Sauer, MNO Synod
Staff:	Rev Paul Johnson, Assistant to the Bishop for Ecumenical Relations Rev Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Relations Ryan Andersen, Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship in Public Life Trina Gallop, Communications Manager Faye Schultz, Executive Assistant to the Office of the Bishop	
Absent:	The Very Rev Peter Wall, ACC Rep	

Wednesday June 20, 2007

Vice-Pres Roger Kingsley called the meeting to order.

The meeting opened with prayer lead by National Bishop Raymond L Schultz.

CC-07-56 MS that the agenda be approved as printed. **Carried**

Minutes of the May 30, 2007 NCC email meeting to Call to Special Service Ryan Andersen to the position of Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship in Public Life.

Note: Bob Schmidt voted in favour, but his name was not recorded in the email minutes.

- CC-07-57** MS that the May 30, 2007 NCC email meeting minutes be approved as corrected. **Carried**
- CC-07-58** MS that the March, 2007 NCC meeting minutes be approved as amended. **Carried**
- CC-07-59** MS that the March 2007 NCC in-camera minutes be approved as amended **Carried**

Convention Agenda

- CC-07-60** MS that the revised Convention agenda be approved as printed. **Carried**

Comment: Request for NCC to consider future discussion regarding items on the Convention agendas; ie guests versus issues and the use of time.

Standing rules of order

- CC-07-61** MS that the amended Standing Rules of Order for the Convention be approved as circulated. **Carried**

Audited financial statements for December 31, 2006

- CC-07-62** MS that the audited financial statements for December 31, 2006 be approved. **Carried**

Comment: Our governance should move towards directing business instead of the convention directing business. Convention would set high level policy.

Nomination for auditor

- CC-07-63** MS that NCC recommends to the Convention that the firm of Ernest and Young be appointed as auditors for 2007. **Carried**

Policy on Convention Minutes

Action minutes will be taken, but minutes can indicate that discussion took place. Details of discussion will not be recorded.

Nominations

Nominations Committee Report

- CC-07-64** MS that the recommendations of the Nomination Committee Report be approved to be presented to the Convention. **Carried**

National Church Council Report to Convention

The order of items being presented to the Convention was discussed, different motions, suggested we look at motion #5 on Thursday night. Same-sex motion be presented on Friday and then debated on Saturday. Constitution and Bylaws could be handled in block.

Rev Roger Haugen took the chair, so Vice Pres. Roger Kingsley could speak to the presentation of the National Church Council's report.

First Reading of the Constitution amendments need to be presented as early as possible in the Convention.

Vice Pres. Roger Kingsley resumed the chair.

Floor Strategies

Members need to be aware and prepared for the business of the Convention.

Review of Future Convention Arrangements

CC-07-65 MS that NCC accept the SK Synod invitation to host the 2011 National Convention. **Carried**

Location of Convention for 2009 – Vancouver
Location of Convention for 2011 – SK Synod

Correspondence

Comment: Letter of Johnson-Mitchler. No action required.

Ratification of Endowment Fund Name Change

CC-07-66 MS that the former LCA-General endowment be renamed In Mission for Others: ELCIC National General Endowment. **Carried**

Note: Elizabeth Hachborn abstained from voting.

Rev Roger Haugen took the chair, so that Vice Pres Roger Kingsley could speak to this motion.

Vice Pres Roger Kingsley reassumed the chair.

CLWR Board Appointments

CC-07-67 MS that NCC approve Bill Risto, Joan Meyer, and Ms Aberash Dinsa for re-appointment and Alice Schuda and David Schulze be appointed to the board of CLWR for 2007-2010 term. **Carried**

CC-07-68 MS that NCC approve the appointment of Rev Elisabeth Wagschal to the LTS board for a two year term beginning July 2007, and Mr Martin Appavoo to WLS Board for a two year term beginning September 2007. **Carried**

Update on website

Trina Gallop spoke to changes and new look of the ELCIC website.

PCLM letter re Alternative Route to Ordination

PCLM expressed their concerns about the Alternative Route to Ordination. How does this affect the meaning of ordination? This process came out of the Task Force for Theological Education. We are a changing church and can we look at a change in ordination? The called person could only be called to special service and only by that synod. There are checks in place. Motion will come to the floor of the Convention, and one of the Synod Bishops will speak to the issue.

Next meeting of NCC will be 11:00 am on Sunday, June 24, 2007 at University Centre, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB.

Adjourned at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, June 20, 2007.