



MINUTES

86th Meeting of MNO SYNOD COUNCIL
April 21, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.
Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Steinbach, MB

PARTICIPANTS

Synod Council

Bishop Elaine Sauer
Brian Lorch - Vice-Chair
Allan Francis - Treasurer
Rev. Carol Janke - Secretary
Jim Mair – Metro
Linda Hettrick – Aurora
Haakon Dagsvik - Cambrian

Lorelie Mitchell - Westman
Ben Nickel - Agassiz
Tom Brook - Interlake
Rev. Jason Zinko- At Large
Rev. Bart Coleman - At Large
Rev. Matthew Diegel – At large
Rev. Dr. Cam Harder – MNO Rep.NCC
Guest
Erik Parker – Luther Village Board

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- 1 Opening Devotions were led by Bishop Elaine.
 - 2 Approval of Agenda
 3. Adoption of Consent Agenda

The following items are included in the consent agenda:

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| MSC SC 2016 03 | that the minutes of Synod Council, November 19-20, 2015 be approved |
| MSC SC 2016 04 | that the minutes of Synod Council e-meeting, February 11, 2016 be approved |
| MSC SC 2016 05 | that the minutes of Synod Council e-meeting, February 25, 2016 be approved |

- MSC SC 2016 06** that the minutes of Synod Executive e-meeting, December 22, 2015 be approved
- MSC SC 2016 07** that the minutes of Synod Executive, February 4, 2016 be approved
- MSC SC 2016 08** that the minutes of Synod Executive, March 1, 2016 be approved.

4. Items for Decision

4.1 Appointments to MNO Synod Standing Committees

- MSC SC 2016 09** that Rev. Donna Smalley and Rev. Richard Engel be appointed to the Candidacy Committee for 2 year terms.
- MSC SC 2016 10** that Mara Rozitis and Ben Nickel be appointed to the Committee for Mission for 2 year terms.
- MSC SC 2016 11** that Justine Hesselbart and Saara Vuorela be appointed to the Committee for Youth Ministry, for 2 year terms

4.2 Compensation Guidelines

- MSC SC 2016 12** that Motion SC 2015-47 regarding the MNO Synod Compensation Guidelines be rescinded.
- MSC SC 2016 13** that 2017/2018 Employer's Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Ministers as presented be recommended to the 2016 Convention for approval.

4.3 Advent, Thompson: Merger / Shared Ministry recognition:

- MSC SC 2016 14** that the amalgamation of Advent Lutheran Church, Thompson and St. John United Church into Lutheran United Church of Thompson be approved
- MSC SC 2016 15** that Lutheran United Church of Thompson be recognized as a shared ministry of the ELCIC.

4.4 Secretary's Report

4.4.1 Roster changes:

MSC SC 2016 16 that Rev. Stacy Moroz be moved from Temporarily Without Call to On Leave From Call effective May 31, 2016

4.4.2 Western Examining Committee:

MSC SC 2016 17 that Lisa Janke be approved for ordination pending completion of studies, and receipt and acceptance of a call.

4.5 Compassionate Justice grant approvals

MSC SC 2016 18 that according to the recommendation of the Grants Committee, the 2016 Compassionate Justice Initiatives funding of \$6,723 received from ELCIC for synodical anti-poverty be granted to the following recipients:

St. Stephen & St. Bede, Winnipeg,	
Northern Tour	\$2,700
Lutheran Urban Ministry	\$4,023.

4.6 Luther Village Board appointments

MSC SC 2016 19 that Brenda Robins, Erik Parker, Darren Strecker and Jeffery Schau (non ELCIC member) be appointed to the Luther Village Board, for three year terms commencing February 2016

4.7 Mission Task Force response: It was decided that we will send out an email to the council members, asking for responses to the questions posed by NCC.

5. Items for Information

5.1 Luther Village Report:

Luther Village is facing declining involvement with increasing costs therefore looking for creative ways to increase revenue streams. Included are long term

rental leases, and /or inviting a third party to provide a related business that would provide income (e.g. an adventure or kayaking company.) The board is seeking support from synod council to explore opportunities with alternative revenue sources, should they become available. The synod council was unanimous in encouraging the board to continue in their exploration of alternatives.

5.2 Convention Logistics

The constitutional and bylaw changes will be moved as a package and then will be divided into parts for the ease of discussion and the possibility of amendments. We will then at the end, vote on the entire package.

Acts of the MNO.

We discussed the request and will follow up.

5.5 National Church Council:

Cam Harder presented some highlights from the March 2016 National Church Council Meeting. He noted that ELCIC members and congregations are encouraged to consider ways to get involved in the Reformation Challenge.

5.6 Other Items for information.

Although many were approached there are no candidates for the position of Treasurer. We will seek convention approval for Synod Council to make an appointment.

6. Bishop Elaine led us in a closing Prayer