



MANITOBA / NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO SYNOD  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

**MNO SYNOD  
EXECUTIVE MINUTES  
Thursday, March 15th, 2018**

<b>PARTICIPANTS:</b>	<b>Bishop:</b>	<b>Elaine Sauer</b>
	<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Heather Howdle</b>
	<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Neil Miller</b>
	<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Carol Janke</b>

**1. Bishop Elaine opened the meeting with prayer.**

**2. The agenda was approved.**

**3. Reports**

3.1 Bishop: A comprehensive report was provided.

3.2 Secretary: Rev. Elisabeth Janke from NORD to Southwest Minnesota Synod, ELCA.

3.3 Treasurer: We begin the year in a stable financial position.

**MSC EX Mar 2018 02 that the 2017 audited financial statements for the MNO Synod be approved.**

In regards to motion **SC 2017 40** we recommend to the Synod Council that we rescind said motion and propose the following:

“that the financial accounts of this synod shall be submitted annually for a minimum of a financial review to a professionally designated accountant named by the Synod Council.”

**4. Items for Discussion / Decision**

4.1 Convention Follow-up

i.) Parliamentarian Mentor: Russ Skakum has agreed to be mentored. Material has been sent to him regarding this.

ii.) Appointments:

**MSC SC Mar 2018 03**      **that Rev. Rebecca Graham, Rev. Richard Engel, Ken Patzer, and Robert Dojack be appointed to the Candidacy Committee, for three year terms.**

**MSC SC Mar 2018 04**      **that Rev. Courtenay Reedman Parker be appointed to the LTS Saskatoon Board of Governors, for a three year term.**

#### 4.2 NCC Report/NCC and Synodical Officers Consult:

We noted that some of the information shared helps inform our work.

#### 4.3 Motions/information for the pre-convention Synod Council meeting:

The Margie Kvern Scholarship recipient will be announced at the next Synod Council meeting.

#### 4.4 Website/Newsletter:

There is work being done to keep the website current. A request has been made to upload previous minutes.

Also a request that the synod newsletter be put in reverse order that is recent events at the top.

#### 4.5 Policy Updates for review:

i.) Dissolving congregations/severing relationships: Pastor Matthew Diegel had been asked to walk through the process with Emmanuel, Emerson who have now decided to merge with Friedenstahl rather than leave the ELCIC.

The Governance Committee will be asked to work on the “Dissolving of Congregations” policy.

ii.) Policy on Fundraising: We reviewed this policy and recommend the following motion go before Synod Council

“that there be a standardized time frame for our major partners for fundraising appeals:

LTS – September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>

LV and Global Companions – November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

Mission as Hope – January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>

ELCIC Praise Appeal – April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>”

iii.) Policy on Compensation: Synod Council at their last meeting recommended no change to the Compensation Policy.

#### 4.5 Wittenberg Application Deadline:

This deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Erickson Lutheran Church has nominated Heather Howdle. The application has been submitted.

#### **5. In Camera Session**

**6. Next Meeting** – April 26<sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 2 pm. - place to be determined.

**7. Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 2:35

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Janke, Secretary