



MINUTES
90th Meeting of MNO SYNOD COUNCIL
April 26, 2018 – 3:30 pm to 5:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
Mezzanine Level – Number 5
Winnipeg, MB

We gather on Treaty One territory and the home of the Metis nation.

PARTICIPANTS

Synod Council

Bishop Elaine Sauer
Heather Howdle Chair
Neil Miller- Treasurer
Rev. Carol Janke - Secretary
Jim Mair – Metro
Linda Hettrick – Aurora
Haakon Dagsvik - Cambrian

Vacant - Westman
Yolanda Yobb - Agassiz absent with
reason
Tom Brook - Interlake
Rev. Jason Zinko- At Large
Rev. Bart Coleman - At Large
Rev. Matthew Diegel – At large
Dianna Fosty – Brokenhead, absent with
reason

Guests:

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1. Bishop Elaine led us in an opening prayer
 2. The Agenda was approved.
 3. The following were approved as part of the consent agenda

MSC SC 2018- 3 that the minutes of Synod Council, November 16-17, 2017
be approved as amended.

MSC SC 2018-4 that the minutes of Synod Council e-meeting, December
13, 2017 be approved.

- MSC SC 2018-5** that the minutes of Synod Council e-meeting, February 27, 2018 be approved.
- MSC SC 2018-6** that the minutes of Synod Council e-meeting, March 27, 2018 be approved.
- MSC SC 2018-7** that the minutes of Synod Executive meeting, February 1, 2018 be approved with the amendment to remove Carla Blakely from the Secretary's report.
- MSC SC 2018-8** that the minutes of Synod Executive e-meeting, February 12, 2018 be approved.
- MSC SC 2018-9** that the minutes of Synod Executive meeting, March 15, 2018 be approved.
- MSC SC 2018-10** that the minutes of Synod Council e-meeting, May 26, 2017 be approved.
- MSC SC 2018-11** that the minutes of Synod Executive e-meeting, June 16, 2017 be approved.
- MSC SC 2018-12** that the minutes of Synod Executive e-meeting, September 7, 2017 be approved.

4. Items for Decision

4.1 Secretary's Report – Rostered Statuses

- MSC SC 2018-13** that Mark Koenker be moved from On Leave From Call, Third Year to Removed from Roster unless he receives and accepts a call before May 31, 2018
- MSC SC 2018-14** that Rev. Courtenay Reedman Parker be moved from Temporarily Without Call to On Leave from Call, effective May 31, 2018

- MSC SC 2018-15** **that Deacon Kris Taylor receive a Call to Special Services to St. Boniface Hospital as Spiritual Care Provider, according to the Employment Agreement effective April 24, 2018**
- 4.2 Policy updates: Synod Executive Approval of Programs, Committees of Synod Council
- MSC SC 2018-16** **that the revised Policy on *Committees of Synod Council* be approved.**
- MSC SC 2018-17** **that the revised Policy on *Synod Executive Approval of Programs* be approved.**
- 4.3 Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) approval of updated terms & review dates
- MSC SC 2018-18** **that the terms of reference for the following synod council committees be approved. Candidacy Committee, Youth Committee, Global Mission Committee, Canadian Mission Committee, Grants Committee, Governance Committee, Margie Kvern Scholarship Committee, Acts of MNO Synod Committee.**
- 4.4 Appointments to MNO Synod Standing (Program) Committees
- 4.4.1
- MSC SC 2018-19** **that we appoint the following to the Canadian Mission Committee: Ms. Ethel Mair, Mr. Tom Dojack, Rev. David Lowe, and Ms. Mara Rozitis**
- 4.4.2 **MSC SC 2018-20** **that we appoint the following to the Global Companion Committee (for Mission): Kelly Speak, Melissa Colquhoun, Katharine Bergbush, Ben Nickel, and Pastor Lynne Hutchison.**

- 4.4.3 **MSC SC 2018-21** **that we appoint the following to Youth Committee; Mr. Christian Proulx, Mr. Bryon Van Dijk, Mr. Travis Irvine, Ms. Saara Vuorela.**
- 4.4.4 **MSC SC 2018 -22** **that we appoint the following to the Acts of the MNO Synod Committee; Wade Quehe and Sarah Kaukinen**
- 4.4.5 **MSC SC 2018-23** **that we appoint Bev Wahl as the lay representative on the LTS Saskatoon Board.**
- 4.4.6 **MSC SC 2018-24** **that we appoint David Poggemiller to the Luther Village Board.**
- 4.5 Policy on Fundraising Appeals
- MSC SC 2018-25** **that there be a standardized time frame for our major partners for fundraising appeals:
LTS Saskatoon- September 1st to October 31st;
Luther Village and Global Companions –
November 1st to December 31st;
Mission as Hope-January 1st to March 31st
ELCIC Praise Appeal-April 1st to June 30th**
- 4.6 Financial Review
- 4.6.1 **MSC SC 2018-26** **that motion SC 2017 40 be rescinded.**
- 4.6.2 **MSC SC 2018-27** **that Synod Council recommends The following to convention:
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.**
- 4.7 Youth age range for synodical events. In order to standardize the synod age with the national church we have adopted the following:

MSC SC 2018-28 that 12 baptized youth delegates be appointed by synod council in consultation with areas. Synod Council shall make every effort to appoint at least two youth delegates from each electoral region. If an electoral region is not able to provide a youth delegate, that delegate position may be reallocated on an at-large basis. A youth delegate is considered ages 16 to 25 years inclusive on the first full day of the convention.

4.8 Margie Kvern Scholarship approval

MSC SC 2018- 29 that the 2018 recipient of the Margie Kvern scholarship be Melissa Gingrich.

4.9 Recommendations on by-law changes

MSC SC 2018- that we suspend the following ByLaw Part V Section 4 Part a. for this convention: At least forty days prior to the opening day of the convention: Part a. " Each congregation shall submit the name(s) and address(es) of its lay delegates to the synod secretary;"

4.9 That Council puts the following motion to the Convention

MSC SC 2018- 30 that Part V Section 3 c of the bylaws be amended by inserting " eligible" before "rostered voting delegates".

4.11 Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Ministers.

MSC SC 2018-31 that Motion SC 2017 24 be rescinded.

MSC SC 2018- 32 that the amended 2019-2021 Employers Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Ministers be approved by the 2018 Synod Convention.

5. In Camera

6. Items for Information

6.1 Treasurer's Report

MSC SC 2018- 33 that we approve the request for Bishop Elaine to purchase the Bishop's laptop.

MSC SC 2018- 34 that we approve the sale of the Bishop's vehicle.

MSC SC 2018-35 that we amend the Bishop's compensation package to pay mileage at the synod rate rather than providing a synod vehicle.

6.2 NCC Synodical Officers Consultation Dec 1-3rd, 2017 Minutes
This information was in your package for information only.

6.3 Convention Logistics – discussion and questions followed.

6.4 Other items for information: A reminder that Russ Skakum is to be the parliamentarian intern and this is a learning role.

6.5 Eco Reformation Report: provided for information only at this time.

6.6 Status of Emmanuel, Emerson Congregation:
Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be voting about closure on Sunday, May 14th, 2018.

7. Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Carol Janke