



MINUTES

92nd Meeting of MNO SYNOD COUNCIL
Friday November 9, 2018 - 8:30am
Anglican Lutheran Centre 935 Nesbitt Bay
Winnipeg, MB R3T 1W6
or via Zoom

We gather on Treaty One Territory and the home of the Metis Nation

PARTICIPANTS

Synod Council:

Rev. Jason Zinko	Bishop, ALC
Heather Howdle	Chair, zoom
Neil Miller	Treasurer, zoom
Rev. Courtenay Reedman Parker	Secretary, ALC
Linda Hettrick	Region 1, zoom
Carol Bilinski	Region 2, regrets
Dorleen Dyrland	Region 3, zoom
Michael Kvern	Region 4, regrets
Heather Werboweski	Region 4, ALC
Rev. Leslie Poulin	At Large, Chaplain, zoom
Rev. Trudy Thorarinson	At Large, zoom

1. Gathering in God's Name

Heather Howdle, Chair, opened the meeting at 8:39AM, welcoming those who are present both in the synod office and remotely via Zoom.

The MNO Synod of the ELCIC is located on the original lands of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, Dene peoples, specifically Treaty 1, 2 and 4, the Ojibway of Fort William, Signatory to the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and present and we dedicate ourselves to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of truth, reconciliation and collaboration.

The Christ Candle was lit and the Chair led us in morning reflection Ephesians 2: 8-10; 14-22 and an opening prayer.

A note was made how regarding how the chair will indicate the speaking order throughout the meeting.

Rev. Leslie Poulin, Chaplain, led us in an opening prayer thanksgiving.

1.1. A quorum was declared.

2. We celebrate our past

2.1 **MSC SC 2018 - 64 That the Agenda, as amended be approved.**

2.2 **MSC SC 2018 - 65 Approval of Consent Agenda.**

The following items are included in the consent agenda:

- a) that the minutes of Synod Council meeting September 14-15, 2018 be approved
- b) that the minutes from Executive e-meeting September 24, 2018 be approved
- c) that the minutes from the Synod Council e-meeting, October 1, 2018 be approved

2.3 Communication and Correspondence

2.3.1 Letter to Synod Council Executive from Rev. Erik Parker RE: Compensation Guidelines

Chaplain Prayer of Thanksgiving

3. We proclaim God's Word

3.1 Reports

- 3.1.1. The Bishop presented a written staff report along with additional verbal updates regarding ministry transitions.

MSC SC 2018 - 66 To remove Rev. Larry Ulrich as signing authority for MNO Synod accounts effective immediately.

MSC SC 2018 - 67 That Synod Council extend a Letter of Call to Special Service (Assistant to the Bishop) to Rev. Tyler Gingrich.

Rev. Courtenay Reedman Parker recuses herself from the meeting, Heather Werboweski takes over as recording secretary

MSC SC 2018 - 68 that Synod Council extend a Letter of Call to Special Service (Interim Minister, IRSM) to Rev. Courtenay Reedman Parker.

Rev. Courtenay Reedman Parker returns to the meeting, resumes minute-taking.

- 3.1.2. The Secretary presented a verbal report with the following:

A. Roster Changes

MSC SC 2018 - 69 to move Rev. Lenise Francis from year 2 to year 3 of OLC Status effective November 9, 2018.

MSC SC 2018 - 70 to move Rev. Larry Ulrich from year 1 to year 2 of OLC Status effective November 9, 2018.

B. Constitution Approvals

MSC SC 2018 - 71 To approve Erickson Lutheran Church, Erickson Constitution and Bylaws submitted on June 24, 2018.

MSC SC 2018 - 72 To refer Gloria Dei Lutheran, Winnipeg, Constitution and Bylaws back to the Governance Committee with comments and synod council's recommendations regarding the Governance Committee's report July 5, 2018, specifically items 4, 5, and 6.

3.1.3. The Treasurer presented the report and financial statement of the synod, and reviewed the 2019 Budget.

MSC SC 2018 - 73 That Synod Council request up to \$15,000 from the MNO Foundation in 2019.

MSC SC 2018 - 74 That SC approve a transfer \$4500 from Our Saviour's Closure internally restricted fund to the Young Adult Ministry internally restricted fund.

MSC SC 2018 - 75 That the surplus funds from the Brokenhead Internship Fund be returned to the Our Saviour's Closure Fund.

3.2 Committee and Partner Reports

3.2.1 Candidacy Committee - Report submitted (BOR)
Conversation stemming from the report re: It's Your Call Program. Neil Miller, Treasurer, will continue conversations with the committee regarding this particular focus.

Call Process Manual - Communication from the committee indicated that reviewing and updating the manual is outside the mandate of the committee. Synod Council recognizes that the motion extended beyond the scope of the mandate of the committee.

3.2.2 Canadian Mission Committee - Report submitted (Addendum)

3.2.3 Global Mission Committee Report submitted
MSC SC 2018 - 76 that Synod Council extend the Global Mission Committee's appeal for funding for the Global Companion Partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon throughout the synod, for a one year period ending November 1, 2019 with a goal of raising \$50,000.

Recess - lifestyle break at 10AM

Meeting resumes at 10:18AM

3.2.4 Youth Committee, Report submitted, discussion about how to support youth ministry AND young adult ministry which doesn't fall under the youth committee's mandate

3.2.5 Governance Committee, report submitted. Synod Council deeply appreciative of the committee's work.

MSC SC 2018 - 77 That Synod Council will table the Governance Committee's recommendations on changing the Guidelines for Dissolving a Congregation and Protocol for Severance from the ELCIC until such time as a full review of the policies can be completed. Synod Council thanks the committee for their work.

MSC SC 2018 - 78 Synod Council recommends the Governance Committee produce a document with guidance and explanations of the constitutional and bylaw amendments for congregations.

3.2.6 Luther Village, report submitted (Addendum)

3.2.7 LutheranTheological Seminary, Saskatoon - verbal report provided by MNO rostered representative, Rev. Courtenay Reedman Parker and Bishop Jason.

3.2.8 Eco-Reformation, report submitted. Bishop Jason will send a letter of thanks to Rev. Saude for his work on this. Synod Council reflected back on areas in which their local congregations are participating in being stewards of the environment. Comment that the Eco-Reformation was done mostly within Winnipeg, and not really to the other regions of the synod. Interest in a bible study on the theme of environmental stewardship. Recommendation for the synod to reflect more about what it means to be a good steward of creation in synod council's visioning and strategic planning.

MSC SC 2018 - 79 That Synod Council include and incorporate Eco Reformation as part of our visioning and strategic planning.

3.3 Report: LWF International Lay Leader's Trip to Wittenberg-Geneva 2018, Heather Howdle expressed her thanks for being chosen as Canada's representative, and provided a verbal report of her experiences and learnings from her trip.

4. We Present Our Offerings

Chaplain, Rev. Leslie Poulin led a prayer of blessing

- 4.1 Date and Location of 2021 Synod Convention
MSC SC 2018 - 80 that Synod Council approve the first Triennial Convention of the MNO Synod April 22-24, 2021. The theme to be determined.
- MSC SC 2018 - 81 That letters will be sent to the congregations of Morris, IRSM, Brandon, Pinawa to request their willingness to host the the first Triennial Convention of the MNO Synod in April 22-24 2021.**
- 4.2 Appointment of Lay members to 2019 ELCIC National Convention
MSC SC 2018 - 82 That the following at-large lay delegates be appointed to the 2019 ELCIC National Convention July: Ken Patzer and Mona Josephson, and one additional delegate to be appointed by Executive.
- 4.3 Appointment of Canadian Mission Committee Member - tabled pending response from potential member.
- 4.4 Use of Technology and Sharing of Documents - Synod council discussed the use of zoom for meeting and documents made available online for the sharing of documents on the synod website. Suggestion that we could move to google drive, like the national office has recently done, in order to have previous minutes, and other documents available for Synod Council.

Chaplain Prayer for Wisdom and Guidance

4.5 In camera session

The Chaplain led grace before recessing for lunch at 11:45

Rev. Leslie Poulin, Chaplain, led a prayer as the meeting resumed at 12:10PM

5. Items Requiring Action

5.1 Appointments

MSC SC 2018 - 83 That Carol Bilinski be appointed the MNO Synod Council Representative to the Lutheran Urban Ministry (The Urban) Board of Governors for a three year term, ending in 2021.

MSC SC 2018 - 84 That Heather Werboweski be appointed the MNO Synod Council Representative to Luther Village

Board of Governors for a three year term, ending in 2021.

5.3 Motions/ Requests stemming from Staff / Officer Reports

2018/19 Budget Review - The Treasurer presented to the 2019 Budget. Synod Council discussed the need for a budget line (and budget) for young adult ministry. Bishop Jason will follow up with the Synod Staff liaison.

MSC SC 2018 - 85 That Synod Council approve the revised 2019 budget for the MNO Synod as presented.

MSC SC 2018 - 86 That OnBusiness Chartered Accountants Inc. be appointed to perform a review engagement of the MNO Synod for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2018.

5.4 Enabling motions

5.5 Other Business

5.5.1 Synod Policy & Guideline Reviews

Bishop Jason has reviewed the policies, manuals of the synod and determined there needs to be a review of all policies and manuals, in particular in light of changes to national and synodical changes. Asking to direct Executive or the Bishop specifically to review all the policies and manuals, and include feedback from committees and other correspondence (such as the letter Re: Compensation Guidelines).

MSC SC 2018 - 89 That Synod Council direct Bishop Jason Zinko to review and update all policies and manuals of the synod, including incorporating feedback from committees and other related correspondence.

5.5.2 Information stemming from other synod councils - background is to have synods share synod council minutes between synods to keep apprised of synod council activities.

5.5.3 Visioning and Strategic Planning - question about whether it would be beneficial to have an additional day or half day added to our spring meeting

- 5.6 Next Synod Council meetings:
 - 5.6.1 Spring 2019: April 5-6, 2019
Heather Werboweski to serve as Chaplain
 - 5.6.2 Fall 2019: Zoom meeting Friday November 8, 2018
- 5.7 Senator Murray Sinclair has responded to our request to meet - in January 2019. Heather is waiting to hear back re: dates. Discussed trying to book something for May 2019 to work in conjunction with pre-convention gathering to speak to the ELCIC National Convention theme of Reconciliation.

Meeting called to recess to move into the MNO Foundation AGM.

MNO SYNOD FOUNDATION FOR MISSION & MINISTRY INC.

Annual Meeting of Members

MINUTES

November 9, 2018

A 2/3rd Quorum was established. Attending the meeting via telephone Jim Zinko Rev. Jason Zinko, Bishop, recused himself from the meeting due to a perceived conflict of interest.

- 1. MSC - Nov - Foundation - 09 - 01 The Agenda was adopted as amended**
- 2. MSC - Nov - Foundation - 09 - 02 Approve Minutes of last annual meeting on November 17, 2017**
- 3. MSC - Nov - Foundation - 09 - 03 Receive Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on March 14, 2018**
- 4. MSC - Nov - Foundation - 09 - 04 Receive Financial Statements for year ended December 31, 2017**
- 5. MSC - Nov - Foundation - 09-08 that Subject to ratification by the members of the Corporation pursuant to Bylaw 63, Bylaw 15 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:**
 - 15 A majority of the members who are also members of the Synod Council shall constitute quorum.**
- 6. MSC - Nov - Foundation - 09 -05 That Synod Council ratify Motion Mar-Foundation 18-05 that Bylaw 64 - which reads as follows:**
 - 64. The members shall, at each annual meeting, appoint accountants to provide either a compilation engagement, a review engagement, or an audit of the accounts and annual financial statements of the corporation for report to the members at the next annual meeting. The accountants shall hold office until the next annual meeting provided that the directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of the accountants. The remuneration of the accountants shall be fixed by the board of directors.*

7. MSC - Nov - Foundation - 09 - 06 that OnBusiness Chartered Accountants Inc. be appointed to perform a compilation or a review engagement for the year ending December 31, 2018.

8. MSC - Nov - Foundation - 09 - 07 that Rev. Larry Ulrich be elected to the position of Director for a three year term ending November 2021.

Current List of Directors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term expires</u>
Allan Francis	Secretary-Treasurer	2019
Jim Zinko	President	2020
Rev. Larry Ulrich	(New Director)	2021

The meeting adjourned at 1:30PM

The synod council meeting resumed at 1:30PM

Rev. Leslie Poulin, Chaplain, offered closing prayers of thanksgiving.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38PM.