
Session Five – Friday, July 11, 2008, 8:30 a.m.

A service of Holy Communion was held at 8:30 a.m.

Bishop Pryse called the session to order.

Rev. Guenter Dahle made some housekeeping announcements regarding the Ordination service and for forms to be returned to the Hospitality Desk.

Report of the Committee on Elections

Rev. Jouko Jyrkama, of the Committee on Elections, reported the results of the second ballot for the WLS Board of Governors, and the first ballot for Synod Council.

Elected to WLS Board of Governors: Rev. Stephen Kristenson, clergy, 2008-2011; Rev. Julio Romero, clergy, 2008-2011; Rev. Kimberlynn McNabb, clergy, 2009-2012; Rev. Heather Spencer, clergy, 2009-2012; Vicki Huehn, lay, 2009-2012.

Elected to Synod Council: Rev. Richard Pryce (K/W), clergy, 2008-2012; Rev. James Slack (A), clergy, 2008-2010; Carol Christensen (O/StL), lay, 2008-2012; Janet Weber (K/W), lay, 2008-2012.

A People Called

Tana Kjos continued with her next installment of our being called; to reflect the diversity of our society; to be generous. In order to help delegates engage diversity, Tana directed them to a different seating arrangement for the remainder of the morning.

After a break, the Session continued with song led by Debbie Lou Ludolph.

Jeff Pym, Ministry Director of Stewardship and Resource Development, addressed the Assembly about what it means to be generous stewards inviting others into our vision.

Report of the Committee on Elections

Rev. Jouko Jyrkama, of the Committee on Elections, reported the results of the second ballot for Synod Council.

Elected to Synod Council: Rev. Colin Cameron (H/N), clergy, 2008-2012; Rev. Riitta Hepomaki (N), clergy, 2008-2012; Brian Koivu (N), lay, 2008-2012.

Report of the WLS Board of Governors

Sheila Hamilton, chairperson of the Board of Governors, and Rev. Dr. David Pfrimmer, Principal-Dean of WLS, addressed the Assembly. (See Section 9).

Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel

Rev. Mark Van House, chairperson of the Committee, brought the third report of Reference and Counsel to the Assembly.

ES 08-23 MSC that this synod express its profound disappointment and growing concern to the Government of Canada about the persistent and growing reality of poverty in Canada, especially child poverty, and that this Assembly call on the Government of Canada to work with provincial and territorial governments to develop and implement a national poverty reduction strategy.

ES 08-24 MSC that in the interest of preserving the treasure of our national forests, the Bishop, Synod Council, and Assembly planners provide electronic copies of assembly documents as an option for the future assemblies of this synod.

MS Amended to delete “in the interest of preserving the treasure of our national forests.”

[The final approved motion reads:

That the Bishop, Synod Council, and Assembly planners provide electronic copies of assembly documents as an option for the future assemblies of this synod.]

Some further housekeeping announcements were made.

The business session was adjourned with a prayer and a song led by Debbie Lou Ludolph.

Friday, July 11, 2008, 1:30 p.m.

Forums took place in the afternoon.

The forum topics were:

- ELCIC Benefits and Pension Plan
- Ordination Choir Rehearsal
- Waterloo Lutheran Seminary
- Kairos 2007-2010 Campaign
- Volunteers in Mission
- Emergency Preparedness
- A Poverty Reduction Forum

Ordination Service – Friday evening, July 11, 2008

The Ordination Service took place in the evening at St. Paul’s Cathedral, London at 7:30 p.m.

The Presiding Minister was Bishop Michael J. Pryse. The Preacher was National Bishop Susan Johnson.

Ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament were: Catharine House, Karen Kuhnert, Michael Lees, Sheryl Stone.