



Assembly 2008

Twelfth Biennial Convention

EASTERN SYNOD of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

London Convention Centre, London Ontario

July 9 -13, 2008

Agenda

Tuesday – July 8, 2008

- 10:00 am Synod Council Meeting
- 12:00 noon *Synod Council – Lunch*
- 4:00 pm Synod Council Adjourns
- 6:00 pm *Synod Council – Dinner (on your own)*

Wednesday – July 9, 2008

- 7:30 am *Breakfast (on your own)*
- 9:00 am Delegate Registration Open

Session One

- 2:00 pm Opening of Convention

- Report of Committee on Registration
- Establishment of Quorum
- Delegate Orientation and Procedural Guidelines
- Introduction of Special Guests
- Requests to Grant Privilege of Vote and/or Voice
- Notice of Consent Agenda Items
 - Report of the Synod Council – Items not requiring action
 - Report of the Secretary
 - Report of the Statistician
 - Report of the Necrologist
 - Report of the Archivist
 - Report of the Auditor
 - Report of the Investment Committee
 - Reports of the Standing Committees and Working Groups
 - Report of Lutheran Planned Giving
 - Adoption of Minutes of 2006 Convention
 - Appointment of Convention Committees
 - Reports of the Conferences
- Adoption of Agenda
- 2:30 pm Report of the Bishop
- 3:00 pm Report of the Synod Council
 - Notice of Items Requiring Action
 - Notice of Proposed Amendments to Eastern Synod Constitution
- 3:15 pm **SPECIAL ORDER** – Report of the Treasurer
 - 2006–2007 Financial Review
 - 2008–2009–2010 Budget Overview
- 3:45 pm **SPECIAL ORDER** – Bishop Susan C. Johnson
National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- 4:15 pm Report of the Nominating Committee
 - Synod Council/WLS Board of Governors
 - Reception of Nominations from the Floor
- 4:30 pm Report of the President, Eastern Synodical ELW
- 4:45 pm Report of the “*It’s Your Call*” Coordinator – Rev. Dr. Robert Binhammer
- 5:00 pm *Closing Prayer and Adjournment for Supper (on your own)*
- 5:15 pm Rehearsal for Opening Service
- 6:00 pm Delegate Registration Closed
- 7:30 pm Opening Service of Holy Communion**
- 9:00 pm Welcome Reception for Delegates and Visitors
- 9:00 pm Bishop’s Reception for Retired Pastors & Spouses

Thursday – July 10, 2008

7:30 am *Breakfast (on your own)*

8:00 am Delegate Registration Open

Session Two

8:30 am Holy Communion

9:10 am Report of the Committee on Elections

First Ballot – Synod Council/WLS Board of Governors

9:20 am ***SPECIAL ORDER – A PEOPLE CALLED***

- to be passionate about our relationship with God, in Christ

10:30 am *Break*

10:45 am Hymn Sing

11:00 am Report of Synod Council (cont'd)

12:00 noon *Closing Prayer and Adjournment for Lunch (on your own)*

(WLS – Reception – Salon A)

Session Three

1:30 pm Hymn Sing and Opening Prayer

1:45 pm Report of the Committee on Elections

Second Ballot – Synod Council/WLS Board of Governors

2:15 pm Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel

3:00 pm ***SPECIAL ORDER*** – Hildy Thiessen, Exective Director
ELCIC Group Services

3:15 pm *Break*

3:30 pm Report of Synod Council (con't.)

4:15 pm Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel

5:00 pm *Dinner (on your own)*

Session Four

7:00 pm Hymn Sing and Opening Prayer

7:15 pm ***SPECIAL ORDER – A PEOPLE CALLED***

- to nurture leaders who encourage and equip other leaders
- to work in partnership with others

8:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday – July 11, 2008

7:30 am *Breakfast (on your own)*

Session Five

8:30 am Holy Communion – This Eucharist will include a Memorial Rite for pastors and clergy spouses who have died during the past biennium.

9:10 am Report of Committee on Elections

Third Ballot – Synod Council/WLS Board of Governors

9:30 am ***SPECIAL ORDER – A PEOPLE CALLED***

- to reflect the diversity of our society
- to be generous

10:30 am *Break*

10:45 am Hymn Sing

11:00 am Report of WLS Board of Governors

11:30 am Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel

12:00 noon *Closing Prayer and Adjournment for Lunch (on your own)*

1:30 pm FORUMS

3:00 pm *Break*

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4:00 pm Rehearsal for Ordination Service

5:30 pm *Dinner (on your own)*

7:30 pm Ordination Service and Reception

St. Paul's Cathedral – 472 Richmond Street, London ON

Saturday – July 12, 2008

7:30 am *Breakfast (on your own)*

Session Six

8:30 am Holy Communion

Note: All non-germane motions must be in the hands of the Secretary at this time.

9:10 am Report of the Committee on Elections

9:20 am Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel

10:15 am *Break*

10:30 am Hymn Sing

- 10:45 am Report of Synod Council (con't.)
- 11:15 am Presentation of Pastors, Diaconal Ministers, and Congregations received into the Synod since July 1, 2006.
- 12:00 noon *Closing Prayer and Adjournment for Lunch (on your own)*

Session Seven

- 1:30 pm Hymn Sing
- 1:45 pm **SPECIAL ORDER** – Report of the Treasurer
- 2009-2010 Budget
- 2:15 pm Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel
- 2:45 pm Report of Committee on Minutes
- 2:50 pm Report of Committee on Registration
- 2:55 pm Report of Committee on the Report of the Bishop
- 3:10 pm *Break*
- 3:30 pm **SPECIAL ORDER – A PEOPLE CALLED**
- to be engaged by challenging questions
- 4:30 pm Adjournment of Convention
- 6:30 pm** ***Eastern Synod Banquet***
- 6:30 pm – Gathering Time*
 - 7:00 pm – Dinner*

Sunday – July 13, 2008

- 7:30 am *Breakfast (on your own)*
- 8:00 am Synod Council Meeting
- 10:00 am** **Closing Service of Holy Communion – Installation of Synod Council**



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Minutes

Session One – Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Bishop Michael Pryse called to order the Eastern Synod Assembly for 2008. By song and dance, baptismal remembrance and prayer, the Assembly was declared open by the bishop.

Report of the Committee on Registration

The Report of the Committee on Registration was presented by Irene Fancy, Chairperson.

Total eligible clergy delegates	<u>303</u>
Total registered clergy delegates	<u>123</u>
Total eligible lay delegates (congregational)	<u>245</u>
Registered youth delegates	<u>8</u>
Registered lay officers	<u>2</u>
Registered diaconal delegates	<u>1</u>
Registered lay delegates (congregational)	<u>82</u>
Total registered lay delegates	<u>93</u>
Total eligible clergy and lay delegates	<u>548</u>
Total registered clergy and lay delegates	<u>216</u>
Required quorum is 1/3 of eligible voters (see MS/02 Art. X Sec. 5)	<u>182</u>
Registered visitors	<u>21</u>
Registered youth leaders	<u>10</u>
Registered, other non-delegates	<u>85</u>
Registered volunteers	<u>123</u>
Sub-total	<u>339</u>
Grand total attendees at Assembly	<u>339</u>

* included in total of line above, "Registered Visitors"

Bishop Pryse declared a quorum present.

Delegate Orientation and Procedural Guidelines

Bishop Pryse directed delegates' attention to some procedural guidelines outlined in the Bulletin of Reports, microphones on the convention floor, and voting card procedures. The duties and procedures of the Committee of Reference and Counsel were outlined.

Requests to Grant Privilege of Vote and/or Voice

Voice:

MSC to grant voice to: Debbie Lou Ludolph, Jackie Nunns, Jeff Pym.

Voice and Vote:

MSC to grant voice and vote to those being ordained: Michael Lees, Karen Kuhnert, Catharine House and Sheryl Stone.

Notice of Consent Agenda Items

Report of the Synod Council – Items not requiring action

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Statistician

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Report of the Auditor

Report of the Investment Committee

Reports of the Standing Committees and Working Groups

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Report of the Lutheran Office for Public Policy

Reports of the Conferences

MSC that the Consent Agenda Items and the Agenda be adopted.

Report of the Bishop

Vice-Chairperson Dorothy Frook assumed the Chair for the Report of the Bishop. Bishop Pryse presented his report of which printed copies were distributed afterwards (see BR Section 3, pages 3-1a and following). The report was referred to the Committee on the Report of the Bishop.

Report of the Synod Council

The Secretary, Rev. Wendell Grahlman, directed delegates' notice to the Items Requiring Action by the convention. Notice was also directed to those Proposed Amendments to Eastern Synod Constitution, First and Second Readings, and Bylaws. (See Section 5, Appendix A and Appendix B).

Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer of Synod, Keith Myra, presented the financial overview of 2006 - 2007. He also introduced the budget proposals for 2008, 2009 and 2010. (See Section 7 – Financial Reports).

Report of the National Bishop

National Bishop, Rev. Susan Johnson, presented her report (see Section 3-3). Bishop Johnson elaborated on recent work of the National Church Council which has resulted in five organizing pillars, or goals, which are intended to highlight, clarify, and strengthen the work of the ELCIC. She offered our Synod's and National Church's gratitude to Bonnie Wepler, who has recently returned from a number of years of missionary service in Papua New Guinea. She also introduced Bob Granke, Executive Director of Canadian Lutheran World Relief, who spoke on behalf of CLWR. As part of his report, he introduced volunteers in mission, Rev. Dale and Donna Finch, who have returned from their ministry and work at the Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Secretary presented the slate of those who have been nominated for Synod Council and the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Board of Governors. Additional nominations were received from the floor. (See Section 2 – Reports of Assembly Committees).

Further nominations were received for the Synod Council: John Meyer (London Conference), Lay, and Rev. Paul Hartig (Kitchener/Waterloo Conference), Clergy, for the term of 2008-2012. There were no further nominations for the WLS Board of Governors.

Report of the Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW)

Dorothy Frook presented the report of the ELW on behalf of Eleanor McLeod, the president of the Eastern Synodical of ELW. (See Section 8).

Report of the "It's Your Call" Coordinator

Rev. Dr. Robert Binhammer reported on the progress of the "It's Your Call" program, begun in the Eastern Synod and now used throughout the ELCIC. He appealed for feedback about the program and for continued support and uplifting of persons for ministry in the church.

ES 08-01 MSC that the Eastern Synod recommit itself to the It's Your Call program and ask all pastors and congregations to participate fully each year in identifying, encouraging, nurturing and supporting candidates for the ordained and diaconal ministry.

The Convention Manager, Rev. Guenter Dahle, relayed announcements regarding worship, hospitality and convention items.

Debbie Lou Ludolph, Ministry Director of Worship Ministries, closed the session with song and prayer.

The Opening Service of Holy Communion was held on Wednesday evening, with a Welcome Reception for delegates and visitors, and the Bishop's Reception for retired pastors and spouses.