

Session Seven – Saturday, July 12, 2008, 1:30 p.m.

The Session began with song led by Debbie Lou Ludolph, and a reading and prayer led by Rev. Dr. Matt Anderson. Debbie Lou thanked all those who took part in worship in any way over the days of the Assembly. Bishop Pryse expressed appreciation to all who were part of the audio-visual technology support crew during the Assembly.

Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel

Rev. Mark Van House, chairperson of the Committee on Reference and Counsel, came forward for the final report of the Committee. The Committee was introduced and thanked for their work.

ES 08-31 MSC that as soon as possible, the Bishop and the Eastern Synod Counsel publish in the Eastern Synod Lutheran the appointment, mandate and guidelines for the investigating committee called in response to the extraordinary ordination and call to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Newmarket.

ES 08-32 MSC that the Eastern Synod—its members, congregations, synodical agencies and institutions—seek ways to live together faithfully in the midst of disagreements, recognizing that we are in mission for others; and

that the Eastern Synod in assembly urge its members, congregations, synodical agencies and institutions to participate in and respond fully to the ELCIC Sexuality Study at the individual, congregational, and institutional levels; and

that the Eastern Synod Assembly convey this motion to the 2009 National Convention of the ELCIC for its consideration.

MS Amended to delete the words “in the midst of disagreements.”

[The final wording of the motions reads:

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ES 08-33 MSC that the following be referred to the Synod Council:

the Eastern Synod review and study the report prepared under the auspices of Senator Michael Kirby on a Canadian Mental Health strategy for Canada (“The Kirby Report”) with a view to encouraging the federal and provincial governments to develop a national mental health strategy.

ES 08-34 MSC that the Eastern Synod Assembly planners consider providing an optional service/servant event the day prior to assembly and/or in place of one of the forums.

MS Amended and Defeated to delete the words “the day prior to assembly and/or.”

ES 08-35 that at the conclusion of this Assembly, any items of unfinished business be referred to the Synod Council for consideration and action.

Linda Grainger, of the Local Planning Committee, made an announcement regarding breakfast availability on Sunday morning.

Report of Committee on Minutes

Kimberley Strassburger, chairperson of the Committee, gave the report of the Committee. MSC that the minutes from Sessions One through Five be adopted as reviewed.

Report of Committee on Registration

The final report of the Committee on Registration was presented.

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| Total eligible clergy delegates | 303 |
| Total registered clergy delegates | 180 |
| Total eligible lay delegates (congregational) | 245 |
| Registered youth delegates | 7 |
| Registered lay officers | 2 |
| Registered diaconal delegates | 1 |
| Registered lay delegates (congregational) | 134 |
| Total registered lay delegates | 144 |
| Total eligible clergy and lay delegates | 548 |
| Total registered clergy and lay delegates | 324 |
| Required quorum is 1/3 of eligible voters (see MS/02 Art. X Sec. 5) | 182 |
| Registered visitors | 26 |
| Registered youth leaders | 0 |
| Registered, other non-delegates | 19 |
| Registered volunteers | 85 |
| Sub-total | 130 |
| Grand total attendees at Assembly | 454 |

Report of Committee on the Report of the Bishop

Dorothy Frook, vice-chairperson of Synod introduced the Committee. Rev. Anne Krueger, chairperson of the Committee, and members of the Committee made their presentation. Using ten balls of yarn representing the ten years that Bishop Pryse has served as bishop of the Eastern Synod, (Ephesians 4:12), the Committee expressed through word, image, and jars of relish, jam, pickles and mustard the many ways that the bishop has led, inspired and transformed us these past ten years. To conclude the report, a prayer was offered for the ministry of the bishop.

A People Called

Tana Kjos made her presentation: to be engaged by challenging questions, and asking purposeful questions.

At the conclusion of Tana's presentation, Pat Lovell expressed thanks and appreciation on behalf of the Assembly.

Bishop Pryse and Debbie Lou Ludolph led the Assembly in the Adjournment of Convention.

Saturday Evening, July 12, 2008

On Saturday evening, the Eastern Synod Banquet took place at the Convention Centre. Musical entertainment was provided by Carol McFadden and Barb Koontz.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE SYNOD

Recognition of service for Synod Council members who finished their term of office: Jim Krats, Rev. Jeff Smith.

Recognition of service for Synod Youth Council members who finished their term of service: Nicholas Beck, Erin Dupuis, Nicole Clement, Jackie Fromme, Jordan Smith, David Wilk, Kate Wilson.

A special presentation was made to Rev. W. Phil Heinze, who upon his retirement at the end of 2007, had served ten years as Assistant to the Bishop.

EASTERN SYNOD LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Outstanding Service to the Eastern Synod – Lay Person: Shirley & Paul Bruer

Outstanding Service to the Eastern Synod – Clergy: Rev. Dr. Bart Beglo

Outstanding Service to the Community – Lay Person: Herb Henkel

Outstanding Service to the Community – Clergy: Rev. Nancy Kelly

RECOGNITION OF ANNIVERSARIES OF ORDINATION

Twenty-Five Years

Rev. Joachim Barkley-Probst

Rev. Alan Cook

Rev. Thomas Doherty

Rev. James Goos

Rev. Harry Huff

Rev. Timothy Kuhlmann

Rev. Ilze Kuplens-Ewart

Rev. Svante Olson

Rev. Lester Skonnard

Rev. Thomas Zumbrock

Forty Years

Rev. Earl Albrecht

Rev. Theodore Heinze

Rev. W. Philip Heinze

Rev. Carl Kappes

Rev. Maris Kirsons

Rev. Heino Laaneots

Rev. Everett Mossman

Rev. Tonis Nommik

Rev. Clinton Rohr

Rev. Gordon Schmidt

Rev. Donald Stroh

Rev. Peeter Vanker

Fifty Years

Rev. Vernon Cronmiller

Rev. Charles Dechert

Rev. Dr. David Granskou

Rev. Dr. William Huras
Rev. William Kurschinski
Rev. Barry Lang
Rev. Joachim Von Schmeling
Rev. Eric Weber
Rev. Clyde Wentzell

Sixty Years

Rev. Arthur Conrad
Rev. Eric Reble

Sunday Morning, July 13, 2008

The Synod Council met for a brief meeting at 8:00 a.m., including those newly elected.

The closing service of the Assembly was held at 10:00 a.m., during which the Synod Council and the Officers were installed. Bishop Michael Pryse presided, with Tana Kjos preaching.