

**2018 Saskatchewan Synod Convention Minutes**

**Strengthening faith communities for service**

**Seventeenth Biennial Convention of the  
Saskatchewan Synod of the ELCIC  
June 8 - 9, 2018  
Luther College, University of Regina  
Regina, Saskatchewan**

**We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands, referred to as Treaty 4 Territory,  
the original lands of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota,  
and the homeland of the Métis Nation.**

**We respect and honour the Treaties that were made on all territories,  
we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and  
we are committed to move forward in partnership with Indigenous Nations  
in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration**

**Friday, June 8, 2018; 10:30 am**

Delegates, volunteers and visitors gathered to open the 17<sup>th</sup> biennial convention of the Saskatchewan Synod of the ELCIC.

**Opening worship:**

Host – Luther College, Regina

Presider – National Bishop Susan Johnson

Preacher – SK Synod Bishop Sid Haugen

Worship Assistant – Rev. Sean Bell

Musical Director – Rev. Dennis Hendricksen

Pianist – Joshua Hendricksen

Musicians – Lyle Buddecke, Brent Ghiglione, Dave Dick,  
Dominic Ghiglione, Mark Preece

Readers – Deacon Gretchen Peterson; Rev. Linda Hall

Lessons – 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Gospel Mark 3:20-35

Recognition of Rostered Ministers - Anniversaries:

10 years – Rev. Colette Baker, Rev. Sonja Finnestad, Rev. Linda Hall,  
Rev. Janet Kostyna, Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Rev. Fran Schmidt,  
Rev. Lisa Skogsrud, Rev. Dr. Ali Tote

25 years – Rev. Daphne Bender, Rev. Liz Kuglin-Alyea, Rev. Robert Langdon,  
Rev. Pat Simonson

40 years – Rev. Frank Armistead, Rev. Clayton Beish, Rev. Jerry Borkowsky,  
Rev. Rik Hordern, Rev. Craig Moeller, Rev. Michael Poellet

50 years – Rev. Dr. Erwin Buck, Rev. Bob Jarock, Rev. Helmut Nachtigall,  
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Neumann

60 years – Rev. Henry Borgardt, Rev. Gene Grant, Rev. Edward Hedlin

Remembrance of those who have died: Rev. Lewis Booth

The service closed with the Order for Opening of Convention.

Chaplain Dennis Fingas led the convention in grace, and indicated that he and Rev. Dennis Serfas would share chaplain service over the term of the convention. The convention recessed for lunch at 12:00 pm.

### **Synod in Convention - Plenary One Friday, June 8; 1:00 pm**

Chair Sheldon Gattinger called the meeting to order, and welcomed delegates, visitors, guests, and representatives of associated organizations. He introduced the platform table – Vice Chair Valerie Davies; Secretary Cheryl Bauer Hyde; Treasurer Lyndon Carlson; Bishop Sid Haugen.

Chaplain Dennis Fingas provided the opening prayer.

Luther College President, Bryan Hillis, provided greeting and welcome to the SK Synod convention.

Vice-Chair Valerie Davies walked the delegates through an orientation session drawing attention to the name tag lanyards, Bulletin of Reports, Standing Rules of Order, speaking at microphones, voting cards, and recognition of the Stewards including Head Steward Margaret Fast.

Convention Manager, Joan Meyer provided announcements and facility details.

Chair Sheldon introduced the Convention Committees, which assist the convention with various roles:

**Committee on Registration and Attendance:** Karen Harilstad, Donna Lovberg,  
Sharon Solheim

**Committee on Nominations:** (Synod Governance Committee) Cheryl Bauer Hyde,  
Merv Bender, Tami Halvorson, Rev. Sheldon Gattinger, Bishop Sid Haugen

**Committee on Elections:** Bernie Bjorndalen, Cindy Vanthuyne, Rev. Bob Lewis,  
Rev. Stewart Miller, Rev. Victoria Mwamasika

**Committee on Minutes:** Joan Lenz, Lynn Piper, Rev. Kim Sherwin

**Committee on Reference and Counsel:** Daryl Nelson, Doug Soveran, Rev. Roger Haugen,  
Rev. Liz Kuglin-Alyea, Deacon Gretchen Peterson

Chair Sheldon introduced ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson, and the Synod staff – Joan Meyer, Lindsay Tomtene, Howie Wall, Rev. Lori James, and Rev. Dennis Serfas.

Bishop Sid introduced the clergy who have joined the Synod during this Biennium:  
Emmanuel Aristide, Sarah Mowatt, Cindy Werner, Brad Wudrich (UCC), Nora Borgeson (UCC), Marie-Louise Ternier (ACC), Lauren Miller (ACC), William Harrison (ACC), Munye Mtata.

Rev. George Hind and Rev. Zsofi Schmiedge recognized the Youth delegates. There are four youth delegates attending the convention, and all are encouraged to engage in discussion with them.

All delegates 30 years and younger are invited to meet at lunch tomorrow to have conversation about the future of our church.

### **Granting Seat and Voice**

**SSC-18-01 MSC** that seat and voice be granted to: National Bishop Susan Johnson, Synod Staff, and representatives of our affiliated agencies and organizations in attendance.

### **Registration and Attendance Report - as of 1:14 pm, June 8**

62	Lay delegates (including youth)
<u>75</u>	Rostered delegates
137	Voting Delegates
<u>22</u>	Visitors
159	persons registered for the convention

### **Approval of the Agenda**

**SSC-18-02 MSC** that the proposed agenda for the convention be approved.

### **Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 Convention**

**SSC-18-03 MSC** that the Minutes of the 2016 Convention be approved as distributed.

### **Constitution / Bylaw Amendments**

Secretary Cheryl Bauer Hyde and Bishop Sid introduced the process leading to the Constitution / Bylaw Amendments, beginning six years ago with the Dream Team, then the Future With Hope Task Force. Extensive consultation has taken place over that time period. Support was received from Bishop Cindy Halmarson, Bishop Sid, Synod Councils, the Future With Hope Task Force, and Synod Project Manager Joan Meyer.

### **Bishop's Report**

Chair Sheldon called on Bishop Sid for his report. The report is located within the Bulletin of Reports, and he provided an oral overview including the priority areas of the Strategic Plan: build leadership capacity, operate as one team, and inspire love and service.

Bishop Sid noted the changes in Administrative Team with Howie Wall and Joan Meyer's departures. He expressed thanks to Howie and Joan, and noted that Joan had been absent for acknowledgement at the Synod Council meeting. Joan was called forward for presentation of cards and a token of appreciation, and all rose to express their thanks for her long-standing service.

There was a comment offered from the floor with respect to lay ministry with encouragement to accelerating the discussion to provide sacraments especially as it relates to rural congregations who are unable to attract / afford a rostered minister and consequently are suffering without delivery of the sacraments at their worship services.

## **National Bishop**

Chair Sheldon invited Bishop Susan Johnson to provide her report. Bishop Susan noted that we are gathered on Treaty Four land, and referred to her written report highlighting the 2018 Strategic Directions – Courageous Innovation, Reconciled Relationships, One Body Working Together, Empowered Disciples. She provided an update on the Reformation Challenge:

- 548 refugees sponsored
- 206 scholarships for ELCJHL schools
- 97,505 trees planted in Canada, Ethiopia and the West Bank
- \$159,050 donated to the LWF Endowment Fund

Bishop Susan announced that the 2019 National Convention would be held at Luther College from July 11 – 13, 2019; ‘Called to Journey Together’.

## **First Ecclesiastical Ballot for Bishop**

Bishop Susan referred delegates to page 221 of the Bulletin of Reports ‘How A Synodical Bishop is Chosen’. Chaplain Dennis Serfas provided a prayer of reflection and discernment. Delegates were then instructed to use the grey ballot provided in their convention packets, and to write the name of their nomination for Bishop. It was indicated that to elect on the first ballot, the nominee must receive 75% of the votes cast. The Stewards collected the ballots, and vote was declared closed.

## **Evangelical Lutheran Foundation of Eastern Canada (ELFEC)**

Jeff Pym, Executive Director, brought greetings, and invited delegates to sign up for a lunch and learn session on Saturday.

The convention recessed for refreshments provided by ELFEC at 3:00 pm.

## **Synod in Convention - Plenary Two Friday, June 8; 3:30 pm**

Chair Sheldon called the meeting to order.

Chaplain Dennis Serfas opened the session with prayer.

Bert Ottenson, Indigenous Christian Fellowship (formerly Indian Metis Christian Fellowship) brought greetings on behalf of Bert Adema and the ICF Board. He also introduced Board Member Glenda Hunter-Marquardt and staff member Betty Krohn. Bert expressed thanks to the Lutheran congregations for their support.

## **Registration and Attendance Report - as of 3:20 pm, June 8, 2018**

62	Lay delegates (including youth)
<u>74</u>	Rostered delegates
136	Voting Delegates
<u>23</u>	Visitors
159	persons registered for the convention

## **Synod Secretary Report**

Secretary Cheryl was called on for the Secretary's report. She updated the printed report on page 10 (Lyndon Carlson withdrew his resignation as Treasurer), page 12 (CTEL Committee – Bishop's Designate is Rev. Lori James). She requested delegates review the various committees and contact her or the office if there was any interest on serving on these committees. New members are vital to maintaining functioning committees.

The following changes to the printed Roster changes were noted:

- Removed from roster – Rev. Michelle Moore should be ACC (not UCC); delete Rev. Carla Blakley by transfer to Manitoba/Northern Ontario Synod
- On Leave from Call: Rev. Mark Kleiner, parental – Year 1 through to June 2019
- Receive by reinstatement: Rev. Carlton Larsen, upon receipt of a call
- Receive by ordination: Marja Hordern, pending completion of studies and receipt and acceptance of a call

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Lyndon Carlson was called upon for the financial report of the Synod. He highlighted the use of Synod Funds in support for the Synod, the National Church, and the organizations supported directly by Synod financial resources.

The audit of the Synod accounts is done by the Virtus Group. Lyndon expressed thanks to Howie Wall for his service, and noted that Lindsay Tomtene would be assuming these duties.

**Synod Council Reports** – written reports for provided for the following with each chairperson or Synod Council representative noting the page of the report.

**Chairperson's report** (Sheldon Gattinger)

**2016 Convention Motions** (Sheldon Gattinger)

**Strategic Plan – Strengthening Faith Communities For Service** (Cheryl Bauer Hyde)

**Finance & Audit Committee – budget** (Lyndon Carlson)

**Compensation Guidelines** (Sean Bell)

**Funding Allocation Committee** (Merv Bender)

**Governance Committee** (Cheryl Bauer Hyde)

**Congregational Constitution Committee** (Arlene Tangjerd)

**Future with Hope Task Force** (Cindy Hoppe, Bob Lewis) – This task force has concluded its work with the proposed Constitution/Bylaw amendments for consideration in Plenary 3.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

**Committee for Theological Education and Leadership (CTEL)** – Eldon Danielson noted the recommendation for a name change to Candidacy Committee (CCOM).

**Mission in Ministry Committee** – Linda Hall indicated that this could be thought of as the 'Mission Imagining Ministry' Committee.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry** – Mark Hedlin noted the departure of Chaplin Paul Sartison, and the call to George Hind for one-third time. The University of Saskatchewan has established the Faith Leadership Council for spiritual care to students through the new Wellness Centre.

**Western Examining Committee** – Bishop Sid indicated that the committee is currently dealing with two candidates from SK Synod.

**Reference & Counsel Committee – Report #1** – no report

**Election Committee – results of Bishop Nominating Ballot**

Committee member Stuart Miller announced the results:

132 voting delegates:	Bell, Sean	1
	Borkowsky, Jerry	1
	Hall, Linda	5
	Felstrom, Trent	1
	Haugen, Roger	1
	Haugen, Sid	102
	James, Lori	1
	Kristjánsdóttir, Íris	1
	Mwamasika, Victoria	2
	Schmidt, Fran	1
	Schmiedge, Zsofi	3
	Schmirler, Doug	1
	Stepko, Karen	2
	Tote, Ali	10

Ballots cast 132; Ballots spoiled 0; Needed to elect 99 (75%)

**With 102 ballots, Sid Haugen was declared elected.**

Bishop Sid addressed the convention indicating that his election was an affirmation of the work of the Administrative and Pastoral Teams, and the office of the Bishop. He accepted the call to Bishop, and asked for continued support, partnership in the gospel, patience (and more patience) and prayer. The convention responded with a standing ovation.

Chaplain Pastor Dennis Serfas lead the convention in prayer.

Chair Sheldon invited the convention to ‘share the peace’.

**Reports from the ELCIC Schools**

**LCBI (We Would See Jesus):** President Wayne Hove acknowledged two Past Presidents in attendance, Dan Haugen and Roger Haugen. He provided a video which had been produced by the students indicating why they attended and supported LCBI. He concluded with an appeal for continued financial support as donations have been very low for the first five months of 2018.

**Luther College (Quality education in a Christian context):** President Bryan Hillis acknowledge three board members in attendance, Chair Dave Solheim, Lyndon Carlson, and Daryl Nelson. He indicated that enrollment at Luther High is at 460, and almost 700 at Luther College. Donations help to fund diversity students. The SK Act of Incorporation is currently being updated.

Convention Manager Joan provided information regarding travel expense forms, visiting the display areas during breaks, check out times for tomorrow, and the evening session with keynote speaker Melanie Delva.

Chaplain Pastor Dennis Serfas concluded this session with a prayer and table grace.

The convention recessed for the evening meal at 5:30pm.

### **June 8, 2018, Evening Session**

Vice-Chair Val called the convention to order at 7:00pm, and called on Bishop Sid to introduce Keynote Speaker Melanie Delva.

Melanie is the Reconciliation Animator for the Anglican Church of Canada. She spoke of her role with ACC, as it relates to the effects of colonization which she characterized as ‘a unique kind of evil’. Melanie views reconciliation as a spiritual practice with the following characteristics:

- Accessible to all,
- Exercised in the midst of everyday life ... and yet interrupts ‘normalcy’,
- Takes practice,
- Inward and outward manifestations.

Melanie provided information regarding the ACC response to Truth and Reconciliation, and the reconciliation toolkit which can be accessed on the ACC website.

The assembly participated in table discussion questions provided by Melanie:

1. Something I hadn’t thought about or realized is ...
2. Something I would like to know more about is ...
3. The way this relates to my spiritual journey is ...
4. One thing I would like to do now is ...

Several delegates rose to provide their personal or group discussion responses, with thanks expressed to Melanie for her powerful and meaningful message. Chair Val provided a thank you and token of appreciation to Melanie on behalf of the SK Synod.

### **Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)**

Carla Blakley, Community Relations Director, provided greetings and an invitation to attend the social time in Luther’s Cellar sponsored by CLWR.

The convention recessed at 8:30 pm for evening prayer.

### **Evening Prayer:**

Holden Evening Prayer, Marty Haugen  
Presiders – Rev. Sarah Dymund and Rev. Zsofi Schmiedge  
Pianist – Michael Dymund

**Synod in Convention - Plenary Three  
Saturday, June 9**

Morning Worship at 8:30 am:

Presider – Rev. Dennis Hendricksen  
Reader – Marja Hordern  
Pianist – Rev. Dennis Hendricksen  
Musician – Carlton Larsen  
Lessons – Psalm 138; Galatians 3:26-28

Chair Sheldon called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Registration and Attendance Report - as of 8:30 am, June 9, 2018**

58	Lay delegates (including youth)
<u>73</u>	Rostered delegates
131	Voting Delegates
<u>27</u>	Visitors
158	persons registered for the convention

**Bylaw Amendments**

**SSC-18-04 MSC** that the following Bylaw amendments be approved.

**In Part I Headquarters, replaced ‘headquarters’ with ‘Synod Office’.**

Section 1. The ~~headquarters of this synod~~ Synod Office shall be located in Saskatoon.  
Section 2. All executive offices shall be located at the ~~headquarters of the synod~~ Synod Office unless otherwise approved by Synod Council.

**SSC-18-05 MSC** that the following Bylaw amendments be approved.

**In Part II Organizational Relationships, delete Section 2 Conferences, and amend Section 4 Specialized Ministries number c. by adding ‘when requested’, and renumber the Sections.**

~~Section 2. — Conferences (Constitution, Article X)~~

~~This synod shall be divided into six conferences as follows: Weyburn, Swift Current, Regina, Yorkton, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert.~~

- ~~a. All members of the congregations are encouraged to attend conference meetings. The voting membership shall be all ordained ministers and diaconal ministers residing within the territory of the conference, and two lay delegates from each congregation. Congregations having more than three hundred baptized members shall be entitled to an additional lay member for each additional three hundred baptized members or major fraction thereof.~~
- ~~b. The bishop of the synod or the bishop’s appointee shall attend the conference meetings.~~
- ~~c. The purpose of the conferences shall be to:
  - ~~i. Assist its congregations and this synod in planning, promoting and implementing the mission of this church;~~
  - ~~ii. Encourage fellowship among ordained and diaconal ministers and congregations;~~
  - ~~iii. Arrange opportunities for the study of the Bible and Lutheran confessions;~~
  - ~~iv. Respond in consultation with this synod to particular needs within its territory;~~~~



- v. ~~Elect the required number of ordained ministers as delegates to the conventions of this church;~~
- vi. ~~Elect or nominate representatives to synodical positions as determined in these bylaws; and~~
- vii. ~~Elect two youth delegates, who shall be confirmed and between the ages of 15 and 21, to synod convention.~~
- d. ~~A conference may adopt for itself any rules and regulations not in conflict with the constitution and bylaws of this synod.~~
- e. ~~Each conference shall meet at least once a year at a time and place set by the conference. Conferences shall designate their own quorums.~~
- f. ~~Each conference shall have the right to petition this synod according to procedures set forth in these bylaws, Part V, Section 8.~~
- g. ~~Each conference shall elect from its membership a dean, a secretary and at least two other persons who shall constitute a conference council. Election shall be for a two year term. The dean shall be an ordained minister.~~
- h. ~~The conference council shall appoint persons to fill all vacancies in its council membership.~~
- i. ~~The dean of each conference shall make a written report to this synod through the bishop.~~
- j. ~~The deans of the conferences and the bishop shall meet at least once a year for spiritual renewal and for general discussion of programs, plans and problems affecting conferences and the synod. Except where otherwise provided in this constitution and its bylaws, the function of such a meeting shall be consultative and advisory.~~
- k. ~~The bishop may call upon the deans of the conferences to assist in the duties of installations and pastoral care of the ministers and congregations in their conferences.~~

Section 4. c. Synod council may, *when requested*, appoint a representative to the board of directors of each affiliated agencies or institutions.

SSC-18-06 MSC that the following Bylaw amendments be approved.

**In Part III Rostered Ministers – Ordained, Add the word ‘ordained’ before minister throughout Part III, Section 1, change ‘designated’ to ‘in consultation; Section 2, remove the word ‘manual’; Section 5, remove the word ‘only’, add ‘may implement an investigation, remove reference to ‘conference dean’; move ii to part iv; iii / iv remove ‘Appoint an advisory committee’; v. add ‘if applicable; and renumber; Section 6 change wording to match the Letter of Call; Section 8 change wording to reflect actual practice; Section 9 remove; Section 10 remove reference to conferences.**

Section 1. Ordination of approved candidates shall take place at a time and place, ~~designated by~~ *in consultation with* the bishop.

Section 2. The synod shall have a call process ~~manual~~ approved by synod council. A congregation wishing to extend a call shall follow the general procedures set out in the call process manual unless otherwise advised by the bishop due to unusual circumstances.

Section 4. *An ordained* minister shall inform the congregational council and the bishop immediately upon receipt of a call to another ministry, and shall inform the calling agency and the bishop of any decision made within thirty days unless an extension is

granted by mutual consent of all the parties involved. An *ordained* minister shall terminate an existing call within two months of accepting another call, unless an extension is granted by mutual consent of all the parties involved.

Section 5. a. Termination of Call

When no term is specified, a regular call accepted by an ordained minister to a congregation shall constitute a relationship which may be terminated ~~only~~ for the following causes:

- i. Resignation of the *ordained* minister;
- ii. Disqualification of the *ordained* minister as a result of discipline;
- iii. Division of the pastoral charge;
- iv. Incapacity of the *ordained* minister, either physical or mental;
- v. Continued neglect of ministry by the *ordained* minister;
- vi. Inability to conduct the ministerial office satisfactorily in a congregation in view of local conditions, without reflection on the moral and spiritual character of the *ordained* minister.

b. In the conditions set out in Section 5, iv,v,vi, the bishop or *designate* may implement an investigation which may involve appointment of an advisory committee according to the following:

- i. ~~In consultation with the conference dean, appoint an advisory committee of two ordained ministers and two lay members to investigate.~~ Upon the request of the congregational council or on receipt of a petition signed by at least one-third of the voting members of a congregation, the bishop shall appoint an advisory committee to investigate.
- ii. ~~With the concurrence of the congregational council, suspend the minister from ministerial duties pending the outcome of the formal proceedings when circumstances warrant.~~
- ii. ~~Appoint an advisory committee to investigate.~~ An allegation of physical or mental disability which shall secure medical testimony to confirm or refute such allegation. If incapacity is confirmed, the bishop may, on the advice of the committee and with the concurrence of the congregational council, declare the pastorate vacant. Should the *ordained* minister be restored to health, the bishop shall take steps to enable the *ordained* minister to resume ministry in the congregation last served or in another ministry.
- iii. ~~An advisory committee appointed to investigate.~~ An allegation of neglect of ministry or of local conditions that imperil the well-being of a congregation shall provide an opportunity for all concerned parties to be heard.
- iv. With the concurrence of the congregational council, the bishop or *designate* may suspend the ordained minister from ministerial duties pending the outcome of formal proceedings when circumstances warrant.
- v. At the conclusion of an investigation, the bishop, in company with the committee *if applicable*, shall bring recommendations to the *ordained* minister and the congregation for consideration and action. Such counsel shall be offered in Christian love and is not to be regarded as a disciplinary measure. If the situation cannot be resolved amicably, the ordained minister may resign, or the congregation may terminate the call by a majority vote at a properly called congregational meeting.

Section 6. An ordained minister shall Preach the Word, administer the Sacraments of *Holy Communion and Holy Baptism*, and conduct public worship in harmony with the faith and practices of the church; *equip, train and mentor all God's people for ministry in all areas of spiritual renewal and faith formation*; ~~shall baptize, confirm and marry in accordance with the teaching of the church and with the laws of the province or territory; shall visit the sick and distressed and bury the dead; strive for righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness; shall inculcate piety in individual and family life and provide pastoral leadership to all schools and auxiliary organizations of the congregation; shall~~ install members of the Congregational Council and, with the council, administer discipline; ~~shall~~ seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for ~~the~~rostered ministry; ~~of the Gospel and strive to extend the Kingdom of God in the community, at home and abroad; and shall~~ encourage the members to be generous in support of the ministry of the congregation, the synod and the church; *commend members who move to the pastoral care of the parish in which their new home is located.*

Section 7. An ordained minister shall not preach or perform any ministerial act within the parish of another minister except at the latter's request or consent, or visit or perform ministerial acts in a time of a ministerial vacancy, except by invitation of the interim minister or congregational council.

Section 8. The *ordained* minister shall ensure that the congregation keeps accurate records of membership, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials and communicants, and shall report such statistics annually to the secretary of the synod on the forms prescribed by the church. ~~These records shall be certified as being correct by the congregational secretary on the same forms.~~ The congregational records shall be kept in a separate book which shall remain the property of the congregation.

~~Section 9. When members move, the minister shall commend them to the ministerial care of the parish in which their new home is located.~~

Section 10. All ordained ministers serving under call are expected to attend all conventions of this synod ~~and the meetings of the conferences to which they belong.~~

SSC-18-07 MSC that the following Bylaw amendments be approved.

**In Part IV Rostered Ministers – Diaconal, Add the word 'diaconal' before minister throughout Part IV, Section 1, change 'designated' to 'in consultation; Section 2, remove the word 'manual'; Section 5, remove the word 'only', add 'may implement an investigation, remove reference to 'conference dean'; move ii to part iv; iii / iv remove 'Appoint an advisory committee'; v. add 'if applicable; and renumber; Section 6 remove reference to conferences.**

Section 1. Consecration of approved candidates shall take place at a time and place, ~~designated~~ by *in consultation with* the bishop.

Section 2. The synod shall have a call process ~~manual~~ approved by synod council. A congregation wishing to extend a call shall follow the general procedures set out in the call process manual unless otherwise advised by the bishop due to unusual circumstances.

Section 5. a. Termination of Call

When no term is specified, a regular call accepted by a diaconal minister to a congregation shall constitute a relationship which may be terminated ~~only~~ for the following causes:

b. In the conditions set out in Section 5, iv,v,vi, the bishop or designate may implement an investigation which may involve appointment of an advisory committee according to the following:

- ~~i. In consultation with the conference dean, appoint an advisory committee of two ordained ministers and two lay members to investigate.~~ Upon the request of the congregational council or on receipt of a petition signed by at least one-third of the voting members of a congregation, the bishop shall appoint an advisory committee to investigate.
- ~~ii. With the concurrence of the congregational council, suspend the diaconal minister from ministerial duties pending the outcome of the formal proceedings when circumstances warrant.~~
- ii. Appoint an advisory committee to investigate An allegation of physical or mental disability which shall secure medical testimony to confirm or refute such allegation. If incapacity is confirmed, the bishop may, on the advice of the committee and with the concurrence of the congregational council, declare the pastorate vacant. Should the *diaconal* minister be restored to health, the bishop shall take steps to enable the *diaconal* minister to resume ministry in the congregation last served or in another ministry.
- iii. An advisory committee appointed to investigate An allegation of neglect of ministry or of local conditions that imperil the well-being of a congregation shall provide an opportunity for all concerned parties to be heard.
- iv. With the concurrence of the congregational council, the bishop or designate may suspend the diaconal minister from ministerial duties pending the outcome of formal proceedings when circumstances warrant.
- v. At the conclusion of an investigation, the bishop, in company with the committee *if applicable*, shall bring recommendations to the *diaconal* minister and the congregation for consideration and action. Such counsel shall be offered in Christian love and is not to be regarded as a disciplinary measure. If the situation cannot be resolved amicably, the *diaconal minister* may resign, or the congregation may terminate the call by a majority vote at a properly called congregational meeting.

Section 6. All diaconal ministers serving under call are expected to attend all conventions of this synod ~~and the meetings of the conferences to which they belong.~~

**SSC-18-08 MSC** that the following Bylaw amendments be approved.

**In Part V Conventions, Section 1, change ‘biennially’ to ‘triennially’ and location/time set by Synod Council; Section 3, remove conference appointments; Sections 4, 9, 10, change ‘ordained and diaconal’ to ‘rostered’; Section 5, revise quorum; Section 8, remove reference to conferences; Section 11, add agreement to participate, add number 6, remove iii (included in iv), vii remove ‘office’, remove b.ii. National Church Council, c. and d. (conferences).**

**SSC-18-09 MSC** that Part V, Section 3e. be amended to read: A maximum of twelve youth delegates shall be chosen by Synod Council from a list of nominees submitted by congregations of the Synod.

- Section 1. The regular conventions of this synod shall be held ~~bi~~ *triennially the year prior to the* ~~between~~ national conventions. *The location and time of convention shall be set by Synod Council.*
- Section 3. ~~e. Youth delegates elected by each conference. A maximum of twelve youth delegates shall be chosen by Synod Council from a list of nominees submitted by congregations of the Synod.~~
- Section 4. At least sixty days prior to the opening day of the convention:  
 a) Each congregation shall submit the name(s) and address(es) of its lay delegates to the Synod secretary.; ~~and~~  
 b) ~~Each ordained and diaconal~~ *rostered minister, active, non-parish, and retired, shall submit his/her name and address to the synod secretary.*
- Section 5. ~~One-third of the convention~~ *A majority of the registered voting members shall constitute a quorum.*
- Section 8. ~~Congregations and conferences~~ may petition this synod in convention by submitting the petition in writing to the secretary of this synod for inclusion in the bulletin of reports. If the petition is too late for inclusion in the bulletin of reports, the secretary shall deliver the petition to the Reference and Counsel Committee for presentation to the convention.
- Section 9. Synod council shall approve the convention budget which will include the participation of all delegates – lay, rostered and youth, ~~ordained and diaconal~~. Convention costs shall be shared among the congregations by dividing the total convention costs by the total number of confirmed members in this synod times the number of confirmed members reported by each congregation in their most recent parochial report.
- Section 10. Special Conventions  
 ii. ~~One-fifth of the congregations of this synod and one-fifth of the ordained~~ *rostered ministers under call on its roster.*  
 b. The secretary shall give written notice of a special convention to each congregation, ~~each ordained minister,~~ and each ~~diaconal~~ *rostered minister,* and shall publish the same at least thirty days prior to the opening date of the convention.  
 iii. ~~Ordained Rostered~~ *ministers on the roster of the synod at the time of the special convention.; and*  
 iv. ~~Diaconal ministers on the roster of the synod at the time of the special convention.~~
- Section 11. Nominations and Elections (Constitution, Articles XII-XV)  
 2. On the first ballot, three-fourths of the votes cast shall elect. If the first ballot does not result in an election, it shall be considered a nominating ballot. Thereafter, voting shall be limited to those persons named on the first ballot *and who have consented to participate in the call process and proceed to second ballot.*  
 iii. ~~Synod council shall nominate the secretary and the treasurer.~~  
 iv. The committee on nominations shall *provide a nomination* ~~nominate at least two persons for each synod council position, except that of the Bishop.~~  
 vii. In all elections, except for ~~that office~~ of the bishop, a majority of the votes cast shall elect.  
 b. ~~ii. National Church Council shall appoint 2 members.~~

- ~~e. The conferences shall elect their own synod standing committee representatives at their conference conventions.~~
- ~~d. The synod secretary shall inform the conferences in advance of a conference convention the number of conference representatives on synod standing committees that need to be elected. Terms take effect immediately following the conference convention.~~

**SSC-18-10 MSC** that the following Bylaw amendments be approved.

**In Part VII Synod Council, Section 1, reduce the number of council position and change the term of office; Section 2, revisions to clarify role, include vice-chairperson, and other details.**

**SSC-18-11 MS** that Part VII, Section 1, be revised to add 'No elected member shall be eligible for more than two consecutive terms. However, a term of less than three years shall not be deemed to be a term of office for this purpose. **Defeated.**

Section 1. The membership of synod council shall be the *bishop*, secretary and treasurer of the synod together with ~~12~~ 8 additional members consisting of an equal number of ~~ordained~~ *rostered* ministers and lay persons elected by the convention to serve for ~~four~~ six years in such manner that the terms of one-half of the elected members shall expire each ~~bi~~ triennium. ~~There shall be at least one ordained minister and lay person from each conference. No elected member shall be eligible for more than two consecutive terms. However, a term of less than two years shall not be deemed to be a term of office for this purpose.~~

Section 2. Synod council shall:

- a. ~~Plan, coordinate, supervise and evaluate the activities of the synod in carrying out its mission and ministry, including development of appropriate policies for synod council;~~  
*Develop and monitor a Strategic Plan to equip and empower the Synod in carrying out its mission and ministry, including development of governance policies for the Synod.*
- b. Elect a chairperson *and vice-chairperson* from among its members for a term of ~~two~~ three years. The election shall be held at the first synod council meeting following each Synod convention.
- d. Issue letters of call to ~~ordained and diaconal~~ *rostered* ministers who are full-time officers or staff officials of the synod, or who are called to special service;
- h. Appoint a committee on nominations ~~with representation from each conference;~~
- j. Carry out duties in good faith with ~~a reasonable degree of~~ diligence, care, and skill;

**SSC-18-12 MSC** that the following Bylaw amendments be approved.

**In Part VIII Duties of the Synod Officers, add a new Section 2 and renumber the remaining.**

*Section 2. The vice-chairperson of this synod shall:*

- a. *Assume the duties of the chairperson at the request of the chairperson, or in the event the chairperson is unable to fulfill the duties of that position; and*

- b. *Perform additional duties as prescribed in the synod council governance and policy manuals.*

**SSC-18-13 MSC** – that the following Bylaw amendments be approved.

**In Part IX Duties of the Bishop, replace Section 1 and add new Section 2.**

**SSC-18-14 MS** that Part IX, Section 1.b. be revised to ... ministry of Word, Sacrament and Service in this synod ... **Defeated.**

Section 1. The bishop shall *be a minister of Word and Sacrament of this church. As this Synod's pastor, the bishop shall:*

- ~~a. Provide spiritual leadership and counsel to this synod, its conventions, and conferences;~~
- ~~b. Ordain approved candidates for ministry, consecrate approved candidates for diaconal ministry and provide for the installation into office;~~
- ~~c. Oversee the call process as outlined in the Call Process Manual;~~
- ~~d. Attest to all official documents of the synod as may be required;~~
- ~~e. Appoint the synod archivist/necrologist to maintain historical records on behalf of this synod;—~~
- ~~f. Discipline staff and program committee members in keeping with Biblical principles and the policies of this synod;~~
- ~~g. Report to synod council and the synod convention all significant matters affecting the mission and ministry of this synod; and~~
- ~~h. Perform other duties as prescribed in the constitutions and bylaws of this church and the synod, and the synod council governance and policy manuals.~~
  - a. *Preach, teach, and administer the sacraments in accord with the Confession of Faith of this church.*
  - b. *Have primary responsibility for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in this synod and its congregations, providing pastoral care and leadership for this synod, its congregations and its rostered ministers.*
  - c. *Exercise solely this church's power to ordain (or provide the ordination by another synodical bishop of) approved candidates who have received and accepted a properly issued, duly attested letter of call for the office of ordained ministry. (and as provided in the bylaws of this church.)*
  - d. *Consecrate (or provide for the consecration of) approved candidates who have received and accepted a properly issued, duly attested letter of call for service as diaconal ministers of this church.*
  - e. *Oversee the call process. Attest letters of call for persons called to serve congregations in the synod, letters of call for persons called by the Synod Council.*
  - f. *Install (or provide for the installation of) rostered ministers whose calls the bishop has attested.*
  - g. *Interpret and advocate the mission and theology of the synod as a whole.*

Section 2. *The bishop shall be the chief executive officer of this synod discharging all duties and obligations of that office as mandated in the constitution, the bylaws and by resolution of Synod Council. As the chief executive officer of this synod the bishop shall:*

- a. Serve as an ex officio member of all committees of this Synod.*
- b. Leader in fostering support for and commitment to the mission of this church within this Synod.*
- c. Coordinate the use of the resources to achieve the Synod's Strategic Plan.*
- d. Advise and counsel the Synod's affiliated institutions and agencies.*
- e. Supervise all Synod staff.*
- f. Form management task forces as are necessary in the life of the Synod.*
- g. Appoint the synod archivist/necrologist to maintain historical records on behalf of this Synod.*
- h. Submit a report to each regular meeting of the Synod Convention and to Synod Council conserving the Synod's life and work.*
- g. Perform other duties as prescribed in the constitutions and bylaws of this church and the synod, and the synod council governance and policy manuals.*

**SSC-18-15 MSC** that the following Bylaw amendments be approved.

**In Part X Standing Committees, remove Section 1.b., Section 2, remove the second 'appointed by synod council' in a.ii., change 'four' with 'six' year terms in a.iii., remove 'fall meeting' in b.ii., remove 'annually in Saskatoon in February in b.v.; Section 3, change of name for CTEL, remove conferences and revise length of term in b. and c., remove readmission in d.; Section 4, remove conferences and revise length of term, change allocate to recommend in iv.**

Section 1. ~~b. No person shall be a member of more than one standing committee at the same time.~~

Section 2. ~~ii The Synod Examining Committee shall consist of the bishop and five members appointed by synod council: one seminary professor, two lay persons, one diaconal minister, and one ordained minister. appointed by synod council. The committee will name its own chairperson and secretary.~~

~~iii The appointed members shall serve for four six year terms with a two-consecutive-terms limit, staggered so that no more than half are replaced at any one time.~~

~~b. ii Annually, at the fall meeting, the synod council shall appoint one lay person and one rostered person from the synod examining committee to the Western Synods Examining Committee, making a total of eight persons appointed from the four participating synods. Of the four rostered persons appointed, at least one rostered person shall be a diaconal minister, with that position assigned to one of the synods by agreement of the synod bishops.~~

~~v. This committee shall meet annually in Saskatoon in February at a time determined by the synod bishops and by arrangement of Saskatchewan Synod.~~

Section 3. ~~The Candidacy Committee for Theological Education and Leadership (Candidacy) shall be a standing committee of this synod.~~

~~a. The Candidacy Committee for Theological Education and Leadership shall be accountable to synod council and shall report to the council through the office of the bishop.~~



- b. ~~The Candidacy Committee for Theological Education and Leadership shall consist of no fewer than four and no more than six members split equally between lay persons and rostered ministers and shall be appointed by Synod Council. eight members. Six of the members shall represent the conferences of this synod, and shall be appointed by synod council upon nomination by the conference councils. The other two members will be appointed by synod council at large. Four of the committee members shall be lay persons, four shall be clergy.—The synod bishop shall be an ex officio member. The committee will name its own chairperson and secretary.~~
- c. The appointed members shall serve for ~~six~~ four-year terms with a two consecutive term limit, staggered so that no more than half are replaced at any one time.
- d. It shall be the duty of this committee to select and endorse candidates for the ordained and diaconal ministry; ~~review applications to the ministries of the synod by persons seeking readmission to the rosters of the synod;~~ receive applications from candidates who come from Lutheran churches with whom mutual recognition of ministry has not yet been established, or who come from other churches; and refer candidates to the examining committee for colloquy according to the policies and procedures established by this church.

Section 4. The Mission in Ministry Committee shall be a standing committee of this synod.

- b. The Mission in Ministry Committee shall consist of no fewer than ~~three nor more than seven~~ four members and not more than six members. The members shall be appointed by the synod council ~~in consultation with the conference deans.~~ The synod bishop, or designate, shall be an *ex officio* member. Due attention shall be given to rostered/lay representation. The committee will name its own chairperson and secretary.
- c. The members shall serve for ~~four~~ six year terms with a two consecutive term limit, staggered so that no more than half are replaced at any one time.
- d. iv. ~~Allocate and request~~ Recommend disbursement of *Church Extension and Capital Funds (CECF)*;

**SSC-18-16** MSC that the following Bylaw amendments be approved.

**In Part XI Lutheran Theological Seminary, revise Section 2 to reflect only this Synod; revise Section 3 and 4 to refer to the LTS Constitution/Bylaws; Section 5 revised to reflect only this Synod.**

Section 2. ~~The board may, in consultation with the church, propose to the synod(s) an increase in the number of its members, such increase to include an equal number of ordained ministers and lay persons. Any proposal for increase in the number of members of the board must have the approval of the synod.(s)-~~

Section 3. ~~Election of Synod representatives to the Lutheran Theological Seminary Board shall be in accordance with its Constitution, Bylaws and policies. The term of office for each member of the board shall be four years except in the following cases:-~~

- a. ~~Where a member is appointed to fill a vacancy, such appointment shall be by the synod council and shall be for the remainder of the term of the predecessor.~~
- b. ~~In the case of the first of any new elections in connection with increasing the number of the said board, the terms of office shall be for two or four years, so spaced that one-half of the members of the board shall be elected each biennium.~~

~~Section 4. Members of the board shall be eligible to serve for not more than two consecutive terms.~~

Section 5. Financial support for the seminary shall be determined by a process of consultation between the board of governors, ~~this church~~ and Synod Council

**SSC-18-17 MSC** that the following Bylaw amendments be approved.

**In Part XII Financial Matters, delete Section 3; revise Section 5 to reflect CPA SK terminology.**

~~Section 3. Representatives of synod council shall meet with representatives appointed by National Church Council to agree upon the synod's commitment goal for support of the budget of the church during the next fiscal year. These representatives shall recommend for approval by synod and National Church Council the amount of support to be transmitted through this synod to the church.~~

Section 5. ~~The financial accounts of this synod shall be submitted annually for audit to a professionally designated accountant by synod council. Synod Council shall submit the financial accounts of this synod annually for audit to a Chartered Professional Accountant.~~

### **Constitutional Amendments (First Reading)**

**SSC-18-18 MSC** that the following constitutional amendments presented for First Reading be approved.

**In Article VI Congregations, Section 3, amend by deleting reference to 'conferences', delete Section 4, and renumber following Sections.**

Section 3. Every congregation of this synod shall choose a delegate or delegates to represent it at conventions of this synod ~~and at meetings of the conference to which the congregation is assigned~~ in accordance with procedures as defined in the bylaws of this synod. An alternate or alternates may act in the stead of the delegate or delegates in the event of their absence.

~~Section 4. The alignment of congregations in parishes shall be subject to approval of Synod Council.~~

**In Article X Conferences, delete the Article and renumber following Articles.**

~~Section 1. This synod shall be organized regionally into conferences whose number and boundaries shall be determined by this synod in convention upon the recommendation of Synod Council.~~

~~Section 2. The role of the conferences shall be defined in the bylaws of this synod.~~

**In Article XII Synod Council, delete Section 4.**

~~Section 4. The bishop shall be an ex officio member of Synod Council.~~

The convention recessed for refreshments at 10:00 am. Workshops commence at 10:30 am; followed by lunch at 12:00 pm.

### **Workshops**

**First National Culture & Spirituality** – Lyndon Linklater, Treaty Commissioners' Office; **Reconciliation** – Annie Battiste, Treaty Commissioners' Office; **Relationships with Indigenous Peoples** – Melanie Delva; **Blanket Exercise (KAIROS Blanket Exercise)** – Lee Prosper, Hayley Fayant

**Synod in Convention - Plenary Four  
Saturday, June 9; 1:00 pm**

Chair Sheldon called the meeting to order. Chaplain Dennis Fingas provided a prayer.

**Registration and Attendance Report** - as of 12:50 pm, June 9, 2018

64	Lay delegates (including youth)
<u>73</u>	Rostered delegates
137	Voting Delegates
<u>29</u>	Visitors
166	persons registered for the convention

**Committee on Nominations**

Secretary Cheryl referred to the report provided in the Supplement Bulletin of Reports (page 179).

Nominated for: Secretary – Cheryl Bauer Hyde  
Synod Council (Lay - 4 to be elected) – Jeff Barber, Merv Bender,  
Lynda Erlandson, Cindy Hoppe, Darlene Stelmacowich  
Synod Council (Rostered – 4 to be elected) – Sean Bell, John Dut,  
Liz Kuglin-Alyea, Stewart Miller, Doug Schmirler, Ali Tote  
Lutheran Theological Seminary (one member) – Larry Tehse

**Ministry Partners' Reports**

**Lutheran Theological Seminary** – President Rev. Dr. William (Bill) Harrison highlighted various areas of the written report extending the invitation to 'Be Challenged' encouraging potential ELCIC leaders to 'Challenge Yourself'; 'Challenge Others' 'Challenge the World'; Challenge scholarships; and the authorized lay ministry program (more information to follow)

**Regina Lutheran Hospital Chaplaincy (Eden Care Communities)** – Chaplain Rev. Howard Ulmer referred to the written report, and added that Regina hospital chaplaincy services contract will terminate on June 30, 2018, with future plans unknown at this time.

**LuMinHoS (Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon)** – Chaplain Rev. Ron Bestvater distributed a Spiritual Care information/contact card which can be distributed through congregations, and spoke about the termination of denomination patients lists and partnerships with social workers and other religious organizations.

**Prairie Centre for Ecumenism** – Stewart Miller, Board Member, brought greetings on behalf of Executive Director, Darren Dahl, and referred to the written report.

**Elections**

**SSC-18-19 MSC** that nominations for the positions of Synod Secretary, Synod Council, and SK Synod Lay representative to Lutheran Theological Seminary Board of Directors cease.

Ballots were distributed and collected for the Lay and Rostered positions Synod Council.

## **Reference and Counsel Committee – Report #2**

Committee of Reference & Counsel recommends that this resolution be considered by the assembly.

**SCC-18-20** Moved by Rev. John Mayer Dut; Seconded by Rev. Ron Bestvater - That thanks, appreciation, and gratitude be extended to ELCIC, Government of Canada and people for prayers and pressure to South Sudan leaders to accept Peace, this saves and rescues innocent lives; and That we continue our prayers in Saskatchewan Synod and across Canada to pray that Almighty God bring Full Peace to South Sudan people; and That we encourage those who wish to support humanitarian assistance to the South Sudan people to channel financial contributions through CLWR. Carried

## **LutherCare Communities**

Tammy Pshebylo, Vice President of Business Development, provided greetings as sponsor of the refreshment break.

The convention recessed at 2:30 pm for refreshments.

## **Synod in Convention - Plenary Five Saturday, June 9; 3:30 pm**

Secretary Cheryl called the meeting to order. Chaplain Dennis Serfas provided a prayer.

## **Registration and Attendance Report - as of 2:50 pm, June 9, 2018**

64	Lay delegates (including youth)
<u>73</u>	Rostered delegates
137	Voting Delegates
<u>30</u>	Visitors
167	persons registered for the convention

## **Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)**

Rev. Dr. Karin Achtelstetter referred to the written report, and quoted Hebrews 13:2 'Be not afraid to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares' in reference to our support of refugees. Karin thanked the church for their humanitarian support through CLWR and for the warm welcome.

## **Kinasao Lutheran Bible Camp**

Dave Bragg, Development Director, brought greetings and thanks for support of the Kinasao ministry. He asked for continued involvement with Kinasao program, prayers and financial contributions.

## **The convention recessed for the Corporation Meetings at 4:00 pm**

**LutherCare Communities:** Bishop Sid called the Corporation meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

MSC that the agenda be approved.

MSC that the minutes of the previous corporation meeting be approved.

### **Executive Report**

Allan Scholz, Board Chair, introduced board members in attendance: Karen Harilstad and Joan Meyer. He thanked retiring board members; Allan Grundahl and Bill Nelson.

Chief Executive Officer, Vivienne Hauck read the report that was contained in the convention docket, and referred to staff member Tammy Pshebylo in attendance. She noted that mid-term Board appointments have included Darrell Corkal, Karen Harilstad, Beverly Pavelich.

MSC that the report be adopted.

### **Election of Board Members**

Nominated for their first four-year term: Barb Jiricka, Dennis Serfas, Ali Tote

Nominated for their second four-year term: Monte Gorchinski, Monica Krueger,  
Beverly Pavelich

MSC that nominations cease.

Monte Gorchinski, Barb Jiricka, Monica Krueger, Beverly Pavelich Dennis Serfas, Ali Tote, are declared elected by acclamation.

### **Bylaw Amendments**

MSC that the following Bylaw amendments be approved.

6.1 LutherCare Communities shall hold a regular General Meeting ~~every second calendar year in conjunction with and at the same place as the biennial meeting of the Church.~~ *in conjunction with and at the same place as the General Meeting of the Church.*

8.2.4 ~~No more than three (3) Directors shall be Associate Members~~ *“The majority of the Board of Directors shall be Members.”*

8.6.1 Except as set out in 8.6.2 ~~or 8.6.3~~ or unless the Director ceases to hold office under 8.8, a Director holds office from the commencement of the first Board meeting following the regular General Meeting at which he or she was elected until the commencement of the first Board meeting following the ~~second~~ *next* regular General Meeting after being elected *provided each Director shall hold office for a minimum period of (a period of approximately* four (4) years *and the Voting Delegates may, by Ordinary Resolution before the elections are held at a regular General meeting, provide for commencement or end of a Director’s term, as the case may be, to allow for a rotation of the directors’ terms of office.*

~~8.6.3 To provide for a rotation of Directors' terms of office, the Voting Delegates, by Ordinary Resolution before the elections are held at a regular General Meeting, may provide that the terms of office of one or more of the Directors to be elected will expire before the commencement of the first Board meeting following the second regular General Meeting after being elected.~~

## **Other Business**

In response to a question regarding a meeting with St. Paul Lutheran Home representatives, Vivienne indicated that LutherCare would have the capacity of providing support, if agreed upon by both organizations. She indicated there had been a brief meeting which did not include discussion of an ongoing relationship or followup.

## **Resolution of ratification:**

MSC that any and all actions of the biennial convention of the Saskatchewan Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada which pertains to the Corporation of LutherCare Communities, are hereby ratified.

The Corporation meeting was declared adjourned at 4:20 pm

**St. Paul Lutheran Home, Melville:** Chair Sheldon called the Corporation meeting to order at 4:20 pm.

MSC that the agenda be approved.

MSC that the minutes of the previous corporation meeting be approved.

## **Executive Report**

Bob Edwards, Board Chair, referred to the report provided by Executive Director Kim Bucsis, and introduced both Kim and Board Secretary, Vivian Roberts. He noted that there may have been a misunderstanding about the purpose and outcome of the meeting between St. Paul Lutheran and LutherCare held February 2017.

MSC that the report be adopted.

## **Business from the report**

Moved: That the Corporation approves the transfer of ownership of St. Paul Lutheran Home to Emmanuel Care.

Merv Bender raised a point of order, and asked for a ruling by the Chair as to whether this motion was in order as the St. Paul's Constitution Article IX reads: 'Amendments to this constitution shall be made by majority vote at the meetings of the Corporation and such changes proposed shall be made in writing to the President of the Corporation at least two (2) months prior to the meeting.' Bylaw 10.02 states 'Proposed changes shall be made in writing to the President of the Corporation a minimum of two (2) months prior to the meeting.'

Chair Sheldon indicated that notice of the motion and intention of transfer of ownership was dated April 16, 2018, and therefore did not meet the time requirement. Therefore, the motion was ruled out of order.

Because this motion could not be dealt with at this meeting, there was felt to be a need to enable the Board to move forward in their attempt to increase their influence in the new health system and to gain additional supports in providing quality, holistic care, so that actions can be

undertaken prior to the next Synod convention in 2021. However, it was stated that changes of this magnitude require a due diligence process, and additional time is needed. This includes a meaningful process of communication and engagement with LutherCare Communities, and discussion and dialogue with supporters from Melville and surrounding communities.

**MSC** that Synod Council be authorized to work with the Board of St. Paul Lutheran Home – Melville, to explore viable options and approve a final decision, to be reported to the Synod.

The hard work of the Board was acknowledged.

**Resolution of ratification:**

MSC that any and all actions of the biennial convention of the Saskatchewan Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada which pertains to the Corporation of St. Paul Lutheran Home, Melville are hereby ratified.

The Corporation meeting was declared adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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## The Synod convention reconvened at 5:00 pm

### Election Committee

On behalf of the Elections Committee, Victoria Mwamasika reported:

### Election Results

#### Synod Council

<b>Lay:</b>	111 ballots cast; 1 spoiled ballot
	Jeff Barber 91
	Merv Bender 89
	Lynda Erlandson 85
	Cindy Hoppe 95
	Darlene Stelmacowich 70

Jeff Barber and Cindy Hoppe were declared elected for 6-year terms ending 2024;  
Merv Bender and Lynda Erlandson were declared elected for 3-year terms ending 2021

<b>Rostered:</b>	Sean Bell 88
	John Dut 36
	Liz Kuglin-Alyea 74
	Stewart Miller 59
	Doug Schmirler 64
	Ali Tote 101

Sean Bell and Ali Tote were declared elected for 6-year terms ending 2024; Liz Kuglin-Alyea and Doug Schmirler were declared elected for 3-year terms ending 2021

**Synod Secretary:** Cheryl Bauer Hyde was declared elected by acclamation for a 6-year term ending 2024

**Lutheran Theological Seminary (Lay):** Larry Tehse was declared elected by acclamation for a 6-year term ending 2024

**SSC-18-21 MSC** that the ballots be destroyed.

### National Delegates Election

**SSC-18-22 MSC** that the 15 delegate nominees to the 2019 National Convention be declared elected as delegates and that the Synod Council will appoint the additional 13 delegates to fill the Saskatchewan Synod delegate slate to the 2019 National ELCIC Convention.

Rostered Ministers:

1. Lori James, Cross & Spire Parish, Esterhazy/Stockholm
2. Doug Schmirler, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Melville
3. Dennis Serfas, Messiah Lutheran, Prince Albert
4. Karen Stepko, Christ Lutheran, Rhein

Lay:

1. Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Messiah Lutheran, Prince Albert
2. Merv Bender, Messiah Lutheran, Prince Albert
3. Lynda Erlandson, St. Paul Lutheran, Radisson



4. Gwen Hudy, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Melville
5. Eunice Morck, St. Olaf Lutheran, Swift Current
6. Connie Rayner, St. Olaf Lutheran, Swift Current
7. Deb Roberts, Christ Lutheran, Regina
8. David Scheirer, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Melville
9. Allan Scholz, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Saskatoon
10. Arlene Tangjerd, St. Paul Lutheran, Yorkton

Youth:

1. Bryce MacEwen, Redeemer Lutheran, Saskatoon

### **Reference and Counsel Committee – Report #3**

Committee of Reference & Counsel recommends that this resolution be considered by the assembly.

**SCC-18-23** Moved by the Committee on Reference & Counsel. That this Convention offer thanks to:

- Host – Luther College (Bryan Hillis, Rev. Sean Bell)
- Head Steward – Margaret Fast
- Volunteers – registrars, set-up, the many tasks required to create this experience
- A/V Technician – Inland Audio Visual
- Facilities & Food – the leadership and staff of Luther College
- Social & Refreshment Hosts – CLWR, ELFEC, LutherCare Communities, Luther College
- Worship Coordinators – Rev. Sean Bell, Rev. Sarah Dymund, Rev. Dennis Hendricksen, Rev. Amber Hoffman, as well as Worship Leaders and Musicians
- Workshop Leaders and Facilitators
- Convention Committee members
- Keynote Speaker Melanie Delva
- Convention Chaplains – Rev. Dennis Fingas, Rev. Dennis Serfas
- Convention Manager – Joan Meyer
- Local Arrangement Co-ordinators – Joan Adams, Val Davies
- Golf Cart Driver and transportation – Paul Davies,
- Office Manager / Registrar / Newsletter – Lindsay Tomtene
- Finance Manager – Howie Wall
- Power Point – Kathy Haugen
- Bishop Sid Haugen & Synod Council – Officers Rev. Sheldon Gattinger, Valerie Davies, Cheryl Bauer-Hyde, Lyndon Carlson; and all Synod Council members
- Convention Committees – Registration & Attendance, Nominations, Elections, Minutes, Reference & Counsel
- Youth Assembly Coordinators – Rev. Emmanuel Aristide, Rev. George Hind, Rev. Zsofi Schmiedge
- Bishop Susan Johnson and honoured guests
- Displays & Sponsors
- All delegates – lay, youth, rostered

Convention Manager Joan announced that delegates need to clear the convention meeting space at conclusion of this section, pick up expense cheques at the registration table, turn in name tags and evaluation forms. Luther College will be providing refreshments following the closing service this evening at 6:30 pm.

Chaplain Dennis Serfas led the assembly in prayer and grace.

The meeting adjourned for dinner at 5:30 pm

**Closing Evening Worship:**

Presider / Installation of Council – Bishop Sid Haugen

Preacher – National Bishop Susan Johnson

Worship Assistant – Rev. Amber Hoffman

Gospel – John 15:1-8

Musical Director – Rev. Dennis Hendricksen

Cantor / Musician – Jonathan Achtzehner

Pianist – Michael Dymund

Recognition of Closed Ministries: Evangelical Lutheran Broadcast (Prince Albert),

Metochos Lutheran Bible Camp (Metochos Ministries, Midale)

The service closed with the Order for Closing of Convention.

Refreshments were provided by Luther College.

**Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'ry body about you wherever I go;  
You alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

(Les Petites Souers de Jesus and  
L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville)