

## MINUTES

### Thursday, June 6, 2002

Opening Convention Service with celebration of Holy Communion at Historic St. Paul's, Kitchener, Ontario.

An overflow crowd enjoyed an inspiring worship service at which the sermon was preached by Rev. Dennis Putzman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of LCC. His text was Acts 4:29b and 2 Chronicles 6:32-33 and he preached on the theme: *With Great Boldness*, our convention theme. Following the worship service the attendees enjoyed fellowship in the auditorium at Historic St. Paul's, Kitchener where the opening service was held.

Rev. Putzman began by referring to the convention themes from the past five synodical convention before focussing on the theme for this, the sixth convention of Lutheran Church–Canada. What is boldness, he asked, is it the boldness of Nicodemus or Joseph of Arimathea? Do we have “convention boldness?”

Rev. Putzman then used the illustration of the boldness with which the Fellowship of the Ring began their journey in Tolkien's novel, *Lord of the Rings*. With this he highlighted the obstacles that we encounter as we face the Dark Lord of Hell, who destroys not just the body but the soul also and brings both temporal and eternal death. But as our fellowship begins, we are already victors through Christ's sacrifice.

The disciples were faced with great obstacles, even death as they spread the message of the Gospel. So too, we must spread the message of John 3:16 far beyond our circle of friends—we must tell our neighbours and friends with great boldness.

Rev. Putzman recalled seeing the picture of the bodies of the five missionaries to the Auca Indians of South America slain by the people they were trying to reach. He then reminisced about seeing another picture years later, a picture of one of the leaders of the warriors who killed the missionaries, holding a Bible and standing next to one of the widows. Their great boldness bore fruit for the Gospel.

In closing, Rev. Putzman reminded us that we exist as Lutheran Church–Canada to boldly proclaim the Good News. We must not be ashamed of the Gospel for it is the power of salvation. So we pray to the Holy Spirit for great boldness as we go forward. Fear nothing, for the Holy Spirit will give us that great boldness.

During the service, President Mayan installed the assembled delegates and opened the convention, a quorum having been established.

### Friday, June 7, 2002

### SESSION 1

Just prior to the opening devotion a small choir from Christ Lutheran School led the convention in a Hymn sing. The group also sang three selections on their own, from a Negro Spiritual, to a Jewish folk song to a Zulu Christian song.

Dr. Ralph Mayan convened the delegates with opening remarks and introduced to the convention Rev. Richard Frey, the morning's devotional leader.

Based upon the convention theme verse, 2 Chronicles 6:32-33, Rev. Fry, in his meditation, stressed how

great it would be if “all would know the fear of the Lord.” He reflected on the growing ignorance of the Word of God and lack of faithful worship in our country. He asked: “What’s the likelihood for our convention theme coming to reality?” What’s the likelihood of all people coming to know the true Triune God? Some may ask: “Why bother trying to share the true God with the world?” The answer: We try because we are motivated by the love of God in Christ Jesus for us and for all people. The ultimate example of that love of God for us and the world is seen in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary who “died for all,” said Rev. Frey. Therefore our desire for all people to know the Lord comes from a motivation of God’s love for all. He noted that King Solomon’s motivation in the text was also from his knowledge of the love and grace of God which he himself had experienced. He reminded all present that we too had experienced this special and unique love of God in Christ in our lives as we received God’s mercy, forgiveness and eternal salvation in our lives through His Spirit given gift of faith.

### **Essay**

President Mayan introduced Dr. Jorge Groh who then presented his lecture based upon the convention theme *With Great Boldness*. The full text of his presentation is included in the *Proceedings* of this convention.

President Mayan presented a special gift of a wood plaque crafted by Mr. Duncan Anderson of Kitchener.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, president of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and his wife, Terry, were introduced. The president then introduced the 3 vice-presidents of LCC, Rev. Dennis Putzman, Rev. James Fritsche, Rev. Dan Rinderknecht; the secretary, Rev. William Ney and his assistant, Rev. Glenn Stresman, and treasurer of Synod, Mr. Allan Webster; the synodical office staff; the chairman of the BOD of Synod, Mr. Frank Johnson; Ms. Karen Marshall and Mrs. Dianne Engler who are working with the convention office along with Mrs. Sylvia Klarenbach. Mrs. Inge Schroeder and Mrs. Cheryll Matthes of the Worker Benefit Plans were introduced. Rev. Roland and Mrs. Anita Syens were introduced. The three district presidents were introduced. Also introduced were the three former district presidents, Rev. Dr. Harold Ruf; Rev. Dr. Roy Holm, and Rev. Dr. Roger Winger. Representing our institutions: Dr. Andy Bacon, Dr. Jonathan Grothe, Dr. Roger Humann, Dr. Richard Kraemer were introduced. Representing the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, Mrs. Jean Waldron and Mrs. Ann Carson; representing the Lutheran Laymen’s League, Mr. Al Waldron, Mr. Rodger Hebermehl, Mr. Stephen Klinck; Mr. Sterling Taylor, chairman of Board of Directors of CLWR, and Mr. Ernest Haab, staff.

The president announced that greetings from the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario have been received.

Dr. Roger Winger introduced His Honour, Carl Zehr, Mayor of the City of Kitchener who then brought greetings to the delegates welcoming all to the city of Kitchener. In his address, the mayor stressed the importance of faith communities to the fabric of our Canadian society.

### **Greetings and Address**

President Mayan then invited Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, president of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod to address the convention. He brought greetings from all of the members of the Missouri Synod and congratulated President Mayan on his recent reception of an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. He complimented LCC on its theme and its efforts to reach people with the Gospel. He noted that the LCMS began missionary work in Canada 148 years ago. He applauded the efforts of the Canadian churches to produce faithful pastors through the work of its seminaries. He then proceeded to give a short overview of the state of our partner church in the U.S. and its vision of ministry and mission for the next 15 years. The full text of his address is included in the *Proceedings* of this convention.

## **Orientation and Clarification of Organizational Structure of Convention**

President Mayan referred the assembly to *Today's Business Action Plan page I-1 Convention Orientation*. Using the document, he highlighted the relationship between Synod and its members, which is advisory to churches, but in authority to Districts.

He also highlighted how the resolutions came to this convention and the voting process that will be used. It is important, he added, to be in the correct, colour coded section, for voting purposes. Voting members have the right of speech and voting privileges in the convention, advisory delegates have right of speech only, and other guests speak only at the invitation of the convention.

Announcements are to be presented in writing, prayer requests are to be presented also in writing to the convention chaplain Rev. Scharlach.

There are no recesses scheduled, but coffee will be available outside the convention hall.

The assembly was reminded that the Board for Communication Services has the official responsibility for media contacts.

## **Greetings from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**

President Mayan introduced Rev. Susan Johnson, Vice President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, who was representing Bishop Ray Schulz. Rev. Johnson brought greetings from our Lutheran sisters and brothers in the ELCIC family. Rev. Johnson used the analogy of some family members being close and others distant. In that context, there are times when there is disagreement and even animosity within the family. There is always a need to love all family members

Rev. Johnson stated that we, as Lutheran Synods, haven't always been close as Lutheran family, but we love each other in Christ. In love, the ELCIC has issued an invitation join in Eucharistic Fellowship--to meet over the dinner table, so to speak. Whatever the reply, Rev. Johnson stated that the ELCIC will continue to claim the LCC as family members and will continue to pray for us. She asked that we, the LCC, do the same.

## **Basic Parliamentary Law**

President Mayan directed the assembly to *Action Plan April 19, 2002, Page H4* and reviewed the section entitled, *Basic Parliamentary Law*.

## **Special Standing Rules**

President Mayan reviewed the special standing rules as printed on *Convention Workbook A4* and presented them for adoption.

**M/S/C to adopt the special standing rules.**

## **Adoption of Agenda**

President Mayan reviewed the agenda as printed on *Convention Workbook page A3* and presented it for adoption.

**M/S/C to adopt the agenda as presented.**

## **Report of Committee on Registration**

At 10:25, Rev. Larry Ritter, chair of the Registrations Committee, reported that the registration for the convention is as follows: 106 voting delegates (55 pastoral and 51 lay), 43 advisory delegates, 34 visitors and guests, for a total of 183 people.

#### **Reception of new members (Comm. No. 4)**

Committee 4, chaired by Mr. Reg Tiegs, presented the following resolutions:

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.4.01 To Receive Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Kenora, ON into Membership of Lutheran Church–Canada**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.4.02 To receive Iglesia Luterana Estrella De Belén, Vancouver, BC into Membership of Lutheran Church–Canada**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.4.10 To receive New Beginnings Lutheran Church, Regina, SK into Membership of Lutheran Church–Canada**

**Action: Adopted**

Following passage of the resolutions, representatives of the congregations were invited forward to receive certificates of membership. Pres. Mayan invited the assembly to rejoice by singing the hymn *Jesus Shall Reign*.

At 10:35 Synodical Vice President Putzman assumed the chair.

#### **Nominations/Elections #1**

Nominations Committee Chairman Reinhart reviewed *Convention Workbook D1, Report on Nominations for President*. Convention Chairman Putzman called for amendments to the slate of nominations for Synodical President. None were forthcoming.

**M/S/C to adopt the slate as presented.**

Chairman Reinhart reviewed *Convention Workbook page D2-3, Report on nominations for Vice-President*. The Chair called for amendments to the slate of nominations for Synodical Vice-President. None were forthcoming.

**M/S/C to adopt the slate as presented.**

#### **President's Report**

Dr. Mayan noted that Part 1 of his report was printed in the *Convention Workbook, pages E1-5*.

In Part 2 of his report, Dr. Mayan gave the background to our theme verse found in Acts 4:29b. He showed how our church body now has much more in common with the early church than the 16<sup>th</sup> century church. We are back where the church was in the first two centuries. Our society is no longer on friendly terms with the Christian faith and church but is often at odds with it. We are back again to depending on the power of the Holy Spirit and we are back to sacrifice and back to praying the prayer of the early believers. God will answer the prayer of His people because that is what He has promised and He will do it through His Word and Sacraments. “Lord consider their threats, and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness!” Dr. Mayan invited the church to join in praying these words.

The church gathers around the Word of God because it is the place from which the church draws its faith and power. “The church that speaks the Word with boldness will also be a strong missionary church,” he said. The Word, Jesus, is the only Word by which the nations can be saved. We understand the exclusive claim of the Gospel and the mission that Christ has given to His church... a call to be in mission in our neighbourhoods, in our country and around the world. The LCC must also have a heart for people as did the 1<sup>st</sup> century believers who showed love within the family of believers and to unbelievers with whom

they lived and worked. The church must care for the whole person. Our congregations need to become “havens for hope,” said Dr. Mayan as they provide care for those in need all around us. We merely follow the example of our Lord who fed the hungry and cared for the outcasts. To do this we need to be a strong biblical and confessional church also. Given the statistics of our Synod we need to pray this prayer.

The full text of Pres. Mayan’s report is printed in the *Proceedings* of this convention.

### **Video Short**

A short video was shown. It was the first of three prepared by the Board for Communication Services as possible television advertising spots. Delegates were asked for their opinion and input.

### **Nominations/Elections #2**

At 11:05 the Elections Committee, represented by Rev. Konny Hahn, distributed the ballots after Rev. Ritter announced an update to the Voting Delegate registration: currently there are 106 voting delegates. The voting delegates were asked to rise in order to receive their ballot and then to be seated in order to vote.

At 11:15 a.m. Mr. Ian Adnams shared announcements regarding events occurring in the afternoon and evening.

### **Closing Prayer**

The chaplain, Rev. Allan Scharlach, concluded the session by leading the delegates in prayer.

**Board Forums:** Board of Directors; Board for Parish Services/Board for Communication Services; Board for Higher Education; Board for Mission and Social Ministry Services; Commission on Theology and Church Relations; Board of Managers-Worker Benefits; Presidential Forum

The above listed Board Forums were held during the afternoon of the first day of the convention, each being presented twice. All delegates were encouraged to attend two of the forums and to ask questions of the boards and commissions.

Supper

### **Friday, June 7, 2002 7:00 p.m.                      SESSION 2**

President Mayan called the second session of the Sixth Convention to order at 7:02 p.m. Convention chaplain Allan Scharlach opened with prayer.

### **Nominations/Elections #3**

Committee Chair Rev. K. Hahn reported that President Mayan was re-elected, receiving all votes from ballots cast.

Vice-President James Fritsche assumed the Chair and declared Rev Mayan re-elected as synodical President. The Assembly showed their approval with a standing ovation.

President Mayan again assumed the chair.

Voting for Vice-President from the ABC District

53 votes needed of 105 votes cast:

Rev. James Heinbuch                      31

Rev. Dan Rinderknecht 74

Voting for Vice-President from the Central District

53 votes needed of the 104 votes cast:

Rev. James Fritsche 104

Voting for Vice-President from the East District

54 votes needed of the 107 votes cast:

Rev. Robert Krestick 59

Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer 48

The Chair declared Rev. Dan Rinderknecht, Rev. James Fritsche and Rev. Robert Krestick elected.

The ballot for the ranking of Vice-Presidents was distributed.

The Chair declared the election closed.

President Mayan introduced representatives present from listed service organizations. They were:

Mr. Terry Goertz representing the Concordia Lutheran Mission Society,  
Rev. Richard Wukasch representing the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society,  
Rev. Bert Benson representing the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots, Inc.,  
Mr. Robert Schmitt representing Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada,  
Vicar Rob Korsch representing Philoxenia/Hospitality Ministry, and  
Ms. Marilyn Jacobi representing Lutherwood Community Opportunities Development Association.

Chairman Mayan also noted the following LSOs of LCC not represented at the convention:

Lutheran Braille Workers–Canada,  
Malabar Mission Society,  
The Rock Lutheran Inner City Society,  
Lutheran Community Care Centre (Thunder Bay),  
Bethany Pioneer Village, Inc.,  
Okanagan Lutheran Centre,  
Labourers for Christ.

Chairman Mayan introduced Rev. Dr. Beglol and Chaplain Kevin Klein of the Canadian Forces Chaplains Program of the Lutheran Council in Canada.

### **Committee 3 (Admin/Constitution)**

President Mayan proposed that we take about one hour for “informal consideration” to hear from Committee 3 and the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure and discuss the four resolutions to be placed before us that related to the Handbook of Synod. Following that hour, we would again go into formal session with the Committee would then introduce each resolution at which time speeches, amendments etc. could be made. The proposal was accepted by consensus.

Committee Chair Rev. Maleske introduced Committee 3. He then invited Rev. Nolan Astley forward to lead the discussion to follow.

Rev. Nolan Astley, Chairman of the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure, reviewed the four motions from the 1999 Convention and provided background information. He stated that there are two underlying principles:

a.) We are a Synod, a confessional church, we have an ecclesiastical bond, we walk together to facilitate

the Gospel witness to the world.

b.) However, we are, by Act of Parliament (1959), also a corporation. As a Canadian corporation we hold property, have employees, carry out business activities, have legal rights and responsibilities--in these matters we must follow the laws of the land.

The *Handbook* used to be divided into two parts but now, due to restructuring, is divided into three parts.

They are:

Section 1. The Statutory Bylaws (enacted by the Synodical Board of Directors on June 6, 2002 for approval of this convention)

Section 2. The Constitution

Section 3. The Synodical Bylaws

Rev. Astley reviewed each of the sections listed above. President Mayan then allowed for questions and comments from the floor.

The Committee moved the following:

**Motion: To Adopt Resolution 02.3.01 To adopt Statutory Bylaws**

That LCC adopt the proposed Statutory Bylaws, enacted by the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 5 of the *Act to Incorporate Lutheran Church–Canada*.

**Motion: To consider the resolution as a whole**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To amend article 11 to say, “2 Pastors elected at large...”**

**Action: Defeated**

**Action: (Main Motion) Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.3.02 To adopt changes to the Constitution of the Synod**

**That Lutheran Church–Canada adopt the proposed changes *seriatim* to its Constitution.**

Review of Constitution by section.

Preamble no change

Article 1 changes noted

Article 2 no change

Article 3 changes noted

Article 4 changes noted

Article 5

**Motion: To amend Article 5 by restoring paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 to Article 6.**

**Action: Defeated**

**Motion: To amend Article 5 by deleting ~~coming from recognized orthodox bodies~~ and inserting the words *coming from Lutheran Church bodies with which we are in Altar and Pulpit Fellowship* (lines 4-6).**

**Action: Defeated**

Article 6

**Motion:** To amend by deleting Article 6.5

**Motion:** To amend the proposed amendment by inserting the words, *Congregations retaining the services of pastors who are members of LCC or other synods with which we are in fellowship*

**Motion:** To close debate

**Action:** Adopted

**Action:** (Amendment to the amendment) Defeated

**Action:** (Amendment) Defeated

Article 7 changes noted

Article 8 changes noted

Article 9 changes noted

Article 10 changes noted

Article 11 changes noted

Article 12 changes noted

Article 13 changes noted

Article 14

**Motion:** To refer to Article 14 to committee.

**Action:** Defeated

**Motion:** To extend time to finish this section.

**Action:** Adopted

#### **Results of voting section by section on The Constitution of Lutheran Church–Canada:**

**Article 1** Adopted

**Article 3** Adopted

**Article 4** Adopted

**Article 5** Adopted

**Article 6** Adopted

**Article 7** Adopted

**Article 8** Adopted

**Article 9** Adopted

**Article 10** Adopted

**Article 11** Adopted

**Article 12** Adopted

**Article 13** Adopted

**Article 14** Adopted

#### **Nominations/Elections #4**

Results of ballot on ranking of Vice-Presidents:

Votes for 1<sup>st</sup> VP - Total votes: 101

Rev. J. Fritsche 43

Rev. R. Krestick 13

Rev. D. Rinderknecht 45

Votes for ranking of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Rev. J. Fritsche 41  
Rev. R. Krestick 25

The Chairman declared Rev. D. Rinderknecht 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Rev. J. Fritsche 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Rev. R. Krestick 3<sup>rd</sup> VP

The 2<sup>nd</sup> session was adjourned at 9:37 pm.  
Rev. Paul Williams led the assembly in prayer

**Saturday, June 8, 2002**

**SESSION 3**

At 8:00 a.m. the convention enjoyed music provided by Mrs. Nellie Schultius and her son, Marcus.

### **Opening Devotion**

The devotion began with the singing of *Oh Holy, Blessed Trinity*.

Rev. Robert Krestick began the sessions with an opening devotion in which he talked about lonely people who surround us in our lives... particularly older people who, even though they are surrounded by people, yet feel lonely. He reminded the delegates that “we go to the house of the Lord” and God takes care of our loneliness as God calls us His own and that He “loves us to death.” We carry the love of God to people to whom we convey the truth that “God doesn’t make junk...” and that nothing can pluck them out of God’s saving hand. As God’s people we are not lonely since God died for us in Christ.

Rev. Krestick led the assembly in prayer and ended with the hymn: *With the Lord, Begin Your Task*.

### **Essay**

President Mayan introduced Rev. Dr. Leonardo Neitzel from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil who then presented his lecture based upon the convention theme *With Great Boldness*, with a strong emphasis on “boldness.” The full text of his presentation is included in the *Proceedings* of this convention. President Mayan thanked Dr. Neitzel for his presentation and presented him with a special gift of a wood plaque containing the convention logo.

Mr. Stephen Taylor, President of Lutheran Life was introduced He also introduced representatives of the district and Synod church extensions.

Mr. Ted Ulmer, Treasurer of the ABC District;  
Mr. Lawrence Spetz, Treasurer of the Central District;  
Mr. Lorne Campbell, Treasurer of the East District;  
Mr. Allan Webster, Synod Treasurer

### **Nominations/Elections #5**

Rev. George Reinhart, Chairman of the Nominations Committee presented the nominees for the Synodical Board of Directors. In the names presented there was one substitution: Rev. Paul Williams, East District for Rev. Howard Ulmer.

Board of Directors

Nominations from the floor:

Rev. Nolan Astley, ABC District  
Rev. Alan Visser, ABC District

**M/S/C that nominations cease.**

The candidates for election to the Commission on Adjudication were named

**M/S/C that nominations cease.**

Commission on Theology and Church Relations  
Substitute - Rev. Michael Meleg for Rev. Karl Koslowsky  
**M/S/C that nominations cease.**

Board of Regents - Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, AB  
Substitute: Mr. Alf Guebert for Mr. John Hooper  
Mrs. Kari Otke is to be listed as “deacon,” not “lay.”  
**M/S/C that nominations cease.**

Board of Regents - Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, ON  
The names of the nominees were read.  
**M/S/C that nominations cease.**

Board of Regents - Concordia University College of Alberta, Edmonton, AB  
**M/S/C that nominations cease.**

Rev. Reinhardt introduced his committee and thanked all those who let their names stand for office.

### **Greetings**

Rev. Victor Graefenstein sent greetings from Ukraine via video on behalf of the emerging Association of Brethren Evangelical Lutheran Churches of Ukraine. Rev. Graefenstein spoke of God’s blessings upon our convention and asked for the continuing prayers of our church for the people of the Lutheran Church in Ukraine.

### **Committee No. 1**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.1.01 To Recommend “A Plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” to the Members of Synod for Review and Response**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.1.02 That Lutheran Church–Canada Provide leadership in the Formation of an Autonomous Canadian Lutherans For Life organization**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.1.03 To Decline the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) Invitation for “Interim Eucharistic Sharing”**

**Motion: To amend by deleting the second last resolve**

**Action: Defeated**

**Action: (Main Motion) Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.1.04 To Refer Overture 1.16 to the CTCR (To Reaffirm the Public Reading of the Word as a Pastoral Responsibility)**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.1.08 To Reaffirm the Scriptural Definition of Marriage**

**Motion: To amend by adding a final resolve: *And be it further resolved that each delegate indicate the same to his or her Member of Parliament.***

**Action: Defeated**

**Action: (Main Motion) Adopted.**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.1.06 To Reinforce the Doctrine of Justification by Grace through Faith for Christ's Sake**

Note: The committee substituted *our* with the word *Scripture* in the first resolve.

Note: The committee substituted *the Board for Communication Services* with *LCC through its Board of Directors*

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.1.11 To Update A Comparison of Lutheran Beliefs and Practices in Canada**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.1.05 To Decline Overture 1.13 (To Delete References To "Intinction" and "Communion in One Kind" From the CTCR Document *Closed Communion in Contemporary Context*)**

**Motion: The following substitute resolution was offered and accepted by the Chair:**

**WHEREAS** The 1999 Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada adopted the CTCR Report *Closed Communion in Contemporary Context* for reference and guidance; and

**WHEREAS** The 2000 Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada, East District adopted Resolution 00.3.03 *To refer the question of the mode of sacramental reception to the CTCR with recommendation to the 2002 Lutheran Church–Canada Convention*; and

**WHEREAS** The issue of the mode of sacramental reception is not germane to closed communion and deserves separate study and proper documentation, rather than a footnote referring to the opinion of one theologian in a journal article; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** That the issue of the mode of sacramental reception with particular reference to whether "intinction" or "Communion in one kind" fall within the bounds of our Lord's Words of Institution, the rest of Scripture and the Confessions, be referred to the CTCR for full study and response to the next Synodical Convention.

The time of Committee #1 expired before action was taken.

Chairman of Registrations Committee reported:

55 pastoral voting delegates present

53 lay voting delegates

108 total voting

45 advisory delegates present

40 guests present

The Chair of the Elections Committee reported that updated candidate profiles were available in the current issue of *Today's Business*.

### **Committee 2**

The Chairman of the Committee introduced the members of the committee.

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.2.01 To give thanks to God for the faculty and staff of Concordia University College of Alberta**

**Action: Adopted**

### **Nominations/Elections #6**

The Chair of the Elections Committee reported that ballots for the Board of Directors were available.

The Chair directed the pages to distribute the ballots.

President Mayan declared the election closed.

The ballot for Commission on Theology and Church Relations was distributed.

President Mayan declared the election closed.

Committee 2 resumed their work.

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.2.02 To provide for the certification, ordination and installation of pastors with alternate training**

**Motion: To amend by removing from page H15, Part C, lines 4-5, *That pastors with alternate training (PAT) will ordinarily not be available for call to other parishes and calling entities of the Synod.***

**Action: Defeated**

**Motion: To refer to Committee**

**Action: Defeated**

At 11:50 a.m., time expired for the Committee.

At 12:00 noon, convention chaplain Rev. Scharlach led the assembly in a closing prayer.

## **Saturday, June 8, 2002**

### **SESSION 4**

Info Sessions: 1) *Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary & Concordia Lutheran Seminary*; 2) *Concordia University College of Alberta*; 3) *Int'l LLL*; 4) *LWML-Canada*; 5) *Worker Benefits*; 6) *Districts*; 7) *CLWR*

These meetings were held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

At 3:00 p.m. the chairman reconvened the convention, beginning with a prayer by the convention chaplain, Rev. Allan Scharlach.

### **Nominations/Elections #7**

For the Board of Directors, the following election results were announced by Rev. Hahn:

Rev. Nolan Astley

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Rev. Karl Keller	34
Rev. Robert Koebernick	29
Rev. Louis Natzke	24
Rev. Alan Visser	31
Rev. Paul Williams	34

Lay Persons:

Mr. Ron Fischer	37
Mrs. Dorothea Korcok	66
Mr. Victor Rhyhorchuck	47
Mrs. Bonnie Stephenson	40
Mr. Gordon Sylvester	49
Mr. Carl Wathke	43

The Chair declared Rev. Nolan Astley, Mrs. Dorothea Korcok and Mr. Gordon Sylvester elected. Rev. Natzke and Mrs. Stephenson who received the least number of votes were dropped from the second ballot.

The elections committee announced the following as regards the elections to CTCR: Needed to elect - 53

Rev. Michael Meleg	29
Rev. Duane Peters	75

Mr. Bob Buie	31
Mrs. Eloise Schaan	74

The Chairman announced the election of Rev. Duane Peters and Mrs. Eloise Schaan.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot was distributed for the Board of Directors and the Chair declared the election closed.

**Committee No. 3**

President Maleske, Chairman of Committee 3 directed the convention to Resolution 02.3.03

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.3.03 To Adopt Changes to the Bylaws of the Synod**

Rev. Nolan Astley then led the convention through the Synodical Bylaws, *pages F-CCMS 28 through F-CCMS 152 of the Convention Workbook.*

Chapter 5:05 the wording *Declares its willingness after due instruction to sever* are to be stricken and replaced with *Such congregations shall declare their willingness after due instruction to sever....* This was a change set forth by the CCMS.

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.3.04 To Adopt Changes to the Synodical Bylaws (pages 151-152 of the Convention Workbook)**

**Motion: That in section e. the words *Synodical President* be inserted after the words *or District President***

**Action: Defeated**

**Action: (Main Motion) Adopted**

Special recognition was given to the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure for their selfless and long service in the restructuring of the Constitution and Bylaws, in the form of a special gift of a carved representation of the convention logo. The convention showed their approval and gratefulness to the members of the CCMS by rising to applaud.

**Nominations/Elections #8**

Results of ballot for Board of Directors

Clergy members of Board of Directors

Rev. Karl Keller 35

Rev. Robert Koebernick 18

Rev. Alan Visser 22

Rev. Paul Williams 21

47 votes were required for election.

The name of Rev. Robert Koebernick will be removed from the next ballot.

Lay member, Board of Directors

Mr. Ron Fischer 65

Mr. Carl Wathke 27

47 votes were required for election.

The Chairman declared Mr. Ron Fischer elected to the Board of Directors.

The third ballot for clergy representatives for the Board of Directors was distributed.

The Chairman declared the election closed.

Ballots for the Board of Regents of Concordia University College of Alberta were distributed.

The Chairman declared the election closed.

Ballots for the Board of Regents of Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, were distributed.

The Chairman declared the election closed.

Ballots for the Board of Regents of Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, were distributed.

The Chairman declared the election closed.

The Chair called Committee 4 to begin their work.

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.04.03 To direct the Council of Presidents to lead the Church in Ministry**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.4.04 To accept (changed by consensus) receive the three year work program - years ended January 31. (Budget 2003, work program 2004, work program 2005)**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.4.05 To amalgamate Lutheran Church–Canada Financial Ministries (LCCFM) and the Church Extension Fund and Lutheran Foundation of the Central District**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.4.06 To establish Concordia Lutheran Mission Society as an auxiliary of Lutheran Church–Canada**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.4.11 To Thank God for the Service of Mr. Allan Webster**

**Action: Adopted**

Following adoption of the motion, Mr. Webster was asked to the front of the assembly and presented with a gift on behalf of Synod.

Board of Directors Chairman Frank Johnson also extended thanks to outgoing Vice President Putzman. President Mayan presented Rev. Putzman with a plaque recognizing his 12 years of service.

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.4.07 To Develop Educational Debt Relief for Pastors**

**Motion: To amend the resolution by deleting the last two *resolves* (H29 lines 1-5)**

**Action: Defeated**

**Motion: To amend the resolution by deleting second resolve.**

The Chair ruled the motion out of order. The ruling of the chair was appealed and defeated by vote of the convention.

**Action: (amendment) Adopted**

**Action: (Main Motion) Adopted as amended.**

President Mayan closed the fourth session of the convention at 5:28 p.m.

Convention chaplain Scharlach led the assembly in closing prayer.

**Sunday, June 9, 2002**

**SESSION 5**

### **Opening Devotion**

Rev. Kevin Walrath led the convention in an opening devotion in which he said: “I am a coward when it comes to great boldness because I like it when people like me... and look upon me favourably.” He led the convention delegates to join him in saying: “I am a coward...” But he reminded all that Jesus Christ “lit us up” like a lamp. We say: “The Lord is my light and salvation, whom shall I fear?” But even though we may be timid, we care about people as Jesus does and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to tell the whole world about Him and His love and forgiveness and His gift of eternal life. God gives us the power not be cowards with the Gospel.

### **Nominations/Elections #9**

Rev. Hahn, Chair of the Elections Committee, came forward to share the results of the third clergy ballot for the Board of Directors.

Rev. Alan Visser	35
Rev. Paul Williams	23

Rev. Paul Williams' name will be removed from the fourth ballot.

Ballot for Board of Regents, CLS, Edmonton

Rev. Dong-Joo Kim	33
Rev. David Gallas	61
Rev. Rob Mohns	35
Rev. Ron Simpson	65
Mr. Alf Guebert	46
Mrs. Kari Otke	53

The Chairman declared the following elected: Rev. David Gallas, Rev. Ron Simpson and Mrs. Kari Otke

Ballot for Board of Regents, CLTS, St. Catharines

Rev. Brian Dunlop	60
Rev. Randy Heide	40
Rev. Kurt Lantz	44
Rev. Larry Ritter	59
Mr. Mark Huehnergard	45
Mrs. Anne Taylor	58

The Chairman declared Rev. Brian Dunlop, Rev. Larry Ritter, and Mrs. Anne Taylor elected.

Ballot for Board of Regents, CUCA

Rev. Carl Bogda	56
Rev. Brian King	41
Rev. Roland Kubke	61
Rev. Mark Maunula	47
Mrs. Susan Beiderwieden	64
Mr. Greg Giese	39

The Chairman declared the following elected: Rev. Carl Bogda, Rev. Roland Kubke, Mrs. Susan Beiderwieden

Ballots were distributed for Clergy, Board of Directors of LCC

Rev. Karl Keller and Rev. Alan Visser

The Chairman declared the election closed.

Ballots were distributed for the Commission on Adjudication

Rev. Don Koch, Rev. John Schmidt, Rev. Eric Vuorinen, Rev. Dr. John Wilch, Mr. John Daniels, Mr. Ed Klarenbach

The Chairman declared the election closed.

### **Committee 1**

The Chairman, Pres. Tom Prachar, referred the convention delegates to the pending resolution 02.1.05

and the substitute resolution entitled **To refer the issue of the mode of sacramental reception to the CTCR** (*Today's Business pg. K9*)

**Motion: To replace the pending resolution with the substitute resolution**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt the substitute resolution now numbered 02.1.05a**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.1.09 To Provide Resources for Scripturally-based Parenting**  
By Unanimous consent the Committee struck the word *alternative* and inserted the word *godly* in the second last *resolve*.

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution To Reaffirm that Sexual Relations Outside of Marriage is Sin**

**Motion: To amend by striking the last *whereas*.**

**Action: Adopted**

The Committee and assembly consented to change *before* to *outside of* in the last resolve.

**Motion: Amendment: That the word *youth* be struck and replaced with *persons***

**Motion: Amendment to the Amendment: To strike the word *persons* and replace it with the word *many*.**

**Action: Adopted**

**Action: (Amendment) Adopted**

**Motion: That following the words, *outside of marriage*, insert the words, *which involves a public declaration of intent and commitment to be faithful to each other*.**

**Action: Defeated**

**Motion: To close debate**

**Action: Adopted**

**Action: (Main Motion) Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.1.07 To Decline Overture 1.09 (To Reaffirm Lutheran Church–Canada's Commitment to Our Historic Doctrinal Stance)**

**Action: Adopted**

Committee 1 was dismissed with thanks by the Chairman.

#### **Nominations/Elections #10**

The Elections Committee reported the results of ballot 4 for Clergy representative on the Board of Directors:

51 votes needed for election.

Rev. Karl Keller 55

Rev. Alan Visser 46

The Chair declared Rev. Keller elected.

Results on the vote for the Commission on Adjudication.  
102 votes cast, 5 spoiled ballots and 1 blank ballot.

49 votes required for election.

For clergy:

Rev. Don Koch	71
Rev. John Schmidt	23
Rev. Eric Vourinen	27
Dr. John Wilch	66

For Lay:

50 votes required for election.

Mr. John Daniels	52
Mr. Ed Klarenbach	47

The Chair declared Rev. Koch, Rev. Dr. Wilch and Mr. Daniels elected.

**Motion: To destroy the ballots**

**Action: Adopted**

President Mayan dismissed the Elections Committee with thanks.

#### **Committee No. 2**

The committee resumed at the point where it was when the time expired in Session 3. Debate continued on **Resolution 02.2.02. To provide for the certification, ordination and installation of pastors with alternate training**

**Motion: To amend by substituting for the pending resolution the following as printed the distributed.**

The substitute motion as printed and distributed was accepted by the Chair for debate.

**Motion: To Close debate on the motion to substitute.**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To close debate on the pending motion.**

**Action: Defeated**

**Motion: To close debate on the main motion (a second time)**

**Action: Adopted**

Prior to voting the convention chaplain, Rev. Scharlach led the assembly in prayer for God-given wisdom in the voting about to take place.

**Action: (Main Motion) Adopted**

#### **Youth Delegate Introductions**

Mrs. Lori Schultz, chairperson of the 2004 LCC National Youth Gathering Committee, was asked to come to the front of the convention and introduce the youth delegates: Paul Ney, Andrea Colson, Nicole Otterman and Timothy Fischer. Lori and the youth delegates highlighted the upcoming National Youth Gathering and the theme recently chosen, Matthew 7:24-27.

**Committee 2 continued its work.**

**Motion: Resolution 02.2.03 To establish a task force on the delivery of theological education**

**Motion: To add the amendment to the first resolve—added after the word *institutions, and six others, 2 from each District, equally balanced between clergy and lay.***

**Action: Defeated**

**Motion: To add in the 2<sup>nd</sup> last resolved, after the word *deacons*, the phrase: *and candidates preparing for ordination through alternate training (PATS).***

**Action: Defeated**

**Action: (Main Motion) Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.2.04 To decline overture 2.07 (to study the feasibility of two seminaries)**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.2.05a To allow a faculty representative to serve as voting member on the Board of Regents of Concordia University College of Alberta**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.2.06a To address the issues of ownership, funding and corporate structure of Concordia High School**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.2.13 To coordinate the continuing education program through LCC**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.2.07 To encourage intercessory prayer for Lutheran Church—Canada**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.2.11 To coordinate the recruitment of church workers**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.2.12 To subsidize the tuition of all church work students according to need**

**Motion: To amend by adding, *RESOLVED that LCC formulate a method to fully pay the tuition of our pastoral ministry seminary students.***

**Action: Defeated**

**Action: (Main Motion) Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.2.10 To encourage the writing of new songs and hymns**

**Action: Adopted**

The Chair was taken by LCC First Vice-President elect Rev. D. Rinderknecht. Rev. Rinderknecht

introduced Mrs. Linda Mayan.  
He then invited President Mayan to address the assembly.

President Mayan addressed the assembly on the subject of his re-election. He also recognized all those who were elected as well as those not as gifts of God for whom we are most thankful.

President Mayan resumed the Chair and declared the session closed at 5:08 p.m.

Convention chaplain Scharlach led the assembly in closing prayer.

## **Monday, June 10**

## **SESSION 6**

### **Opening Devotion**

President Mayan declared the convention in session at 8:15 a.m. and asked Rev. Warren Hamp to come forward to lead an opening devotion. Rev. Hamp tied our theme to the Star Trek theme... *to boldly go where no man has gone before*. Therefore, he said, we pray because we boldly go where no man has gone before. As we walk out into the world we walk into darkness, the darkness of unbelief and eternal death. However, when we speak of Christ's substitutionary life, death and resurrection we are NOT going where no man has gone before. Christ Himself has gone there before us. He has also promised to be with us always and so we are bold to go.

### **Essay**

Dr. Mayan invited Dr. William Mundt, Professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Catharines to come forward to deliver the final essay of the convention. He used the convention theme as the theme for his lecture and centred in on the history of the bold confession of the faith of our forebears in the faith at Luther's day and beyond. The full text of Dr. Mundt's presentation is included in the *Proceedings* of the convention.

### **Committee No. 3**

Committee number 3 was welcomed to the podium and Chairman Rev. Al Maleske led the convention delegates through the following resolutions:

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.3.05 To refer Deleted Sections of the Constitution and Synodical Bylaws to the Board of Directors and President**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.3.06 To Encourage the Canadian congregations of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod to Join Lutheran Church–Canada**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.3.07 To Establish a Lutheran Church–Canada Committee on Music and Worship**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.3.15 To Revise the Synodical Bylaws Regarding Lutheran**

### **Church–Canada Financial Ministries**

The resolution was not read in its entirety but the chairman of the CCMS, Rev. Astley, explained in detail the changes that are being made and why they are being made.

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.3.14 To Decline Overture 3.10 (To Examine the Feasibility of The Present Structure of Lutheran Church–Canada)**

A point of order was raised noting that the chair had requested that all action resolutions be considered first. The chair concurred and action on this resolution was delayed until a later time so that action resolution 02.3.08 might be considered immediately by the assembly.

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.3.08 To Permit Assistant Pastors to Serve as Voting Delegates**  
In the second “Whereas” the reference should be 93.3.05b.

**Action: Adopted**

The synodical president temporarily dismissed Committee 3 and invited Committee 4 to the podium.

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.4.12 To Thank God for the Service of Bill Buller**

**WHEREAS Dr. Bill Buller has played an important role in the beginning of LCC; and**

**WHEREAS Dr. Buller’s poor health precluded him from attending this 6<sup>th</sup> convention, which he deeply laments; therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED that LCC in convention assembled give thanks to God for Dr. Buller’s service to our Lord and to His Church; and express its best wishes to, and continuous prayers for Dr. Buller and his wife Sara.**

**Action: Adopted**

The President asked Committee 2 to come forward.

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.2.09 That Lutheran Church–Canada Review and Recommend Songs and Hymns for Congregational Use**

**Action: Adopted**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.2.08 To Encourage Participation in the Lutheran Hymnal Project**

By unanimous consent the date 2005 (last *Resolved*) was changed to the *appropriate synodical convention*

**Action: Adopted**

The Chair thanked Committee 2 on the completion of their work and dismissed them.

### **Committee 3**

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 02.3.10 To thank God for and encourage the work of Synod and**

**Action:** District staff  
**Adopted**

**Motion:** To adopt Resolution 02.3.09 To decline Overture 3.12 (To make circuit convocations optional)

**Action:** Adopted

**Motion:** To adopt Resolution 02.3.14 To decline Overture 3.10 (To examine the feasibility of the present structure of Lutheran Church–Canada)

**Motion:** To amend by substituting for the pending resolution the resolution printed on page J3  
The Chair accepted the substitute resolution.

**Action:** Defeated

**Action:** (Main Motion) Adopted

**Motion:** To adopt Resolution 02.3.13 To decline Overture 3.08 (To define the role and authority of convention floor committees)

**Action:** Adopted

**Motion:** To adopt Resolution 02.3.11 To decline Overture 3.06 (To provide preliminary synodical motions prior to delegate selection)

**Action:** Adopted

**Motion:** To adopt Resolution 02.3.12 To decline Overture 3.07 (To change the definition of membership in Synod)

In the first whereas the word “adopted” was replaced by “defeated” since this was a typographical error.

**Action:** Adopted

The chair dismissed Committee 3 with thanks.

#### **Committee 4**

**Motion:** To adopt Resolution 02.4.09 To decline Overture 3.13 (To Review the Mission and Staffing Complement of Lutheran Church–Canada)

**Action:** Adopted

**Resolution 02.4. 08** was withdrawn by Committee 4 because the BOD of Synod have already included a defined contribution component to the Plans.

The Chairman dismissed Committee 4 with thanks.

The Chairman then presented the minutes of the convention to the delegates.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes up to Sunday evening

**Action:** Adopted as corrected

The three television advertising spots prepared by the Board of Communication Services were shown to the delegates who were asked for input since they are still a work in progress.

The registrations committee and its chairman was asked to come forward to the podium. The registration numbers 55 clergy; 53 lay; 108 voting; 45 advisory delegates

The president acknowledged the work of all the committees with thanksgiving to God.

The president then invited the following forward:

Mr. Ian Adnams, convention manager

Mr. Adnams then introduced the people who worked on the local arrangements committee, the pages who assisted throughout the convention, Madeline Hondrich and Doreen Wagner; Chris Bruer, convention photographer

**Behind the scenes people:** Steve Keczem, Andrew Sullivan, office computer networking; Carol Norman, audio visual for breakout sessions; Gail Haeussler, video reinforcement; team from AV Ontario for the technical assistance

**Team Introductions:** Local Arrangements Committee: Mark Huehnergard; Udi Scott; Curtis Schafer; Alice Bromberg; Roy Schmitt; Dick Trego and Bill Long; Ron Steer and Rev. Allan Scharlach; Rev. Dr. Roger Winger who assembled this team.

**Special:** Dianne Engler and Karen Marshall who manned **(Ed. Is it possible for women to “man” an office?)** the office.

**Banner Makers:** Connie Klassen and Ruth Penner

President Mayan requested a representative from our two seminaries come forward. Both President Bacon and Dr. Humann approached the podium. The two quilted pieces that have the theme words of our convention embroidered on them were then presented to them for their respective seminaries.

### **Announcements**

Mr. Ian Adnams concluded by reminding the delegates to please turn in their Evaluation and Expense forms.

The Chairman thanked Rev. William R.A. Ney for his service as Synodical Secretary. Thanks were also expressed to Rev. Glenn Stresman for his fine assistance to the Secretary.

Thanks were given to Dr. Groh, Dr. Neitzel and Dr. Mundt for their essay presentations.

Dr. Harold Ruf the parliamentarian, Mrs. Carol Walrath, organist, and the devotional leaders were thanked also. The President concluded his thanks with a thank-you to all of the delegates for their faithful attendance and participation.

### **Closing Devotion**

Rev. James Fritsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President elect led the convention in a closing devotion. The devotion began with the singing of *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*. Rev. Fritsche then read Psalm 96 to the convention... *Sing to the Lord all the earth...* Then he shared as follows:

He reminded the delegates how the doctrines and truth of the Bible are often received with scorn and ridicule. The same response was experienced by Noah, Abraham, and Moses, who are called “heros of faith” in Hebrews. With great boldness they went forth to face the challenges that God laid before them as did the other prophets. With great boldness the disciples shared and witnessed to the Gospel on Pentecost and beyond. With great boldness the church sent out the first missionaries. The Holy Spirit was with them as they went, giving them confidence and courage.

Today we ask the same Spirit to fill us with great boldness as we go forth from this convention to our homes and churches and communities because we have a Redeemer whose name must be made known. Rev. Fritsche challenged the delegates and their congregations to take bold steps for the sake of the person who needs to hear God’s love in Christ. Go with the power of the Spirit and the mighty strength of the Gospel as a beloved child of God so that ALL MAY KNOW HIS NAME!

Rev. Fritsche led in prayer and concluded the convention with the singing of *Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord*. President Mayan declared the convention closed.

The convention adjourned at 11:43 a.m., June 10, 2002.