

THE BULLETIN

Lutheran Church—Canada Sixth Convention



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SCHEDULE

Today's Events

8:15 a.m.	Devotion
8:30 a.m.	Essay
9:30 a.m.	Convention Business
12:30 p.m.	Closing Devotion
1:00 p.m.	Adjournment

Hotel Checkout

Hotel checkout time is 12:00 p.m. Secure luggage storage is available in Trillium rooms A and B.

Check out LCC's website at lutheranchurch.ca for additional convention news.

...So that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

2 Chronicles 6:33b



PAT resolution sparks lively debate. Rev. Robert Keller (r) speaks to convention while Rev Robert Hasselstrom (l) looks on.

Photo by Chris Bruer, 2002.

Convention Approves Pastors with Alternate Training

by Paul A. Walrath
and Sarah Mann

On Sunday afternoon, delegates came to agreement on the most-discussed issue of the convention. They approved a resolution to provide for the certification, ordination, and installation of Pastors with Alternate Training (PAT). The resolution enables LCC, through its Council of Presidents and seminaries, to begin working on ways of addressing the concept.

In response to a resolution adopted by the 1999 Convention, the Task Force for Special Needs Ministry of Word and Sacrament examined solutions to a major challenge facing

Synod—the challenge of providing pastoral care to congregations situated in isolated communities, that hold worship services in different languages, and whose economic conditions do not support a full-time pastor. Resolutions Committee chair Rev. Donald Schiemann confirmed that several such congregations and mission opportunities exist in each district

The proposal that LCC establish this special category of pastors was first introduced during Saturday morning's session. It sparked such extensive discussion that the matter was carried over to Sunday afternoon. During the

debate, speakers showed concern about the type of education a PAT would receive, the curriculum for, and duration of training. A substitute resolution which attempted to bridge the gap between those who were supporting and those opposed to the resolution failed to gain the support of the delegates.

When the original resolution was finally called to question, convention chaplain Pastor Scharlach led the delegates in a prayer asking for God's wisdom and guidance in voting. It was passed by a significant majority and the adoption was applauded.

ELECTION RESULTS

Board of Directors

Rev. Nolan Astley (First Lutheran, Lloydminster, Alta.)
Dorothea Korcok (Trinity, St. Catharines, Ont.)
Gord Sylvester (Christ, Neepawa, Man.)
Ron Fischer, (St. Peter's, Stratford)
Rev. Karl Keller (Walnut Grove, Langley, B.C.)

Boards of Regents, Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton

Rev. David Gallas (Church of the Lutheran Hour, Ft. Francis, Ont.)
Rev. Ron Simpson (King of kings, St. Albert, Alta.)
Kari Otke (St. Peters, Edmonton, Alta.)

Boards of Regents, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines

Rev. Brian Dunlop (Faith, Desboro, Ont.)
Rev. Larry Ritter (Good Shepherd, Kenora, Ont.)
Anne Taylor (St. Luke, Ottawa, Ont.)

Concordia University College of Alberta

Rev. Carl Bogda (Peace, Taber, Alta.)
Rev. Roland Kubke (St. Paul, Medicine Hat, Alta.)
Susan Beiderweiden (Hope, Victoria, B.C.)

Commission on Adjudication

Rev. Don Koch (Grace, Regina, Sask.)
Rev. Dr. John Wilch (Resurrection, St. Catharines, Ont.)
John Daniels (Bethel, Sherwood Park, Alta.)

LCC's second parish nurse certified

Barbara Schaefer received her certification as a parish nurse during the Sunday worship service at St. Peter's Lutheran, New Hamburg. Schaefer is the second nurse in LCC to be granted that status. Schaefer, a registered nurse, completed three correspondence courses offered by Concordia University College of Alberta, to become a deaconess. When asked about her duties, Schaefer says that "it's a new role. We are still working out the details of how it fits into the congregation's ministry." The parish nurse's ministry is to care for both the spiritual and physical well-being of members. Schaefer serves St. Peter's, New Hamburg.

Delegates learned of her certification when it was announced that she was the winner of the prize at the LAMP.

A special thanks

We express our thanks to the Local Arrangements Committee, and its chairman Rev. Dr. Roger Winger. The planning and creativity that went into the event made it both enjoyable and memorable!

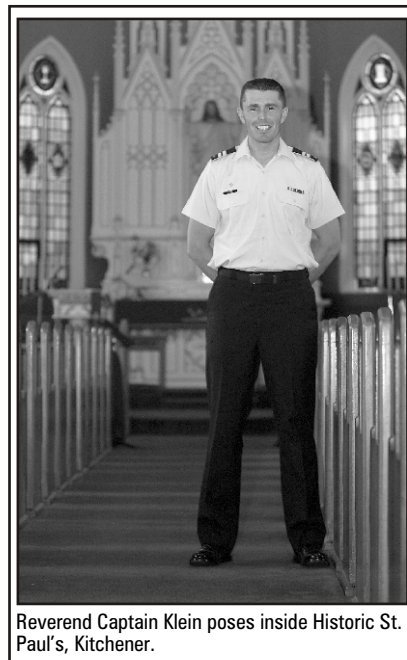
Military chaplain attends convention

When Reverend Captain Kevin Klein entered the pastoral ministry in 1996, he had no idea that he would someday find himself in the middle of a war zone. But that is exactly what God had planned for him.

In 1999, Pastor Klein was called by the Mission Department of Lutheran Church-Canada to serve as a chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces. Currently stationed with the First Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment in Petawawa, Ontario, Pastor Klein has 750 soldiers under his care. He describes his primary purpose as looking after the spiritual, emotional and moral well-being of his troops. "When things go wrong or get stressful, they [the soldiers] want to be connected to church family. They have a need to know there is a higher purpose and a God who loves them," he

explains.

Pastor Klein completed a tour in Bosnia in 2000. "When you are in the trenches and a soldier asks 'What will happen when I die?' you have a wonderful opportunity to minister to that person." Capt. Klein also observes that there are opportunities to share Christ daily with prayers, blessings, personal counselling and worship.



Reverend Captain Klein poses inside Historic St. Paul's, Kitchener.

Photo by Chris Bruer, 2002

Reverend Captain Klein is attending the convention as an exhibitor to raise awareness about the role of the chaplains in the military. LCC has one full-time chaplain and five reserve chaplains currently serving our Armed Forces.

Time To Go...

If you're using Airways Transit for return transportation to the airport, please check the reminder card given to you at registration for your departure time. Be sure to arrive at the hotel lobby at least ten minutes prior to your scheduled pickup time.

Before you leave

Please stop by the information desk to drop off your expense forms and name tags before leaving the convention. Evaluation forms should also be

turned in to the information desk; planners do respond to your feedback.

Videos

If you want a copy of the videos shown at convention, including the CKCO report on Lutherans for Life, you can sign up for one at the information desk.



LCC youth to gather in '04

Lori Schultz, chair of the LCC national youth gathering planning committee, addressed delegates Sunday, informing them about the next national gathering to be held at Brandon University in 2004. Convention youth delegates assisted with the announcement by creating an audio montage of construction noises followed by the statement, "on the rock!" The construction noises illustrated the theme verse, Matthew 7:24-27, which contrasts a foolish man building on sand with the wise man who built on rock, just as we should build our lives on Christ.

Shultz distributed handouts to delegates summarizing the gathering's theme and purpose statement. Attached to each handout was a nail. Schultz encouraged delegates to take the nail home and use it as a reminder to pray that God would "use the national youth gathering to add a nail to the house of faith that He is building in the lives of our young people."

The committee's next step is gathering information from the church-at-large. A poll will be posted on the youth and young adult forums of the LCC website (www.lutheranchurch.ca/forums). Youth, pastors, parents and anyone else interested can send suggestions about the development of the theme passage. You are encouraged to participate if you have ideas for the planning committee.

WHAT WE DID

The following business was conducted during Session 5:

Adopted: to refer the issue of the mode of sacramental reception to the CTCR [Substitute Resolution 02.1.05a]

Adopted: to provide resources for scripturally-based parenting [Resolution 02.1.09, as amended]

Adopted: to reaffirm that sexual relations outside of marriage is sin [Resolution 02.1.10, as amended]

Adopted: to decline overture 1.09 (to reaffirm Lutheran Church-Canada's commitment to our historic doctrinal stance) [Resolution 02.1.07]

Adopted: to provide for the certification, ordination and installation of pastors with alternate training [Resolution 02.2.02]

Adopted: to establish a task force on the delivery of theological education [Resolution 02.2.03]

Adopted: to decline overture 2.07 (to study the feasibility of two seminaries) [Resolution 02.2.04]

Adopted: to allow a faculty representative to serve as voting member on the Board of Regents of Concordia University College of Alberta [Resolution 02.2.05a]

Adopted: to amend bylaw 6.01 to include the membership of the Board of Regents to Concordia High School [Resolution 02.2.06a]

Adopted: to coordinate the continuing education program through LCC [Resolution 02.2.13]

Adopted: to encourage intercessory prayer for Lutheran Church-Canada [Resolution 02.2.07]

Adopted: to coordinate the recruitment of church workers [Resolution 02.2.11]

Adopted: to subsidize tuition of all church work students according to need [Resolution 02.2.12]

Adopted: to encourage the writing of new songs and hymns [Resolution 02.2.10]

IMAGES FROM THE CONVENTION



Photo by Chris Bruer, 2002

Singing boldly. (L-r) Synod Secretary Rev. Bill Ney, First Vice-president Rev. Dennis Putzman, and President Rev. Ralph Mayan



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Men at work. Convention delegates ponder a resolution.

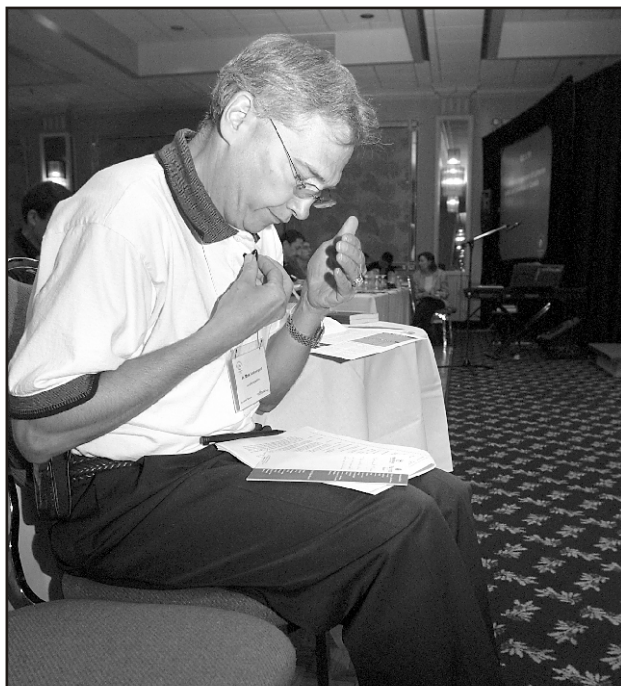


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Can I get a cup of coffee? Local Arrangements Committee member Mark Huenhergard communicates with other convention organizers.

Donour Appreciation

Thanks again to our generous donours.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I would like to respond to the substitute resolution with a hearty ‘Jein’.” (Pronounced yine)

- Reverend Dr. John Stephenson expressing his view that he liked some parts, and disliked others in a substitute resolution on PAT.