

**RESOLUTION 02.4.01 TO RECEIVE GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, KENORA,
ONTARIO INTO MEMBERSHIP OF LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA**

Ref. Overture 4.01

- WHEREAS the Congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Kenora, Ontario, has applied for membership in Lutheran Church–Canada; and
- WHEREAS the constitution and bylaws of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church have been reviewed by the Committee on Constitutions and approved by the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church–Canada, Central District; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Kenora, Ontario, be joyfully received as a member of Lutheran Church–Canada.
- ACTION: ADOPTED, Session 1**

**RESOLUTION 02.4.02 TO RECEIVE IGLESIA LUTERANA ESTRELLA DE BELÉN, VANCOUVER,
B.C. INTO MEMBERSHIP OF LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA**

Ref: Overture 4.6

- WHEREAS the Iglesia Luterana Estrella de Belén of Vancouver, British Columbia has applied for membership in Lutheran Church–Canada; and
- WHEREAS the constitution and bylaws of Iglesia Luterana Estrella de Belén have been reviewed by the Constitutions Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Alberta-British Columbia District of Lutheran Church–Canada; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that Iglesia Luterana Estrella de Belén of Vancouver, British Columbia be joyfully received as a member of Lutheran Church –Canada.
- ACTION: ADOPTED, Session 1**

**RESOLUTION 02.4.03 TO DIRECT THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS TO LEAD THE CHURCH IN
MINISTRY**

- WHEREAS Christ calls us in Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (RSV); and
- WHEREAS God assures us that whatever is done in His name, He will bless us with the Holy Spirit; and
- WHEREAS there is an ever growing need for outreach and Gospel proclamation to a world which needs to hear of God's love in Jesus Christ; and
- WHEREAS attendance in worship, as a whole, is not growing; and
- WHEREAS the people of God in Lutheran Church–Canada continue to support the work of their congregation but the proportion of those gifts given toward the work we do together is declining; and

- WHEREAS presently the level of funding is insufficient to sustain the current level of ministry thereby compromising our ability to efficiently proclaim the Gospel; and
- WHEREAS there is an increasing number of individuals in our Church body who are in need of stewardship and financial management teaching; and
- WHEREAS there is a need for guidance and direction in the proper management of God's gifts; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that in love and concern for God's people, the Church in convention request that the Synod President direct the Council of Presidents to explore the challenge of leading us to react positively to the need for Gospel proclamation and proper stewardship of God's gifts; and be it further
- RESOLVED that the Synod President direct the Council of Presidents to place this as its highest priority.
- ACTION: ADOPTED, Session 4**

RESOLUTION 02.4.04 TO RECEIVE THE THREE YEAR WORK PROGRAM -- YEARS ENDED JANUARY 31 (BUDGET 2003, WORK PROGRAM 2004, WORK PROGRAM 2005)

Ref: Report # 5

- WHEREAS the treasurer and Board of Directors of Lutheran Church–Canada have prepared a budget and proposed work program for the years 2002-2004; and
- WHEREAS this budget and work program can only be implemented by the cooperation and action of congregations, and the solicitation and receipt of necessary funds; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that Lutheran Church–Canada in convention assembled receive this work program for information, study and action.
- ACTION: ADOPTED, Session 4**

RESOLUTION 02.4.05 TO AMALGAMATE LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA FINANCIAL MINISTRIES (LCCFM) AND THE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND AND LUTHERAN FOUNDATION OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT

Ref: Overture 4.5

- WHEREAS the Central District in convention adopted Resolution 2000-04-07 “To amalgamate the Church Extension Fund and Lutheran Foundation of the Central District with Lutheran Church–Canada Extension Fund and Foundation;” and
- WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church–Canada and the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church–Canada Financial Ministries both expressed their approval of the resolution in principle; and
- WHEREAS the pooling of resources which would take place through this amalgamation will enable new initiatives to be carried out in the Synod as well as provide an easier access to loans across the Synod; therefore be it

RESOLVED that Lutheran Church–Canada in convention authorize the amalgamation of the Central District Church Extension Fund and Lutheran Foundation with Lutheran Church–Canada Financial Ministries; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church–Canada Financial Ministries in accordance with bylaw 19.01 of the corporate bylaws of LCCFM make the necessary changes to its articles of incorporation and corporate bylaws to:

- a. permit districts to become members of the LCCFM; and
- b. provide for an expanded Board of Directors of LCCFM, whose makeup would include four (4) individuals appointed by the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church–Canada with additional individuals appointed by the participating districts on the basis of one individual for the first five (5) million dollars of contributed assets, and one additional individual for each seven million five hundred thousand (7.5) dollars of additional contributed assets to a maximum of four individuals per participating district; and be it further

RESOLVED That the CCMS be asked to recommend the appropriate changes necessary to the *Handbook* to reflect the proposed amalgamation and restructuring of LCCFM; and be it finally

RESOLVED the Lutheran Church–Canada Financial Ministries encourage the other districts to consider amalgamation with LCCFM.

ACTION: ADOPTED, Session 4

RESOLUTION 02.4.06 TO ESTABLISH CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY AS AN AUXILIARY OF LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA

Ref: Overture 4.02

WHEREAS greater individual involvement in the support of the mission program of Lutheran Church–Canada is vital to the future of overseas mission work; and

WHEREAS Concordia Lutheran Mission Society provides for such individual involvement in the funding of the mission program of Lutheran Church–Canada; and

WHEREAS Concordia Lutheran Mission Society has proven to be of great benefit to the mission endeavour of Lutheran Church–Canada; and

WHEREAS Concordia Lutheran Mission Society has complied with the pre-requisites for auxiliary status established by the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church–Canada; therefore be it

RESOLVED that with grateful hearts we thank God for the benefits of a dedicated mission support organization for the work of missions in Lutheran Church–Canada; and be it further

RESOLVED that Lutheran Church–Canada in convention assembled establish Concordia Lutheran Mission Society as an auxiliary of Lutheran Church–Canada.

ACTION: ADOPTED, Session 4

RESOLUTION 02.4.07 TO DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL DEBT RELIEF FOR PASTORS

Ref: Overture 4.04

WHEREAS the educational debt by some graduates of our seminaries is at an unhealthy level; and

WHEREAS a high educational debt may cause graduates, who have been called to a parish and their families to have financial difficulties; and

WHEREAS much of the educational debt of graduates can ordinarily be traced to their pre-seminary education; and

WHEREAS much of the educational debt normally has varying causes; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Synod ask the seminaries to include a session on personal financial planning in their orientation of students and to do everything within their power to keep the students from increasing their educational debt while at the seminary; and be it further

RESOLVED that the districts make available regular personal financial planning seminars to all pastors graduating from the seminary and that they be encouraged to attend such seminars.

ACTION: ADOPTED, as amended, Session 4

RESOLUTION 02.4.09 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 3.13 (TO REVIEW THE MISSION AND STAFFING COMPLEMENT OF LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA)

Ref: Overture 3.13

WHEREAS the staffing issue is part of the ongoing work of the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure; and

WHEREAS it is an ongoing responsibility of the Board of Directors to review the staffing complement; therefore be it

RESOLVED that overture 3.13 be respectfully declined.

ACTION: Adopted, Session 6

RESOLUTION 02.4.10 TO RECEIVE NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH, REGINA, SK INTO MEMBERSHIP OF LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA

Ref: Overture 4.07 (L)

WHEREAS the Congregation of New Beginnings Lutheran Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, has applied for membership in Lutheran Church–Canada; and

WHEREAS the Constitution and Bylaws of New Beginnings Lutheran Church have been reviewed by the Committee on Constitutions and approved by the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church–Canada, Central District; therefore be it

RESOLVED that New Beginnings Lutheran Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, be joyfully received as a member of Lutheran Church–Canada.

ACTION: ADOPTED, Session 1

RESOLUTION 02.4.11 TO THANK GOD FOR THE SERVICE OF MR. ALLAN WEBSTER

WHEREAS Mr. Allan Webster has given many years of devoted service to Lutheran Church–Canada, giving unselfishly of his time and energy through diligent execution of his responsibilities as acting treasurer from 1997-99 then elected to office as Treasurer since 1999; and

WHEREAS Mr. Webster has served as administrator of the LCC Worker Benefit Plans since 1997; and

WHEREAS Mr. Webster will be retiring from his office after completing his current term; therefore be it

RESOLVED That LCC in Convention assembled give thanks to God for the devoted service of Allan Webster, and wish him God’s continued blessings.

ACTION: ADOPTED, Session 4

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 6th 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, Session 6