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LCC to study music

Delegates adopted three resolutions dealing with music and the church during Monday's business session.

The first called for LCC to establish a committee on music and worship. The resolution was the subject of little debate. One delegate spoke for the resolution because it could serve as a resource for Sunday schools. Another spoke against the resolution stating that, with the church's limited resources, he would rather see the money go to missions. A third delegate voiced the concern that no matter what such a committee would decide, there would be little change.

The other resolutions called for LCC to review and recommend songs and hymns for congregational use and to encourage participation in the Lutheran Hymnal project.

...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



Delegates Anne Carson (r) and Rev. Warren Hamp (l) vote on a resolution.

Business Completed

by Curtis Schafer

The Sixth Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada closed ahead of schedule on Monday, June 10, 2002 with all convention business having been accomplished. Every resolution was dealt with despite the fact that some resolutions generated extensive discussion. In particular, the resolutions affecting the constitution and by-laws of LCC and those authorizing the church explore the training and use of Pastors with Alternate Training were the focus of much debate. Despite the difference of opinions on many matters,

however, organizers observed that there was a spirit of co-operation among delegates to get the convention's work done.

Many commented on the smooth operation of the convention as a whole. Delegates and other attendees seemed especially pleased with the Saturday night BBQ and social. It was a welcome break from the business of the convention and an opportunity for many to meet delegates from other parts of the country. "The success of this convention is largely attributable to the diligent and careful planning of the Local Arrangements Committee

and all those who assisted them," said Ian Adnams, convention manager. President Mayan, in his closing address, also recognized Mr. Adnams for his hard work in making the Sixth Convention a great success.

Other highlights from the convention included the re-election of Reverend Dr. Ralph Mayan to his third term as LCC President, the decision to decline the ELCIC's invitation to engage in interim eucharistic fellowship, the reaffirmation of the definition of marriage as between one man and one woman, and the decision to study music and worship.

Photo by Chris Bruer, 2002



President Ralph Mayan (c) presented small versions of the convention banner to Concordia Lutheran Seminary President Andy Bacon (l) and Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary Acting President Roger Humann (r). The banners will be displayed at the seminaries for the next three years.

Lutheran Layman's League - International Convention

The International Convention of LLL is scheduled for July 20-24, 2002 at the Ottawa Convention Center in Ottawa. Organizers anticipate over 1000 people from around the world to attend. Everyone is invited; you do not have to have been involved with LLL in the past. If you are interested, registration forms can be obtained at the website: www.lhm.org or by calling the LLL Canada office at 1-800-555-6236.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's not dead, is it?" [Referring to the church-at-large]

- Lawrence Eissfeldt, lay delegate from Fraser Valley Circuit, to another delegate at conclusion of convention.

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WHAT WE DID

The following business was conducted during session 6:

Adopted. To refer the various deleted sections of the handbook to the Board of Directors for guidance.

Adopted. To direct the President to continue to encourage Canadian congregations of LCMS to join LCC.

Adopted. To establish an LCC committee on music and worship.

Adopted. To revise the synodical bylaws regarding Lutheran Church-Canada Financial Ministries.

Adopted. To permit assistant pastors to serve as voting delegates.

Adopted. To thank God for the service of Bill Buller.

Adopted. That Lutheran Church-Canada review and recommend songs and hymns for congregational use.

Adopted. To encourage participation in the Lutheran Hymnal project.

Adopted. To thank God for and encourage the work of Synod and District staff.

Adopted. To decline overture 3.10 (to examine the feasibility of the present structure of Lutheran Church-Canada).

Defeated. To appoint a committee to consider the structure and financing of synodical and district operations.

Adopted. To decline overture 3.08 (to define the role and authority of convention floor committees).

Adopted. To decline overture 3.12 (to make circuit convocations optional).

Adopted. To decline overture 3.06 (to provide preliminary synodical motions prior to delegate selection).

Adopted. To decline overture 3.07 (to change the definition of membership in Synod).

Adopted. To decline overture 3.13 (to review the mission and staffing complement of Lutheran Church-Canada).

Withdrawn. To decline overture 4.03 (to allow the LCC Pension Plan to become participatory).