

## FOREWORD

The official *Proceedings* to the Synod of the Eighth Synodical Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada are provided as the official record of the decisions, elections and activities of the Convention. I encourage all members of the Synod who receive these *Proceedings* to make them available to the members of their respective congregations and others so that the information contained herein may reach as many as possible regarding the theological positions of the Synod and the directions to be taken in the future ministry of the Synod as they have been adopted.

Under the theme *Give Jesus Glory: His Calling – Our Praise* Lutheran Church-Canada met in convention in Winnipeg, MB, June 5-9, 2008. Dr. Gene Veith served as the convention essayist and spoke on the doctrine of vocation: definition and application, and related that to the convention theme. We thank Dr. Veith for his compelling and timely essay. Rev. Jan Pastucha, convention chaplain, opened and closed each session with devotion and prayer.

This was one of those rare occasions in the history of LCC when there was a change made in the office of the President of Synod. The Rev. Dr. Ralph Mayan previously announced his retirement, and Rev. Robert Bugbee of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Kitchener, ON was elected president on the first ballot. We give thanks to God for the work of President Mayan over these past 12 years. We pray for God’s grace to be given in abundance to Rev. Bugbee as he begins the adjustment to his new position. May God grant us all grace and patience for the tasks that lie ahead.

Special thanks should be given to the office staff who so ably assisted the secretary in his duties. Ian Adnams, Sylvia Klarenbach, and Janice Wiltshire deserve special thanks for putting up with my questions and providing sound answers. Rev. Bill Ney served as assistant to the secretary. His quick skill corrected several errors and prevented others from being made. I would also thank those members of the office staff who worked so hard to prepare these *Proceedings*.

We ask for the continued blessing of God not only on the work of Lutheran Church–Canada but on all those who were elected to offices, boards and commissions of the Synod. May He guide us in putting into action those decisions that were made and bless their completion.

May the Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit continue to strengthen Lutheran Church–Canada through Word and Sacrament so that we may carry out our theme to *Give Jesus Glory: His Calling – Our Praise* proclaiming to all that “**Jesus Christ is Lord**” to the glory of God the Father and may all come to know the peace, love, and forgiveness of sins that is found only in Jesus Christ.

In His Service,

Rev. Dennis J. Putzman  
Secretary

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