



Action Plan I

Today's Business for Lutheran Church–Canada's Eleventh Convention
October 13-16, 2017 Kitchener, Ontario

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PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

October 13–16, 2017

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2017 Lutheran Church-Canada Synodical Convention.



This gathering brings together representatives from Lutheran Church-Canada's 300 congregations to discuss matters of importance to the ongoing work of the church, including the election of those who will serve the Synod in leadership positions over the next three years. This year's convention also offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

I would like to commend the organizers for their hard work in planning this event. I am certain that everyone in attendance will appreciate this opportunity to come together in faith and fellowship.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and productive meeting in Kitchener.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

October 13 – 16, 2017

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone taking part in the 11th convention of Lutheran Church-Canada, an event held on the theme of "Christ Alone, Christ Forever 1517-2017" in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Faith communities not only provide a nourishing spiritual environment, but also offer the congregation a setting in which to experience a genuine sense of fellowship. I would like to acknowledge the strength of faith of the leaders and parishioners of Lutheran Church-Canada, and their role in creating a strong and supportive community.

This convention gives delegates from across Canada an opportunity to reflect on the church's valuable work and set priorities for the coming years. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a special welcome to all delegates who have travelled to Ontario, and to recognize everyone who has helped make this important event possible.

I offer my sincere best wishes for a successful and productive convention. May you continue to draw inspiration from your faith, and from each other.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Wynne".

Kathleen Wynne
Premier



Igreja Evangélica
Luterana do Brasil
Cristo para todos

June 12, 2017

Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee
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Dear brother, President Robert!

Grace, mercy and peace to you from our God and Lord.

Thank you for your invitation to the Eleventh Convention of the Lutheran Church-Canada, on October 13-16, 2017.

Unfortunately, we have the meeting of the Board of Directors of IELB on the same date. Since I am not able to participate, I am sending the following greeting on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil:

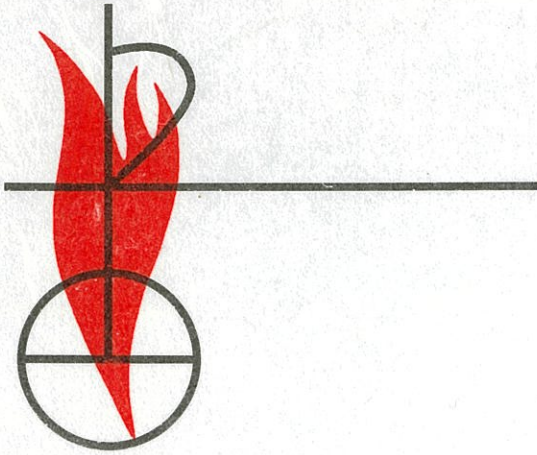
Dear Brothers from the Lutheran Church-Canada!

Since it is not possible for us to be present at the 11th Convention of your church, we wish you God's richest blessings as you gather with the theme: "Christ Alone, Christ Forever."

As heirs of the Reformation, may God allow you to meditate on this truth, to strengthen, encourage and bring more cheer and courage to spread this message, and therefore the brightness of Christ, the good Perfume of the Savior Jesus, be spread throughout Canada and all over the world.

With deep love, on behalf of the IELB,


Rev. Egon Kopereck, President



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Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee, President
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Dear President Bugbee and members of the Lutheran Church-Canada

Greeting in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the Japan Lutheran Church, I extend warmest greetings to you as you meet for the Eleventh Convention of Lutheran Church-Canada, October 13-16, 2017.

May your Convention be a time of mutual encouragement and strengthening in the grace of God. We ask our Lord that he would guide you and give you wisdom for the Convention. We also pray that God give you much joy as you celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Sincerely in Christ,

Shin Shimizu
Rev. Shin Shimizu, President
Japan Lutheran Church

Overture 1.27 **Regarding nominees to the Board of Regents for Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton**

WHEREAS **Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton (the “Seminary”) operates a seminary to recruit and train pastors, deacons, and other professional Church Workers to meet the pastoral needs of congregations sharing the ecclesiastical bond (the “Synod”) with other entities who have accepted the principles, doctrines and religious standards of LCC as set out in the Constitution and Synodical By-laws of LCC;**

AND WHEREAS **the Seminary has asked that the delegates attending the Convention nominate individuals to serve as the regents of the Board of Regents of the Seminary;**

BE IT RESOLVED **that this Convention approve and forward to the Seminary, as nominees to the Board of Regents of the Seminary, the following individuals:**
(names of those selected/elected listed here)

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Ian Lande, Secretary
Board of Regents, CLS

RESOLUTION 17.1.17 **TO APPROVE AND FORWARD NOMINEES TO THE BOARDS OF REGENTS, CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY, EDMONTON AB AND CONCORDIA LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ST. CATHARINES, ON**

(Ref. Overture 1.27)

WHEREAS **Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, and Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines (the “Seminaries”) operate seminaries to recruit and train pastors, deacons, and other professional Church Workers to meet the pastoral needs of congregations sharing the ecclesiastical bond (the “Synod”) with other entities who have accepted the principles, doctrines and religious standards of Lutheran Church-Canada as set out in the Constitution and Synodical Bylaws of LCC; and**

WHEREAS **the Seminaries have asked that the delegates attending the Convention nominate individuals to serve as the Regents of the Boards of Regents of the Seminaries; therefore, be it**

BE IT RESOLVED that this Convention approve and forward to the Seminaries, as nominees to the Boards of Regents of the Seminaries, the following individuals:
(names of those selected/elected listed here)

Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Committee #1

Resolution 17.2.05a TO ESTABLISH UNIFIED PROCEDURES FOR CALLING PASTORS (REVISED)

Ref. Overture 2.05

WHEREAS a congregation needs a pastor to be their shepherd and to fulfill all of the duties in service to our Lord for His flock; and

WHEREAS Scripture clearly teaches and instructs us regarding such a pastor as in 1 Tim. 2:11-14, 1 Cor. 14:33-40, and in other passages; and

WHEREAS the calling of a pastor is a solemn act into a solemn position; and

WHEREAS all our congregations are to be unified in both doctrine and practice; and

WHEREAS our congregations request guidelines for the calling of a pastor; and

WHEREAS our prayers, guidance, and direction in a calling process must be led by God, our Holy Spirit and not through the directions of man; and

Therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Council of Presidents establish a procedure for the calling of a pastor to a congregation, seeking God's blessings, and unifying all congregations and pastors in the act of issuing a solemn call to a shepherd in service to them and to the Lord.

RESOLUTION 17.2.09

TO THANK GOD FOR THE INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE/LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY AND FOR THE LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE – CANADA AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ref. Report 19 and Report 20)

- WHEREAS the International Lutheran Laymen's League/Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) and the Lutheran Laymen's League – Canada (LLL-C) serve as a recognized grass root auxiliary of Lutheran Church – Canada; and
- WHEREAS LHM and LLL-C focus their energies and resources on Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church; and
- WHEREAS working in conjunction with the LLL-C, LHM proclaims the Gospel throughout Canada by creating, distributing, and promoting resources through various media while also equipping Christians in Canada for outreach; and
- WHEREAS the need to proclaim the love of Christ is as great as ever in Canada and around the world and the Lord has placed LHM and LLL-C in a unique position to respond as a leader in sharing the Gospel through media and technological means;

Therefore be it

- RESOLVED that we thank God for all the Lutheran Hour Speakers, the Board members, the staff, supporters, volunteers, and members of LHM and the LLL-C who have served in Canada and/or internationally; and be it further
- RESOLVED that God's people continue to pray for, and financially support, the international and national outreach efforts of LHM and the LLL-C and be it further,
- RESOLVED that members of Lutheran Church – Canada congregations be encouraged to be supporters, volunteers, and members of LHM and LLL-C; and be it further,
- RESOLVED congregations and church workers avail themselves of the training and evangelistic resources created and promoted by LHM and LLL-C and be it finally,
- RESOLVED that the delegates thank God for the International Lutheran League's League/Lutheran Ministries and for the Lutheran Laymen's League -- Canada by rising and singing the "Doxology."

Committee #2

RESOLUTION 17.2.10

TO THANK GOD FOR THE LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE – CANADA (LWMLC) AS IT OBSERVES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY SINCE ITS FORMATION AS A WOMEN’S AUXILIARY AND FOR ITS 50 YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT WITH THE LWML (USA)

(Ref. Report 21)

- WHEREAS Lutheran Women’s Missionary League – Canada (LWMLC) has been a recognized auxiliary of Lutheran Church – Canada for the past 25 years; and
- WHEREAS the women of the LWMLC were active in the LWML (USA) for the previous 25 years prior to the formation of LWMLC; and
- WHEREAS the Mission of the LWMLC is to “equip, motivate, and encourage women to grow in God’s Word; share God’s Son; and serve God’s people,” and
- WHEREAS members of LWMLC encourage Christian women in the study of God’s Word so they are passionate in sharing the Gospel through word and deed; and
- WHEREAS members of the LWMLC support the ministry and mission efforts of their local congregations; and
- WHEREAS the members of the LWMLC have supported mission projects in Canada and around the world through the collection of mites; and
- WHEREAS the prayer of the LWMLC is that they continue to trust in God’s wisdom and guidance as they answer His call to serve for many years to come;

Therefore, be it

- RESOLVED that women in Lutheran Church – Canada congregations be encouraged to participate in the LWMLC; and be it further
- RESOLVED that God’s people pray for the ongoing work of the LWMLC and the mission projects supported by the LWMLC; and be it finally,
- RESOLVED that the delegates thank God for the LWMLC by rising and singing “Called to Serve.”

Committee #2

WORKBOOK ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS

- C.1 District Clergy Advisory – Rev. Cliff Haberstock will be replaced by Rev. Larry MacKay
- C.2 East District Pastoral Voting - Rev. Dusan Tillinger will be replaced by Rev. Tim Schneider
- C.3 Committee on Elections – Add Rev. Dr. Roger Winger
- C.3 Don Paulus has replaced Eileen Turner on the Elections Committee
- In Today’s Business “H.6 ” Kathleen Gonnet is spelled incorrectly with two “t’s”

**Lutheran Church-Canada
Board of Directors
Addendum to Earlier Reports**

LUTHERAN HISTORICAL INSTITUTE

At the 2015 the ABC District Convention an overture was passed with the intent of gifting the Lutheran Historical Institute (LHI) to LCC. For a time, this was impossible, since the court in the CCAA process prohibited the District from divesting itself of LHI until certain questions were clarified regarding its value.

In October of 2015 the LHI was released by the courts from the list of assets of the ABC District, as they had no commercial monetary value. At our March 2016 meeting the LCC Board of Directors (BOD) was informed that the LHI materials had been moved into a storage locker. The BOD was examining options for the housing and ongoing care of the materials once they became the property of LCC. There was concern on the part of the BOD as the expense of housing the LHI, and paying an Archivist, was an expense LCC was unable to assume at the time. One option, suggested by the ABC District, involved donating the materials to the Alberta Provincial Archives. On June 16, 2017 Grace Henderson, Rev. Tom Kruesel, Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer and Bill Fraser (Chairman, ABC District BOD) met with Tom Anderson and his immediate supervisor. Mr. Anderson is the archivist responsible for private collections at the Provincial Archives. After this visit, the recommendation was made to the BOD to transfer the LHI to the care of the Provincial Archives. This action was taken at the BOD meeting in July of 2017. Several participating entities (LAMP, Concordia University Edmonton, Concordia Lutheran Seminary of Edmonton and the Lutheran Layman's League) had their materials returned to them as they decided this would be in their best interests. The transfer of remaining materials is now complete, and the tasks of cataloguing and preserving the collection will continue under the direction of Tom Anderson. The materials are currently available to the public. As it will take some time to reorganize the materials, people are asked to contact the Archives and discuss accessing the materials before just dropping in.

LCC owes a major debt of gratitude to Grace Henderson, Janice Ruf and Candace Rivet for the hours and hours of work they have done in sorting and preparing the material for transfer to the Provincial Archives.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Thomas Kruesel,
LCC Second Vice-President
September 20, 2017

**CHRIST ALONE, CHRIST FOREVER
CONVENTION MINUTES
Friday, October 13, 2017**

The Chairman called the first session to order at 4:00 p.m. EST and the convention chaplain, Rev. Ken Mahar, opened with Morning Suffrages.

The Chairman installed the delegates and opened the convention.

The Chairman welcomed the delegates and guests and made several introductions of Synodical and District officials and others.

Rev. Paul Zabel, president of the East District, welcomed the convention to the East District and the Crowne Plaza, Kitchener.

Convention Orientation followed.

Special Standing Rules were announced.

MOTION:

To adopt the Special Standing Rules.

ACTION: Adopted

MOTION:

To adopt the Proposed Agenda.

ACTION: Adopted

Robert Granke, Director of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR), brought greetings. He highlighted the plight in South Sudan/Uganda; schooling in Jordan; hospital work in Jerusalem; and the ongoing work in Nicaragua that CLWR is doing.

Mathew Block, LCC Communications Director, shared a few details regarding the Convention.

The convention session closed with prayer by the convention chaplain at 5:00pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Paul Schallhorn, Secretary