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

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SIERVOS EN MISIÓN
Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Argentina



Lema: “Siervos en Misión: Creemos, enseñamos y confesamos.”

Buenos Aires, Argentina, 5 de junio de 2017.

Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee
Presidente de la Iglesia Luterana de Canadá.

Muy estimados hermanos de Canadá:

Estoy muy contento y agradecido por la invitación recibida, para participar de vuestra 11° asamblea general en ON, del 13 al 16 de octubre de 2017. Han elegido un excelente lema: “Solo Cristo. y para siempre, Cristo”. Dios los guíe y los asista para trabajar decididamente en esta dirección.

Desde la Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Argentina los saludamos y acompañamos desde la distancia, ya que ese mismo fin de semana tendremos nuestra celebración nacional multitudinaria del 500 aniversario de la Reforma. Con humildad y fidelidad queremos agradecer la gracia de Dios, por la que somos salvos por medio de la fe en el Cristo crucificado por nuestros pecados y resucitado para nuestra justificación.

Dios los bendiga mucho y les conceda una buena Asamblea.

Saludos fraternales de su hermano y servidor:

Rev. Carlos Nagel
Presidente de la IELA





Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Argentina

Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 5, 2017

Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee
President of the Lutheran Church Canada.

Beloved brothers in Canada:

I am very happy and grateful for your invitation to be part at your 11th General Convention in ON, from October 13 to 16, 2017. You have chosen a meaningful theme: Christ Alone and Christ forever. May the Lord God lead and assist you working decisively towards this direction.

We would like to greet you on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina as on the same week we will have our national celebration activities of the 500 anniversary of the Reformation. With humility and faithfulness we want to thank the Lord God for His grace, by which we are saved through faith in Christ crucified for our sins and risen for our justification.

May the Lord bless you richly and with a good assembly.

Fraternal greetings from your brother and co-servant:

Rev. Carlos Nagel
President of the IELA

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11 August 2017

Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee
President of the
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Dear President Bugbee and members of the Convention,

We serve in the Kingdom of God on the opposite sides of the planet, but are nevertheless united in Christ, our Savior. First of all I would like to thank you for the invitation to your convention. I would have loved to attend. Over the years I have learned to respect president Bugbee whom I regard not only as a good friend, but a true brother in Christ whose counsel I value. I have heard that he will not be standing for re-election. I pray that God will continue to bless him, his wife and family, and the congregation he will be serving in future. He will doubtlessly leave a huge void at the meetings of the *International Lutheran Council* (ILC).

Secondly I would like to express the deep appreciation of the *Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa* (FELSISA) for both accepting and supporting one of our students, who is studying theology at the *Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary - St. Catharines*. There will be theological exchange and friendships will be fostered, which will serve our Synod well in future years.

As most Lutheran Churches you will also reflect on the Reformation this year under the theme "*Christ Alone, Christ Forever.*" It is not always easy to keep the focus on *Christ alone* as we fallible human beings often divert attention to ourselves, forever it seems. But it is Christ alone who holds us, works faith through his word and sacraments, and lets us rejoice in his grace that saves us. I would like to greet you with the apostle Paul's words to the Corinthians: "***For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified***" (1 Cor 2:2). May this Convention serve to bring the crucified Christ to the world.

Greetings in Christ,



Rev. Dr. Dieter H. Reinstorf
Bishop

**CHRIST ALONE, CHRIST FOREVER
CONVENTION MINUTES
Saturday, October 14, 2017**

SESSION 2

Devotion

Rev. Ken Mahar, Convention Chaplain, opened the session with prayer.

Bible Study – Rev. Esko Murto, professor of CLTS, led the Bible Study based on Psalm 46.

Registration Committee Report

Delegates:	Voting :	97
	Advisory:	46
	Registered Visitors:	16
	Guests:	11
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	Total	170

President's Report, Part 2

The President's Report to the Convention (Part 2) is attached to these Minutes.

Board of Directors Report

Appeal (Workbook Supplement G. 7-9.)

Dr. Dennis Kendel, author of the appeal, spoke to the matter. He also pleaded that moving forward the emails of lay delegates be shared prior to the Convention.

Chair rules that the remedies asked in the appeal (G.9) have been met.

The Rev. Dr. Hans-Jörg Voigt, Bishop of the Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche (SELK) brought greetings to the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Curtis Leins, President of the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) brought greetings to the Convention.

Resolutions Committee #3 was called forward.

MOTION: To Adopt Resolution 17.03.01: To Decline Overture 3.06

ACTION: ADOPTED

Nominations/Elections Committee

MOTION: To Amend The Slate Of President To Add The Name Of Rev. Ron Mohr

ACTION: ADOPTED

Resolutions Committee #1 was called forward.

The Convention decided to spend some time discussing the topic of restructuring before formally voting on it.

Rev. Bill Ney, Chair of the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure (CCMS), took some time to outline the process of bringing the proposed restructuring to the Convention.

Rev. Nolan Astley, 1st Vice-President, gave a brief history of the need for restructuring. To meet the need for restructuring, the Synod has three documents that need amending: the Statutory Bylaws (corporate structure); the Constitution (theological structure); the Synodical Bylaws (ecclesiastical structure). He walked us through an example of a substantive change of the proposed restructuring: removal of Chapter 6 from the Synodical Bylaws and moving to Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with our two seminaries.

Nominations/Elections #1 - President

The Convention Chaplain prayed for God's blessing on the election before the ballots were distributed.

Resolutions Committee #1 was called back.

Discussion on restructuring ensued.

Nominations/Elections #1 - President

The first ballot was spoiled (1 extra vote). Another ballot was distributed. This time one ballot was short. So another ballot will need to be produced.

Discussion on restructuring continued.

Nominations/Elections #1 - President

Another ballot was distributed.

Mathew Block brought some announcements.

The Convention Chaplain led the assembly in prayer.

Lunch Break.

SESSION 3

The Convention Chaplain opened the session with prayers.

Nominations/Elections #1 - President

Results:	Rev. Tim Teuscher	–	37
	Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer	–	32
	Rev. Ron Mohr	–	28

Rev. Ron Mohr's name is dropped from the next ballot which was distributed.

Rev. Dr. Edwin Lehman, President Emeritus, brought greetings.

Resolutions Committee #1 was called back.

Discussion continued on the subject of restructuring.

Nominations/Elections #1 - President

Results: Rev. Tim Teuscher – 60
Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer – 35

Rev. Tim Teuscher is elected President of LCC.

The Convention rose to sing the Doxology.

RESOLUTION 17.1.01 TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STATUTORY BYLAWS OF LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA (Ref. Overture 1.18)

WHEREAS Lutheran Church-Canada throughout its entire history has seen the need for restructuring beginning with the 1993 Taskforce Report; and

WHEREAS Lutheran Church-Canada in Convention has from time to time modified its structure to meet the challenges it faces; and

WHEREAS the three Districts in Convention spoke in unison asking that the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure (CCMS) examine the current structure of Lutheran Church-Canada and propose recommendations for restructuring to the 2017 Synod Convention; and

WHEREAS the CCMS over the last 24 months has vigorously worked toward fulfilling this mandate from the three Districts; and

WHEREAS the people of Lutheran Church-Canada have spoken in clear terms about what changes in structure they would like enacted; and

WHEREAS the CCMS has listened to the concerns of the people of Lutheran Church-Canada and together with representatives from the Board of Directors and Synod legal counsel in a small Working Group have taken these concerns and amended the Statutory Bylaws of Lutheran Church-Canada to reflect these concerns; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Lutheran Church–Canada adopt the following changes to its Statutory Bylaws (additions in red and deletions in blue):

(FOR ACTUAL TEXT CHANGES REFER TO WORKBOOK SUPPLEMENT – G.17)

MOTION: To Adopt The Proposed Changes To The Statutory Bylaws Of Lutheran Church-Canada

MOTION TO AMEND: To Delete Article 14.01

MOTION: TO TERMINATE DEBATE

ACTION: PASSED

ACTION: DEFEATED

MOTION TO AMEND: To Add...

11.02 – the President and Vice-president shall be advisory members of the Board of Directors and shall not have a vote.

ACTION: DEFEATED

MOTION TO AMEND: To Change...

12.01 – “managed” to “overseen”

ACTION: DEFEATED

Resolutions Committee #2 was called.

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.”

MOTION: 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

ACTION: ADOPTED

The Convention rose to sing the Doxology.

Kurt Bucholtz, President of the International Lutheran Laymen's League, and Stephen Klinck, Managing Director of the Lutheran Laymen's League-Canada, brought greetings.

Recess until 3:30pm.

SESSION 3 - Continued

MOTION TO AMEND: To Change...

16.01 – “eight” to “three” geographical areas...

MOTION: To Amend the Amendment...

16.01 – “eight” to “at least three” geographical

ACTION: ADOPTED

MOTION TO AMEND: To Change...

16.01 – “eight” to “at least three” geographical areas...

MOTION: To Amend the Amendment...

16.01 - The area of Canada in which Member Congregations are located shall be divided into at least three geographic areas. Each Member Congregation shall belong to a region. The boundary of a region is established by the Board of Directors in consultation with member congregations in that geographical area.

ACTION: ADOPTED

MOTION TO AMEND: To Change...

16.01 - The area of Canada in which Member Congregations are located shall be divided into at least three geographic areas. Each Member Congregation shall belong to a region. The boundary of a region is established by the Board of Directors in consultation with member congregations in that geographical area.

ACTION: ADOPTED

MOTION TO AMEND: To Change...

11.02 - ...eight individuals, **three** of whom must be pastors and **five** of whom must be lay persons.

ACTION: ADOPTED

MOTION TO AMEND: To Change...

8.01 - ... each Member Congregation shall appoint **one individual, either a pastor or a layperson**, as its delegate to represent the Member Congregation at the Convention.

MOTION: TO TERMINATE DEBATE

ACTION: ADOPTED

ACTION: DEFEATED

MOTION: To limit the pending debate to two more speakers

ACTION: ADOPTED

MOTION TO AMEND: To Add...

10.04 - The president and vice president are required to abstain from voting on a resolution to suspend the power of either or both of them.

ACTION: DEFEATED

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: To Substitute Pending Resolution with Overture 1.16 (F16 and Following)

MOTION TO AMEND: To Add...

LINE 45 – that every congregation *or parish* and her called pastor...

MOTION: TO TERMINATE DEBATE ON AMENDMENT

ACTION: ADOPTED

ACTION: ADOPTED

MOTION: TO TERMINATE DEBATE ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION

ACTION: ADOPTED

ACTION: DEFEATED

MOTION: To Vote On Resolution 17.1.01 By Written Ballot

ACTION: ADOPTED

Nominations/Elections #2 – Resolution 17.1.01

The Convention Chaplain led the Convention in prayer.

Mathew Block shared some more announcements.

President Bugbee led the Convention in prayer for our supper meal.

The ballots were distributed.