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

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Dear President Bugbee and members of the Lutheran Church—Canada,

On behalf of the laity and pastors of the Lutheran Church of Australia, I extend to you warmest greetings for your 11th Convention under the theme 'Christ Alone, Christ Forever'.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

God give you much joy as you commemorate the Reformation and celebrate God's many blessings given to the Lutheran Church—Canada. We pray that God will continue to guide you in all wisdom, and richly bless His ministry and mission in Canada.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor John Henderson
Bishop
Lutheran Church of Australia



7 July, 2017

Saint Petersburg

Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee, President

Lutheran Church-Canada

Eglise Luthérienne du Canada

Dear Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee, Brother in Christ,

Many warm greetings from the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Russia! Thank you for the invitation to the Eleventh Convention of Lutheran Church-Canada in October. Unfortunately, at the time of the convention, that is 15-16 October, we will have the Synod of the Church of Ingria here in Russia. Because of the synodal meeting, I myself, the pastors and other workers of the Church of Ingria will be occupied, and that is why we will not be able to attend the convention.

We wish you the best of success and blessing of God for the meetings taking place during the convention!

Blessings in Christ,

Arri Kugappi,

Bishop

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**CHRIST ALONE, CHRIST FOREVER
CONVENTION MINUTES
Sunday, October 15, 2017**

SESSION 4

The session opened with a hymn.

Registration Committee gave a brief update: please let the committee know if you, as a delegate, are leaving early.

Opening worship offering: \$3036.10

Resolutions Committee #1 was called to the stage.

Results of Vote on Resolution 17.1.01

**For: 75 (77.3%)
Against: 22 (22.6%)**

Resolution 17.1.01 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 17.1.06 TO REPLACE THE CURRENT STATUTORY BYLAWS AND ALL AMENDMENTS SINCE ADOPTED IN 2002 WITH A CONSOLIDATED FORM OF STATUTORY BYLAWS
(Ref. Overture 1.23)

WHEREAS the Statutory Bylaws have undergone a number of amendments since they were adopted in 2002, including extensive amendments at this convention; and

WHEREAS it is desirable to replace the current Statutory Bylaws and all subsequent amendments with a single consolidated text; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Lutheran Church-Canada adopt, as a replacement to the current Statutory Bylaws and all subsequent amendments thereto, the form of the Statutory Bylaws submitted by the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure to this Convention.

FOR ACTUAL TEXT REFER TO AMENDED ATTACHMENT AS HANDED OUT

MOTION: TO REPLACE THE CURRENT STATUTORY BYLAWS AND ALL AMENDMENTS SINCE ADOPTED IN 2002 WITH A CONSOLIDATED FORM OF STATUTORY BYLAWS

MOTION TO AMEND: To Change 16.01 To Read...

16.01 – The area of Canada in which Member Congregations are located shall be divided into at least three geographic regions, the number and boundaries of which must be established by the Board. Each Member Congregation shall be assigned by the Board to a region. Before

changing the boundaries of a region the Board must consult with any congregation affected by the change.

ACTION: ADOPTED

ACTION: ADOPTED

Nominations/Elections Committee

The slate for Vice-president (Page D.3):

ABC – Rev, David Bode, Rev. Tom Kruesel, Rev. Roland Kubke, Rev. Lee Loveridge
Central – Rev. Ted Geise, Rev. Alex Klages, Rev. Dr. Harold Schoubye
East – Rev. Kurt Reinhardt

The amended slate was adopted.

Resolutions Committee #1 returned to the stage.

RESOLUTION 17.1.02 TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA (Ref. Overture 1.19)

WHEREAS the reasons for needed change to Lutheran Church-Canada's structure have already been cited in Overture 1.18 and changes to the Constitution will further the restructuring process; and

WHEREAS the Constitution of Lutheran Church-Canada is an ecclesiastical document and its title should reflect this; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Constitution of Lutheran Church-Canada be renamed the Synodical Constitution; and be it further

RESOLVED that Lutheran Church-Canada adopt the following changes to the Constitution of Lutheran Church-Canada. (additions in red and deletions in blue):

FOR ACTUAL TEXT CHANGES REFER TO WORKBOOK SUPPLEMENT – G.35

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA

Nominations/Elections Committee

The Convention Chaplain led the Convention in prayer before the ballots for Vice-president were distributed.

MOTION TO AMEND: Remove Article V.4.

ACTION: DEFEATED

Rev. Dr. Ralph Mayan, President Emeritus, brought greetings.

Nominations/Elections #3 – Vice-president

Results:	ABC	Rev. David Bode	–	13
		Rev. Tom Kruesel	–	29
		Rev. Roland Kubke	–	10
		Rev. Lee Loveridge	–	6
Central	Rev. Ted Geise	–	14	
	Rev. Alex Klages	–	6	
	Rev. Dr. Harold Schoubye	–	3	
East	Rev. Kurt Reinhardt	–	<u>12</u>	
Total Votes Cast				93

The four receiving the fewest votes are removed from the second ballot: Rev. Dr. Harold Schoubye, Rev. Alex Klages, Rev. Lee Loveridge, and Rev. Roland Kubke.

The second ballot for Vice-president was distributed.

MOTION: Postpone Definitely Consideration of Resolution 17.1.02 Until Committee #1 Returns

ACTION: ADOPTED

Rev. Dr. Albert Collver, LC-MS President Harrison's Assistant for Church Relations, brought greeting.

Resolutions Committee #2 was called to the stage.

RESOLUTION 17.2.08 TO DECLARE ALTAR AND PULPIT FELLOWSHIP WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION DIOCESE OF FINLAND
(Ref: Overture 2.09)

WHEREAS discussions have taken place between representatives of Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC) and the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland (ELMDF); and

WHEREAS these discussions have revealed a clear unity about the doctrine of the Gospel and 9 the right administration of the sacraments (AC VII); and

WHEREAS the LCC Commission on Theology and Church Relations has reviewed the minutes of these discussion and has concurred with this full agreement; and

WHEREAS the Commission on Theology and Church Relations views the benefits of fellowship to be a blessing from the Lord of the Church to both church bodies; Therefore be it

RESOLVED that Lutheran Church-Canada in convention declare Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland.

MOTION: TO DECLARE ALTAR AND PULPIT FELLOWSHIP WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION DIOCESE OF FINLAND

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 17.2.01 TO DIRECT THE SYNOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 11.2.03
(Ref. Overture 2.01)

WHEREAS The Synod in convention (2011) passed resolution 11.2.03; and

WHEREAS Resolution 11.2.03 reads ‘that the Board of Directors affirm the recommendations of the Vicarage Task Force, including the development and implementation of a synodical system of subsidizing vicarages whereby congregations, by a yearly assessment, contribute to a “Vicarage Placement Fund.”; and

WHEREAS such an assessment and fund would allow for more beneficial placement of vicars; and

WHEREAS the Board reported to the 2014 convention that ‘11.2.03 To Implement the Recommendations of the Vicarage Task Force Report required further work to develop a funding model’; Therefore be it

RESOLVED that Lutheran Church-Church in convention direct the Board of Directors to expedite the implementation of Resolution 11.2.03.

MOTION: TO DIRECT THE SYNOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 11.2.03

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 17.2.02 TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR MORE ORDAINED PASTORS
(Ref. Overture 2.02)

WHEREAS our Lord nourishes His people through Word and Sacrament Ministry; and

WHEREAS congregations are increasingly finding it more difficult to have a resident pastor serve them due to distance, shortage of pastors, inability to pay a full-time pastor, and so on; and

WHEREAS individual congregations may experience decline or stagnation without regular pastoral care; and

WHEREAS there are godly men who could serve as pastors in their respective congregation and who for various reasons (e.g. financial, family, lack of Bachelor degree, etc.) may not be able to enroll in the current seminary programs in Edmonton or St. Catharines; and

WHEREAS the Council 1 of Presidents is responsible for overseeing the Pastors with Alternate Training program; Therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Council of Presidents be encouraged to work with the seminaries to either further develop and expand who can enroll in the Pastors with Alternate Training program, or adopt a program like the Specific Ministry Program developed by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod that instructs and ordains men for a specific ministry context, or develop a broader distance education program; be it further

RESOLVED that congregations be encouraged to identify candidates to serve as pastors.

MOTION: TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR MORE ORDAINED PASTORS

MOTION TO AMEND: Remove from 1st Resolved - “or adopt a program like the Specific Ministry Program developed by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod that instructs and ordains men for a specific ministry context,”

ACTION: ADOPTED

ACTION: ADOPTED

Nominations/Elections #3 – Vice-president (2nd Ballot)

Results:	ABC	Rev. David Bode	–	16
		Rev. Tom Kruesel	–	44
	Central	Rev. Ted Geise	–	14
	East	Rev. Kurt Reinhardt	–	17
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	Total Votes Cast			91

Rev. Ted Geise’s name is removed from the next ballot which was distributed.

RESOLUTION 17.2.03 TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF A DIACONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

(Ref. Overture 2.03, Report 17, Report 18)

WHEREAS Lutheran Church-Canada in convention recognized the need “for a Church work program in addition to the pastoral and teacher Church work programs already in existence”. (Resolution 90:2.11 “*To Encourage Concordia College to Develop Church Work Program*”); and

WHEREAS The “Task Force to Study Diaconal Ministry” reported to the 1996 Lutheran Church-Canada Convention “*The time would appear to be ripe for this young church to introduce the office of the diaconate... the diaconate can also serve as an impetus to renewed commitment to the ministry of love and service that is so necessary in the current society. Reaching out in love to those around will undoubtedly sow seeds for evangelism, the telling of the good news, which, more than anything else, must be the task of the Christian church as she reaches out to the world at the turn of the millennium.*”; and

- WHEREAS Lutheran Church-Canada in convention adopted Resolution 99:2.01 “To Establish an Order of Diaconal Ministry” and directed that Concordia University College of Alberta provide a training program for this ministry, and
- WHEREAS The diaconate has faithfully served, strengthening and enriching the mission and ministry of our congregations and synod, and
- WHEREAS Concordia University College of Alberta (now Concordia University of Edmonton) no longer offers a program to train the diaconate, and
- WHEREAS Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, has indicated a willingness to offer a program for training the diaconate and has a tentative program in place;
- WHEREAS Our two seminaries are committed to working with one another, as expressed in the MOU; Therefore be it
- RESOLVED That the Council of Presidents coordinate plans with Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, and Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines to establish a diaconal training program, and be it further
- RESOLVED That the Council of Presidents work with the seminaries to recommend a funding plan for the diaconal training program.

MOTION: TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF A DIACONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: To Substitute Pending Resolution 17.2.03 with Overture 2.03 (F21)

MOTION: TO TERMINATE DEBATE ON BOTH THE PENDING AND SUBSTITUTE

ACTION: ADOPTED

ACTION: DEFEATED

ACTION: ADOPTED

Nominations/Elections #3 – Vice-president (3rd Ballot)

Results:	ABC	Rev. David Bode	–	13
		Rev. Tom Kruesel	–	57
	<u>East</u>	Rev. Kurt Reinhardt	–	<u>22</u>
	Total Votes Cast			92

Rev. Tom Kreusel is elected Vice-president of Lutheran Church-Canada.

Mathew Block shared some announcements.

The Convention sang Mathew “Happy Birthday.”

The Convention Chaplain led the Convention in prayer.

Lunch break.

SESSION 4 - Continued

The Convention Chaplain opened the session.

Bible Study – Rev. Esko Murto, professor of CLTS, led the Bible Study based on Romans 3:19-28.

SESSION 5

Resolutions Committee #3 was called forward.

RESOLUTION 17.03.02 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 3.03 (TO DEAL WITH THE UNFUNDED LIABILITIES IN THE LCC PENSION PLAN)
(Ref: Overture 3.03)

WHEREAS The Board of Directors of Lutheran Church-Canada, with the guidance of the Board of Managers and its Pension Plan Actuary, have already diligently studied the Defined Benefit (DB) Pension Plan funding deficit and taken significant actions to address it, such as

- Redesigning the LCC Pension Plan, which resulted in the majority of enrolled DB plan members' credited service being frozen as of December 31, 2012. These members were subsequently transitioned to a Defined Contribution Pension Plan for all future employment service effective January 1, 2013.
- The defined benefit pension plan was closed to all new hires effective January 1, 2012.
- Special going concern pension contributions have been made and will continue to be made into the DB plan to deal with the funding deficit. Approximately 62% of the pension contributions currently being collected from employers are going into the DB pension plan to address the deficit.
- Implementing de-risking strategies which includes the recent purchase of an annuity contract from a large insurance carrier which covers approximately 25% of the DB pension plan liabilities. And

WHEREAS The Board of Managers is already regularly providing updates on the funded status of the DB Pension Plan along with other relevant worker benefit plan information to both members and employers through the distribution of a comprehensive Annual Report; and

WHEREAS The Board of Managers is already planning extensive communications with congregations in 2018 which will include detailed information to Employers regarding their respective funding obligations to the DB pension plan. Therefore be it

RESOLVED that overture 3.03 is respectfully declined

MOTION: TO DECLINE OVERTURE 3.03 (TO DEAL WITH THE UNFUNDED LIABILITIES IN THE LCC PENSION PLAN)

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 17.03.05 TO CHANGE GUIDELINES FOR SYNODICAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEES

(Ref: Overture 3.04)

WHEREAS it has happened that the voice of some has not been heard at conventions because either their overtures never made it out of the floor committee or were significantly changed by the committee; and

WHEREAS The East District addressed this concern by putting in place guidelines 7.22.A and 7.22.B in their Regulations for its resolution committees; and

WHEREAS this was done in order to encourage grass roots participation and to give congregations the confidence that their voice will be heard; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Synod adopt the following wording and practice for Resolutions Committees of LCC:

1. In order to expedite the transaction of business, the President shall refer all overtures submitted, with the exception of those listed in Synodical Bylaw 2.19c to the convention to Resolutions Committees. The purpose of the Resolutions Committees is to organize the overtures received and present them as resolutions to the convention. It is not the purpose of the Resolutions Committees to change the intent of the overtures submitted. They can, however, combine overtures on a similar topic into one resolution. They can also recommend to decline an overture.
2. The Resolutions Committees shall not create or present resolutions that do not originate from properly submitted reports and overtures.

MOTION: TO CHANGE GUIDELINES FOR SYNODICAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEES

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 17.03.06 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 3.07 (TO COMMUNICATE ON CEF DETAILS and PROVIDE VERBAL DISCUSSION TIME)

(Ref. Overture 3.07)

WHEREAS all the relevant information on the proceedings for the ABC District CEF crisis are available on the website of the court-appointed monitor (http://www.insolvencies.deloitte.ca/en-ca/Pages/lutheran_church_canada_the_alberta_british_columbia_district_et_al.aspx); and

WHEREAS the ABC District is separately incorporated and Synod therefore does not have information beyond what is publicly available through the ABC District and the court-appointed monitor; and

WHEREAS the Court Appointed Monitor and the Chief Restructuring Officer would be the most appropriate entities to address a Question and Answer session; therefore be it

RESOLVED that Overture 3.07 is respectfully declined.

MOTION: TO DECLINE OVERTURE 3.07 (TO COMMUNICATE ON CEF DETAILS and PROVIDE VERBAL DISCUSSION TIME)

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: To Substitute Pending Resolution 17.03.06 with Overture 3.07 (F28)

No Second; substitute motion fails.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 17.03.09 TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR THE MISSION LEADERSHIP OF REV. DR. LEONARDO NEITZEL

WHEREAS Rev. Dr. Leonardo Neitzel has heeded the call of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20); and

WHEREAS our Lord worked in and through Rev. Dr. Neitzel to give exceptional leadership to Lutheran Church-Canada to fulfill her mandate to share the Gospel by expanding her presence in the mission fields around the world; and

WHEREAS Rev. Dr. Neitzel has tirelessly used his gifts for the spreading of God's kingdom through his service to Lutheran Church-Canada; and

WHEREAS Rev. Dr. Neitzel is retiring after serving as Mission Executive of Lutheran Church-Canada since 2009; therefore be it

RESOLVED the Lutheran Church-Canada give thanks to God for the rich blessings poured out upon this church body through the mission direction of Rev. Dr. Leonardo Neitzel as mission executive; and commend Rev. Dr. Neitzel to the Lord's continued blessing and direction.

MOTION: TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR THE MISSION LEADERSHIP OF REV. DR. LEONARDO NEITZEL

ACTION: ADOPTED

The Convention sang the Doxology.

RESOLUTION 17.03.09 TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF REV. DR. ROBERT BUGBEE

WHEREAS Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee is joyfully received as a gift bestowed by the exalted Lord on His church for her good (Eph. 4:8, 11); and

WHEREAS our Lord worked in and through Rev. Dr. Bugbee to give exceptional leadership to Lutheran Church-Canada as she has grown in her role in Canadian and worldwide Lutheranism; and

WHEREAS Rev. Dr. Bugbee has given unselfishly of his time and energy in fulfilling his duties; and

WHEREAS Rev. Dr. Bugbee is accepting a call to be pastor of First Lutheran Church, Windsor, ON after serving three terms as president of Lutheran Church-Canada; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the Lutheran Church-Canada give thanks to God for the rich blessings poured out upon this church body through the leadership of Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee as pastor and president, and commend Rev. Dr. Bugbee to the Lord's continued blessing and direction; and be it

RESOLVED that Rev. Dr. Bugbee be granted the title Past President; and be it finally

RESOLVED that at such time as Rev. Dr. Bugbee retires, he receive the official designation President Emeritus.

MOTION: TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF REV. DR. ROBERT BUGBEE

ACTION: ADOPTED

Resolutions Committee #3 is excused.

Rev. Milton Winston Tejada Huatuco, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church-Peru, brought greetings.

Resolutions Committee #1 was called to the stage.

RESOLUTION 17.1.02 TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA
(Ref. Overture 1.19)

WHEREAS the reasons for needed change to Lutheran Church-Canada's structure have already been cited in Overture 1.18 and changes to the Constitution will further the restructuring process; and

WHEREAS the Constitution of Lutheran Church-Canada is an ecclesiastical document and its title should reflect this; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Constitution of Lutheran Church-Canada be renamed the Synodical Constitution; and be it further

RESOLVED that Lutheran Church–Canada adopt the following changes to the Constitution of Lutheran Church-Canada. (additions in red and deletions in blue):

FOR ACTUAL TEXT CHANGES REFER TO WORKBOOK SUPPLEMENT – G.35

Rev. Bill Ney, Chairman of the CCMS, spoke regarding the CCMS' work.

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA

MOTION: TO TERMINATE DEBATE ON RESOLUTION 17.1.02

ACTION: ADOPTED

ACTION: ADOPTED by Standing Vote (92 For; 2 Against)

Mr. Arnold Drung, Chairman of the Board of Directors of LCC, shared the result of a Board motion that LCC be divided into three regions configured as such:

Region #1: British Columbia and Alberta

Region #2: Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Northwestern Ontario

Region #3: Balance of Ontario and the eastern Canadian Provinces

Mrs. Iris Barta, President of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Canada (LWMLC), brought greetings.

Resolutions Committee #2 Chair was called to the stage.

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) (Page 18)
(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."

MOTION: 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)

ACTION: ADOPTED by the Convention Standing to Sing "Called to Serve"

The Chair of the Convention recognized and gave thanks to the outgoing members of the Board of Directors: Rev. Nolan Astley, Rev. Rudy Pastucha, Rev. Mark L. Smith, Mr. Ronald Roller.

Nominations Committee was called to the stage.

The slate of the Board of Directors (under the new structure they will serve until January 15, 2018)

The following names were added from the floor: Mr. Don Paulus, Mr. John Cullen, Rev. Laverne Hautz.

Because of some confusion, the election of the Board of Directors was tabled.

Break.

SESSION 5 – Continued

President Elect, Rev. Timothy Teuscher, addressed the Convention.

The Nominations Committee was called to the stage and gave the updated slate.

Mrs. Lisa Jackson, Concordia Lutheran Mission Society, brought greetings.

Resolutions Committee #1 was called to the stage.

RESOLUTION 17.1.03 TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SYNODICAL BYLAWS OF LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA
(Ref. Overture 1.20)

WHEREAS the reasons for needed change to Lutheran Church-Canada's structure have already been cited in Overture 1.18 and changes to the Synodical Bylaws will further the restructuring process; therefore, be it

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

FOR ACTUAL TEXT CHANGES REFER TO WORKBOOK SUPPLEMENT – G.45

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SYNODICAL BYLAWS OF LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA

MOTION TO AMEND: To Add...

Bylaw 2.19 a. 1.1) “...the business of LCC between Conventions *and shall include all Memoranda of Understanding.*”

ACTION: DEFEATED

MOTION TO AMEND: To Add...

Bylaw 2.19 a.1.1) “...the business of LCC between Conventions *and shall include all Memoranda of Understanding adopted since the previous Convention.*”

ACTION: ADOPTED

Nominations/Elections #4 – Board of Directors

The Convention Chaplain led the Convention in prayer before the ballot was distributed.

The amended slate is as follows:

Lay People: Ivan Boles
John Cullen
Arnold Drung
Shannon Dul
Kirsten Guggenmos
Grace Henderson
Don Paulus
Cam Pelzer
Doug Petersen
Cindy Sholdice

Clergy: Rev. Warren Hamp
Rev. Laverne Hautz
Rev. Alex Klages
Rev. Johannes Nieminen
Rev. Kurt Reinhardt
Rev. Paul Schallhorn
Rev. Dr. Harold Schoubye

COMMON CONSENT: To Remove the Following Two Qualifications Wherever They Appear in the Synodical Bylaws

iii) experience in organizational management,

iv) basic understanding of financial management.”

ACTION: ADOPTED

MOTION TO AMEND: To Add...

Bylaw 2.55 “Individuals shall be elected at Convention *with one appointment by the President to the following...*”

ACTION: ADOPTED

The concern was raised about the lack of retired pastors being able to serve (i.e. Bylaw 2.521) as was our current practice

MOTION: Postpone Definitely Consideration of Resolution 17.1.03 Until Committee #1 Returns

ACTION: ADOPTED

Mr. Roberto José, Manager of Our LCC Mission in Nicaragua, and his wife, Maricela, brought greetings.

Rev. Torkild Masvie, President of the Lutheran Church of Norway, brought greetings.

Mathew Block brought further announcements.

The Convention Chaplain led the Convention in prayer.

MOTION: To Amend the Standing Rules to Waive the Reading of the Whereas Clauses Tomorrow

ACTION: ADOPTED

Nominations/Elections #4 – Board of Directors

Results:	Lay People:	Ivan Boles	-	32
		John Cullen	-	36
		Arnold Drung	-	67
		Shannon Dul	-	17
		Kirsten Guggenmos	-	37
		Grace Henderson	-	50
		Don Paulus	-	39
		Cam Pelzer	-	41
		Doug Petersen	-	30
		Cindy Sholdice	-	60
Clergy:	Rev. Warren Hamp	-	52	
	Rev. Laverne Hautz	-	38	
	Rev. Alex Klages	-	48	
	Rev. Johannes Nieminen	-	25	
	Rev. Kurt Reinhardt	-	49	
	Rev. Paul Schallhorn	-	40	

Rev. Dr. Harold Schoubye - 19

The following people are elected to the Board of Directors of LCC: Deacon Susan Eberhard, Arnold Drung, Grace Henderson, Cindy Sholdice, Rev. Warren Hamp, Rev. Alex Klages, Rev. Kurt Reinhardt.

Shannon Dul will be removed from the next ballot.

Session closed.