



# The Daily Nail

Lutheran Church-Canada Convention News

Sunday, October 15, 2017

## Agenda Sunday October 15

- 1:30 pm Bible Study**  
Grand Ballroom
- 2:15 pm Business Session 5**  
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- 3:45 pm Break**
- 4:00 pm Business Session 5**  
Continued
- 4:00 pm Exhibits & Bookstore**  
Close
- 6:00 pm Closing Prayer**
- 6:30 pm Dinner / Banquet**  
Kitchener 1, 2, 3, 4
- President's Meet and Greet**

## Monday, October 16

- 6:45 am Breakfast Buffet**  
Kitchener 1, 2, 3
- 8:15 am Bible Study**  
Grand Ballroom
- 9:00 am Business Session 6**
- 12:00 pm Adjournment**

## Sunday's Meditation

*"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."*

- Romans 3:23-24

## Lutheran Church-Canada Elects a New President



- Rev. Timothy Teuscher accepts his election as President of Lutheran Church-Canada.

On October 14, 2017 Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC) elected Rev. Timothy Teuscher as synodical president. The vote came during the second day of LCC's 2017 synodical convention being held in Kitchener, Ontario.

Rev. Teuscher currently serves as First Vice President of the East District of Lutheran Church-Canada (2012-current) and pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Stratford, Ontario (1996-current). He formerly served as Second Vice President of the East District (2000-2006), as well as on LCC's Commission on Theology and Church Relations (1993-1999). Prior to being called to Stratford, Rev. Teuscher served parishes in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and in Petawawa and Palmer Rapids, Ontario.

Rev. Teuscher was elected president on the second ballot, receiving 63 percent of the vote (60 votes). He defeats Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer, who received 35 votes. Rev. Ron Mohr was also nominated for the position of President, but was eliminated after the first ballot. Of the 97 votes cast in the first ballot, Rev. Ron Mohr received 28 votes, Dr. Schaeffer received 32, and Rev. Teuscher received 37.

President Elect Teuscher will address the convention during the afternoon of October 15.

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Rev. Teuscher succeeds Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee, who had announced in early 2017 that he would not be standing for reelection. Dr. Bugbee was elected President of Lutheran Church–Canada in 2008, and was acclaimed to second and third terms without opposition in 2011 and 2014. He has further served the International Lutheran Council as its Vice Chairman for several terms.

Dr. Bugbee is returning to fulltime parish ministry, having accepted a call to First Lutheran Church (Windsor, Ontario). He will continue to serve as LCC President until the incoming president is installed sometime in early 2018.



- Members of the Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber Orchestra perform Bach's Cantata 199. Matthew Jones conducts and Caroline Déry sings soprano.

## Reformation concert features works by Bach, Mendelssohn

On the evening of October 14, Grace Lutheran Church played host to a special Reformation concert, the third and final entry in a series of concerts entitled “Reformation Intersections.” The concert featured the Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber Orchestra (KWCO) with Matthew Jones conducting and Caroline Déry as soprano.

The concert began with a festival prelude on “A Mighty Fortress” by George Philip Telemann, followed by a congregational hymn of “A Mighty Fortress is our God” by Martin Luther. A performance of Johann Sebastian Bach’s Cantata 199 came next. After a brief intermission, the KWCO performed Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy’s Symphony No. 5: Reformation.

## Offerings top \$3,000

Offerings from the opening worship service of convention came in at just over \$3,000. In total, \$2,999.10 CAD was donated along with \$37.00 USD. The funds will go to support Lutheran Church–Canada’s international missions.

## Convention Discusses Restructuring

Restructuring was the focus of discussion during the second day (October 14, 2017) of Lutheran Church–Canada’s synodical convention.

Rev. William Ney, Chairman of the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure first presented on the process which led to the current restructuring proposal, which he noted the CCMS stood behind. Rev. Nolan Astley, LCC’s First Vice President, spoke on recent difficulties in the church over the past few years which have highlighted the need for a restructuring of the synodical family, especially as regards legal and corporate matters.

Delegates then held open discussion, with speakers coming to the microphones to ask questions of clarification, or speak in favour or against the proposal. The conversation continued again after lunch, with attention eventually turning to consideration of Resolution 17.1.01: “To Adopt the Proposed Changes to the Statutory Bylaws of Lutheran Church-Canada.”

Delegates voted to extend discussion the business session in order to continue discussing the matter. A vote on an amended version of Resolution 17.1.01 was held by ballot at the end of the day, with the results to be announced on Sunday, October 15.

## LCC President Gives Report

Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee gave his report on the second day of convention. In it, he explained his support for restructuring, stating “there must be a more prudent way of focusing both money and people resources on the essentials of the Lord’s work, as opposed to maintaining all these separate small corporate pieces of machinery.” He asked for consensus “so that congregations in the ratification phase will receive a clear signal from this Convention.”

He went on to express his “special esteem to the members of the CCMS for their clarity and courage under trying circumstances and a very formidable workload in recent months.” He also made mention of the members of the Board of Directors, who have “served faithfully in the past triennium under terribly demanding circumstances.”

Changing focus, the President called for prayers that God would provide and shape new pastors. “We need good, hard-working, Biblically-faithful and people-loving pastors,” he said.

President Bugbee concluded with a reflection on his tenure as LCC President which is now winding down. “I praise Him publicly today for the way He has sustained me in this presidential ministry, which has now entered its tenth year and which very soon will come to an end,” he said. “And I ask Him publicly today to bring something good of what I

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– President Robert Bugbee speaks to the convention

was able to do, to minimize whatever damage I may have caused, and to make me into as much of an encouragement to the church as our beloved church has been to me.”

## Business Completed

- Resolution 17.3.01 – To Decline Overture 3.06 (*Adopted*)
- 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 (*Adopted*)

## Giving thanks

This evening’s Convention Banquet at 6:30 p.m. will provide us the opportunity to express thanksgiving to God for the service of President Robert Bugbee who was first elected president at the 2008 convention in Winnipeg. A time of informal fellowship with delegates, guests, friends, and members of local LCC congregations will follow the meal.

## First Bible Study reflects on Psalm 46

Rev. Esko Murto opened the second day of Convention with an enlightening Bible study on Psalm 46. “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.” Rev. Murto taught that it is a great comfort for us that God Himself, and not another, is our support. Imagine, what you would do if earthly societies fell to the slow eroding sea of paganism? What if Lutheran Church–Canada were to crumble? Even then, God remains our refuge and strength. He is different than any other stronghold. Whereas we might be tempted to place our hope and security in worldly powers, the Psalmist invites us to put our trust in God alone. Neither mountains, nor fortresses, nor any defensible position is as sure as having God as our stronghold.

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## First Bible Study continued...

God’s incarnational presence is described as “a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.” Rev. Murto recalled that the Garden of Eden itself was nourished by a river which flowed into it. The river also flows through the city of God in Revelation 22, watering the Tree of Life within her.

All life finds its source in this river. This stream flows through us who have been baptized in Christ. Through the waters of Holy Baptism, we have been indissolubly joined to Christ who is our Life.

In Him, we have been given reason for great rejoicing! For our joy is “alien,” which is to say it comes to us from outside us. And it cannot be taken away. “Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, for the LORD of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.”

## Greetings to the Convention

The second day of Convention saw several guests bring greetings to the assembly. Rev. Dr. Hans-Jörg Voigt, Chairman of the International Lutheran Council (ILC) and Bishop of LCC’s partner church in Germany, the Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELK), was first to bring greetings. Rev. Dr. Curtis Leins, Presiding Pastor of The American Association of Lutheran Churches (a member church of the ILC), was likewise present and brought greetings.

First Lutheran Church–Canada President Rev. Dr. Edwin Lehman, after offering some entertaining comments regarding President Bugbee, encouraged delegates and the whole synod, to consecrate themselves to the Lord, as this is a spiritual exercise—an undertaking in God’s name for God’s glory.

Kurt Buchholtz (International Lutheran Laymen’s League) and Stephen Klinck (LLL Canada), brought greetings to the convention and treated everyone to cake celebrating their respective organizations’ 100th and 50th birthdays. The convention had earlier passed a resolution giving God thanks for the milestone anniversaries of both organizations.



– SELK Bishop Hans-Jörg Voigt

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## Time to Go

Check-out time for the hotel is 12:00 noon. You don't have to go to the front desk to check out if you haven't charged anything to your room. Call the front desk, tell them you are checking out and leave your card key in the room.

If you are scheduled to leave on the first bus to Toronto we encourage you to check out first thing in the morning and store your luggage in Viking A or with the hotel staff.

The message board near the Information Desk has departure information.

- If you are leaving today or early tomorrow you will meet your Airways Transit shuttle at the hotel front doors off the lobby.
- Two coaches to Toronto will leave tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Loading is from the second-floor lobby area to buses parked beside the hotel on Charles St.
- The bus for Waterloo/Kitchener airport will also leave from the Charles St. location at 5:45 p.m.
- If you are leaving on Tuesday, October 17 or later, Airways Transit will provide your transportation boarding from the hotel front door.

## Airline check-in

If you want to check-in for your flight and print your boarding pass use the Hotel Guest Business Office on the ground floor. Your room key gives you access.

## Luggage

If you need to store your luggage before departing, you can leave it in Viking A, where the bookstore was located and pick it up when you are ready to leave. Alternately, you can leave it with the hotel staff in the lobby.

## Expense vouchers

Drop off your completed and signed expense voucher at the convention Information Desk if you know all your expenses. You can also wait until you get home and mail it in. You don't need receipts for meal expenses as there is a set amount claimable, however you must include your receipt for your airfare.

## Convention memento

At your place this morning you have a copy of LCC's Reformation 500 anniversary book "Saints of the Reformation." Enjoy reading about those who laid the foundation of our Lutheran heritage.

## Gifts

We are grateful for the service of our Convention organist, Paul Walrath; Marilyn Jacobi who supported our worship by operating the PowerPoint slides; Rev. Michael Schutz who created the Matins service slides; and our chaplain, Pastor Ken Mahar, for creating the online PDF service bulletin.

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