

## MINUTES

13th Biennial MNO Synod Convention, April 22-25, 2010  
*Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod*  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada*

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,  
Winnipeg, MB

**THEME: In Mission for Others – LED BY GOD’S WORD**

Thursday, April 22, 2008

4:00- 6:00 p.m. Registration at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, MB

The convention was opened with a service of Holy Communion at 7:30p.m., followed by a reception honouring special anniversaries of ordination and welcoming new rostered ministers to the synod.

Presiding Minister and Preacher	Bishop Elaine Sauer
Assisting Minister	Rev. Lenise Francis
Acolyte/Crucifer	Saara Vuorela
Torch Bearers	Kristjana Werboweski Stephanie Schultz
Banner Bearer	Rev. Leslie Poulin
Book Bearer	Luke Filipowicz
Lectors	Ernie Dojack, Gary Horton
Ushers and gift bearers	Ralph Oswald, Jerry Buffie
Communion Assistants	Sharron Arksey, Alan Cann, Faye Goranson, Brenda Hardy, Ed Kraus, Kristina Lies, Ken Steinke Joe Stolee
Music Director	Duane Gaukel
Flutists	Krista Engel, Rev. Nancy Walker
Convention Choir	Convention Delegates and Area Congregants
Sacristans	Gerda Coull, Gerlinde Berglund

The offering of \$\_\_\_\_\_ was designated for *Financial Aid for Seminarians*.

Those celebrating special anniversaries of ordination:

60 years: Rev. Gordon P. Hendrickson  
50 years: Rev. Leon C. Gilbertson  
Rev. Ingthor Isfeld  
40 years: Rev. Donald J. Engel  
Rev. George Johnson  
Rev. Lanny D. Knutson  
Rev. Ronald J. Long  
Rev. Al Maier  
25 years: Rev. Lynn Granke

Those new to the MNO Synod:

Deacon Michele Barr, Rev. Barry Bence, Rev. Thomas Lee Berry, Rev. Jenn-Nian Chen,  
Rev. Bart Coleman, Rev. Catherine Giroux, Rev. Peter Lurvey, Rev. Terri-Ann  
Mattiasson, Rev. Sabine Milewski, Rev. Fran Schmidt, Deacon Kris Taylor  
Rev. Erwin Toppel, Rev. Diana Wilde (Anglican)

Friday, April 25, 2008

SITTING #1

Vice Chair of Synod Council, Mr. Brian Lorch chaired.

MSC MNO-13-10-01 that the Agenda be adopted.

Mr. Jett Isleifson was introduced and brought greetings on behalf of Gloria Dei  
Lutheran Church, host congregation.

Announcement of Convention Committees:

**Committee on Registration and Attendance**

Ms. Audrey Miller, Chairperson  
Rev. Ron Vert, Ms. Anne Kurbis

**Committee on Minutes**

Mr. Clyde Loeb, Chairperson  
Ms. Gerlinde Berglund, Mr. Jamie Hall,  
Ms. Claudie Eisbrenner, Mr. Don Williamson

**Committee of Reference and Counsel**

Rev. Matthew Diegel, Chairperson  
Ms. Debbie Schick, Mr. Ernest Bergbusch  
Ms. Brenda Hardy, Rev. Stacy Moroz

**Committee on Conduct of Elections**

Rev. Bruce Zinken, Chairperson  
Ms. Lori-Ann Kaminsky, Rev. Laurel Seyfert,  
Mr. Haakon Dagsvik, Ms. Terri Mollot

Rev. Don Engel was introduced as the Parliamentarian.

Rev. Norris Nordin was introduced as the chaplain.

Mr. Brian Lorch, chair gave a brief orientation to convention delegates.

**The first Report of the Committee on Registration and attendance:**

	Eligible	Registered
Rostered Ministers	89	66
Lay Delegates	86	62
Youth	14	3

Visitors \_\_\_\_\_

Quorum required: 66

Delegates in attendance:

**FIRST BALLOT FOR BISHOP**

The Report of the Committee on Nominations was presented by Rev. Michael Kurtz

Nominations for Synod Council:

Aurora Conference: Marilyn Grimeau

Cambrian Conference: Haakon Dagsvik, Laurie Pentney

Metro Conference: Robert Dojack, Jim Mair

Rostered at Large: Rev. Bart Coleman, Rev Matthew Diegel.

Board of Governors, Saskatoon Theological Seminary: Sandra Tymchyshyn

No nominations were forthcoming for the floor in any of the conferences or categories.

Nominations were declared closed.

Bishop Elaine Sauer assumed the chair and Mr. Brian Lorch, Vice-chair, presented the 2nd Reading of the constitutional amendments.

The following editorial changes were made:

Article IV , Section 2b, to read as follows: ordain, *receive*, consecrate, nurture, support and discipline *rostered* ministers

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**MSC MNO-13-10-02**      **that a division be made for Article XIII, Section 1 from the proposed constitutional changes.**

**MSC MNO-13-10-03**      **that the amendments to the constitution as presented on pages 7-16 of the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention, MNO Synod Bulletin of Reports be given 2<sup>nd</sup> reading approval (with the exception of Article XIII, Section 1 ,in accordance with MNO 13-10-02.)**

**MS MNO-13-10-04**      **that the second sentence in Article XIII, Section 1 shall be amended to read ``*The bishop shall serve full time in office.*``**

**MSC MNO 13-10-05**      **that the amendment to the constitution Article 13, Section 1, as presented on page 12 of the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention, MNO Synod Bulletin of Reports be given 2<sup>nd</sup> reading approval.**

Mr. Brian Lorch resumed the chair

A power point presentation highlighting the work of the Committee for Youth was presented.

Refreshment Break