



**MNO SYNOD
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
December 19, 2008
MNO Synod Office**

Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod

PARTICIPANTS:

Bishop:	Elaine Sauer
Vice Chair:	Brian Lorch
Secretary:	Carol Janke
Treasurer:	Allan Francis

1. Bishop Elaine opened our meeting with devotions and prayer.
 2. Minutes of November 21, 2008 were approved with one correction under Participants: "Guest": should be "Treasurer": Allan Francis.
 3. Addition of Lutheran Theological Seminary Appeal to agenda.
 4. (a) Report of the Bishop:
 - Terri-Ann Mattiasson has accepted the call to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Selkirk.
 - 9 visits to congregations regarding visioning and call processes.
 - 5 meetings for conflict assessment.
 - A staff retreat for 2008 evaluation and 2009 visioning.
 - (b) Report of the Secretary – no report
 - (c) Report of the Treasurer - We are still forecasting a large deficit but will be able to handle it with a strong December like last year.
- MSC EX-Dec-08-01 that we ask the Treasurer to investigate the Winnipeg Foundation and its possible management of the MNO Synod Foundation assets.**
5. (a) A bequest in the amount of \$179,705.85 has been received by the MNO Synod Foundation for Mission and Ministry Inc.
 - (b) Mission as Hope Appeal – Bishop Elaine shared the prepared materials for this appeal. The Synod Council will receive this material at the their meeting in January, 2009 and congregations will receive it in February, 2009.

- (c) Budget Development Process – We discussed some of the policy issues. Allan will develop a detailed proposed budget based on those guidelines.
- (d) Convention Site Selection – We will recommend Gloria Dei as the convention site for the 2010 convention.
- (e) Volunteer in Mission Position for Lutheran Urban Ministry as a contingency.

MSC EX-Dec-08-02 that we recommend that Synod Council approve up to \$5,000 to Lutheran Urban Ministry for the Volunteer in Mission position.

- (f) Report on Applications for MNO Synod Foundation for Mission & Ministry Inc. Grants – no applications on matching grants to date.
- (g) Synod Council Agenda Planning - Due to our financial resources we will not have committee chairs meeting with us in the January, 2009 Synod Council meeting. The Committee chairs will receive written reports from all other committees. Bishop Elaine and Brian will prepare a detailed agenda and time frame.
- (h) Lutheran Theological Seminary Appeal for Capital Campaign - LTS has asked for permission to mount a capital campaign in the synod. We are deferring this decision to the Synod Council meeting in January, 2009

Future Meetings:

Thursday, January 29, 2009	4:00 p.m.	place: TBA
Friday, March 13, 2009	1:30 p.m.	place: MNO Synod Office

Carol Janke, Secretary