



MNO SYNOD EXECUTIVE MINUTES

MNO Synod Office – December 18, 2007, 9:30 a.m.

Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod

PARTICIPANTS:

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| Bishop: | Elaine Sauer |
| Vice Chairperson: | Brian Lorch |
| Secretary: | Carol Janke |
| Treasurer: | Don Martin |

1. Bishop Elaine opened with devotions and prayer.
2. (a) Faith, Geraldton, Ontario sale has been completed.
(b) Interim Treasurer. The Executive will take responsibility for the Treasurer's tasks until convention. The search for an Interim Treasurer continues.
3. Reports:
 - (a) Zion, Thunder Bay, has voted to close.
 - (b) St. John's, Grahamdale: As per ELCIC guidelines, we no longer license people to do sacramental ministry where other options are available. Therefore, St. John's has been notified that their licensing will terminate on June 20, 2008.
 - (c) Bethesda, Kenora has called a half-time Anglican priest to serve them as of January 1st, 2008.
 - (d) Pastor Jack Frederick has notified Pinawa Lutheran that he will terminate his interim agreement with the congregation as of Easter, 2008.
 - (e) Brokenhead Area Conference Strategy meeting is to be held January 20, 2008 in order to address long term ministry needs. All councils have been invited to meet with Bishop Elaine and Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Larry Ulrich.
 - (f) St. John's, Snow Lake is engaged in a very intentional outreach program, preparing for the opening of the new mine in their community
 - (f) Treasurer's Report: If the December receipts are the same as last year we will end the year in a good position.

5. Items for Information / discussion:

- (a) 2008–2010 – Budget – We reviewed a draft budget that will be presented to the Synod Council meeting in January, 2008.
- (b) We reviewed and made appropriate changes to a draft agenda for the January council meeting to be held January 31 to February 2, 2008 at Abundant Life Lutheran Church.
- (c) Don Martin's letter of resignation as Synod Treasurer was received.

Actions Taken:

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| MSC | <i>Ex-Dec-07-01</i> | <i>that the November 16, 2007 Executive Minutes be adopted.</i> |
| MSC | <i>Ex-Dec-07-02</i> | <i>that the following be appointed as trustees for the closure of Zion Lutheran Church, Thunder Bay:</i> <i>Faye Cooke</i> <i>Craig Sandberg</i> <i>Lori Husiak</i> <i>Jean Nisbet</i> <i>Bishop Elaine Sauer</i> <i>Ernie Dojack</i> <i>Alternate: Ken Boegh</i> |
| MSC | <i>Ex-Dec-07-03</i> | <i>that Brokenhead Conference receive internship funding in the amount of \$3,000.00 to assist with the cost of one internship.</i> |

Next meetings of Synod Executive:

Thursday, January 31, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, February 20, 2008 – 9:30 a.m.
 Friday, March 14, 2008 – 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
 Carol Janke, Secretary