



Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod

MNO SYNOD
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
MNO Synod Office – March 30, 2007

PARTICIPANTS:

Bishop:	Elaine Sauer
Vice Chairperson:	Brian Lorch (by conference call)
Secretary:	Carol Janke
Treasurer:	Don Martin

1. Bishop Elaine opened with devotions and prayer.

2. Reports:

Bishop: All is well in the synod. Conflict intervention is happening in one parish.

Treasurer:

- Audit is going well and final statements will be available for review at our next meeting.
- Treasurer's Workshop was well attended with good information – workshops will continue to be held in alternate years.
- MNO Synod Foundation for Mission & Ministry Inc. Directors Meeting was held, with election of new director.

Secretary:

- Synod office will verify the list of churches who have not submitted an ELCIC parochial report in the past few years and then a letter will be sent encouraging them to comply.
- Roster Status Issues: Bishop Elaine will write an article in Crossword on the use of titles in the church, eg. Rev., Pastor, Commissary.

3. The Rev. Larry Ulrich will be appointed by Bishop Elaine as her commissary during her absences from the territory of the Synod. He will manage all duties other than financial issues, policy issues, and ordinations.

4. As a result of the audit, suggestions have been made as to administrative procedures. The Treasurer will follow through with these recommendations and provide the auditors with a written response.

5. Executive suggests that Synod Office form a focus group to evaluate Synod communication initiatives.

6. National-Synodical Officers Consultation: There was a suggestion that all synods create a Synod Executive, Synod Council, Synod Convention Motions Database. We will begin this work immediately.
7. Other items for information:
- (a) In response to a request from CTEL to allow them to relinquish their responsibility of establishing compensation guidelines, we are investigating a “Rostered Ministers’ Compensation Guidelines Advisory Board” to take over this task. The board will be responsible to Synod Council.
 - (b) Fees charged by congregations for weddings, funerals, etc.: It was brought to our attention that according to CRA guidelines, the fee schedule must be the same for members and non-members. Bishop will include this information in Crossword.
 - (c) Congregational Offering Counters: Congregations should be encouraged to check their insurance policy to see if two members of one family can be members of the same counting team. Bishop Elaine will include this information in Crossword.
 - (d) Executive has not yet determined a name for the new MNO Synod appeal which will replace the appeals: Synod Campus Chaplain and Youth Ministry Facilitator, Focus on Mission and Second Mile Giving.
8. Appointments:
- (a) Bishop Elaine will seek an appointee to CTEL and ask for approval from the Executive.
 - (b) Bishop Elaine will contact the Chairperson of Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council with an appointment to the MIC Board.
9. Next meeting dates:
- May 4: 9:30 a.m.
June 8: 9:30 a.m.
10. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Actions Taken

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| MSC | <i>Ex-Mar-07-01</i> | <i>that the February 16, 2007 Executive Minutes be adopted.</i> |
| MSC | <i>Ex-Mar-07-02</i> | <i>that the Synod Executive approve the Lutheran Urban Ministry Constitution in principle, pending receipt of final edits to be submitted for approval to the Synod Executive.</i> |

- MSC** **Ex-Mar-07-03** **that the “Adhoc Committee on Bishop’s Dinner” will be renamed “Adhoc Committee for a Synod Capital Campaign”.**
- MSC** **Ex-Mar-07-04** **that the Rev. Bob Jacob be appointed to the Lutheran Urban Ministry Board.**
- MSC** **Ex-Mar-07-05** **that Mr. James Fiebelkorn be appointed to the Foundation Grant Disbursement Committee”.**

Respectfully submitted
Carol Janke, Secretary