



**MNO SYNOD  
EXECUTIVE MINUTES**  
MNO Synod Office – September 21, 2007

Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod

**PARTICIPANTS:**

<b>Bishop:</b>	Elaine Sauer
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Brian Lorch
<b>Secretary:</b>	Carol Janke
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Don Martin

1. Bishop Elaine opened with devotions and prayer.
2. Review of August Council minutes, re: Business
  - (a) In accordance with Synod Council motion SC 67-07-08 the conferences will proceed with discussions on same gender blessing.
  - (b) In accordance with Synod Council motion SC 67-07-15 all MNO Synod Foundation grants have been dispersed.
  - (c) In accordance with Synod Council motion SC 67-07-17 the monies are being dispersed to LUM.
  - (d) Synod office location: We have signed a 5 year lease and ASH Management has given us an allowance for improvements equal to 3 months rent.
  - (e) The next meeting of Synod Council will be held Thursday, January 31 to Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, at Abundant Life Lutheran Church in East St. Paul.
2. (a) Bishop's Report: Bishop Elaine submitted the report given to the Rostered Ministers and Professional Leaders Study Conference, which is attached.
  - (b) Treasurer's Report: We are approximately \$4,000.00 behind last year in benevolence.
3. (a) ELCIC Policy for the Protection of Children, Youth and Other Vulnerable People: On Tuesday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. a representative from Ecclesiastic Insurance will lead an event at St. Mark's Lutheran Church to answer questions on the implementation of this policy from an insurer's perspective, and to report what claims they are seeing from across Canada.
  - (b) Search for Interim Treasurer: Bishop Elaine will be contacting potential candidates to fill this position according to the guidelines in the synod by-laws.

- (c) Budget Development Process: Budget requests will be sent out in the next few weeks to synod committees.
- (d) C-TEL: This committee has asked not to be responsible for defining the clergy salary guidelines.

**Actions Taken:**

- MSC**      **Ex-Sept-07-01**      ***that the August 10, 2007 Executive Minutes be adopted.***
- MSC**      **Ex-Sept-07-02**      ***that an ad hoc committee of Synod Council be formed to prepare the clergy salary guidelines for the year 2009-2010 and then report these guidelines to the January, 2008 synod council meeting. Bishop Elaine to contact prospective committee members.***
- MSC**      **Ex-Sept-07-03**      ***that an in accordance with Synod Council Motion SC 67-07-10, we appoint Jennifer Jantz and Gerlinde Berglund to the MNO Synod Nominating Committee***

Respectfully submitted

Carol Janke, Secretary