



MNO SYNOD
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
September 15th, 2009- 1:30 pm
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. The agenda was approved.**
- 3. Minutes of the May 8th, 2009 meeting were approved.**
- 4. Reports**

Bishop: Report included the categories Congregational and Rostered Leaders Changes and Updates, Missional Directives, Staff, and Personal and Professional.

Secretary: The following roster changes are noted:

Barry Bence from ELCA to retired (07/31/09)

Barton Coleman from ELCA to Zion, Beausejour (07/01/09)

Robert Grewe from NORD to Synod of Alberta & the Territories (06/28/09)

George Johnson from Redeemer, Whitemouth to Retired (06/30/09)

Lanny Knutson from Gloria Dei, Winnipeg to Retired (07/31/09)

David Lowe from Our Saviour's Winnipeg to Disabled (05/12/09)
from Disabled to TWC (08/02/09)

Peter Lurvey from Synod of Alberta & the Territories to Christ, Winnipeg (08/01/09)

Clifton Monk from Retired to Deceased (07/18/09)

Kris Taylor from Newly Consecrated to Faith, Winnipeg (06/14/09)

Nancy Walker from On Leave from Call 2nd Year to Our Saviour's, Winnipeg (04/27/09) from Our Saviour's, Winnipeg to TWC (06/12/09)

Bruce Zinken from Northeast Interlake Parish to TWC (07/01/09)

The following churches have sent constitutional changes for approval by Synod Council at their next meeting: Pinawa Lutheran Church, Pinawa; St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brunkild; Evangelical Lutheran Church, Selkirk.

Treasurer: Allan Francis gave an update on synod financial matters and presented the newly designed financial statements

5. In Camera Session

6. Policy Matters

6.1 Student aid: Allan Francis gave a report regarding aspects of our student aid policy. He is continuing to work on a draft of a new policy to be presented to Synod Council in November.

6.2 Bequests: Brian Lorch presented a draft policy on bequests. A revised version reflecting discussion by the executive will be presented to Synod Council in November.

6.3 Email Communications: Brian Lorch will draft a policy on email communications.

6.4 By-Law Amendments: A major revision of the by-laws is to be presented to Synod Council in November. The issue of whether diaconal ministers could serve as Dean of a conference has not yet been resolved. Bishop Elaine will get some feedback from the Conference of Deans.

Brian Lorch will correspond with Bishop Cindy Halmarson on the bylaw regarding the Examining Committee.

6.5 Commercial Promotions by Clergy: Synod Staff will investigate if policies in this regard are available in other synods or denominations and bring a response to the Nov. executive meeting

7. Items for Discussion/Decision

7.1 Appointments:

Vacancy on Church and Society: Bishop Elaine excused herself. We appointed Erin Dojack for a term to expire in 2012. Bishop Elaine returned to the meeting.

Vacancy on Synod Council: At least one name will be brought forward to the November Synod Council meeting and nominations will then be open.

Vacancy on Foundation Board: deferred to March Annual meeting of the Foundation Board.

Synod Ecumenical Officer: deferred

7.2 Synod Web Site: Rick Scherger is in the process of redesigning the site. It will be available in January 2009.

7.3 NCC Task Force on Restructuring: Allan Francis gave an update on the timeline related to this. More information to be shared at Synod Council

7.4 Synod Convention 2010: We discussed arrangements for the April 2010 Convention – “In Mission for Others: A People Led by God’s Word.”

7.5 Report from Foundation Grants Committee: Three applications are being recommended to Synod Council by email and the remainder will be dealt with at the November Synod Council meeting.

7.6 Luther Village Capital Campaign: The new time frame requested by Luther Village is not available due to pre-existing fund raising initiatives.

Brian Lorch will advise them that we will recommend that Synod Council approve a window of May 1st to October 31st, 2010

7.7 Other Business:

MSC EX-September-09-01 that we approve a reduced registration fee of \$140. regarding the Professional Leader's Study Conference for three rostered leaders serving non-parish calls or Temporarily Without Call.

8. Date for our next meeting: October 29th, 2009 at 1:30 pm at the Synod Office.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:50

Carol Janke, Secretary