



**MNO SYNOD
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
February 4th, 2010 - 7 pm
MNO Synod Office**

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

1. **Bishop Elaine opened our meeting with prayer.**
2. **The agenda was approved.**
3. **Minutes of January 14th, 2010 were approved.**

4. Reports

4.1 Bishop:

- The *Mission as Hope* material is ready and will be sent to the synod council visitors.
- A draft job description for the Campus Ministry position is being developed.
- The Western Examining Committee will examine four MNO Synod candidates – 2 ordained and 2 diaconal on February 25-26th, 2010.
- An update was given on all congregational call processes and situations.
- A successful Agassiz Conference Area Strategy meeting was held. Further work will be done on March 1st, 2010.

4.2 Secretary: The following roster change was noted:

Sister Monica Denk from TWC to Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

4.3 Treasurer: We have the unaudited statements and it is noted that the \$29,000. Column B benevolence amount was given to the National Church. *Mission as Hope* is very strong. Although benevolence giving is down, overall giving is actually up.

5. Planning for March Council Meeting:

- 5.1 We reviewed the agenda and made appropriate adjustments.
- 5.2 Our topic for visioning will be: Rural Ministry Reflections.

6. Other Items for Decision/Discussion

6.1 Appointments:

- 6.1.1 Synod Ecumenical Officer: The Bishop is still working on this.
- 6.1.2 Luther Village Board:

MSC EX February 10 01 that Ralph Feniuk, Tim Wintoniw, and Sonja Reisdorf be appointed to the Luther Village Board for 3 year terms ending 2013.

MSC EX February 10 02 that Rebecca Schultz be appointed to Christian Education to complete the term of Elaine Dehn, ending in 2012.

7. Policy Review: Allan is continuing to work on a staff salary policy. Brian is continuing work on the Foundation grant application process.

8. Next Meeting: March 18th at 4:30 pm.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Carol Janke, Secretary