



Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod

## MNO SYNOD EXECUTIVE MINUTES

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
MNO Synod Office

<b>PARTICIPANTS:</b>	<b>Bishop:</b>	Elaine Sauer
	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Brian Lorch
	<b>Secretary:</b>	Carol Janke
	<b>Treasurer:</b>	Allan Francis

1. Bishop Elaine opened our meeting with devotions and prayer.
2. Minutes of the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting were approved.
3. Reports

**Bishop:** Reported on calls, call processes, and meetings attended in the synod. There was discussion regarding diaconal ministry and the following recommendations were made:

“It is recommended that CTEL consider that all candidates for rostered ministry experience the majority of their formal training away from home congregations. This is to ensure they get a greater understanding of their call to the wider church.”

“It is recommended there be an education component at our next Synod Council meeting regarding candidacy and call processes.”

**Secretary:** The following roster changes are noted:

Trudy Thorarinson from Northeast Interlake Parish to Grace St. John's, Carman  
(May 15/09)  
Jaycen Snider from Gimli, Gimli to Temporarily On Leave from Call,  
(Apr 12/09)  
Nancy Walker from On Leave from Call 2<sup>nd</sup> Year to Our Saviour's, Winnipeg  
(TBA)

**Treasurer:** Allan Francis presented the Treasurer's report and informed us of his intention to put the Annual Financial Statement and the 2009 Budget on the MNO Synod website.

#### 4. Policy Matters

**Student Aid:** Allan Francis will review the Student Aid policy and bring a recommendation to the November Synod Council meeting.

**Bishop's Travel Policy:** Synod Executive reviewed a draft policy to be presented at the November Synod Council meeting.

**Bequests:** Brian Lorch will prepare a bequest policy for the next Synod Executive meeting.

**By-Law Amendments:** Brian Lorch gave a report on behalf of the Ad-hoc Committee on by-law amendments. A final report will be brought to the November Synod Council meeting.

#### 5. Items for Discussion/Decision

Approval of Calls:

**MSC EX-May-09-01 that MNO Synod Executive on behalf of MNO Synod Council approves Kris Taylor for consecration subject to successful completion of colloquy examination, and receipt and acceptance of a call.**

**Synod Website:** Synod staff has reviewed our current webpages and are looking for ways to improve and refine this site. Committee chairs and Synod Council members are encouraged to give feedback to staff regarding this.

**National Church Council – Structural Renewal Taskforce:** National Bishop Susan Johnson is in the process of forming a task force for this work.

**Next Meeting Date:** September 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am at the Synod Office.

Carol Janke, Secretary