

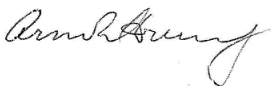
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**OVERTURE 1.01**

**TO AMEND STATUTORY BYLAW 9.01 OF THE 2017 HANDBOOK  
OF LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA**

- WHEREAS the wisdom or even the possibility of holding an in-person Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada, scheduled for June of 2021, is in jeopardy and questionable as a result of continued uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS the purpose of holding a Convention is not simply for conducting business – elections to various offices and positions, making amendments to the Handbook, taking action on overtures and reports, etc. – but also an opportunity to physically gather together as contemplated in Synodical Bylaw 2.01: *“The Convention shall afford an opportunity for worship, nurture, inspiration, fellowship, and the communication of vital information”*; and
- WHEREAS changing the June 2021 Convention from an in-person to a virtual or online Convention would result in pastor and lay delegates being unable to physically gather together for a period of eight years; and
- WHEREAS the Board of Directors has, through an overwhelming majority, voted in favour of postponing the June 2021 Convention for one year with terms of office of all elected or appointed positions being automatically extended until then in accordance with provisions of Statutory Bylaw 10.03 and Synodical Bylaw 2.61; and
- WHEREAS postponing the June 2021 Convention to 2022 requires a change to Statutory Bylaw 9.01 of the 2017 Handbook of LCC; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that Statutory Bylaw 9.01, as it currently reads: *“A Convention shall be held every four years at a time and place determined by the Board”* be amended to read: *“A Convention shall be held every four years at a time and place determined by the Board. The Convention may, however, be postponed due to extraordinary events (acts of God, war, terrorism, government regulations, disaster, strikes, civil disorder, pandemic, etc.). In such a case, the Convention is to be held as soon as feasibly possible.”*

Board of Directors, Lutheran Church–Canada



Arnold Drung, Chairman



Grace Henderson, Secretary