

2020 SPECIAL CONVENTION

Action Plan E

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1 **RESOLUTION 20.1.01 (September 10, 2020)**

2 Cf. Overture 1.01, submitted by the Board of Directors

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

5 **WHEREAS** the uncertainties and restrictions resulting from the present COVID19 pandemic
6 bring into question the wisdom or even the possibility of holding an in-person
7 Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada, scheduled for June of 2021; and

8 **WHEREAS** the purpose of holding a Convention is not simply for conducting the business of
9 the church: the elections to various offices and positions, making amendments to
10 the Handbook, taking action on overtures and reports, and so on, but is also an
11 important opportunity to physically gather together as contemplated in Synodical
12 Bylaw 2.01: “The Convention shall afford an opportunity for worship, nurture,
13 inspiration, fellowship, and the communication of vital information”; and

14 **WHEREAS** changing the June 2021 Convention from an in-person to a virtual or online
15 Convention would result in pastor and lay delegates being unable to physically
16 gather together for a period of eight years; and

17 **WHEREAS** postponing the June 2021 Convention to 2022 requires a change to Statutory
18 Bylaw 9.01 of the 2017 Handbook of LCC; therefore be it

19 **RESOLVED** that Statutory Bylaw 9.01, as it currently reads: “*A Convention shall be held every*
20 *four years at a time and place determined by the Board*” be amended to read: “***A***
21 ***Convention shall be held every four years at a time and place determined***
22 ***by the Board. The Convention may, however, be postponed due to***
23 ***extraordinary events (acts of God, war, terrorism, government regulations,***
24 ***disaster, strikes, civil disorder, pandemic, etc.). In such a case, the***
25 ***Convention is to be held as soon as feasibly possible.***”

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1 **RESOLUTION 20.1.02 (September 10, 2020)**

2 Cf. Overture 1.01, submitted by the Board of Directors

3 **TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF ELECTED OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS,**
4 **AND COMMITTEES**

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6 WHEREAS the Board of Directors has, through an overwhelming majority, voted in favour of
7 postponing the June 2021 Convention and has recommended extending the term
8 of office for all those serving elected offices or appointed positions for one year,
9 until the regular convention of the Synod can be held; and

10 WHEREAS it is important for the mission and ministry of the church that the synod continue
11 to have the benefit and blessing of those leaders who have been elected to
12 serve; and

13 WHEREAS there are legal requirements under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act
14 regarding the election of the *directors* of the corporation; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED that the Synod, in the Special Convention, reelect the Board of Directors for the
16 next year, with the term to end after the next regular convention of the Synod;
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED that the term of office of all other elected or appointed positions being
19 automatically extended until the next regular convention, in accordance with
20 provisions of Statutory Bylaw 10.03 and Synodical Bylaw 2.61; and be it finally

21 RESOLVED that any office holder who is unable to fulfill this extended term be thanked for
22 their service, and that the offices and positions be filled by the Board of Directors
23 for this vacancy period.

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1 **Delegate Changes**

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3 Rev. Jonathan Kraemer, Voting Delegate Pastor, Edmonton Circuit replaced by,
4 Rev. Sye VanMannen, Alternate Voting Delegate Pastor, Edmonton Circuit

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6 Add Brent Hennig as Voting Delegate Lay Stony Plain Circuit

7 Add Paul Laslop as Voting Delegate Lay Stony Plain Circuit

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9 Jurgen Kaut, Voting Delegate Lay Peace River Circuit replaced by,
10 John Bartlett, Alternate Delegate Lay, Peace River Circuit