



LUTHERAN CHURCH—CANADA

First Special Convention

October 17, 2020

CONVENTION WORKBOOK



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Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Registration Committee Report
4. Adoption of Special Standing Rules
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Opening Remarks (Arnold Drung, Chairman, LCC BOD)
7. Opening Remarks (Rev. William Ney, Chairman, CCMS)
6. Resolutions Committee #1 (Rev. David Bode, Chairman)
7. Adjournment
8. Closing Prayer

Special Standing Rules (proposed)

1. A delegate wishing to address the convention should electronically enter the appropriate queue, and, when recognized by the chair, state his or her name. The delegate shall also state the name of the circuit and region or administrative unit (e.g. board, commission, committee) he or she represents.
2. A three-minute limitation shall be applied to all who speak 'from the floor'.
3. Business of the special convention shall be limited to that which arises from the overture submitted by the Board of Directors and shall come before the convention for a decision only through the appropriate resolutions committee (Synodical Bylaw 2.19 f).
4. The whereas sections shall be considered an integral part of a resolution and any action pertaining to the resolution applies to all its parts.
5. If substitute motions are offered, they shall be handled according to Robert's Rules of Order.
6. Unless covered by these Standing Rules of the convention; parliamentary procedures shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, latest edition.

A Primer of Parliamentary Procedure**A. Purpose of Parliamentary Law and Procedure**

The purpose of parliamentary procedure is to carry out the aims of the assembly in an orderly and fair manner, to expedite business, to insure justice and fairness to all, both the majority and the minority. It is not the purpose of parliamentary procedure to make the conduct of business in an assembly difficult, or to entangle an assembly in technicalities, or to provide a channel for individuals to flaunt their parliamentary knowledge.

B. Basic Steps of Parliamentary Procedure

The chairman and members of the assembly should be acquainted with and observe eight basic, essential parliamentary steps to take care of convention business in an orderly and fair manner.

They are:

Members:

1. Address the Chair, "Mr. Chairman" (or "Mr. President".)
2. Await recognition by the Chair.
3. Make the motion, "I move that...."
4. Second the motion. (Unless not required.)

Chair:

5. States the motion. (Or rules it out of order.)
6. Calls for discussion. (Unless motion is undebatable.)
"Is there any discussion?" or "Are there any remarks?" Ample opportunity must always be given for expression of opinion and discussion.
7. Takes the vote. (Or "Puts the question.")
A 2/3 majority vote is required to adopt changes to Statutory Bylaws according to Statutory Bylaw 20.01.
8. States the results.
The motion is carried, or, the motion is lost.
The vote does not go into effect until the results are announced.

Basic Parliamentary Principles for Synod Convention

1. All voting delegates have equal rights, privileges, and obligations.
2. The will of a Synod convention is determined by the taking of a vote.
4. Free discussion of the resolution presented for decision is an established right for all delegates, voting and advisory. The convention has the right to decide when it has heard sufficient discussion. This right, however, should be exercised with restraint.
5. Both proponents and opponents of a given proposal have rights which must be safeguarded. The decision belongs to the majority, but the right to discuss, the right to be heard, and the right to oppose should be upheld.
6. The simplest and most direct parliamentary procedure for accomplishing a purpose would be followed rather than taking devious routes, multiplying technicalities.

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William R.A.Ney; Rev. Paul Schallhorn; *Staff:*
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Convention Delegates

West

Clergy

Abresch	Ron	Kootenay
Bode	David	Calgary
Boehm	Curtis	Edmonton
		Fraser Valley (Greater
		Vancouver
Chiang	Mark	Calgary
Dressler	David	Peace River
Eifert	Ken	Fraser Valley (Greater
		Vancouver
Hautz	Laverne	Stony Plain
Hoveland	Keith	Wetaskiwin
Howard	Russell	Lethbridge
Kahle	Andy	Edmonton
Kraemer	Jonathan	Stony Plain
Kubke	Roland	Elk Island
Moore	Vincent	Cariboo
Reddemann	Lorne	Vancouver (Greater
		Vancouver)
Rink	Fred	Vancouver Island
Roggow	Paul	Wetaskiwin
Schultz	Mark	
Schutz	Michael	Okanagan
Tufts	Craig	Okanagan

Lay

Eidick	Bruce	Edmonton
Faulkner	Ron	Elk Island
Felstead	Robert	Calgary
Friesen	Clifford	Wetaskiwin
		Fraser Valley (Greater
		Vancouver)
Gafka	Robert	Cariboo
Haeussler	Gail	Okanagan
Hardy	Audrey	Okanagan
Jarvis	Fred	Peace River
Kaut	Jurgen	Edmonton
Mitchell	David	Vancouver Island
Nystrom	Roland	Lethbridge
Rodgers	Tyler	Vancouver (Greater
		Vancouver)
Schellenberg	Allen	Fraser Valley (Greater
		Vancouver)
Schroenroth	Kevin	Wetaskiwin
Schulze	Stan	Kootenay
Smith	Marvin	Calgary
Walter	Larry	Stony Plain
TBD		Stony Plain
TBD		Stony Plain

Advisory

Chambers	Steve	Clergy Advisory
Winstanley	Miriam	Diaconate Advisory

Central

Clergy

Anderson	Gerald	Qu'Appelle
Chimirri-Russel	James	Wascana
Falkenholt	Brian	Ontario
Giese	Ted	Wascana
Guggenmos	Todd	Assiniboine
Keith	Murray	Saskatoon
Klages	Alex	Portage
Kleemola	Randy	Southland
Quast	Jacob	Ontario
Schnarr	Cam	Red River
Schoubye	Harald	Red River
Wood	Barry	Assiniboine
TBD		Northland

Lay

Buchholz	Shaunna	Red River
Haas	Todd	Assiniboine
Heinemann	Walter	Wascana
Hostland	Terry	Ontario
Kangas	Eldon	Ontario
Kendel	Dennis	Saskatoon
Marfleet	Jeff	Assiniboine
Raedecke	Mike	Wascana
Rocheleau	Merv	Northland
Turner	Eileen	Portage
Wall	Jordan	Red River
TBD		Qu'Appelle
TBD		Southland

Advisory

Hastings	Amanda	Diaconate Advisory
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East**Clergy**

Choi	Sam	Toronto
Christoforidis	Vasilios	Toronto
Clifford	Robert	Hanover
King	Bryan	Ottawa
Koehler	Mark	Hamilton
Korsch	Robin	Kitchener
Kraemer	Will	Stratford
Kuhl	Joel	Kitchener
Meleg	Michael	Hamilton
Ritter	Larry	Niagara
Schieman	Donald A.	London
Schneider	Timothy	Windsor
Schroth	Andy	Kitchener
Smilek	David	Ottawa
Stefanik	Darryl	Niagara
Trembulak III	John	Stratford
Voege	Kenneth	London

Lay

Famme	Howard	Stratford
Fooks	Barb	Kitchener
Hogg	John	Hanover
Keller	Roger	London
Keller	Earl	Stratford
Krestick	James	Windsor
Oberholzer	John	Kitchener
Putzman	Dan	Niagara
Schweyer	Mark	Hamilton
Straby	Bill	Ottawa
Tiegs	Reginald	Toronto
Von Zuben	Edward	Toronto
Wilson	Robert	London
Witzke	Karl	Kitchener
Wolfe	Don	Niagara
TBD		Hamilton
TBD		Ottawa

Advisory

Schallhorn	Rosalie	Diaconate Advisory
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CLS Edmonton AB

Rev. Dr. James Gimbel

CLTS St. Catharines ON

Rev. Dr. Thomas Winger

Special Convention Appointments

Convention Chaplain

Rev. Thomas Kruesel, Vice-President, Lutheran Church—Canada

Convention Parliamentarian

John Robins Sr.

Registration Committee

Grace Henderson, Secretary, BOD (chair)

Synod Office Staff

Resolutions Committee 1

Rev. David Bode (chair), Calgary Circuit, West Region

Rev. Barry Wood, Assiniboine Circuit, Central Region

Merv Rocheleau, Northland Circuit, Central Region

Rev. Don Schieman, London Circuit, East Region

Reg Tiegs, Toronto Circuit, East Region

Convention Manager

Dr. Ian Adnams, Consultant

Iris Barta, LCC Office Manager

Committee for Communication & Technology

Grace Henderson (BOD), Lisa Jackson, Stephen Klink,

Rev. Michael Schutz (Chair), Alex Steinke (Staff),

Rev. Cameron Schnarr (Technical Support for Convention)

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

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



Grace Henderson, Secretary

Rulings of the Commission on Constitution Matters and Structure

CCMS Meeting - June 20, 2020

Moved and seconded that it is possible to conduct a 2021 Convention electronically according to CCMS interpretation of LCC Bylaws. The motion was carried.

CCMS Meeting - July 9, 2020

In discussions the CCMS indicated in order to hold a LCC convention in 2022, a special convention would need to be held for the purpose of changing Statutory bylaw 9.01.

CCMS Meeting - July 9, 2020

Moved and seconded that the Special Convention voting delegates will consist of delegates who attended the 2017 LCC Convention who are still in force at this time and if such a delegate cannot represent the circuit, the circuit alternate delegate to the 2017 LCC Convention will be the replacement; where both are unavailable the circuit will choose a new replacement. The motion was carried.

CCMS Meeting - July 9, 2020

Moved and seconded that the Special Convention Advisory delegates will consist of Pastoral and Diaconal delegates who attended the 2017 LCC Convention. The motion was carried.

CCMS Meeting - July 9, 2020

The CCMS ruled that Term limits of elected and appointed positions that would end in 2021 can be extended until that individual's successor takes office as per Statutory bylaw 10.01a and Synodical bylaw 2.61b.

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WHO?

1. Circuit Delegates to the 2017 LCC Convention are the delegates to this Special Convention, as per the interpretation by the Commission on Constitution Matters and Structure (CCMS) of Statutory Bylaw 9.13 in the 2017 Handbook of Lutheran Church—Canada: “Those eligible to attend and vote at a Special Convention shall be those delegates in office at the time of the preceding Convention except those delegates who have been disqualified by termination of membership in the Member Congregation which they represent.” In case pastor delegates are no longer serving in the circuit or lay delegates are no longer members of a circuit congregation, the alternate delegate from the circuit is to attend. In some cases where no pastor or lay delegates or alternates from the 2017 LCC Convention are available, a Circuit Convocation will need to be held in order to elect such delegates. If such is the case, each congregation is to be represented at the Circuit Convocation by its pastor and one lay member designated by the congregation (Synodical Bylaw 4.41 b).
2. Advisory delegates to the Special Convention are the presidents of our seminaries, and, as per the motion adopted by the CCMS, the pastor and deacon advisory delegates from the 2017 LCC Convention. Again, if such pastor or deacon advisory delegates are not available, alternates will need to be appointed or elected.
3. Current members of the Board of Directors of LCC and the Commission on Constitution Matters and Structure, as well as the executive staff of LCC, are to attend this Special Convention.
4. Guests or visitors who desire to watch the proceedings may also attend.

WHAT?

To approve an amendment to Statutory Bylaw 9.01 (“A convention shall be held every four years at a time and place determined by the Board.”) that would allow the Board of Directors to change the time of the convention due to unusual circumstances. See the attached overture from the Board on this matter. Comments on the overture may be submitted to the Secretary at convention@lutheranchurch.ca who will forward them to the convention Resolutions Committee that will be appointed by the Synod President. The Resolutions Committee itself will be the entity presenting the resolution concerning changing Statutory Bylaw 9.01 to the convention delegates for their decision.

WHERE?

In light of the ruling of the Commission on Constitution Matters and Structure that the 2017 Handbook of LCC does not prohibit a convention being conducted by electronic means, nor would such contravene applicable government regulations; this Special Convention will be a virtual or online convention. Details will be sent to all delegates and individuals mentioned above as they become available.