

2020 SPECIAL CONVENTION

Action Plan F

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1 **RESOLUTION 20.1.01 (October 15, 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 bring
6 into question the wisdom or even the possibility of holding an in-person Convention of
7 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 the
9 church: the elections to various offices and positions, making amendments to the
10 Handbook, taking action on overtures and reports, and so on, but is also an important
11 opportunity to physically gather together as contemplated in Synodical Bylaw 2.01: “The
12 Convention shall afford an opportunity for worship, nurture, inspiration, fellowship, and
13 the communication of vital information”; and

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

17 **WHEREAS** postponing the June 2021 Convention to 2022 requires a change to Statutory Bylaw 9.01
18 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 four*
20 *years at a time and place determined by the Board*” be amended to read: “***A Convention***
21 ***shall be held every four years at a time and place determined by the Board. The***
22 ***Convention may, however, be postponed due to extraordinary events (acts of God, war,***
23 ***terrorism, government regulations, disaster, strikes, civil disorder, pandemic, etc.). In***
24 ***such a case, the Convention is to be held as soon as practicable*”**

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1 **RESOLUTION 20.1.02 (October 15, 2020)**

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

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

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

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

13 RESOLVED that the Synod, in the Special Convention, reelect the Board of Directors until the next
14 regular synodical convention, subject to the Regulations of the Canada Not-for Profit
15 Corporations Act, Section 28, subsection 1; with the term to end after the next regular
16 convention of the Synod; and be it further

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

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

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