



# Today's Business H

## Twelfth Regular Convention

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## FOREWORD

This booklet entitled *Today's Business* builds on the larger Convention Workbook that you should have received electronically a few weeks ago. A print edition of the Convention Workbook will be available for you to pick up at the convention site if you requested one. It's an important document to read and bring with you to the Twelfth Regular Convention of Lutheran Church—Canada that is scheduled for June 10-13, 2022 at the Delta Hotels Edmonton South Conference Centre.

If you read through the Convention Workbook, you will have noticed that the pages are numbered by categories in Sections A-G. This first edition of *Today's Business* picks up where the Workbook left off, starting with Section H. Other editions of *Today's Business* will follow and will carry on the numbering pattern with Sections I, J, and so forth. If you keep all of them with you every day in the proper sequence, you'll have all the documents you need to stay informed and to follow the various reports and business items coming before our assembly.

This first edition of *Today's Business* goes beyond the information available when the Convention Workbook was published in March. It also provides updates and, in some cases, corrections and additions that became necessary after the Convention Workbook was published.

Section F of the Convention Workbook listed all the 'overtures'; that is, requests for action received from congregations, boards, commissions, and other authorized groups by the appropriate deadline. Convention (Resolutions) Committees met in the latter part of April to process those overtures. On the basis of them, they compiled the resolutions contained in this booklet. These resolutions are the committees' recommendations on how the Convention might handle the matters addressed in the overtures. To be sure, these resolutions may be adopted, amended, or even turned down by the Convention. They do, however, provide at least a starting point for our deliberations.

During the course of the Convention some resolutions may be changed because of the discussions we will have, or because of instructions the assembly gives to the appropriate Resolutions Committee. This is another reason there will be further editions of *Today's Business* each day. Although they will be briefer than this booklet, those editions will provide the latest revision of a particular resolution, along with the minutes of the previous day's sessions, and the like.

The 2017 Handbook of our Synod states the following concerning the processing of resolutions:

"Any Member and any lay delegate to the Convention wishing to express comments on reports and overtures appearing in the Convention workbook may submit these at least seven (7) weeks prior to the Convention to the secretary, who shall transmit them to the appropriate convention committee for consideration. **Responses to the tentative resolutions contained in the first issue of *Today's Business* shall be submitted to the chairman of the appropriate floor committee at least one week prior to the Convention.** All floor committees shall meet at the convention site at a time prior to the opening of the Convention to review such responses and reconsider their tentative resolutions accordingly." (Synodical Bylaw 2.19 g.)

In addition, a number of late overtures are also included in this edition of *Today's Business*. These were received following the deadline for inclusion in the Convention Workbook. In accordance with Synodical Bylaw 2.19 b., these were approved by a committee consisting of the President, Vice-president, and Secretary.

Also included in this issue of *Today's Business* is an updated list of delegates.

May God give you wisdom, strength, and love for the work you will do at our convention and send the protection of His holy angels as you travel to Edmonton.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Timothy Teuscher, President  
Lutheran Church—Canada

**LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA**  
**Twelfth Regular Convention**  
**PROPOSED AGENDA (revised)**

**Friday, June 10**

10:00-7:00 pm Registration (Delta Hotel)  
 1:00 pm Convention (Resolution)  
 Committees (Delta Hotel)  
 2:00 pm Board of Directors (Delta Hotel)

**SESSION 1 (Delta Hotel)**

4:00 pm Opening Prayer  
 Welcome & Introductions  
 Registration Committee Report  
 Installation of Delegates  
 Voting Orientation &  
 Organization  
 Special Standing Rules  
 Adoption of Agenda  
 Acceptance of New Members –  
 pastors, deacons, congregations  
 5:30 pm Supper (at hotels)  
 7:30 pm Divine Service (Delta Grand  
 Ballroom)  
 8:30-9:30 pm late registration

**Saturday, June 11**

6:30-8:15 am Breakfast (at hotels)  
 7:00-9:00 am Late Registration (Delta Hotel)

**SESSION 2**

8:15 am Service of Prayer & Preaching  
 9:00 am Essay – “Luther at the Diet of  
 Worms” (Rev. Dr. John  
 Maxfield)  
 10:00 am Registration Committee Report  
 Approval of Minutes  
 Nominations/Elections  
 Reports  
 Greetings  
 11:50 am Noon Daily Prayer  
 12:00 noon BBQ Lunch (Delta Hotel)

**INFORMATION SESSIONS****1:30 pm & 2:45 pm**

Topics:

1. Being Christian in a post Christian world
2. LCC Missions overseas and at home
3. Technology and Proclamation
4. Sharing the Christian Faith with family &  
 friends

5. Engaging younger people in the church
6. Life issues - Life, death & in between
7. Coping with declining & isolated congregations
8. LCC Seminaries - preparing church workers
9. Worker Benefit Services
10. Purpose & Priority Planning – in depth
11. Plan to Protect: Safeguarding as a ministry of  
 the church

**SESSION 3**

4:00 pm Opening Prayer  
 WBS Presentation-Pension Plan  
 Merger  
 Elections  
 Reports  
 Greetings  
 Convention Committees  
 5:00 pm Responsive Prayer 2  
 5:30 pm Supper (at hotels)

**SESSION 4**

7:30 p.m. Opening Prayer  
 Elections  
 Reports  
 Greetings  
 Convention Committees  
 9:00 p.m. Compline  
 9:30 p.m. Social Time (Radisson Ball  
 Room)

**Sunday, June 12**

6:30-8:15 am Breakfast (at hotels)

**SESSION 5**

8:15 am Matins  
 9:00 am Bible Study – Ephesians 6:10-20  
 (Rev Dr. Thomas Winger)  
 10:15 am Break  
 10:30 am Approval of Minutes  
 Elections  
 Reports  
 Greetings  
 Convention Committees  
 11:50 am Noon Daily Prayer  
 12:00 noon Sponsored Lunch (Radisson  
 Ballroom)

**PROPOSED AGENDA CONTINUED:**

**SESSION 6**

2:00-3:30 pm    Opening Prayer  
                    Elections  
                    Reports  
                    Greetings  
                    Convention Committees  
3:30 pm            Commemoration of the  
                    Faithful Departed

**SESSION 7**

4:00 pm            Opening Prayer  
                    Elections  
                    Reports  
                    Greetings  
                    Convention Committees  
5:30 pm            Vespers  
6:30-9:00 pm     Stand Firm-Reaching Out: a  
                    mission event (Radisson Jubilee  
                    Ballroom)

***Monday, June 13***

6:30-8:15 am     Breakfast (at hotels)

**SESSION 8**

8:15 am            Morning Prayer  
9:00 am            Approval of Minutes  
                    Convention Committees  
                    Other Unfinished Items  
                    Recognition of Outgoing BOD  
11:45 am          Responsive Prayer 1  
12:00 p.m.        Adjournment  
12:15 p.m.        Box Lunch

## **Installation of Convention Delegates and Opening of the Convention**

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen” (Galatians 1:3-5).

Would the voting delegates, advisory delegates and representatives please rise.

Since you are to serve as delegates of the congregations of our Synod, as well as representatives of the board, commissions, and other agencies and institutions of our synodical family, and so that your participation in this convention may be to the glory of God and a blessing to His church, hear now these words of the apostle Paul as recorded in the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ephesians:

"I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all” (Ephesians 4:1-6). This is the Word of the Lord.

Having heard the Word of God, I now ask you: Do you solemnly promise before God and this Christian assembly that, as delegates to this convention, you will be submissive to the Word of God and will faithfully uphold the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, so that in unity of faith and in the fellowship of love the Church may grow into Him who is the head, Jesus Christ?

**Delegates: Yes, with the help of God.**

Let us all rise for prayer:

Guide us, Lord, by your Holy Spirit, so that this synodical convention may promote your work among us and build up your holy church. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Direct all our discussion and debate, so that we may discern your will for us and make right decisions on the matters before us. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Keep our hearts and minds focused on your commands and promises, so that we may be bold in our mission to the people of this land. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Make us ready to listen, slow to criticize, and willing to cooperate with each other, so that we may promote the unity of the faith which you have given us. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Encourage and inspire us through this convention, so that we may be better equipped to serve you as your priestly people, always contending for the faith that has once for all been entrusted to the saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **OPENING**

I now declare this Twelfth Regular Convention of Lutheran Church—Canada open, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

**Amen.”** (Jude 24-25)

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## CONVENTION ORIENTATION

### I. SYNOD AND ITS MEMBERS

- 1.1 Lutheran Church–Canada is organized as a Synod; that is, “the voluntary ecclesiastical bond shared by Member Congregations and Individual Members (pastors and deacons) walking together to carry out the ministry and mission given by Christ to His Church” (Statutory Bylaw 1.01).
- 1.2 A region is “a geographic region of Canada established by the Board from time to time” (Statutory Bylaw 1.01). A circuit is “a grouping of Member Congregations located in an area of Canada, the number of which are established by the Board from time to time” (Statutory Bylaw 1.01).
- 1.3 While the relationship of the Synod “to an individual congregation’s right of self-government is advisory” (Constitution, Article VII), the Synod is not merely advisory when it comes to conditions of membership in the Synod; such as, “acceptance of the confessional basis of Article II (of the Constitution); renunciation of unionism and syncretism of every description; regular call of pastors and deacons; exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymn books, and catechisms; service of a Member Congregation by a pastor who is an Individual Member” (Constitution, Article V).” Moreover, “the president has the responsibility to advise, admonish, and reprove. He shall conscientiously use all means at his command to promote and maintain unity of doctrine and practice in all the regions” (Constitution, Article X.3). Likewise, the regional pastors have the same task in their respective regions (Synodical Bylaw 3.03).

### II. PURPOSE OF THE CONVENTION (based on Synodical Bylaw 2.01)

- 2.1 To celebrate the grace of God and grow in faith and sanctification through worship, nurture, inspiration and fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ from congregations throughout our Synod.
- 2.2 To become better informed concerning the needs, challenges and opportunities facing us as members of the Synod.
- 2.3 To receive reports of the officers, boards and commissions of Synod.
- 2.4 To make decisions regarding directions for the church and take action on various proposals.
- 2.5 To elect officers, boards and commissions.

### III. HOW THE CONVENTION ARRIVES AT DECISIONS

- 3.1 Officers, boards, commissions and other entities report to Synod on activities, needs, challenges and recommendations.
- 3.2 Congregations and other eligible entities submit proposals for action (overtures).
- 3.3 Special convention (resolutions/floor) committees are appointed by the president to review all overtures and submit appropriate resolutions. These resolutions, not the reports or overtures, are voted on by the convention delegates.

### IV. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

- 4.1 The purpose of parliamentary procedure is to assure that the will of the majority prevails, but that the rights of the minority are protected.
- 4.2 The role of the chair is to ensure that there is an orderly consideration of issues; that the opinions of the majority and the minority are heard while remaining impartial. The chair must ensure that delegates understand the action they are voting on, and what options are open to them. (If you have any doubts, ask!)

- 4.3 The responsibility of delegates is to be informed on issues, and vote according to their conscience. Do not be afraid to ask questions.
- 4.4 A review of parliamentary procedure is found on page A.5ff of the Convention Workbook.

## V. HOW DOES PARLIAMENTARY LAW WORK?

- 5.1 Once a motion (or resolution) is made, seconded, and stated by the Chair, it becomes the property of the assembly. If you agree with the motion, the best course is to vote for its adoption. If you disagree with the motion, the simplest response is to vote it down. While delegates are free to speak either for or against a resolution, you do not have to! Please avoid the temptation to simply repeat a view already expressed; as you will be doing that when you finally vote.
- 5.2 Other options to a motion (or resolution):
  - A. To POSTPONE INDEFINITELY: This is rarely used except for procedural or tactical reasons. It's a way, for example, of getting rid of a resolution which could bring negative consequences to the Synod if the assembly were either to adopt or reject it. It is normally not used after discussion has begun.
  - B. To AMEND: This is to change an existing motion by deleting or inserting certain words; or by substituting, that is, striking out a whole section and inserting a new one. You cannot do two of these at different places, for example "to delete words in line 6, and then add words in line 10." Such actions need to be handled separately.
  - C. To present a SUBSTITUTE MOTION: This is like an amendment, but one in which the entire thrust and content of the resolution is changed. It's a more complex device and should be used only if the desired outcome cannot be reached by simpler means. Since this is a primary amendment, it may not be introduced when another amendment is already being considered. If we encounter this, we shall take time to explain the procedure. (The process is noted on page A.6 of the Convention Workbook.)
  - D. To REFER TO COMMITTEE: If a resolution seems unclear or is considered to be poorly worded or thought out, it could be sent back to the resolutions committee, with or without special instructions.
  - E. To POSTPONE DEFINITELY: This means to postpone action on a resolution until a certain time later in the convention.
  - F. To LAY ON THE TABLE: This means to set a matter aside and to take no action. When a resolution is "tabled," it is effectively killed, without the delegates deciding for or against it. It will not return to the floor unless there is a motion to "take from the table."
  - G. To TAKE FROM THE TABLE: A motion must be made and seconded – it is not debatable; and it requires a majority. This must be done in the same session or at the next business session. If no motion is made to take a matter from the table, it dies.
- 5.3 Other Matters:
  - A. If you are presenting a rather large amendment or a substitute motion, it must be made available for the delegates in print. Please present it to the secretary in advance for this purpose prior to the appropriate session. The Chair serves notice that this process is normally to be followed.
  - B. If you intend to take any of the actions mentioned above; then you must move your amendment first. If it is seconded, the Chair will then permit you to speak to it. Parliamentary procedure does not permit you to first make a speech, and then to propose an amendment.
  - C. If you think there has been enough (or too much) debate and you want to get on with voting, you may do one of two things in this order:

(1) **LIMIT DEBATE:** Move a time limit, or to limit debate to a certain number of speeches. Say, “I move we terminate debate at 3:30 p.m.,” or “after 3 more speeches.” You need to be at a microphone to propose this. Such a motion needs a 2/3 majority to pass.

(2) **TERMINATE DEBATE:** This is also called “MOVING THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.” You need to be at a microphone to propose this. Such a motion needs a 2/3 majority to pass. If it does, the Convention must immediately vote on the motion before it. If you wish to move the question on more than just the immediate motion before the assembly – for example, on both an amendment and the pending motion – then you need to specify that.

## **VI ORDER**

- 6.1 All those issued special badges are asked to wear them at all times.
- 6.2 Only voting delegates are to be seated in the section reserved for them. Voting on resolutions or other matters will normally be done via electronic means, although a show of hands or voice vote may also be employed at the discretion of the chair. A standing counted vote (division of the house) may be called for upon request by a voting delegate.
- 6.3 Elections will be done by electronic balloting.
- 6.4 Only advisory delegates are to be seated in the section reserved for them. There is also a special area for special guests and registered visitors.
- 6.5 Voting delegates have voice and vote; advisory delegates have voice only and may not make or second a motion.
- 6.6 Others are not allowed to speak on the floor, unless by special permission from the convention chair.
- 6.7 Anyone speaking to the Convention must proceed to a microphone. Usually delegates will be recognized in the order in which they came to the microphone. When recognized, please state your name, whether you are a pastor or lay delegate, voting or advisory, and the congregation and location, board, commission, or other entity you represent.

## **VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 7.1 Announcements are to be put in writing and given to the secretary or convention manager.
- 7.2 Distribution of material at the convention must be approved by the president.  
This regulation is not intended to limit freedom of expression, but to reduce the possibility that delegates might confuse materials which are part of official convention business with those of an unofficial nature. The cooperation of all delegates and visitors is appreciated.
- 7.3 Prayer requests are to be put in writing on the appropriate form and given to the convention chaplain or handed in at the information booth.
- 7.4 Please be in your seats promptly at the beginning of each session.
- 7.5 The Committee for Communications and Technology has official responsibility for any contacts with the media.
- 7.6 Due to cost, we are unable to provide power for laptop computers. If you are using a laptop, smart phone, or tablet device, please confine its use to convention business so as not to distract other delegates, guests and visitors. Also, don't forget to charge it up in your room each night.
- 7.7 Please remember to set your cell phone to silent or vibrate mode when on the convention floor.



## VIII. RESPONSE TO RESOLUTIONS

- 8.1 According to Synodical Bylaw 2.19 g., comments on proposed resolutions (or on late overtures) contained in this issue of *Today's Business* should be submitted to the chair of the appropriate convention (resolutions) committee through the synod office by June 3. Please send them by email to [convention@lutheranchurch.ca](mailto:convention@lutheranchurch.ca).
- 8.2 The chair of the convention (resolutions) committees are:

### **Committee 1 Handbook & Structure**

Resolutions 22.1.01 – 22.1.13  
Late Overture 1.14  
Rev. David Bode, Chair

### **Committee 2 Theology & Church Relations**

Resolutions 22.2.01 – 22.2.07  
Late Overture 2.08  
Rev. Ted Giese, Chair

### **Committee 3 Finance & Sundry Matters**

Resolutions 22.3.01 – 22.3.04  
Late Overtures 3.05-3.10  
Rev. Brian Falkenholt, Chair

- 8.3 All convention (resolutions) committees will meet at the convention site on Friday, June 10, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m, to review comments received, reconsider their proposed resolutions if need be, and be available for in-person questions, comments, etc. from delegates. Signs will direct you to the appropriate rooms where the committees are meeting.

## IX. NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- 9.1 For president or vice-president: Delegates may, by majority vote, amend the slate for either of these two positions. This would be done at the time the slate is presented to the convention by the Commission on Nominations and Elections (CNE). A motion to amend the slate requires the majority approval of the voting delegates.
- 9.2 For regional pastor: Delegates may, by majority vote, amend the slate for this position for their particular region. This would be done at the time the slate for each regional pastor is presented to the convention by the Commission on Nominations and Elections (CNE). A motion to amend the slate requires the majority approval of the voting delegates from each particular region.
- 9.3 For all other positions: Any voting delegate may, through a simple nomination from the floor, add candidates for any of the other offices, boards or commissions. This would be done at the time each slate is presented by the Commission on Nominations and Elections (CNE).
- 9.4 Nominations from the floor must follow the procedure as per the instructions concerning Nomination/Election Matters on page A.7 of the Convention Workbook; namely, “Nominations may be made from the floor for any elected position if the conditions for candidacy including vetting has been done and the required information (written consent, photo, biographical, etc. – Synodical Bylaw 2.503 e.) has been forwarded in advance to the secretary and the CNE (Synodical Bylaws 2.503 f., 2.513 f., 2.54 l.). This information should be sent to the CNE at least one week prior to the start of the convention.”

**X. OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

- 11.1 The Divine Service will be held on Friday, June 10, 7:30 p.m., in the convention hall.
- 11.2 **Individual/Private Confession** is available from Edmonton area pastors from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel. Signs will direct you to the appropriate rooms for those so inclined to avail themselves opportunity.

**UPDATES AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CONVENTION WORKBOOK**

The following omissions/errors/changes to the Convention Workbook are being noted for your information. Please enter the changes into your copy of the Convention Workbook.

- C.1 The updated list of delegates is included beginning on the next page.
- C.9 The delegate for Oliver, St. Paul/Osoyoos, Grace is Ted Cronmiller.
- C.11 Rev. Alexander Lewis should be Rev. Al Lewis
- C.11 Representative for the Commission on Theology and Church Relations – Rev. Michael Keith replacing Rev. Joel Kuhl
- C.11 Resolutions Committee 3 – add Michael Maunula
- C.12 Convention Parliamentarian – Rev. Thomas Prachar
- D. 3 Presidential nominee Rev. Robert Mohns withdraws
- D.9 Board of Directors nominee Larry Walter (West) withdraws
- E.18 Candidate status – add GOVASKI, Edivar, 2021-11-01
- E. 18 Emeritus status – add DENNIS, Lowell, 2020-08-31
- E.18 Called to Glory – add:  
DETLEFSEN, Deanne, 2022-04-02  
ESTES, Jon, 2022-04-29  
RAMSEY, David, 2022-01-27  
REINHART, George, 2022-04-17

**CONVENTION DELGATES\***

\*updated after 2022 Workbook

**CENTRAL REGION****ASSINIBOINE CIRCUIT**

<b>PARISH</b>	<b>CLERGY DELEGATE</b>	<b>LAY DELEGATE</b>
Churchbridge, Trinity	Vacant	
Grandview, Hope Inglis, Holy Trinity	Vacant	Charlie Ferguson
Landestreu, Immanuel Langenburg, Christ MacNutt, Christ	Rev. Todd Guggenmos	Beryl Wagner
Roblin, St. Matthew's Zorra, Grace	Rev. Barry Wood	James Frey
Yorkton, Zion	Vacant	Julian Richaud *

**NORTHLAND CIRCUIT**

<b>PARISH</b>	<b>CLERGY DELEGATE</b>	<b>LAY DELEGATE</b>
Hudson Bay, Good Shepherd Melfort, St. Paul's Mistatim, Zion Nipawin, Zion	Vacant *	
Humboldt, St. John's	Rev. Clint Magnus	Calvin Ulmer
La Ronge, La Ronge Lutheran Fellowship	Vacant	Angela Plunz
Middle Lake, Faith	Vacant	Lyal Heidecker
Prince Albert, Redeemer		Jason Vogelgesang

**ONTARIO CIRCUIT**

<b>PARISH</b>	<b>CLERGY DELEGATE</b>	<b>LAY DELEGATE</b>
Atikokan, Faith Evangelical	Vacant	
Dryden, Our Saviour Vermilion Bay, St. Mark	Rev. Alexander Timm	Christopher Hill
Fort Frances, Church of the Lutheran Hour	Rev. Jacob Quast	Carla Koski *
Ignace, Faith	Vacant	
Kakabeka Falls, Redeemer	Rev. Daniel Barr	
Kenora, Good Shepherd	Vacant	
Nipigon, Immanuel	Vacant	
Red Lake, Christ	Rev. Michael Montague	Stephanie Kutchaw
Thunder Bay, Calvary	Vacant	Frank Grant
Thunder Bay, Christ	Rev. Brian Falkenholt	Michael Maunula

Thunder Bay, Epiphany	Rev. Stephen (Steve) Bartlett *	
Thunder Bay, Lappe		
Thunder Bay, Trinity		*

## PORTAGE CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Brandon, Grace	Rev. Edmund Mielke *	Ernie Thiessen *
McCreary, St. Paul's	Vacant	
Morden, Zion Winkler, Trinity	Rev. Alexander Klages	Lisa Harder
Neepawa, Christ	Vacant	
Plumas, Zion	Rev. James Vosper *	Donna Lach *.
Portage la Prairie, Redeemer		

## QU'APPELLE CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Broadview, St. Paul Grenfell, Peace Wolseley, Zion	Rev. Gerald Andersen	Ron Kraushaar
Cupar, St. Paul Southey, Emmanuel		
Fort Qu'Appelle, Our Saviour	Rev. Joshua Kurtenbach	Jazmin Kurtenbach
Melville, Zion		Kyler Kitsch *
Moosomin, Trinity	Vacant *	
Neudorf, Trinity	Vacant *	

## RED RIVER CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Beausejour, Grace Evangelical	Rev. Thomas Prachar (Vacancy)	
Winnipeg, Beautiful Savior	Rev. Cameron Schnarr *	
Winnipeg, Holy Cross	Rev. Harald Schoubye	Henry Drewlow *
Winnipeg, Immanuel	Vacant *	Ray Kroll
Winnipeg, Lutheran Church of thee Good Shepherd	*	*
Winnipeg, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer	Vacant	Jordan Wall
Winnipeg, Peace	Rev. Glenn Worcester	Lillian Kozussek
Winnipeg, Saint James	Rev. Dr. Richard Bienert	Jeremy Maron

## SASKATOON CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Bergheim, St. Paul's Warman, St. John's	Rev. Peter Knelson *	Don Klassen *
Luseland, Holy Trinity	Rev. Robert Grout *	Lorna Grout *
Maidstone, Battle River	Vacant	Joshua Langill
Saskatoon, Faith	Rev. Rudy Pastucha	Murray Wagner
Saskatoon, Grace	Rev. Rod Parker	John Riggs
Saskatoon, St. Paul's	Rev. Murray Keith	James Dietrich
St. Walburg, Trinity	Rev. Quentin Adams	Wayne Olson
Unity, Lutheran Church of Unity	Vacant	
Wilkie, Trinity	Vacant	

## SOUTHLAND CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Coronach, Faith	Vacant	
Estevan, St. Peter's	Vacant	Keith Habersock
Frobisher, St. John Oxbow, St. Peter	Rev. Adrian Kramer	Mark Neuman
Maple Creek, Mt. Calvary	Vacant	
Moose Jaw, Emmanuel	Rev. Jason Schultz	David Buck
Ponteix, Trinity Swift Current, Mt. Calvary	Rev. Travis Heide	Wayne Heffley
Wordsworth, Trinity	Vacant	

## WASCANA CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Ogema, St. Luke's	Vacant	
Regina, Good Shepherd	Rev. James Chimirri-Russell *	
Regina, Grace Evangelical	Rev. Arron Gust	Curtis Buck
Regina, Mount Olive	Rev. Ted Giese	Elizabeth Hadi
Regina, New Beginnings	Rev. Paulo Brum	Martin Jagnow
Regina, Prince of Peace	Rev. Daryl Solie *	Wayne Timm *

**EAST REGION****HAMILTON CIRCUIT**

<b>PARISH</b>	<b>CLERGY DELEGATE</b>	<b>LAY DELEGATE</b>
Beamsville, Emmanuel Smithville, St. Matthew	Vacant	
Burlington, Prince of Peace	Rev. David Zakel *	Valerie Edward *
Dunnville, Faith Port Colborne, St. Peter's	Rev. Michael Meleg	Rick Marshall
Fisherville, Trinity	Rev. Andrew Cottrill *	Sarah Plunkett *
Grimsby, Christ Our Saviour Hamilton, Redeemer		Tracy Parnell
Hamilton, Pilgrim	Rev. Peter Gatluak	Phyllis Dagg

**HANOVER CIRCUIT**

<b>PARISH</b>	<b>CLERGY DELEGATE</b>	<b>LAY DELEGATE</b>
Clifford, St. John's	Rev. Jody Rinas	Margaret Kreller *
Collingwood, Christ Our Hope	*	Robert Klages
Desboro, Faith Evangelical	Rev. Brian Dunlop	Kim Kuhl
Hanover, First St. Matthew's Southampton, Southampton	Vacant	Tiberiu Preda
Kurtzville, Trinity (Gowanstown)	Rev. Kurt Reinhardt	Peter Keil
Mount Forest, St. John's		David Lange

**KITCHENER CIRCUIT**

<b>PARISH</b>	<b>CLERGY DELEGATE</b>	<b>LAY DELEGATE</b>
Elmira, St. Paul's	Rev. Jayanta (Joe) Das (Vacancy)	Delton Zehr
Kitchener, Bethel		
Kitchener, Faith	Rev. Warren Hamp	Bud Brown
Kitchener, Grace	*	*
Kitchener, Historic St. Paul's	Rev. James Keller *	
Kitchener, Holy Cross	Rev. Nolan Astley	Guy Chadsey
Petersburg, Emmanuel	Rev. Richard Orlowski *	Mark Powell *
Waterloo, Messiah	Rev. John W.T. Rapp	Jon Oberholzer
Waterloo, Redeemer	Rev. Joel Kuhl *	Kevin Lee *
Wellesley, First St. Paul's	Rev. Andy Schroth *	*

## LONDON CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
London, Faith	Rev. Oscar Castillo *	Carol Pierce *
London, Good Shepherd	Rev. Siem Manna	Jane Jacob *
London, Our Saviour		Ralf Peterek
Simcoe, St. Peter's	Rev. Dan Abraham	
St. Thomas, Redeemer West Lorne, Grace	Rev. Donald Schieman	
Strathroy, Grace		
Tillsonburg, Peace	Rev. Paul Schallhorn	Kevin Sandham

## NIAGARA CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Fonthill, Concordia Port Colborne, St. John (Gasline)	Rev. David Hamp *	
Niagara Falls, Our Saviour		
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Trinity		
St. Catharines, Christ	Rev. Todd Hoeffs	Tom Kuhl
St. Catharines, Grace	Rev. Richard Juritsch	Scott Allan
St. Catharines, Resurrection	Rev. Kurt Lantz *	Andrew Hays *
Stevensville, St. John's (Snyder)	Rev. Robert Bryans (Vacancy)	Sharon Mills

## OTTAWA CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Bowman, St. Paul (Poltimore) Gatineau, Our Redeemer Inlet, St. Matthew (Mulgrave)		
Eganville, St. Luke Eganville, Zion (Augsburg)	Rev. Paul Williams	Charles Firlotte
Halifax, St. Andrew's of Atlantic Canada	Rev. Johannes Nieminen	Allen Kautz
Kanata, Christ Risen	Rev. Jorge Groh	Ann Seguin
Kirkland Lake, St. Paul	Vacant	
Moncton, Good Shepherd	Rev. David Milette *	*
Montreal, Eglise Luthérienne de l'Ascension		Dr. Joel Demay
Ottawa, Our Saviour		
Ottawa, St. Luke	*	*
Palmer Rapids, First	Vacant	
Pembroke, Christ (Petawawa)	Rev. Bill Stanfel	Elaine Stanfel*

Pembroke, Grace (Locksley)	Rev. Paul R. Williams	Ron Stresman
Sudbury, Redeemer	Rev. David Smilek	Gordon Horseman
Timmins, Christ	*	Robert Schuehlein

## STRATFORD CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Dashwood, Zion Goderich, Berea-By-The-Water	Rev. John E. Trembulak III	Lorne Koch
Mitchell, First (Logan) Monkton, Redeemer Tavistock, St. Paul	Rev. Michael Mayer	Mark Higenell
Seebach's Hill, First St. John Wartburg, Second St. John		
Stratford, St. Peter's	Rev. Matthew Fenn *	Mark Rohfrietsch *

## TORONTO CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Barrie, Good Shepherd	Rev. Stephen Omoregie	*
Bowmanville, Clarington	Rev. Larry Flohr (Vacancy)	Daniel Cunningham
Bradford, Holy Trinity Toronto, Korean	Rev. Seungwoo (Sam) Choi	
Brampton, Redeemer (Bramalea)		
Cobourg, St. Paul's		
Georgetown, Immanuel	Rev. Matthew Habermas	Erwin Orłowski
Mississauga, Christ Our King	Rev. Vasilios Christoforidis	David Chant
Mississauga, Risen Christ	Rev. Vishal K. Paul *	Roy Hopkins *
Oshawa, Grace	Rev. Jack Hetzel	Reg Tiegs
Toronto, Our Saviour	Rev. Joseph Singh (Vacancy)	Lois Griffin
Toronto, St. John's Polish	Vacant	
Toronto, Trinity Evangelical	Rev. Ling Pui Yeong	Philip Pakrul

## WINDSOR CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Amherstburg, Good Shepherd	Rev. Timothy Schneider	
Harrow, Christ		
Sarnia, Christ	Rev. Kirk Radford	Dennis Heber
Windsor, First	Rev. Robert Bugbee	Bill Kouvelas



**WEST REGION****CALGARY CIRCUIT**

<b>PARISH</b>	<b>CLERGY DELEGATE</b>	<b>LAY DELEGATE</b>
Airdrie, Shepherd of the Hills	Vacant	Rogan McGuffin *
Calgary, Foothills	Rev. Eric Moffett	Ralf Hinterleitner
Calgary, Grace		
Calgary, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd	Rev. David Dressler	Floyd Schneider
Calgary, Oromo Evangelical Church of Calgary	Rev. Gizaw Chuta	
Calgary, Prince of Peace	Rev. Mark Rekken	Mark Giesbrecht
Calgary, St. Matthew	Rev. Markus Zeuch	Elizabeth Schieman
Canmore, Shepherd of the Valley	Rev. Mark Lobitz	Joyce Lobitz
Didsbury, Redeemer	Rev. Tim Graff	Roger Frederick
Drumheller, Grace Hand Hills, St. Paul's	Vacant	Al Molzan
Golden, Trinity	Vacant	Dale Robert Leslie
Torrington, Trinity Trochu, St. John's	Rev. Nicholas Wasylowich	Arnold Lachman

**CARIBOO CIRCUIT**

<b>PARISH</b>	<b>CLERGY DELEGATE</b>	<b>LAY DELEGATE</b>
100 Mile House, Christ the King Evangelical	Vacant	Eric Grummisch
Kitimat, Redeemer	Rev. Alan. G. Visser *	Frances H. Petersen
Prince George, Zion Vanderhoof, Vanderhoof	Vacant	
Quesnel, Trinity	Vacant	Elizabeth Williamson
Williams Lake, St. John	Rev. Noel Smith *	Trevor Schick *

**EDMONTON CIRCUIT**

<b>PARISH</b>	<b>CLERGY DELEGATE</b>	<b>LAY DELEGATE</b>
Edmonton, All Saints	Rev. Jonathan Kraemer	Aaron Ball
Edmonton, Bethlehem	Rev. Scott Lyons	Donald Haberstock
Edmonton, Christ the King		
Edmonton, Concordia	Rev. Mark Hennig *	Dan Hennig *
Edmonton, Cross of Christ of the Deaf	Rev. Ken Stadnick	James DeMille
Edmonton, Grace	Rev. James Kay	Bruce Eidick *

Edmonton, Redeemer	Rev. James Fritsche (Vacancy)	Lonnie Ruecker
Edmonton, Riverbend	Rev. Sye Van Maanen *	Darrin Park *
Sherwood Park, Bethel	Rev. James Avery	Ryan Timmermans
St. Albert, King of Kings	Rev. Jan Pastucha	

## ELK ISLAND CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Bruce, Immanuel Vegreville, St. John	Rev. Greg Kjos (Vacancy)	Ed Goselwitz
Bruderheim, Bethlehem	Rev. Jeff Dul	Martin Mueller
Fort McMurray, Trinity	Rev. Keith Haberstock	Abbie (Xiaoling) Tane
Fort Saskatchewan, Bethany		Jim Young
Fort Saskatchewan, Christ	Rev. Vincent Moore	Patrick Moore
Lloydminster, First McLaughlin, Zion	Rev. John Haycock *	Ron Faulkner *
Mannville, St. Paul's Vermilion, Faith	Vacant	Doug McCrae

## GREATER VANCOUVER CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Abbotsford, Trinity	Rev. Jakob Valsson *	
Aldergrove, Immanuel		
Chilliwack, St. Paul's	Rev. Wayne Lunderby *	
Delta, Saviour		
Langley, Walnut Grove	Rev. James Paulgaard	Rhonda Kelman
New Westminster, Mount Calvary	Rev. Gregory Johnson	
Port Coquitlam, Hope	Rev. Laverne Hautz	Jennifer Watson
Richmond, Trinity	Rev. Dr. Steven Harold *	Andy (Fan) Huang *
Surrey, Faith	Rev. Gerhard Wilch	Andrew MacAdam
Surrey, St. Luke		Charlie (Charles) Metzger
Surrey-Cloverdale, Hillside Christian Church	Rev. Ian Wemyss	Jacob New
Vancouver, Bethlehem		
Vancouver, Killarney Community	Rev. Mark Chiang *	Gordon Leung *
Vancouver, Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Rev. David Nielsen	Jean Nielsen

## KOOTENAY CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Castlegar, St. Peter Trail, Peace	Rev. Kai Buck	Paul Fricke *
Creston, Redeemer	Vacant	

## LETHBRIDGE CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Cardston, Faith	Vacant	
Duchess, Duchess Taber, Peace	Rev. Andy Kahle *	
Lethbridge, Immanuel	Rev. Lee Loveridge	Tyler Rodgers
Magrath, St. John's Milk River, St. Matthew	Vacant	Jim Howitt
Medicine Hat, St. Paul	Rev. Ken Edel	Simon Hersey
Pincher Creek, Trinity	Rev. Wendel Ritz	Debra Ritz
Vulcan, Bethel	Vacant	

## OKANAGAN CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Grand Forks, Christ		Shirley Richter *
Kamloops, Lord of Life	Rev. Andrew McDonald	Roman Hessel
Kelowna, First		
Oliver, St. Paul Osoyoos, Grace	Rev. Darren Siegle	Ted Cronmiller *
Penticton, Concordia	Rev. Michael Schutz *	Rita Anderson *
Salmon Arm, Shepherd of the Valley	Vacant	
Summerland, St. John's	Vacant	
Vernon, St. John's	Rev. Craig Tufts	Irene Hirschmiller
West Kelowna (Westbank), Redeemer	Rev. Jonathan Asmus	Audrey Hardy

## PEACE RIVER CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Dawson Creek, St. Paul's	Rev. Chris McLean	John Bartlett *
Fairview, Trinity	Vacant	
Goodfare, Immanuel Wembley, St. John's	Rev. Kenneth Eifert *	Carl Mayer *
Grande Cache, Mount Carmel	Vacant	

Grande Prairie, Faith	Rev. Jaime Ventura	Gary Goebel
High Prairie, Redeemer	Rev. Terrance Goerz *	
Peace River, Prince of Peace		
Valleyview, Good Shepherd	Rev. Shiekh Lief Mauricio *	Henry Krueger *

## STONY PLAIN CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Beach Corner, St. John's (Parkland County)		
Devon, Victory Lutheran Church of Devon Spruce Grove, Peace	Rev. Rojar Singh	Paul Laslop
Drayton Valley, Emmaus Tomahawk, Immanuel	Rev. Robert Marshall	Charles Friesen
Evansburg, Advent	Rev. Jim Heinbuch (Vacancy) *	Johannes Cobb *
Golden Spike, Zion	Rev. Keith Hoveland *	Carole Hoveland *
Mellowdale, Christ	Rev. Cody Cooper *	
Rochfort Bridge, Trinity Evangelical		
Stony Plain, St. Matthew Evangelical	Rev. Rod Buck	Dennis Woolsey

## VANCOUVER ISLAND CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Campbell River, Bethany	Rev. Tom Kruesel	Brendan Wallace *
Courtenay, Faith	Vacant	Clifford Huculak
Duncan, Trinity	Rev. Paul Roggow	Jim Hykaway
Nanaimo, St. Paul's	Rev. Fraser Coltman	Heather Coltman
Parksville, Our Saviour	Rev. Steve Chambers	Ron Woodward *
Port Alberni, Grace	Rev. Kevin Platz	Douglas Havard
Sidney, Peace		Chris Scattergood
Victoria, Hope		
Victoria, Redeemer (Langford)	Rev. Phillip Washeim	

## WETASKIWIN CIRCUIT

PARISH	CLERGY DELEGATE	LAY DELEGATE
Camrose, Grace	Vacant	Otto Sellin
Lacombe, Trinity	Rev. Robert Clifford (Vacancy)	
Leduc, St. Peter's Evangelical	Rev. Neil Stern *	Bonnie Smith-Van Assen

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Red Deer, Mount Calvary	Rev. Donald Hennig	Silvio Resta
Rimbey, Zion Usona, Immanuel	Rev. Mark Schutz	Kevin Reis
Rocky Mountain House, Immanuel Evangelical	Rev. Brian Amison	Deanna Friesen
Spruce View, King of Kings Spruce View District	Rev. Russ Howard	Les Herron
Sylvan Lake, Faith	Rev. Larry Brotherton (Vacancy)	Keith Bohlken
Wetaskiwin, Zion Evangelical	Rev. Al (Allen) Lewis *	Garry Dearing

**RESOLUTION 22.1.01 TO REQUEST A CHANGE IN THE MAKE UP OF THE REGIONAL MISSION AND MINISTRY COUNCIL**

(Reference Overture 1.01)

WHEREAS Lutheran Church-Canada has long expressed a desire to maintain a balance between laity and clergy on Boards, Commissions, and Counsels; and

WHEREAS Overture 1.01 provides opportunity for that balance to be altered; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Overture 1.01 be respectfully declined.

Committee #1

**RESOLUTION 22.1.02 TO AMEND SYNODICAL BYLAWS 3.05 and 4.15**

(Reference Overture 1.02)

WHEREAS the Bylaws of LCC have established the Regional Mission and Ministry Council (RMMC) and identified Circuit Councillors as members of the RMMC, and

WHEREAS Circuit Counsellors in some cases carry a heavy load of responsibility both in their congregation and with the additional duties of Circuit Counsellor, and

WHEREAS a Circuit Counsellor may not be able to fulfill his responsibility on the RMMC, and

WHEREAS there may be other pastors within the Circuit who could be available to fulfill the responsibilities of pastoral representative to the RMMC; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that LCC allow for the possibility of a rostered member of the clergy to be appointed by the Circuit Counsellor as the pastoral representative to the RMMC, and be it finally

RESOLVED that Synodical Bylaws 3.05 and 4.15 be amended as follows:

Synodical Bylaws

**3.05 Regional Mission and Ministry Council**

a. Authority and Make-up

1. The Regional Mission and Ministry Council of a region shall *ordinarily* consist of the circuit counsellors of that region and one layperson elected from each circuit of the region. *A Circuit Counsellor in consultation with the Regional Pastor may appoint a member of the clergy roster located within his circuit to represent him on the RMMC.*

**4.15 Relation to Regional Pastor**

- b. The circuit counsellor shall regularly report on his activities to the regional pastor and *ordinarily* serve on the Regional Mission and Ministry Council. *A Circuit Counsellor in consultation with the Regional Pastor may appoint a member of the clergy roster located within his circuit to represent him on the RMMC.*

Committee #1

1 **RESOLUTION 22.1.03 TO CHANGE NOMENCLATURE OF ‘ADMINISTRATOR’ TO ‘CHIEF**  
2 **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’**

3  
4 (Reference Overture 1.03)

5  
6 WHEREAS the nomenclature of the position or office of Treasurer was changed to Administrator at the  
7 2017 LCC convention; and

8  
9 WHEREAS the position of Administrator is defined in the 2017 LCC Handbook “an individual appointed  
10 by the Board to assist it in managing the non-ecclesiastical activities and affairs of LCC”  
11 (Statutory Bylaw 1.01); and

12  
13 WHEREAS the title of Administrator is rather vague and confusing as the word is used to also refer to the  
14 administrator of the Worker Benefits Plan of LCC, to the synod office personnel  
15 (administrative staff), and even to pastors who are called to administer the Sacraments; and

16  
17 WHEREAS in other church bodies the comparable position or office of Administrator is called Chief  
18 Financial Officer (CFO), Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), or Chief Operating Officer  
19 (COO); therefore, be it

20  
21 RESOLVED that the title or name of Administrator be changed to *Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)*; and  
22 be it further

23  
24 RESOLVED that the appropriate sections in the LCC Handbook be amended to reflect this change in  
25 nomenclature (e.g., Statutory Bylaw 1.01; 10.03; 14.04; 14.06; 17.01; Synodical Bylaw 3.05  
26 b. 1.).

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28 Committee #1

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31 **RESOLUTION 22.1.04 TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE COMMITTEE FOR**  
32 **MISSION AND SOCIAL MINISTRY SERVICES (CMSMS)**

33  
34 (Reference Overture 1.04)

35  
36 WHEREAS the Committee for Mission and Social Ministry Services is tasked with matters involving the  
37 international mission regions of LCC whether it be seminary training, continuing education,  
38 financial support of pastors and deacons, or various works of mercy; and

39  
40 WHEREAS each Regional Mission and Ministry Council is tasked with matters pertaining to outreach  
41 endeavours and ministry support within their respective region; and

42  
43 WHEREAS all the standing committees of the Board of Directors of LCC, except the CMSMS, are simply  
44 referred to as the Finance Committee, Governance Committee, Personnel Committee, or  
45 Reconciliation Committee; and

46  
47 WHEREAS the acronym for the Committee for Mission and Social Ministry Services (CMSMS) is  
48 cumbersome and has been confused at times with the CCMS (Commission on Constitution  
49 Matters and Structure); and

50  
51 WHEREAS the current members of the Committee for Mission and Social Ministry Services have  
52 requested that the name of this committee be changed to International Missions Committee in  
53 order to better reflect their area of responsibility; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED that Statutory Bylaw 14.02 be amended as follows: “The Board shall establish the following  
2 Standing Committees: a Finance Committee, a Governance Committee, a Personnel  
3 Committee and ~~a Committee for Mission and Social Ministry Services~~ *an International*  
4 *Missions Committee*”; and be it further  
5

6 RESOLVED that the following be added to Article XIV of the Statutory Bylaws: “*The International*  
7 *Missions Committee shall oversee and monitor the work and activities of seminary training,*  
8 *continuing education, financial support of pastors and deacons, or various works of mercy in*  
9 *the international mission areas of the Synod.*”  
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11 Committee #1  
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14 **RESOLUTION 22.1.05 TO AMEND SYNODICAL BYLAW 1.15 CONSTITUTIONS**  
15 **OF CONGREGATIONS**

16 (Reference Overture 1.05)  
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18 WHEREAS in our former structure each district was tasked with the appointment of a standing committee  
19 to examine and review constitutions of congregations applying for membership in the Synod  
20 and also any revisions or amendments to constitutions of member congregations, and to then  
21 report their recommendation to the district’s Board of Directors for approval, with such action  
22 being ratified at a subsequent district convention; and  
23

24 WHEREAS this task now falls under the responsibility of the Synod President and the Board of Directors  
25 of LCC as per Synodical Bylaw 1.15; and  
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27 WHEREAS according to Synodical Bylaw 1.15 a., the entire Board is tasked with examining a  
28 constitution of a community of believers applying for membership in LCC, prior to such  
29 approval; and  
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31 WHEREAS according to Synodical Bylaw 1.15 b., the President is tasked with reviewing revisions or  
32 amendments to constitutions of member congregations through ‘existing channels’ prior to  
33 approval by the Board, although such ‘existing channels’ are not defined in the 2017  
34 Handbook; and  
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36 WHEREAS it would be beneficial for the Regional Pastor, who is tasked with providing ecclesiastical  
37 supervision and care for members, to be familiar with the constitutions of congregations in  
38 the region he serves; and  
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40 WHEREAS this process of reviewing and approving congregation constitutions should be done as timely  
41 and efficiently as possible; therefore, be it  
42

43 RESOLVED that Synodical Bylaw 1.15 be amended as follows:  
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46 **1.15 Constitutions of Congregations**

47 a. A community of believers which applies to become a member congregation in Lutheran Church-Canada  
48 shall submit its constitution to the president, who shall ~~refer it to the Board. The Board shall~~ examine the  
49 constitution to ascertain whether its provisions are in harmony with Scripture, the confessional position of  
50 LCC as set forth in the Synodical Constitution Article II, the Statutory Bylaws, the Synodical Constitution  
51 and these Synodical Bylaws in order that any necessary changes may be made by the community. *The*  
52 *constitution shall then be submitted by the president to the Board for approval.* A community shall not be  
53 received as a Member Congregation until it has made such changes as ~~the Board~~ may have *been* deemed



1 necessary ~~and has so notified the President.~~

2  
3 b. A Member Congregation which translates, revises, or amends its constitution or adopts a new constitution  
4 shall submit such translation, revision, amendment, or new constitution to the president, who shall direct it  
5 through ~~existing channels~~ *the appropriate Regional Pastor* for review, *and then submit it to the Board for*  
6 *approval.* Upon favourable action by the Board, the congregation shall be notified that the changes are valid  
7 and approved and that the congregation is empowered to function under the new or changed constitution.  
8 Such actions shall be submitted to the next Convention for ratification.

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10 Committee #1

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13 **RESOLUTION 22.1.06 TO ADD A COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE TO**  
14 **THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

15  
16 (Reference Overture 1.06)

17  
18 WHEREAS a Committee on Communications and Technology is currently functioning in accordance with  
19 Statutory Bylaw 14.07 (“The Board may from time to time appoint such other committees as  
20 it may deem advisable”); and

21  
22 WHEREAS such ad hoc committees established by the Board cease to exist at the end of every four years;  
23 and

24  
25 WHEREAS communications both within Lutheran Church—Canada and from LCC to the wider public  
26 has been identified as a high priority; and

27  
28 WHEREAS there is no mention of communications in the 2017 Handbook; therefore, be it

29  
30 RESOLVED that Statutory Bylaw 14.02 be amended to also include a Communications and Technology  
31 Committee as a standing committee of the Board; and be it further

32  
33 RESOLVED that the following be added to Article XIV of the Statutory Bylaws: *“The Communications*  
34 *and Technology Committee shall provide advice, direction and resources to congregations,*  
35 *church workers, and other synodical entities in the areas of communications and technology.*  
36 *It shall also be tasked with the development of various means of communicating information*  
37 *both within and outside the Synod.”*

38  
39 Committee #1

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42 **RESOLUTION 22.1.07 TO AMEND SYNODICAL BYLAW 5.43**

43  
44 (Reference Overture 1.07)

45  
46 WHEREAS the placement and retention of pastors and deacons on the roster of the Synod is the  
47 responsibility of the President’s Ministry Council; and

48  
49 WHEREAS this section of the bylaws pertains to the various statuses of pastors and deacons on the roster  
50 of LCC as defined in Statutory Bylaw 1.01; and

51  
52 WHEREAS no provisions are set forth in the current Synodical Bylaws pertaining to retention on the  
53 roster of pastors or deacons serving in positions such as missionaries of a Listed Service

1 Organization, on the faculty of an educational institution not affiliated with LCC, and the like;  
2 therefore, be it  
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4 RESOLVED that Synodical Bylaw 5.43 be amended as follows:  
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6 **5.43 ~~Continuing Eligibility~~ Active Status**

7 To be retained on the ~~active~~ roster, a pastor or deacon must be performing the duties of one of the following  
8 offices:

- 9 a. a pastor called to serve a parish;
- 10 b. a deacon called to serve a parish;
- 11 c. an officer elected by a Convention;
- 12 d. an executive or professional staff member *called or* appointed by Lutheran Church—  
13 Canada or by an organization with whom Lutheran Church—Canada has entered into a  
14 Memorandum of Understanding;
- 15 e. a missionary called or appointed by Lutheran Church-Canada or ~~by a region~~ *by an*  
16 *organization with whom Lutheran Church-Canada has entered into a Memorandum of*  
17 *Understanding;*
- 18 f. an instructor, administrator, or other staff member on the faculty of an educational  
19 institution with whom Lutheran Church-Canada has entered into a Memorandum of  
20 Understanding, or of an educational institution ~~recognized by LCC~~ *and whose service*  
21 *therein promotes the purposes of the Synod, as determined by the President's Ministry*  
22 *Council;*
- 23 g. a military or institutional chaplain called by Lutheran Church-Canada;
- 24 h. an executive or professional staff member called or appointed by an organization  
25 approved by the Board.  
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27 Committee #1  
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30 **RESOLUTION 22.1.08 TO AMEND SYNODICAL BYLAW 5.45**

31  
32 (Reference Overture 1.08)  
33

34 WHEREAS the placement and retention of pastors and deacons on the roster of the Synod is the  
35 responsibility of the President's Ministry Council; and  
36

37 WHEREAS no provisions are set forth in the current Synodical Bylaws pertaining to the process whereby  
38 retired pastors and deacons are retained on the roster as emeritus; therefore be it  
39

40 RESOLVED that Synodical Bylaw 5.45 be amended as follows:  
41

42 **5.45 Emeritus Status**

43 A pastor or deacon who has retired after reaching the age of 55 or for reasons of total and permanent  
44 disability shall be eligible for retention on the roster as emeritus *upon application for such status to the*  
45 *regional pastor*. Any unusual case shall be decided by the President's Ministry Council.  
46

47 Committee #1  
48  
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**RESOLUTION 22.1.09 TO AMEND SYNODICAL BYLAW 5.47**

(Reference Overture 1.09)

WHEREAS the placement and retention of pastors and deacons on the roster of the Synod is the responsibility of the President's Ministry Council; and

WHEREAS current provisions in Synodical Bylaw 5.47 do not adequately reflect the varied scenarios under which a pastor or deacon may be retained on the roster as a candidate; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Synodical Bylaw 5.47 be amended as follows:

**5.47 Candidate Status**

a. A pastor or deacon who is eligible to perform the duties of the offices of ministry specified in bylaw 5.43 but who is not currently performing those duties and who is not retired may be ~~continued retained~~ on the roster upon application for such status to the regional pastor for a period ~~not to exceed~~ of two consecutive years. ~~subject to annual review by regional pastor of the region of which the candidate is a Member.~~ For the extension of the candidate status beyond two consecutive years, ~~the President's Ministry Council shall require an annual~~ a bi-annual application from the candidate as well as an evaluation by ~~his~~ the regional pastor of the region of which the candidate is a Member shall be required. The President's Ministry Council shall determine ~~by written ballot~~ whether or not the requests for candidate status shall be ~~honoured granted, extended, or discontinued~~ ~~in each instance, for an additional year.~~

b. Among criteria for determining whether candidate status should be granted or ~~continued extended~~ are: the health of the applicant; *family considerations*; the extent of his/her current involvement on a part-time and assisting basis in the ministry of Word and Sacrament; a demonstrated history and current ability of being able to perform the duties of an active pastor or deacon serving a Member Congregation or other position recognized by LCC; a demonstrated willingness to consider a call or appointment to a position recognized by LCC.

Committee #1

**RESOLUTION 22.1.10 TO AMEND SYNODICAL BYLAW 4.63 AND 4.65**

(Reference Overture 1.10)

WHEREAS Synodical Bylaws 4.63 and 4.65 are not only incorrectly numbered, but should probably be combined into one bylaw as they deal with the same issue; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Synodical Bylaw 4.63 and 4.65 be amended as follows:

~~4.63~~ **4.53 Dividing Congregations**

a. Member Congregations which have grown so large that their members cannot receive proper pastoral care, or whose members have spread over so much territory that members living at a distance find it difficult to use the means of grace with necessary frequency, shall not oppose a division of the parish; nor shall they oppose the organization of new congregations in neighbourhoods which would be thereby better served. All other interests are subordinate to those which seek to promote the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom.

**4.65 Principles of Division**

- b. The dividing of one congregation into two or more and the establishing of a new mission or congregation adjacent to an existing parish or parishes shall be regulated and effected in accordance with due Christian regard for the spiritual welfare of all concerned. This requires:
  - ~~a.~~ 1. That any such separation or division be brought about--as much as possible--by a voluntary agreement, prompted by the conviction of all concerned;
  - ~~b.~~ 2. That church property be divided in accordance with justice and equity, so that one party will not be slighted while the other party is given undue advantages;
  - ~~c.~~ That Christian forbearance rather than the strict letter of the law decide any difficult questions;
  - ~~d.~~ That lesser evils be borne in order to prevent greater evils;
  - e. 3. That the dividing of a parish for the purpose of organizing new congregations be not insisted on if thereby a whole congregation would be seriously disturbed.

Committee #1

**RESOLUTION 22.1.11 TO ADD SYNODICAL BYLAW 4.55**

(Reference Overture 1.11)

WHEREAS Synodical Bylaws 4.63 and 4.65 deal with the division of a parish into separate congregations when it has grown so large that the members cannot receive adequate pastoral care and the like; and

WHEREAS while such may have been an issue in years past, the current state of the church is the opposite; namely, many congregations have grown so small that they cannot support their own pastor in order to receive adequate pastoral care; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Synodical Bylaw 4.55 be added to the Handbook of LCC as follows:

**4.55 Merging Congregations**

*a. Member Congregations which have grown so small that they cannot financially support their own pastor shall seek to establish a merger with neighbouring congregations whether it be a formation of a dual or tri-parish, a multi-point parish agreement, and the like so that the means of grace may be regularly administered in their midst.*

*b. Member Congregations which are able to financially support their own pastor are encouraged to join with a neighbouring congregation that is unable to support its own pastor so that the means of grace may be regularly administered to the members of the smaller congregation.*

Committee #1

**RESOLUTION 22.1.12 TO DELETE SYNODICAL BYLAW 4.57**

(Reference Overture 1.12)

WHEREAS Synodical Bylaw 4.57 (“Pastors shall report the removal of their members to the parish to which such members have removed, in order to prevent a deplorable and unnecessary loss of members. Members shall keep their pastor informed of such removals.”) is not only confusing in that it is unclear whether this is referring to members who have moved away

1 from the congregation, or to those who have been removed from membership in the  
2 congregation; and  
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4 WHEREAS in either case this is a matter pertaining to pastoral care and practice, and not a synodical  
5 bylaw matter; therefore be it  
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7 RESOLVED that Synodical Bylaw 4.57 be deleted.  
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9 Committee #1  
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12 **RESOLUTION 22.1.13 TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED 2022 LCC HANDBOOK**  
13

14 (Reference Overture 1.13)  
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16 WHEREAS one of the mandates of the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure (CCMS) of  
17 Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC) is to continuously update the Handbook to provide all of  
18 LCC with proper guidelines; and  
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20 WHEREAS there were a number of updates needed that were carried over from the last Convention in  
21 2017 due to restructuring; and  
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23 WHEREAS the CCMS has completed this task with the proposed 2022 LCC Handbook; and  
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25 WHEREAS it would take too much Convention time to approve each update one at a time; and  
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27 WHEREAS sufficient time on the Convention floor to discuss and approve additional changes to the  
28 proposed LCC 2022 Handbook will be allotted at this Convention, therefore, be it  
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30 RESOLVED that the Convention approve the entire proposed Handbook as a whole; and be it finally  
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32 RESOLVED that this 2022 Handbook be commended to LCC as the official Handbook.  
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34 Committee #1  
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37 **RESOLUTION 22.2.01 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 2.01**  
38

39 (Reference Overture 2.01)  
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41 WHEREAS LCC received the CTCR "The Role of Women in the Church" for reference and guidance in  
42 convention in 1996; and  
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44 WHEREAS the document is regularly used for reference and guidance within Lutheran Church-Canada;  
45 and  
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47 WHEREAS the CTCR has recently revisited it (between the 2017 convention and the present convention);  
48 and  
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50 WHEREAS the CTCR has seen no need to amend the document; therefore, be it  
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52 RESOLVED that Overture 2.01 be respectfully declined.  
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53 Committee #2

**RESOLUTION 22.2.02 TO REAFFIRM THE BIBLICAL VIEW ON MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY**

(Reference Overture 2.02)

WHEREAS God created man in His image, male and female (Genesis 1:27); and

WHEREAS Lutheran Church-Canada passed Resolution 93.1.05 affirming the sinfulness of homosexuality, and passed Resolution 96.1.06 reaffirming this position; and

WHEREAS God instituted marriage as a lifelong commitment between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24-25; Mark 10:6-9); and

WHEREAS Sex is a gift from God only within the bounds of marriage (Exodus 20:14; Hebrews 13:4); and

WHEREAS the fallen nature of mankind knows no bounds and regarding human sexuality the wisdom of Solomon applies, “there is nothing new under the sun” (Eccl. 1:9); therefore, be it

RESOLVED That Lutheran Church-Canada encourage all its pastors, deacons, and congregations to continue to teach the truth of God’s Word on sexuality and to reach out to those who have fallen into sexual sin with the encouraging Word of repentance and the forgiveness of sins; and be it further

RESOLVED That Lutheran Church-Canada encourage all its pastors, deacons, and congregations to remain steadfast in our confession and faith, and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it.

Committee #2

**RESOLUTION 22.2.03 TO REJOICE IN THE CHURCH’S STANCE ON THE BLESSINGS OF GATHERING IN PERSON**

(Reference Overture 2.03 and 2.05)

WHEREAS We are to hold God’s Word sacred and gladly hear and learn it (SC I.3); and

WHEREAS Jesus has promised us, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them” (Matt. 18:20); and

WHEREAS The Holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me” (Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-25); and

WHEREAS We are to address one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with our hearts (Eph. 5:19); and

- 1 WHEREAS we are to come together physically to devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and the  
2 fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42; I Cor. 11:33); and  
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4 WHEREAS The writer to the Hebrews exhorts us saying, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope  
5 without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Let us consider how to stir up one another  
6 to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but  
7 encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Heb. 10:23-25);  
8 and  
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10 WHEREAS The signs of the Day drawing near include pestilence, persecution, and war (Luke 21:11); and  
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12 WHEREAS The Divine Service is the most important gathering that takes place in the world and is  
13 a foretaste of the eternal feast in heaven where pestilence and persecution are no more; and  
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15 WHEREAS Christ our Lord did not institute the Sacrament of the Altar for our harm; therefore, be it  
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17 RESOLVED That Lutheran Church-Canada pray for boldness and courage to hold fast the confession of  
18 our hope without wavering; and be it further  
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20 RESOLVED That Lutheran Church-Canada encourage one another to "rejoice always" (Philippians 4:4-9)  
21 in the blessing of gathering in person for Divine Service even while suffering and enduring  
22 the hardships and anxieties of this fallen world (Romans 5:1-11) recognizing that some are  
23 unable to gather due to illness, infirmity or incarceration, and that this does not separate them  
24 from the Body of Christ.

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26 Committee #2  
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29 **RESOLUTION 22.2.04 TO REQUEST THE CTCR TO PROVIDE RELEVANT MATERIALS**  
30 **PERTAINING TO THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN BIOMEDICAL**  
31 **ETHICS, TECHNOLOGY AND THEOLOGY**  
32

33 (Reference Overture 2.04)  
34

- 35 WHEREAS the continual stream of modern scientific advancements in bio-medical research, development  
36 and technology more and more impact the life of the church and her members and congregants,  
37 and  
38  
39 WHEREAS Government Legislation may impact the religious freedoms enshrined in the Canadian Charter  
40 of Rights and Freedoms Article 1, and  
41  
42 WHEREAS Municipal, Provincial and Federal Governments can devise and implement laws, mandates, and  
43 guidelines that impact the physical bodies of all Canadians, and  
44  
45 WHEREAS excellent material has been produced on the philosophical, ethical and theological questions  
46 raised relating to bio-medical research, development, and implementation, by partner churches  
47 and other relevant church bodies and organizations, which could be reviewed and considered in  
48 the Canadian context, and  
49  
50 WHEREAS these topics can cause great division, confusion, angst within and between congregations, and  
51  
52 WHEREAS the Church needs pertinent and useful resources to navigate these issues, therefore, be it  
53

1 RESOLVED that the CTCR, within the bounds of its limited resources, provide relevant materials for study,  
2 guidance and reference on these matters for the Church, and be it further  
3

4 RESOLVED that we respectfully decline overture 2.04  
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6 Committee#2  
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9 **RESOLUTION 22.2.05 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 2.05**

10  
11 (Reference Overture 2.05)  
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13 WHEREAS matters contained in Overture 2.05 are contained in Overtures 2.03 and 2.07; therefore be it  
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15 RESOLVED that we respectfully decline Overture 2.05.  
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17 Committee #2  
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20 **RESOLUTION 22.2.06 TO APPROVE THE PMC POLICY CONCERNING RETIRED PASTORS**

21  
22 (Reference Overture 2.06)  
23

24 WHEREAS the 2017 Synod Convention adopted Resolution 17.2.04 directing the Council of Presidents to  
25 establish a policy concerning retired pastors; and  
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27 WHEREAS the President's Ministry Council (the successor of the COP under our new structure) has  
28 formulated a policy regarding retired pastors, along with an application form for such status, as  
29 well as a call document for Calling an Emeritus Pastor and a Rite of Installation for a retired  
30 pastor; and  
31

32 WHEREAS Resolution 17.2.04 required that such a policy be brought before the next convention of the  
33 Synod for approval; therefore, be it  
34

35 RESOLVED that the Synod in convention approve the following contained in the PMC's 'Guidelines For  
36 Emeritus Status' policy document:  
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38 "An Emeritus Pastor:

- 39 • shall hold membership in and be under the pastoral care of a congregation of Lutheran Church—  
40 Canada;
- 41 • shall remain under the supervision of the Regional Pastor in the region in which he resides;
- 42 • may transfer to another region should his residence change by making application through his  
43 Regional Pastor;
- 44 • may preach and administer the Sacraments at the invitation of a called pastor or a congregation while  
45 the pastor is sick or on holiday – being understood that in such cases he is acting on behalf of the  
46 called pastor and is authorized to exercise the office of the keys in that particular place only in those  
47 situations;
- 48 • may serve as vacancy pastor after having received and accepted a formal notice of a call from a  
49 congregation to serve in that capacity;
- 50 • is not authorized to preach and carry out the functions of the office of the ministry wherever and  
51 whenever he pleases;
- 52 • may be officially called as "Pastor Emeritus" by a local congregation (this should not merely be an  
53 honorary title, but, depending upon such factors as the health of the retired pastor, a written call



1 document should spell out certain duties like assisting the pastor with sick and shut-in calls,  
2 preaching and presiding at the Divine Service occasionally, teaching a Bible class, etc.);  
3 • may serve on the Board of Directors of the synod, on synodical commissions and committees, or as  
4 circuit counsellor;  
5 • may attend synodical conventions as an advisor;  
6 • may be appointed as one of the Member Congregation’s delegates to a synodical convention if he is  
7 serving as the congregation’s vacancy pastor.  
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9 Retired pastors who are unable to perform such pastoral duties due to health reasons and the like may  
10 be retained on the clergy roster of the Synod. Retired pastors who do not want to have the  
11 responsibilities of a minister, as referenced above, will not be retained on the clergy roster of the  
12 Synod. This would have no ramifications for their pension. They are urged to contact their Regional  
13 Pastor to discuss this matter before the President’s Ministry Council makes a decision on their roster  
14 status.”  
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16 Committee #2  
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19 **RESOLUTION 22.2.07 TO COMMEND THE CTCR DOCUMENT “A LUTHERAN RESPONSE TO**  
20 **CONTEMPORARY ISSUES” FOR STUDY AND RESPONSE**  
21

22 (Reference Overtures 2.02, 2.03, 2.05, 2.07)  
23

24 WHEREAS the Church is called to faithfulness in word and action; and  
25

26 WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic, and authorities' actions in response to the threat, have caused sharp  
27 disagreements in congregations and amongst clergy; and  
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29 WHEREAS the conscientious Christian may ask how we as Christians should respond when laws are  
30 proposed and presented, deliberated, and then eventually passed by the secular government  
31 which impact the Church’s teaching and freedom of religion; and  
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33 WHEREAS non-Lutheran Christian organizations produce material that speak to these contemporary  
34 matters, and invite other Christians to sign-on to their efforts; and  
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36 WHEREAS such non-Lutheran resources may also miss important truths that Lutheran theology brings  
37 when discussing matters in the public square; therefore, be it  
38

39 RESOLVED that the CTCR document “A Lutheran Response to Contemporary Issues” be commended to  
40 the pastors and congregations of the Synod for study and response.  
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42 Committee #2  
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45 **RESOLUTION 22.3.01 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 3.01 AMALGAMATION PLAN FOR**  
46 **STRUGGLING CONGREGATIONS**  
47

48 (Reference Overture 3.01)  
49

50 WHEREAS Overture 1.11 seeks to add Synodical Bylaw 4.55, which reads,  
51 *“a. Member Congregations which have grown so small that they cannot financially support*  
52 *their own pastor shall seek to establish a merger with neighbouring congregations whether it*

1 *be a formation of a dual or tri-parish, a multi-point parish agreement, and the like so that the*  
2 *means of grace may be regularly administered in their midst.*  
3 *b. Member Congregations which are able to financially support their own pastor are*  
4 *encouraged to join with a neighbouring congregation that is unable to support its own pastor*  
5 *so that the means of grace may be regularly administered to the members of the smaller*  
6 *congregation.”; and*  
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8 WHEREAS the new Synodical Bylaw gives general direction to congregations in all circumstances; and  
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10 WHEREAS the diverse needs of each congregation, circuit and region would likely vary to such a degree  
11 that it would be impractical for a task force to create a report that would wisely guide each  
12 congregation facing this dilemma; therefore, be it  
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14 RESOLVED that Overture 3.01 be respectfully declined; and be it further  
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16 RESOLVED that congregations, pastors, circuit counsellors and regional pastors be made aware of this  
17 new Synodical Bylaw and seek to find partnerships that further the proclamation of Law and  
18 Gospel.  
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20 Committee #3  
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23 **RESOLUTION 22.3.02 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 3.02 TO MERGE THE QU’APPELLE**  
24 **CIRCUITS AND THE WASCANA CIRCUITS**  
25

26 (Reference Overture 3.02)  
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28 WHEREAS according to Statutory Bylaw 1.01 the number and boundaries of circuits are established by  
29 the Board from time to time; therefore, be it  
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31 RESOLVED that Overture 3.02 be respectfully declined; and be it further  
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33 RESOLVED that this request be forwarded to the Board for their consideration and action.  
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35 Committee #3  
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38 **RESOLUTION 22.3.03 TO SUPPORT YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT, AND FAMILY MINISTRY IN**  
39 **THE SYNOD**  
40

41 (Reference Overture 3.03)  
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43 WHEREAS youth leaders in LCC are in need of resources, training, and support; and  
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45 WHEREAS young adult ministry in LCC needs to be cultivated where it does not exist, and be supported  
46 and encouraged where it already exists; and  
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48 WHEREAS children and family ministries need to be supported, with opportunities for Sunday school  
49 staff to be encouraged and trained, and to help churches provide Vacation Bible Schools for  
50 their communities; and  
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52 WHEREAS workers and volunteers who support the parents of the children, youth, and young adults of  
53 the Synod are also in need of resources, training, and support for equipping parents to

1 encourage their children to grow in faith and to respond to the issues that they experience in  
2 the world with love and faithfulness; and  
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4 WHEREAS providing the necessary resources, training, and support for youth, young adult, and family  
5 ministry in LCC has roots in the deaconate, and the deacon training programs hosted by the  
6 seminaries. Therefore, be it  
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8 RESOLVED that LCC through its regional pastors work with the deaconate and the seminaries to provide  
9 opportunities of training and support to workers and volunteers by way of resources,  
10 conferences, and training opportunities both online and in-person.  
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12 Committee #3  
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15 **RESOLUTION 22.3.04 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 3.04 (TO ENSURE THE PROPER CARE OF**  
16 **THOSE CALLED TO SERVE AS SYNOD PRESIDENT, REGIONAL**  
17 **PASTORS, AND MISSIONS EXECUTIVE(S))**  
18

19 (Reference Overture 3.04)  
20

21 WHEREAS the Personnel Committee of the Board of Directors is tasked with providing Compensation  
22 Guidelines for pastors and deacons to assist congregations in providing proper remuneration  
23 of their of their called pastors and deacons; and  
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25 WHEREAS congregations have the right of self-government (Constitution Article VII) in connection with  
26 this matter and make the final decision relative to compensation of their called church  
27 workers; and  
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29 WHEREAS the Synod President, Regional Pastors, and Missions Executive, while serving in  
30 ecclesiastical offices as attested to in our Lutheran Confession, are from a 'kingdom of the  
31 left hand' perspective employees of the Synod, just as is the case of the relationship of a  
32 pastor and the congregation he has been called to serve; and  
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34 WHEREAS Statutory Bylaw 14.06 states that "The Personnel Committee shall develop policies to be  
35 administered by the administrator governing the employment and remuneration of executive  
36 staff and employees of LCC"; and  
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38 WHEREAS the Personnel Committee has, after much research of various church bodies and other not-for-  
39 profit organizations, established a revised salary grid for all synodical employees, including  
40 the Synod President, Regional Pastors, and Missions Executive; and  
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42 WHEREAS the BOD has approved the salary grids in accordance with the biblical mandate, "those who  
43 preach the Gospel should receive their living from the Gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14) and  
44 again, "the elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double hone,  
45 especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17); therefore, be it  
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47 RESOLVED that Overture 3.04 (To Ensure The Proper Care Of Those Called To Serve As Synod  
48 President, Regional Pastors, And Missions Executives) be respectfully declined.  
49

50 Committee #3

**LATE OVERTURES**

**OVERTURE 1.14 TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

WHEREAS Lutheran Church- Canada was incorporated by the Senate of Canada by means of a Special Act , *An Act to Incorporate Lutheran Church –Canada*, which was assented to June 4, 1959 (Special Act Corporation); and

WHEREAS certain provisions of the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act* (CNCA) apply to Special Act corporations including section 160(1) which imposes the Annual Meeting requirement on Special Act Corporations; and

WHEREAS the current LCC statutory bylaws don't include a provision for conducting annual meetings; therefore be it

RESOLVED the Statutory bylaws be amended to provide for the business of Annual meetings as proposed in Article IX.1 (Reference – H41)

LCC Board of Directors  
Arnold Drung, Chair  
Grace Henderson , Secretary

**OVERTURE 2.08 TO DECLARE ALTAR AND PULPIT FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORWAY AND ICELAND**

WHEREAS discussions have taken place between representatives of Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC) and the Lutheran Church in Norway and Iceland (LCNI); and

WHEREAS these discussions have revealed a clear unity in the doctrine of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments (AC VII); and

WHEREAS the LCC Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) has reviewed the minutes of these discussions and has concurred with this mutual agreement between LCC and the LCNI; and

WHEREAS the CTCR views the benefits of fellowship to be a future blessing from the Lord of the Church for both church bodies; therefore be it

RESOLVED that Lutheran Church—Canada in convention declare Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the Lutheran Church in Norway and Iceland.

Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR)  
Rev. Joel Kuhl, Chair  
Paul Walrath, Secretary

**OVERTURE 3.05 TO RECEIVE SHALOM OROMO LUTHERAN CHURCH, WINNIPEG,  
MANITOBA INTO MEMBERSHIP OF LUTHERAN CHURCH—CANADA**

WHEREAS the congregation of Shalom Oromo Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba has applied for membership in Lutheran Church—Canada; and

WHEREAS the constitution and bylaws of Shalom Oromo Lutheran Church have been submitted and reviewed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors of LCC in accordance with Synodical Bylaw 1.15 a; therefore be it

RESOLVED that Shalom Oromo Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba be joyfully received as a member of Lutheran Church—Canada.

LCC Board of Directors  
Arnold Drung, Chair  
Grace Henderson, Secretary

**OVERTURE 3.06 TO RECEIVE ÉGLISE ÉVANGÉLIQUE LUTHÉRIENNE DE LA  
RÉCONCILIATION, SHERBROOKE, QUEBEC INTO MEMBERSHIP OF  
LUTHERAN CHURCH—CANADA**

WHEREAS the congregation of Église Évangélique Luthérienne de la Réconciliation, Sherbrooke, Quebec has applied for membership in Lutheran Church—Canada; and

WHEREAS the constitution and bylaws of Église Évangélique Luthérienne de la Réconciliation have been submitted and reviewed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors of LCC in accordance with Synodical Bylaw 1.15 a; therefore be it

RESOLVED that Église Évangélique Luthérienne de la Réconciliation, Sherbrooke, Quebec be joyfully received as a member of Lutheran Church—Canada.

LCC Board of Directors  
Arnold Drung, Chair  
Grace Henderson, Secretary

**OVERTURE 3.07 TO RATIFY AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS TO CONGREGATION  
CONSTITUTIONS**

WHEREAS upon review of changes to various congregation constitutions and subsequent recommendation of the President, the Board of Directors has approved the revisions and amendments to these constitutions; and

WHEREAS such actions by the Board are to be “submitted to the next Convention for ratification” (Synodical Bylaw 1.5.b); therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Convention ratify the actions of the Board on the following dates pertaining to its approval of amendments and revisions to the constitutions of the following congregations:

April 5, 2019 – First St. Paul’s, Wellesley ON; St. Peter’s, Simcoe ON; Faith, Middle Lake SK; Grace, Port Alberni BC; Bethel, Kitchener ON; St. Paul’s, Elmira ON; All Saints, Edmonton AB; St. Matthew, Inlet QC; Emmanuel, Moose Jaw, SK

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2 June 19, 2019 – Grace, Oshawa ON; St. John’s, Mount Forest ON; Messiah, Waterloo ON; Church of the  
3 Lutheran Hour, Fort Frances ON  
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5 September 19, 2019 – Immanuel, Rocky Mountain House AB; St. John’s, Snyder ON; Grace, Edmonton AB;  
6 Christ, Red Lake ON; King of Kings, St. Albert AB; Grace, Saskatoon SK  
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8 November 15, 2019 – St. John’s, Clifford ON; St. Peter, Oxbow SK; St. Paul’s, Chilliwack BC; Concordia,  
9 Edmonton AB  
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11 November 21, 2020 – Good Shepherd, Moncton NB; St. John’s, Frobisher SK; Redeemer, Hamilton ON; St.  
12 Paul’s, Saskatoon SK; Faith, Kitchener ON; Living Christ, Lipton SK; Resurrection, St.  
13 Catharines ON; Redeemer, Didsbury AB; Our Saviour, Etobicoke ON; Redeemer, Winnipeg MB;  
14 Zion, Yorkton SK; Duchess, Duchess AB; Zion, Augsburg ON  
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16 February 26, 2021 – Lappe, Thunday Bay ON; Zion, Prince George BC; First, Lloydminster AB  
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18 November 19, 2021 – Peace, Tillsonburg ON  
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20 February 10, 2022 – King of Kings, St. Albert AB; Redeemer, Victoria (Langford) BC; Our Saviour & St.  
21 Mark, Dryden, ON & Vermilion Bay, ON; Faith, Desboro ON  
22

23 April 9, 2022 – Calvary, Thunder Bay, ON; Grace, St. Catharines, ON  
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25 LCC Board of Directors  
26 Arnold Drung, Chair  
27 Grace Henderson, Secretary  
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30 **OVERTURE 3.08            TO DIRECT THE SYNOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO IMPLEMENT**  
31 **RESOLUTION 17.2.01**  
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33 **WHEREAS**    The Synod in convention (2017) passed resolution 17.2.01; and  
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35 **WHEREAS**    Resolution 17.2.01 was passed, based on the Synod in convention (2011) which passed  
36 resolution 11.2.03: and  
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38 **WHEREAS**    Resolution 11.2.03 reads ‘That the Board of Directors affirm the recommendations of the  
39 Vicarage Task Force, including the development and implementations of a synodical system  
40 of subsidizing vicarages whereby congregations, by a yearly assessment, contribute to a  
41 “Vicarage Placement Fund”; and  
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43 **WHEREAS**    such an assessment and fund would allow for more beneficial placement of vicars; and  
44

45 **WHEREAS**    according to ARTICLE III Objectives #3 of the Synodical Constitution of Lutheran Church  
46 Canada The Synod, under Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions shall recruit and train  
47 pastors, deacons and other professional church workers and provide opportunity for their  
48 continuing growth’; and  
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50 **WHEREAS**    vicars are studying and training to be future pastors for Lutheran Church Canada  
51 Congregations; and  
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- 1 **WHEREAS** there may be good congregations and on-site supervising pastors suited to train, guide and  
 2 mentor vicars but do not have the funds to do so; and  
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- 4 **WHEREAS** the Board reported to the 2014 convention that '11.2.03 To Implement the Recommendations  
 5 of the Vicarage Task Force Report required further work to develop a funding model'; and  
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- 7 **WHEREAS** no report or update on Resolution 17.2.01 (To Direct the Synod Board of Directors to  
 8 Implement Resolution 11.2.03) has been given, verbally or written; Therefore be it  
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- 10 **RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors give a verbal progress report at this convention (2022) on the  
 11 status of resolution 17.2.01 and be it further  
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- 13 **RESOLVED** that the Lutheran Church-Canada in convention direct the Board of Directors to expedite the  
 14 implementation of Resolution 17.2.01 in conjunction with Resolution 11.2.03  
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- 16 Submitted  
 17 King of Kings Lutheran Church  
 18 St. Albert, AB  
 19 Rev. Jan Pastucha  
 20 King of Kings Council  
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- 23 **OVERTURE 3.09 TO APPOINT AUDITORS FOR LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA**  
 24
- 25 **WHEREAS** the statutory Bylaws (Article V – provision 5.01) state the delegates present at Convention  
 26 appoint an auditor for auditing the financial statements of LCC; therefore be it  
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- 28 **RESOLVED** that KPMG be appointed auditors of LCC and hold office until the next Convention  
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- 30 LCC Board of Directors  
 31 Arnold Drung, Chair  
 32 Grace Henderson, Secretary  
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- 35 **OVERTURE 3.10 TO SUPPORT AND AFFIRM THE DECISION OF LUTHERAN CHURCH–**  
 36 **CANADA TO MERGE THE LCC PENSION PLAN INTO CAAT PENSION**  
 37 **PLAN**  
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- 39 **WHEREAS** the Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC) Board of Directors (the LCC Board) authorized LCC  
 40 Worker Benefit Service Inc. (WBS) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU),  
 41 with the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Pension Plan (CAAT), a jointly-sponsored  
 42 defined benefit pension plan registered in the province of Ontario; and  
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- 44 **WHEREAS** the MOU outlined the intention of the two parties to consider the participation of some or all  
 45 LCC employers and their eligible employees in CAAT on a go-forward basis and for the  
 46 transfer of assets and liabilities from the Lutheran Church-Canada Pension Plan (LCC Plan)  
 47 to CAAT (the Merger); and  
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- 49 **WHEREAS** the WBS Board of Directors evaluated the pros and cons to members and employers for  
 50 merging the LCC Plan into CAAT and, having determined that the Merger was in the best  
 51 interests of both LCC Plan-members and participating employers, recommended LCC  
 52 proceed with the Merger; and  
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- 1 WHEREAS the LCC Board approved the recommendation and directed WBS to inform members and  
2 participating employers on the details of the proposed merger and to seek their support; and  
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- 4 WHEREAS WBS has held a number of information sessions with LCC Plan members and participating  
5 employers and believes they have received necessary information to make an informed  
6 decision on whether to support the Merger; and  
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- 8 WHEREAS the Merger will be subject to regulatory approvals, the requirements of which include receipt  
9 of the required number of consents from LCC Plan members; and  
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- 11 WHEREAS LCC is prepared to sign a memorandum of agreement with CAAT to move forward with the  
12 Merger, and is desirous of a strong endorsement of the Merger from the convention delegates;  
13 therefore be it  
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- 15 RESOLVED the convention supports and affirms the decision of LCC to enter into a Memorandum of  
16 Agreement (MOA) with CAAT for the purposes of the merger of the LCC Plan and CAAT;  
17 and be it further  
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- 19 RESOLVED that participating employers-in the LCC plan will indicate their decision to participate in  
20 CAAT by returning a signed agency agreement to LCC by July 31, 2022 authorizing LCC to  
21 enter into the MOA on their behalf.  
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- 23 LCC Board of Directors  
24 Arnold Drung, Chair  
25 Grace Henderson, Secretary  
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## **REFERENCE FOR OVERTURE 1.14**

### Article IX.1 Annual Meeting of Members

- 9.1.01 **Time of Meeting**. An annual meeting of the Members shall be held in each year within six months of the end of the immediately preceding Fiscal year of Lutheran Church-Canada, or as soon as practicable thereafter, as the board may determine.
- 9.1.02 **Attendees**. All Members shall be entitled to attend the annual meeting of the Members, provided, however, that, in accordance with section 7.10, Individual Members shall not be entitled to vote thereat.
- 9.1.03 **Delegates**. With respect to Member Congregations, the delegates entitled to attend the annual meeting of the Members, shall be the delegates appointed by the Member Congregation in question to attend the last quadrennial Convention of the Lutheran Church-Canada, provided that the Member Congregation may appoint different delegates to the annual meeting of the Members, subject to the restriction in section 8.06, and the requirement that the Member Congregation shall provide the names and addresses (including e-mail address) of each individual so appointed to the secretary at least 15 days prior to the annual meeting of the Members.
- 9.1.04 **Meeting to be held by Electronic Means**. The annual meeting of the Members shall be held entirely by means of a telephonic, electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting, as determined by the directors. A person participating in a meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting. Any person participating in an annual meeting of Members pursuant to this section who is entitled to vote at that meeting may vote, by means of any telephonic, electronic or other communication facility that has made available for that purpose.
- 9.1.05 **Quorum**. A quorum for an annual meeting of Members shall consist of at least 5% of eligible delegates.
- 9.1.06 **Business of the meeting**. At each annual meeting of Members:
- a. the report of the Board of Directors, the financial statements of the Corporation and the report of the auditors thereon (if applicable) shall be presented;
  - b. vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled for a term not exceeding the date of the next Convention, by majority vote of the delegates;
  - c. auditors shall be appointed (or the appointment of auditors dispensed with) for the ensuing fiscal year; and
  - d. additional business may be considered at the annual meeting of the Members, provided that the directors shall provide the members with notice of such business which contains sufficient detail to permit a Member to form reasoned judgment on the business. The members should also receive the stated text of any special resolutions to be submitted to the meeting.