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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF ALBERTA

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to welcome church leaders from across the country to our province for the 2022 Lutheran Church-Canada Synod Convention.

Faith is an important part of life for many Canadians, and I appreciate the prayerful dedication of those who help guide our religious organizations—particularly in light of the challenges of the last two years. I am grateful for your resilience, and I hope you will be encouraged as you gather to worship and pray together.

I hope, too, that you will enjoy your stay in our capital region as you take time to reflect on the Lutheran Church-Canada's ongoing work, prepare for the future, and reaffirm your commitment to "Stand Firm in the Faith."

Thank you to all those who have made this event possible, and very best wishes for a productive and inspiring convention.

God bless,



Hon Jason Kenney, Premier of Alberta





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Dear Rev. President Timothy Teuscher and Convention Delegates:

Greetings from the International Lutheran Council as you gather for the Twelfth Regular Convention. We pray that the Lord will grant you wisdom and richly bless the work you are undertaking for his Church in Canada.

Thank you for your thoughtful invitation to attend the Convention, unfortunately, I am already committed to attending the LCMS Rocky Mountain District Convention. Your theme "*Stand Firm in the Faith,*" from 1 Corinthians 16:13 is an inspiration to where the Lutheran Church—Canada should strive to go in the future. It is also descriptive of your past. The LC-C is a respected member of the International Lutheran Conference. The leadership provided by President Bugbee, President Teuscher, the Seminary faculty, plus pastors and laity has been of great value and benefit to making and keeping the ILC faithful to Holy Scriptures and the Gospel and to the Lutheran Confessions. The ILC would not be what it is today without the Lutheran Church—Canada.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Blessed Epiphany Greetings,
In Christ,

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LCC 12th Convention 2022 Greetings from SELK - Germany

Zeichen: 530/00

Most honored President Teuscher, dear Brother Timothy,
dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I regret very much not to be able to follow your kind invitation and take part of the LCC-Convention in Edmonton. It would have been a great joy and honor to me to join this meeting but unfortunately our General Pastoral Conference (APK) will be held at the same time. Therefore my sincere greetings reach you by this letter of greeting.

The relationship between our churches and within the International Lutheran Council is very worthy to me as well to the members of the Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELK) in Germany. It is my prayer for you, my dear brothers and sisters, that our heavenly father will always look kindly on you and that he will answer your prayers for the well-being and the extension of the Lutheran Church worldwide. May he bless your efforts and strengthen you.

The theme, you have chosen for your Convention is "Stand firm in the faith" from 1.Cor.16:13 in remembrance of Luther's speech at the Diet of Worms. What Luther said in Worms is, that it is not safe neither helpful to do something against one's own Christian conscience. I think, this may be a good advice for every church facing the results of the pandemic situation and the war in Europe.

In this Last Days Christ is near! And we as Lutherans in Germany enjoy especially the brotherhood with you in Canada.

Be blessed in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!
Sincere greetings from Germany



Bishop Hans-Jörg Voigt D.D.
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RESOLUTION 22.2.02A 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 Sexual activity 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.

RESOLUTION 22.3.03A TO SUPPORT YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT, AND FAMILY MINISTRY IN THE SYNOD

(Reference Overture 3.03)

- WHEREAS youth leaders in LCC are in need of resources, training, and support; and
- WHEREAS young adult ministry in LCC needs to be cultivated where it does not exist, and be supported and encouraged where it already exists; and
- WHEREAS children and family ministries need to be supported, with opportunities for Sunday school staff to be encouraged and trained, and to help churches provide Vacation Bible Schools for their communities; and
- WHEREAS workers and volunteers who support the parents of the children, youth, and young adults of the Synod are also in need of resources, training, and support for equipping parents to encourage their children to grow in faith and to respond to the issues that they experience in the world with love and faithfulness; and
- WHEREAS the opportunities to receive this support are currently severely limited within LCC; and

- WHEREAS providing the necessary resources, training, and support for youth, young adult, and family ministry in LCC would include, but not be limited to, creating Bible study resources, visiting congregations, hosting training sessions and networking events, having a leadership role on the National Youth Gathering committee, encouraging Regional youth gatherings and young adult events, and supporting the spiritual and emotional needs of the workers and volunteers involved in these ministries would be a full-time job; and
- WHEREAS a strategic planning meeting was held by the Board of Directors, Synod office staff, and representatives of the three Regional Mission and Ministry Councils in April 2019, at which having a synod-level staff member responsible for support of congregational ministries was identified as a critical target through which the Synod's ministry resources would be strengthened; and
- WHEREAS it is estimated that the total annual cost of this position is approximately \$120,000, including salary, benefits, travel, etc.; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that LCC engage a full-time church worker to provide and create resources, training, and support to all youth, young adult, and family ministry workers and volunteers in LCC.

RESOLUTION 22.3.08A TO DIRECT THE SYNOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 17.2.01

(Reference Overture 3.08)

- WHEREAS The Synod in convention (2017) passed resolution 17.2.01; and
- WHEREAS Resolution 17.2.01 was passed, based on the Synod in convention (2011) which passed resolution 11.2.03: and
- WHEREAS Resolution 11.2.03 reads 'That the Board of Directors affirm the recommendations of the Vicarage Task Force, including the development and implementations of a synodical system of subsidizing vicarages whereby congregations, by a yearly assessment, contribute to a "Vicarage Placement Fund"; and
- WHEREAS such an assessment and fund would allow for more beneficial placement of vicars; and
- WHEREAS according to ARTICLE III Objectives #3 of the Synodical Constitution of Lutheran Church Canada, under Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions shall recruit and train pastors, deacons and other professional church workers and provide opportunity for their continuing growth'; and
- WHEREAS vicars are studying and training to be future pastors for Lutheran Church Canada Congregations; and
- WHEREAS there may be good congregations and on-site supervising pastors suited to train, guide and mentor vicars but do not have the funds to do so; and
- WHEREAS the Board reported to the 2014 convention that '11.2.03 To Implement the Recommendations of the Vicarage Task Force Report required further work to develop a funding model'; and
- WHEREAS no report or update on Resolution 17.2.01 (To Direct the Synod Board of Directors to Implement Resolution 11.2.03) has been given, verbally or written; Therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors give a verbal progress report at this convention (2022) on the status of resolution 17.2.01 and be it further

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Church-Canada in convention direct the Board of Directors to expedite the implementation of Resolution 17.2.01 in conjunction with Resolution 11.2.03.

UPDATES AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CONVENTION WORKBOOK

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

C.12 Add Registered Advisory Delegates:

Clergy

Rev. Dr. Sam Thompson

Rev. Dr. Alex Vieira

D. 1 Nomination for President – Rev. David Haberstock withdraws

D.6 Nomination for Regional Pastors – Rev. Arron Gust withdraws

D.9 Commission on Constitution Matters and Structure – Rev. Joel Kuhl withdraws

D. 11 Board of Regents (Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary)

- Rev. Richard Juritsch withdraws
- Rev. Jonathan Kraemer withdraws

E. 17 Changes Within the Synod - add

- JOHNSON, Gregory – Our Saviour, Etobicoke, ON to Mt. Calvary, New Westminster, BC, 2021-11-28 by Rev. Robert Mohns

E. 18 Candidate or Emeritus – add

Add - BOEHM, Curtis 2021-09-01

E. 18 Called to Glory

Remove – SILVER, Frank

H. Convention Delegates

H. 12 Winnipeg, Shalom

- Lay Delegate Badane Ejeta
- Clergy Delegate Rev. Asefa Aredo

H.13 Winnipeg, Beautiful Saviour - Lay Delegate Kalyn Bomback

H.15 Remove Lay Delegate Jane Jacob

H.15 Sherbrooke, Reconciliation

- Lay Delegate Daniels Francois
- Clergy Delegate Rev. Razafy Razafindrakoto

H.15 Remove Rev. Todd Hoeffs

H.15 Kitchener, Grace - Lay Delegate Daniel Smilek

H. 16 Simcoe, St. Peter's - Lay Delegate Eric Blitterswyk

H.16 Remove Lay Delegate Gordon Horseman

H. 16 Georgetown, Immanuel – Lay Delegate Donna Walsh

H.18 St. Albert, King of Kings – Lay Delegate Mark Wolgram

H.18 Calgary, Grace Lutheran - Lay Delegate Alf Guebert

H.19 Remove Lay Delegate Paul Fricke

H.19 Lay Delegate Ed Goselwitz replaced by Colleen Albert

- H. 19 Remove Rev. Andy Kahle
- H.20 Remove Rev. Robert Marshall
- H.20 Remove Rev. Tom Kruesel
- I.13 Correction: BLEDOFF, Saulo
- I. 15 Kitchener Circuit - Rev. David Gallas withdraws
- 1.15 Add Kitchener Circuit – Rev. Richard Orłowski
- I.15 Niagara Circuit – Rev. Todd Hoeffs withdraws
- I.15 Niagara Circuit – remove Rev. Michael Meleg

STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH – 1 Corinthians 16:13
2th Regular Convention of Lutheran Church-Canada
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Friday, June 10, 2022

MINUTES – Session 1

Call to Order

President Teuscher called the first session to order at 4:02 pm (MDT)

Registration Committee Report – Grace Henderson, Chairman

A report was unavailable.

Statutory Bylaw 9.07 of Lutheran Church-Canada's Handbook states that, "A quorum for Convention shall consist of at least 25% of the eligible delegates." President Teuscher declared that Quorum was achieved and the Convention proceeded.

Induction Rite for Delegates – President Teuscher & Rev. Terry Goerz

Using the Rite of Installation of Delegates from page H.5 in "*Today's Business*" the Delegates were installed and the Convention was opened.

Introductions – President Teuscher

The individuals who are serving in various capacities for the Convention were introduced.

Registration Committee Report – Grace Henderson, Chairman

Voting Pastor Delegates – 66

Voting Lay Delegates – 96

Advisory Delegates – 1

Registered Visitors – 8

Total Attendees – 171

Voting Orientation & Organization – President Teuscher

Using pages H.6 through H.9 in "*Today's Business*"—the Convention Orientation was completed. Rev. Thomas Prachar is serving as Parliamentarian for the Convention.

Special Standing Rules – President Teuscher

Using page A.5 in the "*Convention Workbook*"—the Special Standing Rules were reviewed.

C22-01 Motion: To adopt the Special Standing Rules

M/S/C

Adoption of Agenda – President Teuscher

Using page I.3 in "*Today's Business*"—the Agenda was proposed to the Delegates.

C22-02 Motion: To adopt the proposed Agenda

M/S/C

Acceptance of New Congregation Members – Resolutions Committee #3,

Rev. Brian Falkenholt, Chairman

Resolution 22.3.05 was proposed to the Delegates.

RESOLUTION 22.3.05 TO RECEIVE SHALOM OROMO LUTHERAN CHURCH, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA INTO MEMBERSHIP OF LUTHERAN CHURCH—CANADA

(Reference Overture 3.05)

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.

C22-03 Motion: To adopt Resolution 22.3.05

ACTION: Adopted

Acceptance of New Congregation Members – Resolutions Committee #3 (continued)

Resolution 22.3.06 was proposed to the Delegates.

RESOLUTION 22.3.06 TO RECEIVE ÉGLISE ÉVANGÉLIQUE LUTHÉRIENNE DE LA RÉCONCILIATION, SHERBROOKE, QUEBEC INTO MEMBERSHIP OF LUTHERAN CHURCH—CANADA

(Reference Overture 3.06)

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.

C22-04 Motion: To adopt Resolution 22.3.06

ACTION: Adopted

The pastor and representatives from Shalom Oromo Lutheran Church congregation were called forward to sign the Constitution of Lutheran Church-Canada. The representatives from Évangélique Luthérienne de la Réconciliation had not yet arrived and will sign the Constitution later in the Convention. The “*Common Doxology*” was sung to welcome the congregations into the Synodical family.

Acceptance of New Pastor Members – President Teuscher

New pastors have received calls to congregations and other entities of Synod since the three District Conventions in 2018 by Ordinations and Installations; by Colloquy; or by Transfer. Using page E.15 in the “*Convention Workbook*” and page I.13 in “*Today’s Business*”—the new members were called forward to sign the

Constitution of Lutheran Church-Canada. The hymn, “*Thy Strong Word*” was sung during the signing of the Constitution.

Electronic Voting – J.P. Copeland, Data on the Spot (DOTS)

Instruction in using the electronic voting system was provided to Delegates.

Announcements – Alex Steinke, Director of Communications

Recess

President Teuscher called the first session to close at 4:54 pm (MDT)