

**OVERTURE 1.01 TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF “ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR – FAMILY MINISTRIES” TO “DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES”**

WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) has established various offices and positions to support the work of the Synod in national and international mission, communication, and ministry; and

WHEREAS It is common and appropriate practice within the LCC structure to designate certain leaders with the title of Director, as seen in positions such as Director of Domestic Missions, Director of International Missions, Director of Communications, and Director of Advancement; and

WHEREAS The current title Associate Director – Family Ministries implies the existence of a corresponding Director – Family Ministries, which does not presently exist within the Synod’s staffing structure; and

WHEREAS The work of Family Ministries is essential to the life and mission of the church, serving congregations, workers, and families in nurturing faith within the home and across generations; and

WHEREAS The individual serving in this role bears leadership responsibilities that aligns more closely with those of a Director in other comparable Synod departments; and

WHEREAS Clarifying this title would accurately reflect the scope of the position’s call, education, and duties, promote organizational consistency, and remove unnecessary ambiguity;

Therefore be it

RESOLVED That the title Associate Director – Family Ministries be changed to Director of Family Ministries; and be it further

RESOLVED That this change be incorporated into official Synod documents, publications, and communications; and be it finally

RESOLVED That the Synod give thanks to God for the work carried out through Family Ministries and encourage ongoing prayer and support for all those who serve to strengthen Christian homes within Lutheran Church–Canada.

Peace Lutheran Church  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

**OVERTURE 1.02 TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED 2026 LCC HANDBOOK**

WHEREAS the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure (CCMS) of LCC has as one of its mandates to “Conduct a continuing review of the structure of LCC...” (*Cf. Synodical Bylaw 2.063a.1*); and

1 WHEREAS this review has been completed; and

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3 WHEREAS it would take too much Convention time to approve each update one at a time; and

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5 WHEREAS sufficient time on the Convention floor to discuss and approve additional changes to the  
6 proposed LCC 2026 Handbook will be allotted at this Convention;

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8 Therefore, be it

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10 RESOLVED that LCC in Convention approve the following changes to the 2022 Handbook as a whole:

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12 **Statutory Bylaws**

13 8.19 Each region shall send one advisory delegate for every 30 advisory pastors (or fraction  
14 thereof) and one advisory delegate for every 30 deacons (or fraction thereof) on the roster  
15 of the Synod assigned to the region. Any rostered pastor is advisory if he is not a voting  
16 delegate. Each region shall be entitled to at least one advisory delegate in each category.  
17 Additionally, one deacon at large shall be elected so that a minimum of four deacons (at  
18 least one from each region by numerical representation and one deacon at large) shall act  
19 as advisory delegates at convention. Whether the election occurs in person or remotely,  
20 nominations should be sought from the region's advisory pastors (in relation to the  
21 pastoral advisory delegate) and the region's deacons (in relation to the diaconal delegate)  
22 prior to voting. The election of the deacon at large shall be made by a paper or electronic  
23 ballot arranged by the ~~Regional Pastor secretary~~, with nominations from the deacons of  
24 LCC preceding the election and with each deacon on the roster eligible to participate. The  
25 elections of the regional diaconal delegates and the election of the deacon at large shall  
26 not run concurrently so as to allow unelected nominees from one election to be nominated  
27 for the other. Such elections must be completed at least 90 days prior to the opening day  
28 of the Convention. ~~The Regional Pastor will inform the Secretary of the Synod of the~~  
29 ~~results.~~

30 11.21 The Board may fill any vacancy on the Board, or in the office of the vice-president, *or*  
31 *regional pastor*, by appointment of a qualified individual to hold such office for the  
32 balance of the unexpired term.

33 11.23 The Board shall appoint the chief administrative officer who shall be an employee of LCC.  
34 The chief administrative officer shall discharge the non-ecclesiastical responsibilities  
35 assigned to the chief administrative officer by the Board and shall supervise the activities  
36 of all *non-ecclesiastical* employees of LCC ~~other than the president and the regional~~  
37 ~~pastors~~. The chief administrative officer shall be responsible for preparing annual budgets  
38 to be presented to the Board as well as preparing a four-year forecast to be presented to  
39 each quadrennial Convention. The chief administrative officer shall encourage offerings  
40 for the work of LCC on regional, national and international levels; keep an exact record  
41 of all moneys received and expended by LCC; administer LCC's financial affairs; and at  
42 any time submit to an examination of the chief administrative officer's books and  
43 accounts by an auditing committee when so ordered by the Board or a Convention.

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45 **Synodical Constitution**

46 Article VII (Cf. Synodical Bylaws, ~~1.21b~~ 1.011b)

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## Synodical Bylaws

- 1.009 Every pastor and every deacon shall, in accordance with ~~his~~ *their* vocation, ~~his~~ *their* ability, and the means at ~~his~~ *their* command, diligently and earnestly promote the purposes of the Synod by word, deed, and adequate financial support.
- 1.011d A pastor or a deacon who is an Individual Member serving an educational institution which is a part of the Synodical Family shall be under the ecclesiastical supervision of the ~~president~~ *regional pastor*.
- 1.013b During the period that the suspension is in effect, the Member shall have "Suspended Status" as provided by bylaw 5.037 and shall be ineligible for service in Lutheran Church-Canada ~~or a congregation~~. All records of Lutheran Church-Canada shall reflect this fact.
- 1.019b The elected officers of Lutheran Church-Canada serve ~~LCC~~ in accordance with the responsibilities assigned to them by the Statutory Bylaws, Synodical Constitution and these Bylaws or by a Convention.
- c. The Board of Directors serves ~~LCC~~ in accordance with the responsibilities assigned to it by the Statutory Bylaws, Synodical Constitution and these Bylaws or by a Convention.
- d. Each commission ~~also~~ serves ~~LCC~~ in a specific area of program or ministry in accordance with the Synodical Constitution and these Bylaws.
- 2.003 Congregations shall not require their delegates to vote in accordance with specific instructions, but every delegate shall be permitted to vote according to his or her own conviction. Delegates are nevertheless responsible to their congregation, whom they represent, and shall attempt to discover the sentiment of the communicant members thereof. They shall be expected to be faithful in attendance at all sessions of the Convention. After each Convention they shall report the actions of the Convention to their congregation. *The delegate will serve until the next Convention.*
- 2.007f All reports and overtures accepted by the president in accordance with the foregoing paragraphs shall be referred by him to convention committees appointed by him in the name of the Convention from among the voting delegates and advisors. Pastors, deacons (to the extent possible), and laymen shall be represented on all committees. The president shall notify committee members of their appointment and of the time and place of their first meeting no later than twelve (12) weeks before the start of the Convention. The committee rosters shall be published in the official periodicals of LCC, at least one of which must appear no less than 10 weeks before the Convention.

After due consideration of the matters referred to it, each committee is to report its findings and recommendations to the Convention. ~~The sole purpose of the committees is to organize the overtures received and present them as resolutions to the convention. The committees shall not change the intent of the overtures submitted. They may combine overtures on a similar topic into one resolution as long as the intention of each overture is honoured in the combined resolution. When presenting a resolution, committees may recommend to the convention that it be defeated; they shall not present a resolution to decline an overture except for those referenced in Synodical Bylaw 2.007c. The committees shall not create or present resolutions that do not originate from properly submitted reports and overtures.~~ If the president deems it advisable, he may convene any committees prior to the opening of the Convention. The first issue of Today's Business shall be issued

1 containing tentative resolutions. This issue of Today's Business shall be sent to all  
2 registered delegates of the Convention and to each Member Congregation.

3 2.031 Individuals shall be elected with one appointment by the president ~~at Convention~~ to the  
4 following commissions:

5 d. A Commission ~~for~~ *on* Nominations and Elections (CNE)

6 2.069c The president, ~~in consultation with the vice-president~~, shall appoint one additional  
7 member.

8 2.087b The president, ~~in consultation with the vice-president~~, shall appoint one additional  
9 member.

10 2.093 The president, vice-president and the regional pastors shall form the President's Ministry  
11 Council. The Council shall meet at least bi-annually and in addition at the call of the  
12 president or at the request of ~~one-third~~ *two* of the members of the President's Ministry  
13 Council:

14 2.093d ~~To give guidance regarding inter-church relations: (re-letter the subsequent bullet points)~~

15 2.099a The CNE shall nominate candidates for all individual and group positions except the  
16 president, ~~or~~ vice-president, *regional pastors, and circuit counsellors.*

17 2.099g.6 The CNE shall notify each candidate and shall secure his approval in writing for  
18 inclusion of his name on the convention ballot. Each candidate shall reply within ten (10)  
19 days as to his willingness to serve if elected.

20 2.099h.6 The CNE shall notify each candidate and shall secure his approval in writing for  
21 inclusion of his name on the convention ballot. Each candidate shall reply within ten (10)  
22 days as to his willingness to serve if elected.

23 2.101j Candidates shall be vetted by the ~~president in consultation with the Regional Pastors.~~  
24 ~~Regional pastors being considered for re-election shall recuse themselves from the vetting~~  
25 ~~process delegates in the nominating and election processes.~~

26 2.101k *Regional Mission and Ministry Councils*

27 *Candidates shall be vetted by the delegates in the nominating and election processes.*

28 2.101kl Candidates shall be vetted by the ~~regional pastor in consultation with the other~~  
29 ~~pastors and deacons in the same circuit. Circuit counsellors being considered for re-~~  
30 ~~election shall recuse themselves from the vetting process delegates in the nominating and~~  
31 ~~election processes.~~

32 2.101lm The CNE shall confirm the previous vetting of anyone nominated from the floor for  
33 any elected position *except for the offices of president, vice-president, regional pastor,*  
34 *and circuit counsellor.* Nominations from the floor shall be accepted if the conditions for  
35 candidacy including vetting are fulfilled.

36 2.103e An elected officer can hold an appointed position in addition to their elected office but not  
37 another elected office. (Cf. Synodical Bylaw ~~2.75~~ *2.051*)

38 2.103f.3 Regional Pastors *to be elected only by voting delegates of that region.*

39 2.103f.4 Circuit Counsellors *to be elected only by voting delegates of that circuit.*

1 2.103f.10 Regional Mission and Missionary Councils *to be elected only by voting delegates of*  
2 *that region.*

3 3.005 The expectations of a regional pastor include:

4 a. Visit each Member located in his region ~~annually~~ *at least once every four years* in  
5 addition to specific invitations he may receive from Member Congregations and  
6 Individual Members in that region,

7 4.001 *At least two years before each Convention, Regional Pastors and Regional Mission and*  
8 *Ministry Councils shall review the composition of Circuits in their region and recommend*  
9 *re-drawing Each circuit boundaries* such that each shall consist of not less than ~~three~~ *six*  
10 or more than twelve congregations ~~involving~~ *comprising* an aggregate communicant  
11 membership of a maximum of ~~8,000~~ *10,000*. ~~Exceptions to these requirements and~~  
12 ~~limitations can be made only by the president upon request of a Regional Mission and~~  
13 ~~Ministry Council.~~

14 ~~4.005 Every Member congregation in each circuit shall nominate as candidates for the office of~~  
15 ~~circuit counsellor two men from among the pastors of congregations of the circuit or from~~  
16 ~~among the emeriti who hold membership in one of the member congregations of that~~  
17 ~~circuit. The nominations shall be made at least three months prior to the elections and~~  
18 ~~shall be submitted to the secretary. Candidates shall be vetted by the Regional Pastor in~~  
19 ~~consultation with the other pastors and deacons in the same circuit. Circuit Counsellors~~  
20 ~~being considered for re-election shall recuse themselves from the vetting process. The~~  
21 ~~qualifications for this position include:~~

22 ~~a. Membership in good standing on the roster,~~

23 ~~b. Demonstrated spiritual and pastoral leadership,~~

24 ~~— The names of the vetted candidates shall be submitted to the Commission on Nominations~~  
25 ~~and Elections. The Commission on Nominations and Elections shall provide an open~~  
26 ~~ballot at the Convention providing the Commission on Nominations and Elections has~~  
27 ~~confirmed the vetting of anyone nominated from the floor and that such candidates meet~~  
28 ~~the conditions for candidacy. The election of circuit counsellor shall be made by the~~  
29 ~~delegates of the respective circuit providing the Commission on Nominations and~~  
30 ~~Elections has confirmed the vetting of anyone nominated from the floor and that such~~  
31 ~~candidates meet the conditions for candidacy. The regional pastor, in consultation with the~~  
32 ~~president, shall fill any vacancies for circuit counsellor that may occur between~~  
33 ~~Conventions.~~

34 *(Renumber B. Officers 1. Circuit Counsellor)*

35 *4.009c The regional pastor, in consultation with the president, shall fill any vacancies for circuit*  
36 *counsellor that may occur between Conventions.*

37 4.013 *A Non-member congregation is one that has not had a congregational constitution*  
38 *submitted to Synod for review and approval.* The jurisdiction of circuit counsellors shall  
39 include non-member congregations whose pastors are Members of LCC, but for the  
40 purpose of official visits in such a congregation the consent of the congregation shall first  
41 be secured.

- 1 4.023e Allow for *confidential* sharing of cases of ~~ecclesial~~ *ministry anomalies and challenges in*  
2 ~~confidence~~ within the circuit pastors group.
- 3 5.001a.2 Member Congregations which violate this requirement and persist in such violation  
4 shall after due admonition *from the Regional Pastor* forfeit their membership in Lutheran  
5 Church-Canada.
- 6 5.001b.1 The term "deacon" shall include both male and female Members of the diaconate  
7 who have accepted a call having been:
- 8 (i) Prepared and certified in our church's professional church worker program (~~e.g. teacher,~~  
9 ~~director of parish services, parish nurse~~);
- 10 (ii) Prepared and certified through a certified program of the LCMS (~~e.g. teacher, Director~~  
11 ~~of Christian Education, Director of Evangelism, deaconess, parish worker, lay minister~~).
- 12 5.003 Member Congregations shall seek the advice of the respective regional pastors *and*  
13 *Circuit Counsellor* when calling pastors or deacons.
- 14 5.005a a. Lutheran congregations not members of LCC making application to LCC for pastors or  
15 deacons to serve them shall also have the benefit of such official advice from the  
16 appropriate regional pastor *and Circuit Counsellor*.
- 17 5.009 A pastor if requested by a ~~non-Lutheran~~ congregation *outside of our Synodical fellowship*  
18 without a minister to fill its pulpit, may do so for a longer or shorter period of time, in  
19 order that such a congregation may hear the Word of God expounded in its truth and  
20 purity. Under such circumstances a pastor will not ~~publicly~~ celebrate the Lord's Supper  
21 *with any person* in that congregation. If such a congregation desires to extend a regular  
22 call to a pastor, the conditions as provided in bylaw 5.007c must be observed.
- 23 5.013a.1 He shall have completed the prescribed courses of study and have received a  
24 diploma from a seminary which has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding or  
25 have fulfilled the requisites for colloquy according to the Handbook, Bylaws 5.047 to  
26 ~~5.061 5.063~~, or have completed all requisites for the PAT program according to 5.089.
- 27 5.035e The records maintained by the respective regional pastor shall reflect the restricted status.  
28 In addition, the regional pastor shall notify in writing the president and all other ~~district~~  
29 ~~presidents~~ *regional pastors* of such restricted status. The regional pastor shall also notify  
30 the congregation or other agency being served by the Member of the restricted status to  
31 take appropriate action so that the rights of both the Member and congregation or other  
32 agency are preserved.
- 33 5.043 The order for the ordination and commissioning, or commissioning of a missionary called  
34 into a foreign field shall be issued ~~upon the request of by~~ the Board *upon the request of*  
35 *the International Missions Committee by the regional pastor of that region in which the*  
36 ~~missionary resides~~. The order for the commissioning of missionaries for service within a  
37 region of the Synod shall be issued *by the Board upon the request of the* regional pastor of  
38 that region.
- 39 5.073 After the regional pastor has furnished the Committee with the required documents the  
40 committee shall publish the request of the applicant in the official periodical(s) of LCC.  
41 ~~Within a reasonable amount of time the~~ *The* Committee shall either accept or deny the

application based on the information it receives in the application process *and render its decision within six months*. Its decision shall not be subject to any appeal.

5.083 The PAT Committee is composed of four members who serve ~~two~~ *four*-year terms: the PAT Coordinator *appointed by the PAT Committee*, one member appointed by each seminary and one member of the President’s Ministry Council, who shall serve as chairman of the PAT Committee.

5.089b The program includes onsite training under the tutelage of a local mentoring pastor. Regular interviews will be conducted with the PAT student by regional pastors, seminary representatives, and the ~~supervisor~~ *coordinator* of the program.

5.089d In consultation with the PAT Committee, the ~~supervisor~~ *coordinator* shall administer the appropriate qualifying program and, when all requirements have been met, the PAT Committee will recommend the student to the President’s Ministry Council for certification.

VI. HIGHER EDUCATION ~~Section 1~~. Seminaries

12.001a Requirements. An organization desiring auxiliary status may apply to the Convention, through the Board, if it satisfies the following requirements:

5. It is classified by Canada ~~Customs and~~ Revenue Agency as a charitable organization;

12.001b Responsibilities. An approved auxiliary shall:

4. ~~K~~keep LCC advised of any new program under consideration; and be it finally

RESOLVED that this 2026 Handbook be commended to LCC as the official Handbook.

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Pastor Paul Schallhorn, Chair

Pastor Alex Klages, Secretary

**OVERTURE 1.03 TO AMEND SYNODICAL BYLAW 3.009.a.1**

WHEREAS the current structure of the Regional Mission and Ministry Councils (RMMCs) does not include rostered deacons; and

WHEREAS deacons are valuable members of Synod who serve in designated deacon roles on other boards and commissions, and in advisory roles at Convention; and

WHEREAS deacons are not pastors or laypeople and therefore the current wording of the Bylaw excludes them from having an official role on the RMMCs; and

WHEREAS including only pastors and laypeople on the RMMCs excludes deacons from serving their regions with their unique and specific perspective and gifts, which is a loss to the Synod;

Therefore be it

1 RESOLVED that if possible, each RMMC should include one deacon currently serving in the applicable  
2 region; and be it further  
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4 RESOLVED that Bylaw 3.009.a.1 be amended to include the following as the final sentence: “If there is a  
5 deacon in a region who is willing and able to serve on the RMMC, he or she shall be  
6 appointed to the RMMC by the Regional Pastor.”; and be it further  
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8 RESOLVED that this practice shall begin immediately, and for the new quadrennium each Regional Pastor  
9 shall appoint a deacon from their region to serve on the RMMC if there is one who is willing  
10 and able, and if there is not one at this time then one shall be appointed when circumstances  
11 allow.  
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13 West Region RMMC  
14 Rev. Robert Mohns, Regional Pastor  
15 Sonja Bland, Secretary  
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17 **OVERTURE 1.04 TO AMEND SYNODICAL BYLAW 5.039 REINSTATEMENT**

18 WHEREAS the Synodical Bylaws provide provision for reinstatement of a Pastor or Deacon to the roster  
19 of LCC (Synodical Bylaws 5.039); and  
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21 WHEREAS the current procedure allows for only a yes or no by the President’s Ministry Council; and  
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23 WHEREAS there may be situations where it is more appropriate for the President’s Ministry Council to  
24 conditionally reinstate a Pastor or Deacon;  
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26 Therefore be it  
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28 RESOLVED that the text of Synodical Bylaw 5.039 be amended to read:  
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30 All applications for reinstatement to the clergy or diaconal roster shall be addressed to the  
31 regional pastor of the region in which the applicant resided at the time his membership was  
32 suspended. The regional pastor shall review the matter and report it to the President’s  
33 Ministry Council, with or without recommendation. ~~The President’s Ministry Council shall  
34 decide the issue by means of a written ballot.~~

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36 *The President’s Ministry Council may decide yes, no, or a conditional reinstatement. A  
37 conditional reinstatement may include provisions of necessary supervision, internship,  
38 training, and the like. The applicant shall be made aware of the conditions and expectations  
39 required to remove the conditions.*  
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41 If the applicant is reinstated, the Regional Pastor shall announce this fact in the official  
42 periodicals of LCC;  
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44 And be it finally  
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1 RESOLVED that the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure make any appropriate  
2 modifications to the LCC Synodical Bylaws in other places to carry through these  
3 provisions.  
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5 President's Ministry Council  
6 Rev. Timothy Teuscher, Chair  
7 Rev. Michael Schutz, Secretary  
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10 **OVERTURE 1.05 TO AMEND SYNODICAL BYLAWS REGARDING THE ROLE OF**  
11 **THE PRESIDENT IN RESTRICTED AND SUSPENDED STATUS**

12 WHEREAS prior to restructuring, the individual Districts were separately incorporated entities; and  
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14 WHEREAS as such the District President was the chief ecclesiastical officer of the District and therefore  
15 it was appropriate that the District President was responsible for restricting or suspending  
16 members; and  
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18 WHEREAS since restructuring there is only one corporation with the Synod President as chief  
19 ecclesiastical officer (Statutory Bylaw Article XI 11.11);  
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21 Therefore be it  
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23 RESOLVED that the Synodical Bylaws be amended to provide that the Synod President as chief  
24 ecclesiastical officer be responsible for restricting or suspending members; and be it further  
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26 RESOLVED that the following amendments be made to the Synodical Bylaws to reflect this, namely:  
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28 1.013.a be amended to read:  
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30 If information with respect to a pastor or deacon who is a Member of Lutheran Church-  
31 Canada is made known to or becomes known by the Regional Pastor and the Regional  
32 Pastor, after a reasonable investigation, believes that there may be a basis, given the nature of  
33 the circumstances, for suspending the membership of the person, the regional pastor *shall*  
34 *make report to the President. The President in consultation with the PMC* may suspend that  
35 person's membership until the matter is satisfactorily resolved or the applicable  
36 reconciliation and adjudication procedures, as set forth in Chapter VII of these Bylaws, can  
37 be completed.  
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39 And 5.035.a be amended to read:  
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41 a. A pastor or deacon may have his status restricted to the extent deemed necessary and  
42 appropriate by the ~~regional pastor who has ecclesiastical supervision of the Member.~~  
43 *President as chief ecclesiastical officer. The President in consultation with the PMC* ~~The~~  
44 ~~regional pastor~~ may take this action if information with respect to such Member provides a  
45 substantial basis to conclude that such a Member...  
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1 And 5.035.d be amended to read:

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3 d. Restricted status shall normally be limited to one year. To extend the restricted status  
4 beyond this period, the ~~regional pastor~~ *President* shall secure the approval of *consult with* the  
5 President's Ministry Council. ~~Such approval must be secured~~ *This extension shall* be  
6 reviewed annually until such time as the ~~regional pastor~~ *President* removes this status. In  
7 such cases, the ~~regional pastor~~ *President* shall thereafter notify the pastor or deacon on  
8 restricted status in writing as to the reasons for such continuance of restricted status. A pastor  
9 or deacon who is placed on restricted status shall have the right to appeal the placement on,  
10 or continuance of, restricted status by filing a Petition for Removal of Restricted Status with  
11 the President's Ministry Council. A pastor or deacon on restricted status may petition for  
12 removal therefrom no more than once in a 12-month period. Such Petition for Removal of  
13 Restricted Status shall be addressed solely to the President's Ministry Council through the  
14 office of the president. The President's Ministry Council shall rule on such petition within  
15 three months from the date of the receipt of the petition.

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17 And 5.035.e be amended to read:

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19 e. The records maintained by the ~~respective regional pastor~~ *President* shall reflect the  
20 restricted status. In addition, the ~~regional pastor~~ *President* shall notify in writing the  
21 ~~president and~~ *all Regional Pastors* and ~~other~~ *LCMS* district presidents of such restricted  
22 status. The ~~regional pastor~~ *President* shall also notify the congregation or other agency being  
23 served by the Member of the restricted status to take appropriate action so that the rights of  
24 both the Member and congregation or other agency are preserved.

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26 And 5.037.c be amended to read:

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28 c. When a Member is placed on suspended status, the ~~regional pastor~~ *President* as chief  
29 ecclesiastical officer shall  
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31 2. notify, in writing, ~~the president~~ all ~~other~~ regional pastors of the affected Member's  
32 suspended status;

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34 And be it finally

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36 RESOLVED that the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure make any appropriate  
37 modifications to the LCC Synodical Bylaws in other places to carry through these provisions.

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39 President's Ministry Council  
40 Rev. Timothy Teuscher, Chair  
41 Rev. Michael Schutz, Secretary

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43 **OVERTURE 1.06 TO AMEND SYNODICAL BYLAW 3.005**

44 WHEREAS prior to restructuring the District Presidents were "entitled to attend and to participate in  
45 meetings of the Board as non-voting advisors." (Statutory Bylaw 11.04, 2014 LCC  
46 Handbook); and

1 WHEREAS the Regional Pastors are the equivalent successor role to that of the District Presidents; and

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3 WHEREAS the Regional Pastors are the closest source of information for the Board of what is happening  
4 amongst the pastors, deacons, and parishes of Lutheran Church–Canada; and

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6 WHEREAS the Regional Pastors are not merely staff of LCC but rather are called Pastors exercising  
7 ecclesiastical oversight in their respective regions and through the PMC; and

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9 WHEREAS the right to provide input at the Board of Director meetings was removed from the 2017  
10 Handbook;

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12 Therefore be it

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14 RESOLVED that Synodical Bylaw 3.005 be amended as follows:

15 *d. Attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, exercising voice but no vote.*

16 ~~e.~~ Attend all meetings of the Regional Mission and Ministry Council,

17 ~~e.~~ *f.* Attend all meetings of the President’s Ministry Council.

18 ~~f.~~ *g.* Work collaboratively with the president, the Regional Mission and Ministry Council,  
19 circuit counsellors and the Members in that region,

20 ~~g.~~ *h.* Negotiate other expectations in the annual review process.

21  
22 And be it finally

23 RESOLVED that the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure make any appropriate  
24 modifications to the LCC Synodical Bylaws in other places to carry through these  
25 provisions.

26  
27 President’s Ministry Council

28 Rev. Timothy Teuscher, Chair

29 Rev. Michael Schutz, Secretary

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31 **OVERTURE 1.07 TO AMEND SYNODICAL BYLAW 5.033**

32 WHEREAS Synodical Bylaw 5.033 provides for pastors and deacons to be on Candidate Status in such a  
33 way that requires their ability to perform the full duties of 5.029 (Active Status); and

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35 WHEREAS there are situations where a pastor or deacon may be able to serve in a limited capacity;

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37 Therefore be it

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39 RESOLVED that bylaw 5.033 be amended as follows:

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41 ***CURRENT:***

42 ***5.033 Candidate Status***

- 43 a. *A pastor or deacon who is eligible to perform the duties of the offices of ministry specified in*  
44 *bylaw 5.029 but who is not currently performing those duties and who is not retired may be*  
45 *retained on the roster upon application for such status to the regional pastor for a period of*  
46 *two consecutive years. For the extension of the candidate status beyond two consecutive*

1                    *years, a bi-annual application from the candidate as well as an evaluation by the regional*  
2                    *pastor of the region of which the candidate is a Member shall be required. The President's*  
3                    *Ministry Council shall determine whether or not requests for candidate status shall be*  
4                    *granted, extended, or discontinued.*

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

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12 **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

13 **5.033 Candidate Status**

- 14                   a. A pastor or deacon may apply for either Full Candidate Status or Limited Candidate Status.  
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16                   b. **Full Candidate Status:** A pastor or deacon who is eligible to perform the duties of the  
17                   offices specified in bylaw 5.029 but who is not currently performing those duties and who is  
18                   not retired may be retained on the roster upon application for Full Candidate Status to the  
19                   regional pastor for a period of two consecutive years. For the extension of the candidate  
20                   status beyond two consecutive years, a bi-annual application from the candidate as well as an  
21                   evaluation by the regional pastor of the region of which the candidate is a Member shall be  
22                   required. The President's Ministry Council shall determine whether or not requests for Full  
23                   Candidate Status shall be granted, extended, or discontinued.  
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25                   c. While on Full Candidate Status, the pastor or deacon is eligible for a call.  
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27                   d. **Limited Candidate Status:** A pastor or deacon who is eligible to perform the duties of the  
28                   offices of ministry specified in bylaw 5.029 in a limited capacity but who is not currently  
29                   performing those duties and who is not retired may be retained on the roster upon application  
30                   for Limited Candidate Status to the regional pastor for a period of two consecutive years. For  
31                   the extension of the Limited Candidate Status beyond two consecutive years, a bi-annual  
32                   application from the candidate as well as an evaluation by the regional pastor of the region of  
33                   which the candidate is a Member shall be required. The President's Ministry Council shall  
34                   determine whether or not requests for Limited Candidate Status shall be granted, extended,  
35                   or discontinued.  
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37                   e. While on Limited Candidate Status, the pastor or deacon is not eligible for a call.  
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39                   f. Among the criteria for determining whether a candidate shall be granted or extended either  
40                   Full or Limited Candidate Status are: the health of the applicant; family considerations; the  
41                   extent of his/her current involvement on a part-time and assisting basis in ministry; a  
42                   demonstrated history and current ability of being able to perform the duties of an active  
43                   pastor or deacon serving a Member Congregation or other position recognized by LCC; a  
44                   demonstrated willingness to consider a call or appointment to a position recognized by LCC.  
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1 g. A candidate or his or her [MS1.1]Regional Pastor may request a change from Limited  
2 Candidate Status to Full Candidate Status if circumstances change. The President’s Ministry  
3 Council shall determine whether or not such a request shall be granted.  
4

5 President’s Ministry Council  
6 Rev. Timothy Teuscher, Chair  
7 Rev. Michael Schutz, Secretary  
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9 **OVERTURE 1.08 TO AMEND STATUTORY BYLAW 11.21**

10 WHEREAS provision is made in the Statutory Bylaws 11.17 and 11.21 for filling vacancies in the offices  
11 of president and vice-president; and

12 WHEREAS provision is made in Synodical Bylaw 4.005 for filling a vacancy in the office of circuit  
13 counsellor; and

14 WHEREAS no provision is made for filling a vacancy in the office of Regional Pastor;  
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16 Therefore be it  
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18 RESOLVED that Statutory Bylaw 11.21 be amended as follows: “The Board may fill any vacancy on the  
19 Board, in the office of the vice-president or regional pastor, by appointment of a qualified  
20 individual to hold such office for the balance of the unexpired term  
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22 LCC Board of Directors  
23 Doug Petersen, Chair  
24 Grace Henderson, Secretary  
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27 **OVERTURE 1.09 TO AMEND STATUTORY BYLAW 11.23**

28 WHEREAS Statutory Bylaw 11.23 states in part that “The Board shall appoint the Chief Administrative  
29 Officer who shall be an employee of LCC. The Chief Administrative Officer shall discharge  
30 the non-ecclesiastical responsibilities assigned to the Chief Administrative Officer by the  
31 Board and shall supervise the activities of all employees of LCC other than the President and  
32 the Regional Pastors.”; and  
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34 WHEREAS the Director of International Missions, the Director of Domestic Missions, and the Associate  
35 Director—Family Ministries are also ecclesiastical positions;  
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37 Therefore be it  
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39 RESOLVED that the second sentence of Statutory Bylaw 11.23 be amended as follows: “The Chief  
40 Administrative Officer shall discharge the non-ecclesiastical responsibilities assigned to the  
41 Chief Administrative Officer by the Board.  
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43 LCC Board of Directors  
44 Doug Petersen, Chair  
45 Grace Henderson, Secretary

1 **OVERTURE 1.10 TO REQUEST THAT A NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**  
2 **COMMITTEE BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF STANDING**  
3 **COMMITTEES**

4 WHEREAS For some time now the Board of Directors has taken steps to formalize the relationship  
5 between the National Youth Gathering Committee and LCC; and

6 WHEREAS In October of 2025 the Board of Directors approved a motion making the National Youth  
7 Gathering Committee an Ad Hoc Committee of LCC with the goal of seeking approval at the  
8 2026 LCC Convention of making the National Youth Gathering Committee a Standing  
9 Committee of LCC;

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11 Therefore be it

12  
13 RESOLVED That Article XV Section 15.03 of the Statutory Bylaws be amended by adding to the list of  
14 standing committees the following “National Youth Gathering Committee”; and be it further

15  
16 RESOLVED That a new section be added to Article XV as follows “The National Youth Gathering  
17 Committee shall plan, organize, and carry out the National Youth Gathering every three years  
18 or at some other time frame as may be established.

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20 LCC Board of Directors  
21 Doug Petersen, Chair  
22 Grace Henderson, Secretary  
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24 **OVERTURE 1.11 TO REQUEST THAT AN ARCHIVES COMMITTEE BE ADDED TO**  
25 **THE LIST OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

26 WHEREAS In October of 2023 the Board of Directors of LCC approved the appointment of an ad hoc  
27 Archives Committee to formulate, review, and recommend policies relating to the orderly  
28 acquiring, preserving, processing, and making available the records and cultural properties of  
29 Lutheran Church-Canada, its Boards, Committees, Regions, Agencies, Institutions,  
30 Auxiliaries, and Listed Service Organizations; and

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32 WHEREAS In November of 2024 the Board of Directors of LCC approved a motion stating that the  
33 Lutheran Church-Canada Board of Directors adopts as a long-term goal to have a centralized  
34 archive for Synod; and

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36 WHEREAS LCC has recently taken over ownership of the Malinsky Archives, formerly owned by  
37 Lutheran East District; and

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39 WHEREAS In October of 2025 the Board of directors of LCC approved a motion to sponsor an overture  
40 to the 2026 Convention to amend the Handbook to create an Archives Standing Committee;

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42 Therefore be it

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44 RESOLVED That Article XV Section 15.03 of the Statutory Bylaws be amended by adding to the list of  
45 standing committees the following “Archives Committee”; and be it further

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2 RESOLVED That a new section be added to Article XV as follows “The Archives committee shall  
3 formulate, review, and recommend policies relating to the orderly acquiring, preserving,  
4 processing, and making available the records and cultural properties of Lutheran Church-  
5 Canada, its Boards, Committees, Regions, Agencies, Institutions, Auxiliaries, and Listed  
6 Service Organizations.  
7

8 LCC Board of Directors  
9 Doug Petersen, Chair  
10 Grace Henderson, Secretary  
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## 12 **OVERTURE 2.01 CALL OF REGIONAL PASTORS AND SYNOD PRESIDENT**

13 WHEREAS historically District Presidents have been called the “Pastor of the Pastors,” and  
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15 WHEREAS our Regional Pastors are called “Pastors” and are required to be rostered clergy men, and  
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17 WHEREAS continuity of leadership contributes to the stability of the church and depoliticizes their  
18 positions enabling them to provide faithful oversight, and  
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20 WHEREAS the Board of Directors issues “Diplomas of Vocation” to newly elected Regional Pastors and  
21 Synod Presidents on behalf of Synod, and  
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23 WHEREAS our Directors of Domestic and International Missions and Associate Director—Family  
24 Ministries are all regularly called without term limits, and  
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26 WHEREAS pastors in congregations are called by elections of their congregation and issued a non-term-  
27 limited call by virtue of the Divine nature of the call, and  
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29 WHEREAS these offices would be subjected to the same disciplinary procedures as any other called  
30 servant of the church,  
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32 Therefore be it  
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34 RESOLVED that upon initial election Regional Pastors and Synod Presidents be called to their position,  
35 removing the necessity to be re-elected at subsequent conventions until he retire, accept  
36 another call, is incapacitated, or removed for appropriate Scriptural reasons from his call.  
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38 Central Region RMMC  
39 Rev. Jason Schultz, Chair  
40 Rev. Joshua Kurtenbach, Secretary  
41

42 *Identical Overture submitted by*  
43 Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (Oshawa)  
44 East Region, Toronto Circuit  
45 David Moulds, Chairman  
46 Irene Haight, Secretary

**OVERTURE 2.02    TERMINOLOGY FOR REGIONAL PASTORS AND SYNOD  
PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS    Scriptural language is always to be preferred usage in the church, and the term “Bishop” is the Scriptural term derived from the Greek word episkopos (1 Timothy 3:1; 1 Peter 2:25), and

WHEREAS    “bishop” is likewise the presumed term in our Lutheran Confessions without an expectation of deviation from it (Apology XIV.24), and

WHEREAS    we already function practically with an episcopal structure with out using the term “bishop,” and

WHEREAS    “bishop” as a term for ecclesiastical oversight is already widely used and understood in the broader church and secular world, and is often used to describe what our Synod President and Regional Pastors use the term bishop to describe their position to others, and

WHEREAS    “president” term is a secular business term that carries secular baggage, and the Church is to be separate from the world, and

WHEREAS    many of our partner churches abroad call their ecclesiastical supervisors “Bishops,” and “Archbishops” (e.g., Latvia, Nigeria, Kenya),

Therefore be it

RESOLVED    that Regional Pastors be called “Bishop” and Synod President be called “Archbishop” reflecting his broader oversight over the whole church, and the Synod Handbook be adjusted accordingly.

Central Region RMMC  
Rev. Jason Schultz, Chair  
Rev. Josh Kurtenbach, Secretary

*Identical Overture submitted by*  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (Oshawa)  
East Region, Toronto Circuit  
David Moulds, Chairman  
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**OVERTURE 2.03    TO RECOGNIZE THAT LUTHERAN CHURCH—CANADA (LCC) IS  
NO LONGER IN ALTAR AND PULPIT FELLOWSHIP WITH THE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND  
(LCANZ)**

WHEREAS    Holy Scripture clearly teaches that women are not to be called and ordained into the office of the holy ministry (see LCC’s CTCR Report, ‘Theses on the Role of Women in the Church’,

1 that was adopted for guidance and reference at our 1996 convention and reaffirmed at our  
2 2022 convention); and  
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4 WHEREAS the LCANZ officially approved the ordination of women into the pastoral office at its  
5 October 2024 convention, and is now ordaining women into the pastoral office; and  
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7 WHEREAS on March 21, 2025 the Board of Directors of the International Lutheran Council (ILC), of  
8 which Lutheran Church–Canada is a full member, removed the Lutheran Church of Australia  
9 and New Zealand (LCANZ) from membership in the ILC over its decision to depart from the  
10 clear teaching of Scripture and the doctrinal standards of the ILC by approving the  
11 ordination of women; and  
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13 WHEREAS differences in doctrine and practice exist between the LCC and the LCANZ, not only on this  
14 issue of the ordination of women to the pastoral office, but also on other matters such as the  
15 authority of the scriptures, the scriptural understanding of church fellowship, and the  
16 doctrine and practice of close[d] communion); and  
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18 WHEREAS LCC understands altar and pulpit fellowship to be a gift of God that exists by His grace on  
19 the basis of agreement in doctrine and practice; therefore be it  
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21 Therefore be it  
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23 RESOLVED that with deep sorrow and regret Lutheran Church—Canada declare its recognition that it is  
24 no longer in altar and pulpit fellowship with the Lutheran Church of Australia and New  
25 Zealand; and be it finally  
26

27 RESOLVED that LCC commit itself to pursuing further doctrinal discussions with the LCANZ in the  
28 hope that by God’s grace our church bodies might once again attain agreement in doctrine  
29 and practice and so enjoy the gift of God-given and God-pleasing altar and pulpit fellowship.  
30

31 Commission on Theology and Church Relations

32 Rev. Joel Kuhl, Chair

33 Mathew Block, Secretary  
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35 **OVERTURE 2.04 TO RECOGNIZE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LUTHERAN MISSION**  
36 **– AUSTRALIA**

37 WHEREAS as a result of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand (LCANZ) approval and  
38 sanctioning of the ordination of women into the office of the holy ministry at its 2024  
39 convention, which is clearly contrary to the Scriptures; some pastors, lay members, and  
40 congregations have left that church body and established Lutheran Mission – Australia (LM-  
41 A); and  
42

43 WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada in a previous adopted resolution sadly recognized that this action  
44 on the part of the LCANZ has severed the bond of fellowship between our two churches; and  
45

1 WHEREAS discussions have taken place between representatives of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC)  
2 and Lutheran Mission – Australia (LM-A); and  
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4 WHEREAS these discussions have revealed a clear unity in the doctrine of the Gospel and all its articles  
5 and in the right administration of the Sacraments (AC VII); and  
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7 WHEREAS the LCC’s Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) has reviewed the report  
8 of these discussions and has concurred with this mutual agreement between LCC and LM-A;  
9 and  
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11 WHEREAS the CTCR views the benefits of fellowship to be a future blessing from the Lord of the  
12 Church for both church bodies; therefore be it  
13  
14 RESOLVED that LCC recognize that a state of altar and pulpit fellowship exists between Lutheran  
15 Church–Canada and Lutheran Mission – Australia.  
16

17 Commission on Theology and Church Relations  
18 Rev. Joel Kuhl, Chair  
19 Mathew Block, Secretary  
20

21 **OVERTURE 2.05 TO RECOGNIZE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
22 **IN THE PHILIPPINES (LCP)**

23 WHEREAS the Lutheran Church in the Philippines (LCP) dates to 1946 when missionaries from The  
24 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) arrived in Manila; and  
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26 WHEREAS in 1971 the Lutheran Church in the Philippines was received as a partner church with the  
27 LCMS; and  
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29 WHEREAS the Lutheran Church in the Philippines is a full member of the International Lutheran  
30 Council (ILC), along with Lutheran Church–Canada, both churches subscribing to the  
31 doctrinal provision of the ILC; and  
32  
33 WHEREAS discussions have taken place between representatives of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC)  
34 and the Lutheran Church in the Philippines (LCP), revealing a clear unity in the doctrine of  
35 the Gospel and all its articles and in the right administration of the Sacraments (AC VII); and  
36  
37 WHEREAS the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of LCC has reviewed the report  
38 of these discussions and has concurred with this mutual agreement between LCC and the  
39 LCP; and  
40  
41 WHEREAS the CTCR views the benefits of fellowship to be a future blessing from the Lord of the  
42 Church for both church bodies – e.g. LCC assisting the LCP in theological education at their  
43 seminary, and LCP assisting LCC mission outreach to Filipino immigrants in Canada;  
44  
45 Therefore be it  
46

1 RESOLVED that LCC recognize that a state of altar and pulpit fellowship exists between Lutheran  
2 Church–Canada and the Lutheran Church in the Philippines.  
3

4 Commission on Theology and Church Relations  
5 Rev. Joel Kuhl, Chair  
6 Mathew Block, Secretary  
7

8 **OVERTURE 2.06 TO CELEBRATE THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE**  
9 **PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION**

10 WHEREAS the Augsburg Confession is the foremost confession of faith of our Evangelical Lutheran  
11 Church; and  
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13 WHEREAS the Preface to the Book of Concord states: “Our disposition and intention has always been  
14 directed toward the goal that no other doctrine be treated and taught in our lands, territories,  
15 schools, and churches than that alone which is based on the Holy Scriptures of God and is  
16 embodied in the Augsburg Confession . . . so that the pure teaching and confession of the  
17 faith may be preserved and perpetuated among our posterity through the help and assistance  
18 of the Holy Spirit until the glorious advent of our Redeemer and Saviour Jesus Christ” (p.  
19 12); and  
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21 WHEREAS Article II of our Synodical Constitution states that “every Member of Lutheran Church–  
22 Canada accepts without reservation . . . the Unaltered Augsburg Confession . . . as a true and  
23 unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God” (p. 9); and  
24

25 WHEREAS every constitution of an LCC congregation contains a provision along these lines from the  
26 ‘Sample Constitution and Bylaws for LCC Congregations’: “Only such hymns, prayers, and  
27 liturgies shall be used in the public worship of this congregation and in all ministerial acts as  
28 to conform to the confessional standard of Article III. Likewise, in all classes for instruction  
29 in Christian doctrine, only such books shall be used as conform to this standard” (p. 3); and  
30

31 WHEREAS every pastor and deacon of LCC, at the time of their ordination/consecration/installation into  
32 office, confesses the Unaltered Augsburg Confession “to be a true exposition of Holy  
33 Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church;” and  
34 promises to “perform the duties of [their] office in accordance with these Confessions“  
35 (*Lutheran Service Book Agenda*, p. 179, 220); and  
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37 WHEREAS in his essay at the 1863 convention of the LCMS, C. W. W. Walther said: “When we discover  
38 how little most of our congregations know about the Symbols (confessional writings), it  
39 must humble us deeply, and on the other hand become for us a mighty incentive to  
40 familiarize the people with them and urge them to read [and study] them diligently” (C.F.W.  
41 Walther, *Essays for the Church*, Vol. I, p. 78); and  
42

43 WHEREAS the year 2030 will be the 500th Anniversary of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession;  
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45 Therefore be it  
46

- 1 RESOLVED that the Synod President, in consultation with the Commission on Theology and Church  
2 Relations, strike an anniversary committee to prepare and gather study guides, provide  
3 worship materials, articles for The Canadian Lutheran periodical, and the like on the  
4 Augsburg Confession; and be it further  
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- 6 RESOLVED that pastors, deacons and congregations be encouraged to make use of such materials; and  
7 be it further  
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- 9 RESOLVED that circuit forums and convocations, regional gatherings, church workers conferences, youth  
10 and young adult gatherings, LWMLC zone rallies, and the like be focused on this  
11 anniversary; and be it further  
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- 13 RESOLVED that such materials be made available for dissemination to the pastors, deacons, and  
14 congregations of LCC at least two years prior to our 2030 convention; and be it finally  
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- 16 RESOLVED that the theme of the 2030 Synod Convention be based upon the Presentation of the  
17 Augsburg Confession.  
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19 Commission on Theology and Church Relations  
20 Rev. Joel Kuhl, Chair  
21 Mathew Block, Secretary  
22

23 **OVERTURE 2.07 ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAID)**

- 24 WHEREAS God has created all human beings in His image, and bestows upon all human life intrinsic  
25 sacredness, worth and value regardless of the quality or worth--or lack of it-- perceived of it  
26 by the world or by one's self, and,  
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- 28 WHEREAS such sacredness of human life is constantly desecrated and belittled by sin, death and the  
29 devil, yet God restores fullness of life to fallen man in the death and resurrection of Jesus  
30 Christ through the ministry of the Church, and,  
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- 32 WHEREAS the Christian's life of faith consists not only of placing one's whole day to day life into God's  
33 hands and direction, but also one's death, allowing such to happen at the time and place of  
34 God's choosing, and,  
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- 36 WHEREAS it is the sacred role of government, instituted by God as His instrument, to uphold and  
37 protect all human life, from conception to natural death, especially that of the frail and  
38 vulnerable, and,  
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- 40 WHEREAS through the present policies concerning MAID, the government of Canada has been grossly  
41 derelict of its solemn responsibility to protect life and has advocated and put into practice a  
42 worldview and philosophical perspective that desecrates life and strips it of intrinsic sanctity  
43 and value, and,  
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- 45 WHEREAS since the initial legalization of MAID for restricted purposes intended only for the terminally  
46 ill and suffering, there has been a relentless dangerous trend of an even worse wider

1 expansion of its eligibility also to those who are mentally ill, depressed, lonely, or merely  
2 unhappy with life, and,  
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4 WHEREAS the faithful of the church are suffering from increasing temptation to consider MAID as an  
5 option for end of life and increasing pressure not to oppose or speak against its practice,  
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7 Therefore be it  
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9 RESOLVED that the LCC reaffirm before the church, the governing authorities and the public at large her  
10 unwavering commitment to the sacredness of all human life from conception to natural  
11 death, and therefore also her firm opposition to the practice of MAID, with its belittling and  
12 desecration of the sacredness of life, along with the philosophical perspectives underlying it,  
13 and also to encourage all to a blessed end by faith in Jesus Christ, commending their last  
14 hour to the time and place of God's choosing, and, be it further  
15

16 RESOLVED that the LCC encourage governing authorities to repeal the legislation of MAID and return  
17 to its God-given duty to reverence life, and be it finally, and, be it further  
18

19 RESOLVED that the Convention would request the CTCR and COP to formulate guidelines for pastors  
20 and laity to remain faithful to biblical beliefs and practices against the challenges of MAID,  
21 and, be it further  
22

23 RESOLVED that the LCC and her auxiliary agencies, such as Lutherans for Life-Canada, and her pastors  
24 encourage a vibrant confession and ministry to respond to the threats of the temptation of  
25 MAID by providing relevant Bible studies, literature, and guidance for ministry to the  
26 faithful of the LCC concerning this topic, and encourage programs and agencies within the  
27 church and/or in our communities at large which provides for the lonely, the depressed and  
28 the vulnerable, beneficial care and loving alternatives to MAID.  
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30 Zion Lutheran Church, Augsburg, Pembroke, Ontario

31 Rev. Paul R. Williams, Pastor

32 Bert Firlotte, Congregational Chairman  
33

34 **OVERTURE 2.08 FOR CONTINUED DISCUSSION AND FOLLOW THROUGH WITH**  
35 **A LUTHERAN RESPONSE TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES**

36 Whereas Lutheran Church – Canada at her 2022 Edmonton Convention, through Resolution 22.02.07,  
37 adopted the CTCR document, *A Lutheran Response to Contemporary Issues*, in order to  
38 address, as indicated in the resolution's 'whereas', "sharp disagreements in congregations and  
39 amongst clergy and congregations" about "how we as Christians should respond when laws  
40 are proposed and presented, deliberated, and then eventually passed by the secular  
41 government which impact the Church's teaching and freedom of religion," and  
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43 Whereas in this resolution, the Synod also commended this CTCR document to the pastors and  
44 congregations of Synod for further and continued "*study and response*," and  
45

- 1 Whereas the intention of such resolution is that the Synod's unity and concord is best fostered and  
2 cultivated when continued open and mutual discussion upon these matters on the basis of the  
3 Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions is encouraged as widely as possible throughout  
4 Synod, and  
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- 6 Whereas a response and follow-through invited by Resolution 22.02.07 was made by the publication  
7 of a book by Rev. Paul R. Williams entitled *Church, Family and State in Contemporary*  
8 *Canada*, and  
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- 10 Whereas the LCC CTCR, although noting they may not fully agree with every application made and  
11 conclusion drawn in this work, nevertheless, commended it for its “thorough explication of  
12 the traditional Lutheran teaching on the three estates” and “found many parts to be quite  
13 helpful in navigating contemporary issues.”  
14
- 15 Therefore be it
- 16
- 17 Resolved that any significant response to the document *A Lutheran Response to Contemporary Issues*  
18 be brought to the attention of the Synod at large in order to promote and encourage the  
19 widest, most free and open discussion as possible on these issues upon the basis of the  
20 Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions as called for by Resolution 22.02.07 for the  
21 continued cultivation of godly harmony and unity of doctrine and practice within our Synod.  
22

23 Zion Lutheran Church, Augsburg, Pembroke, Ontario  
24 Rev. Paul R. Williams, Pastor  
25 Bert Firlotte, Congregational Chairman  
26

27 **OVERTURE 2.09 ON TO AVOID SCHEDULING SYNODICAL CONVENTION ON**  
28 **SUNDAYS**

- 29 WHEREAS both the 2022 and 2026 LCC national conventions have been scheduled to occur during  
30 Sundays, and  
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- 32 WHEREAS almost all pastors of Synod will be attending the convention, representing all the  
33 congregations of Synod, which will result in almost all the members of LCC being without a  
34 pastor to lead them during the Divine Service occurring during convention, and  
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- 36 WHEREAS it can be difficult for many congregations without retired or non-delegate pastors nearby to  
37 find lay members to lead services, and impossible for them to offer the Lord's Supper,  
38
- 39 Therefore be it
- 40
- 41 RESOLVED that future LCC synodical conventions be scheduled to avoid Sunday so that all pastors may  
42 be free to be with their congregations to lead Divine Services as they were called to do.  
43

44 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sudbury, ON  
45 Rev. David Smilek  
46

1 *Identical Overture submitted by*  
 2 The Voters' Assembly of  
 3 Good Shepherds Lutheran Church,  
 4 Riverview & Moncton, NB  
 5 by Mr. Daniel Fawcett, chairman,  
 6 and Rev. David Milette, pastor  
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8 **OVERTURE 2.10 FOR CONTINUED DISCUSSION IN FOLLOW THROUGH WITH A**  
 9 **LUTHERAN RESPONSE TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES**

10 Whereas Lutheran Church–Canada at her 2022 Edmonton Convention, through Resolution 22.02.07  
 11 adopted the CTCR document, *A Lutheran Response to Contemporary Issues*, and  
 12 commended it to the pastors and congregations for study and response, and  
 13

14 Whereas the intention of this resolution and adoption of this document, indicated by its whereas's, is  
 15 to address “sharp disagreements in congregations and amongst clergy and congregations”  
 16 about “how we as Christians should respond when laws are proposed and presented,  
 17 deliberated, and then eventually passed by the secular government which impact the  
 18 Church’s teaching and freedom of religion,” and

19 Whereas, the intention of this resolution is that such unity and concord is best fostered and cultivated  
 20 when continued open and mutual discussion upon these matters is encouraged as widely as  
 21 possible throughout Synod, and  
 22

23 Whereas, a significant response and follow-through invited by Resolution 22.02.07 was made by the  
 24 publication of a book by Rev. Paul R. Williams entitled *Church, Family and State in*  
 25 *Contemporary Canada*, following over two years of study and discussion by the pastors of  
 26 LCC’s Ottawa Circuit and others, and  
 27

28 Whereas the CTCR, although noting they may not fully agree with every application made and  
 29 conclusion drawn in this work, nevertheless, commended it for its “thorough explication of  
 30 the traditional Lutheran teaching on the three estates” and “found many parts to be quite  
 31 helpful in navigating contemporary issues,”  
 32

33 Therefore be it  
 34

35 Resolved that any significant response to the document *A Lutheran Response to Contemporary Issues*  
 36 be brought to the attention to the Synod at large for the widest and most open discussion of  
 37 these issues possible as called for by Resolution 22.02.07 for the continued cultivation of  
 38 godly harmony and unity within our Synod, and be it furthermore  
 39

40 Resolved that the book entitled *Church, Family and State in Contemporary Canada* by Rev. Paul R.  
 41 Williams be commended, as a “thorough explication of the traditional Lutheran teaching on  
 42 the three estates” and because “found many parts to be quite helpful in navigating  
 43 contemporary issues,” to the pastors and congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada as a help  
 44 to further study and respond to the CTCR Document *A Lutheran Response to Contemporary*  
 45 *Issues*, as per LCC Resolution 22.02.07.  
 46

1 The Voters' Assembly of  
2 Good Shepherds Lutheran Church,  
3 Riverview & Moncton, NB  
4 Mr. Daniel Fawcett, chairman,  
5 Rev. David Milette, pastor  
6

7 **OVERTURE 2.11 TO RECOGNIZE LIMITATIONS ON PAT GRADUATE FIELDS OF**  
8 **SERVICE**

9 WHEREAS the Pastors with Alternate Training (PAT) programme was introduced to provide pastoral  
10 care in exceptional circumstances; and  
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12 WHEREAS through call and ordination PAT graduates are authorised to carry out the Word and  
13 Sacrament duties of the pastoral office in accord with Holy Scripture and the Lutheran  
14 Confessions; and  
15

16 WHEREAS PAT graduates receive a limited theological education that does not meet the standards of a  
17 full, residential seminary pastoral formation programme; and

18 WHEREAS the church recognises that pastors differ in gifts, abilities, and training, and therefore seeks to  
19 order the ministerium accordingly; and  
20

21 WHEREAS PAT placements are "site-specific" (Synodical Bylaw 5.093); and  
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23 WHEREAS similar site-specific programmes in sister church bodies include limitations on the field of  
24 service for their graduates;  
25

26 Therefore be it  
27

28 RESOLVED that the LCC Bylaws be amended to include:  
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30 **5.095 Restrictions on Synodical Service**

31 A PAT graduate may not:

- 32 a. be elected to an office of ecclesiastical supervision, including Synodical President, Vice-  
33 President, Regional Pastor, or Circuit Counsellor;
- 34 b. serve as a member of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations; or
- 35 c. supervise a vicar.

36 And be it further  
37

38 RESOLVED that the LCC Bylaws be amended to include:  
39

39 **5.097 Place of Service**

40 A PAT graduate is not eligible for call to another congregation without the express consent of the President's  
41 Ministry Council.

42 And be it finally  
43

44 RESOLVED that the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure make any appropriate  
45 modifications to the LCC Synodical Bylaws in other places to carry through these  
46 provisions.

1 President's Ministry Council  
2 Rev. Timothy Teuscher, Chair  
3 Rev. Michael Schutz, Secretary  
4

5 **OVERTURE 2.12 TO AMEND ORDINATION TIMING FOR PAT STUDENTS IN**  
6 **EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

7 WHEREAS the Pastors with Alternate Training (PAT) programme was introduced to provide pastoral  
8 care in exceptional circumstances; and  
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10 WHEREAS through call and ordination PAT graduates are authorised to carry out the Word and  
11 Sacrament duties of the pastoral office in accord with Holy Scripture and the Lutheran  
12 Confessions; and  
13

14 WHEREAS the current LCC bylaws (5.013) do not permit ordination to take place until a PAT student  
15 has completed the full requirements of the programme; and

16 WHEREAS full, regular Word and Sacrament ministry at a PAT site may be delayed for many years while  
17 the candidate completes the programme; and  
18

19 WHEREAS the LCMS Specific Ministry Pastor programme permits ordination at the mid-point of the  
20 programme, provided that the student commits to completing all remaining courses;  
21

22 Therefore be it  
23

24 RESOLVED that the LCC Bylaws be amended to include section c:

25 **5.013: Prerequisites for Ordination**

- 26 c. In exceptional circumstances, where the congregation has insufficient access to pastoral care,  
27 a PAT congregation may petition the PMC for call and ordination of its PAT student before  
28 the full programme is completed.  
29 i. Such permission shall only be granted by the PMC (in consultation with the PAT  
30 committee) after it is satisfied that the student has completed sufficient training.  
31 ii. The student is obligated to complete the remaining programme requirements post-  
32 ordination. If he fails to remain active in the programme (i.e. by taking at least one  
33 course per year), his status on the LCC roster shall be suspended.  
34

35 And be it finally  
36

37 RESOLVED that the President's Ministry Council formulate guidelines to ensure local supervision of such  
38 ordained PAT students by an experienced, ordained seminary graduate.  
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40 President's Ministry Council  
41 Rev. Timothy Teuscher, Chair  
42 Rev. Michael Schutz, Secretary  
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**OVERTURE 2.13 ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAID)**

2 WHEREAS God has created all human beings in His image, and bestows upon all human life intrinsic  
3 sacredness, worth and value regardless of the quality or worth--or lack of it-- perceived of it  
4 by the world or by one's self, and,  
5

6 WHEREAS such sacredness of human life is constantly desecrated and belittled by sin, death and the  
7 devil, yet God restores fullness of life to fallen man in the death and resurrection of Jesus  
8 Christ through the ministry of the Church, and,  
9

10 WHEREAS the Christian's life of faith consists not only of placing one's whole day to day *life* into God's  
11 hands and direction, but also one's death, allowing such to happen at the time and place of  
12 God's choosing, and,  
13

14 WHEREAS it is the sacred role of government, instituted by God as His instrument, to uphold and  
15 protect all human life, from conception to natural death, especially that of the frail and  
16 vulnerable, and,  
17

18 WHEREAS through the present policies concerning MAID, the government of Canada has been grossly  
19 derelict of its solemn responsibility to protect life and has advocated and put into practice a  
20 worldview and philosophical perspective that desecrates life and strips it of intrinsic sanctity  
21 and value, and,  
22

23 WHEREAS since the initial legalization of MAID for restricted purposes intended only for the  
24 terminally ill and suffering, there has been a relentless dangerous trend of wider expansion  
25 of its eligibility also to those who are mentally ill, depressed, lonely, or merely unhappy  
26 with life, and,  
27

28 WHEREAS the faithful of the church are suffering from increasing temptation to consider MAID as an  
29 option for end of life and increasing pressure not to oppose or speak against its practice,  
30

31 Therefore be it  
32

33 RESOLVED that the LCC reaffirm before the church, the governing authorities and the public at large her  
34 unwavering commitment to the sacredness of all human life from conception to natural  
35 death, and therefore also her firm opposition to the practice of MAID, with its belittling and  
36 desecration of the sacredness of life, along with the philosophical perspectives underlying it,  
37 and also to encourage all to a blessed end by faith in Jesus Christ, commending their last  
38 hour to the time and place of God's choosing, and, be it further  
39

40 RESOLVED that the Convention would request the CTCR to formulate Pastoral Guidelines for people  
41 struggling with MAID and also follow MAID , further  
42

43 RESOLVED that the LCC encourage governing authorities to repeal the legislation of MAID and return  
44 to its God-given duty to reverence life, and be it finally  
45

1 RESOLVED that the LCC and her auxiliary agencies, such as Lutherans for Life-Canada, and her pastors  
 2 encourage a vibrant confession and ministry to respond to the threats of the temptation of  
 3 MAID by providing relevant Bible studies, literature, and guidance for ministry to the  
 4 faithful of the LCC concerning this topic, and encourage programs and agencies within the  
 5 church and/or in our communities at large which provides for the lonely, the depressed and  
 6 the vulnerable, beneficial care and loving alternatives to MAID.

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 8 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Georgetown, ON  
 9 Rev. Vishal Paul

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 11 **OVERTURE 2.14 ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAID)**

12 WHEREAS God has created all human beings in His image, and bestows upon all human life intrinsic  
 13 sacredness, worth and value regardless of the quality or worth--or lack of it-- perceived of it  
 14 by the world or by one's self, and,

15 WHEREAS such sacredness of human life is constantly desecrated and belittled by sin, death and the  
 16 devil, yet God restores fullness of life to fallen man in the death and resurrection of Jesus  
 17 Christ through the ministry of the Church, and,

18 WHEREAS the Christian's life of faith consists not only of placing one's whole day to day *life* into God's  
 19 hands and direction, but also one's death, allowing such to happen at the time and place of  
 20 God's choosing, and,

21 WHEREAS it is the sacred role of government, instituted by God as His instrument, to uphold and  
 22 protect all human life, from conception to natural death, especially that of the frail and  
 23 vulnerable, and,

24 WHEREAS through the present policies concerning MAID, the government of Canada has been grossly  
 25 derelict of its solemn responsibility to protect life and has advocated and put into practice a  
 26 worldview and philosophical perspective that desecrates life and strips it of intrinsic sanctity  
 27 and value, and,

28 WHEREAS since the initial legalization of MAID for restricted purposes intended only for the  
 29 terminally ill and suffering, there has been a relentless dangerous trend of wider expansion  
 30 of its eligibility also to those who are mentally ill, depressed, lonely, or merely unhappy  
 31 with life, and,

32 WHEREAS the faithful of the church are suffering from increasing temptation to consider MAID as an  
 33 option for end of life and increasing pressure not to oppose or speak against its practice,

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 35 Therefore be it

36  
 37 RESOLVED that the LCC reaffirm before the church, the governing authorities and the public at large her  
 38 unwavering commitment to the sacredness of all human life from conception to natural  
 39 death, and therefore also her firm opposition to the practice of MAID, with its belittling and  
 40 desecration of the sacredness of life, along with the philosophical perspectives underlying it,  
 41 and also to encourage all to a blessed end by faith in Jesus Christ, commending their last  
 42 hour to the time and place of God's choosing, and, be it further

43  
 44 RESOLVED that the Convention would request the CTCR to formulate Pastoral Guidelines if any  
 45 Parishioners follow MAID, further

46

1 RESOLVED that the LCC encourage governing authorities to repeal the legislation of MAID and return  
2 to its God-given duty to reverence life, and be it finally  
3

4 RESOLVED that the LCC and her auxiliary agencies, such as Lutherans for Life-Canada, and her pastors  
5 encourage a vibrant confession and ministry to respond to the threats of the temptation of  
6 MAID by providing relevant Bible studies, literature, and guidance for ministry to the  
7 faithful of the LCC concerning this topic, and encourage programs and agencies within the  
8 church and/or in our communities at large which provides for the lonely, the depressed and  
9 the vulnerable, beneficial care and loving alternatives to MAID.  
10

11 The Voters' Assembly of  
12 Good Shepherds Lutheran Church,  
13 Riverview & Moncton, NB  
14 by Mr. Daniel Fawcett, chairman,  
15 and Rev. David Milette, pastor  
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18 **OVERTURE 3.01 TO EXPAND THE DEFINITIONS IN THE STATUTORY BYLAWS**  
19 **REGARDING THE DIACONATE**

20 WHEREAS the Apostle exhorts the church to do all things decently and in good order, for God is a not a  
21 God of confusion but of order and peace (1 Corinthians 14:33, 40); and  
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23 WHEREAS it can be confusing to refer to a woman as a deacon; and  
24

25 WHEREAS it can be difficult to distinguish the role of men and women in the diaconate when we are  
26 using the same term for both;  
27

28 Therefore, be it  
29

30 RESOLVED that Lutheran Church–Canada in synod amend and expand the definitions under 1.01 in the  
31 statutory bylaws, to the following terms:

- 32 - Diaconate or diaconal: with respect to referencing the office as a whole; and
  - 33 - Deacon: with respect to qualified men who might serve within the diaconal office; and
  - 34 - Deaconess: with respect to qualified women who might serve within the diaconal office;
- 35

36 And be it finally,  
37

38 RESOLVED that the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure be directed to facilitate all  
39 appropriate changes throughout the handbook.  
40

41 East Region Pastors and Deacons Conference  
42 Meeting in Niagara Falls, Ontario, November 10-12, 2025  
43 Rev. Richard Juritsch, Conference Secretary  
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**OVERTURE 3.02 TO ENSURE FAIRNESS, EQUITY AND PREDICTABILITY IN  
CONGREGATIONAL ASSESSMENTS GATHERED TO FUND  
LUTHERAN CHURCH – CANADA (LCC) SYNODICAL  
CONVENTIONS, PASTORS AND DEACONS CONFERENCES AND  
OTHER SUCH EVENTS**

WHEREAS Upon restructuring of Lutheran Church–Canada in 2017, Article 9.01 of the Statutory Bylaws found in the 2022 LCC Handbook (revised in June, 2022) stipulates that a Convention of Synod shall be held every four (4) years at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS Section 2.023 of the Synodical Bylaws of LCC states the following concerning Convention Expenses:

- a. The primary sources of income which are to offset the operating costs of the Convention are the convention assessment registration fees, exhibit space rentals, and other miscellaneous receipts.
- b. The amount of the convention assessment and the registration fees will be based on the convention budget submitted by the convention manager to the Board of Directors for approval.
- c. The administrator shall prescribe, install, and supervise convention accounting procedures, financial control, and budgetary classifications for operating income and costs of the Convention.; and

WHEREAS The assessment calculated by Synod applied to Member congregations of LCC for the 2026 Convention was \$5 per communicant member for 2022, 2023, 2024 and increased to \$10 per communicant member for 2025; and

WHEREAS It is anticipated that in light of restructuring, the increased numbers of delegates planned to attend national in-person Conventions of Synod, Pastors and Deacons Conferences and similar gatherings, plus the effects of inflation, means increased expenses for these events and increased costs to Member congregations; and

WHEREAS Congregational assessments to fund conventions based solely on per capita levies (assessments) invoiced to Member congregations (premised on the number of confirmed members or communicant members alone) can overlook the true participatory membership (indicated by the number of communicant members who communed at least once per year) and fiscal capacity of congregations; and

WHEREAS Synod Board of Directors approves the budgets for Synodical Conventions, Pastoral Conferences and other Synod sponsored events where congregational assessments are used to cover costs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED That Synod in Convention direct the Board of Directors and the Chief Administrative Officer to research, examine, develop and test options for more equitably sharing costs among Member congregations for which an assessment is used to distribute costs for Conventions, Pastors and Deacons Conferences (and other such events); and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED That options to increase equity across Synod include considering application of a flat rate  
2 amount to be borne by each Member congregation of up to 50 per cent of total Convention  
3 costs supplemented thereafter by a per capita amount to cover the remainder; and be it  
4 further  
5  
6 RESOLVED that the recommended outcome of this work be approved by the Board of Directors not later  
7 than December 31, 2026; and be it finally  
8  
9 RESOLVED that LCC in Convention thank the Lord of the Church for those who serve in these offices  
10 and pray He bless them with courage, strength, wisdom, patience, and the heart of Christ.  
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13 Submitted by:  
14 Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
15 Central Region  
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17 **OVETURE 3.03 TO ESTABLISH A PROACTIVE FRAMEWORK FOR SUPPORTING**  
18 **CHURCH WORKERS AT REGIONAL AND CONGREGATIONAL**  
19 **LEVELS**

- 20 WHEREAS Called church workers are a precious resource, a gift the Lord has given to lead, teach, and  
21 nourish the church; and  
22  
23 WHEREAS the gifts of God that they share and administer, as well as their personal talents, training, and  
24 sacrifices are of immense value; and  
25  
26 WHEREAS the roster of church workers is dwindling; and  
27  
28 WHEREAS the church on earth suffers temptation, sin, and spiritual attack, which may lead to church  
29 workers not always being generously nurtured and supported in their vocations, which often  
30 leads to burnout and to workers leaving their calls; and  
31  
32 WHEREAS it can be difficult for church workers to speak out safely and authentically about difficulties  
33 they face in ministry, leading to unsustainable working conditions and hindering their ability  
34 to carry out their calling; and  
35  
36 WHEREAS the workload of circuit councillors and regional pastors related to struggling church workers  
37 is concerning, and providing resources and policies before situations reach a crisis point can  
38 help prevent the need for such intensive intervention; and  
39  
40 WHEREAS some congregations do not have policies and procedures for addressing concerns to elders,  
41 circuit counsellors, and regional pastors, or their policies and practices are not always  
42 effective or accessible for a variety of reasons; and  
43  
44 WHEREAS the recourses for workers in the secular world, such as lawsuits and unionization, are not  
45 generally appropriate or preferred methods for church workers to use to protect themselves;  
46 and

- 1  
2 WHEREAS some volunteer lay leaders are ill-equipped to handle complex situations of tension and  
3 conflict between workers and congregations with transparency and accountability; and  
4
- 5 WHEREAS the extent of the harm being done to church workers often goes unnoticed by the church at  
6 large due to lack of any formalized reporting on the issue; and  
7
- 8 WHEREAS this church body and all its members have the opportunity to do good to all the church  
9 workers of our Synod, showing love, care, and support that encourages joyful service in all  
10 of the leaders of our household of faith (Hebrews 13:16-17; Galatians 6:6 and 10); and  
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- 12 WHEREAS loving communication and mutual support and encouragement between called workers and  
13 congregations is vital to healthy congregational life; and  
14
- 15 WHEREAS it is important to address this need before crises arise that make it more difficult for workers  
16 and congregations to heal from a damaging situation; and  
17
- 18 WHEREAS the Kansas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod developed a “Church Worker  
19 Care Team” manual, based in part on Holding up the Prophet’s Hand: Supporting Church  
20 Workers by Bruce M. Hartung (CPH), with the encouragement that it be adapted for local  
21 use (<https://kslcms.org/caring-ministry/church-worker-wellness/cwct/>); and  
22
- 23 WHEREAS this manual is a resource that addresses the above issues by presenting a model of “Church  
24 Worker Care Teams” for congregations wanting to better support their workers by creating a  
25 small group of lay leaders whose purpose is to support and advocate for their workers’  
26 emotional, physical and spiritual health; therefore be it  
27
- 28 RESOLVED that each Regional Mission and Ministry Council of LCC form a church worker care team of  
29 3 to 5 people, with each team to ordinarily consist of the Regional Pastor or his designate, at  
30 least one other rostered worker (pastor, deacon, or pastor emeritus), and a layperson or  
31 laypersons appointed by the Regional Pastor in consultation with the RMMC; and be it  
32 further  
33
- 34 RESOLVED that all parishes of the Synod be strongly encouraged to implement a church worker care  
35 team in a format that best suits their ministry context, but with a similar structure to the  
36 Regional worker care team, scaled to the size and needs of the congregation; and be it further  
37
- 38 RESOLVED that a working group of 3 to 6 members from all three RMMCs adapt the Kansas District’s  
39 model of Church Worker Care Teams for use in LCC, develop a format for ongoing reporting  
40 on the extent of church worker burnout in LCC, and bring a report on their work to the next  
41 Synod convention. While doing so, the working group will remain in communication with  
42 Worker Benefit Services to be informed of initiatives they are also working on to address  
43 worker burnout.  
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45 West Region RMMC  
46 Rev. Robert Mohns, Regional Pastor  
47 Sonja Bland, Secretary

**OVERTURE 3.04 FOR THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THE MINISTRY OF REV. DR. TIMOTHY TEUSCHER**

WHEREAS Lutheran Church - Canada has been richly blessed by the ministry of Rev. Dr. Timothy Teuscher in the many years of his faithful service in various congregations and offices within the church, including First Vice President of the East District and President of Lutheran Church – Canada, and

WHEREAS in the summer of 2026, Pastor Teuscher will be retiring from full time service as a pastor, be it

RESOLVED that Lutheran Church – Canada together express her heart-felt thanks to God for the many blessings which our Lord has brought to our church through the faithful ministry of Rev. Dr. Timothy Teuscher, and that God would continue to bless him in his retirement in every way and especially in his continued service to our Synod as a Pastor Emeritus within Lutheran Church-Canada.

Grace Lutheran Church, Locksley, Pembroke, Ontario  
 Rev. Paul R. Williams, Pastor  
 Peter Witt, Congregational Chairman

*Identical Overture submitted by:*

Zion Lutheran Church, Augsburg, Pembroke, Ontario  
 Rev. Paul R. Williams, Pastor  
 Bert Firlotte, Congregational Chairman

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 Good Shepherds Lutheran Church,  
 Riverview & Moncton, NB  
 by Mr. Daniel Fawcett, chairman,  
 and Rev. David Milette, pastor

**OVERTURE 3.05 ON THE ROLE AND JURISDICTION OF LEGAL COUNSEL WITHIN SYNOD**

Whereas the Lutheran Church – Canada recognizes in her constitution the Lutheran principle that Holy Scripture is the sole ultimate rule and norm of all doctrine and practice in all matters within our Synod, as is also expressed and defined in the witness of the Lutheran Confessions to which all pastors and congregations freely give their loyalty and assent, and

Whereas the constitution of the Lutheran Church – Canada gives provision for legal counsel in the Synod's work and ministry to ensure that all things are done decently and in order with all due honour, respect and harmony with the government and its laws, and

Whereas the constitution of the Lutheran Church–Canada also provides and mandates, *without limits or qualification*, that “overtures, which, upon the advice of legal counsel, may subject LCC

1 or the corporate officers of LCC to civil liability, shall not be accepted for Convention  
2 consideration,” (II.A.2.007c), and

3  
4 Whereas in the current secularized social and political climate of Canada, the faithful confession of  
5 sacred Christian beliefs and doctrine on such topics as transgenderism, abortion,  
6 homosexuality, MAID, are increasingly stigmatized as “hate crimes” with moves to  
7 criminalize such confession, pressuring and intimidating the faithful into silence, and  
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9 Whereas the Synod's confession and public proclamation of her doctrine cannot be limited only to  
10 certain to what is permitted by civil law as defined by legal counsel, and

11  
12 Whereas within the constitution of LCC there seems to exist two principles of unqualified and  
13 unrestricted authority which can bear upon matters of the Synod's policies and teaching,  
14 namely, legal counsel and Scripture, and

15  
16 Whereas Scripture teaches that “we must obey God rather than man.” (Acts 5:29), therefore be it

17  
18 Resolved that the authority of legal counsel be clarified in the Handbook of Lutheran Church –  
19 Canada, affirming that legal counsel of the Synod is needed, encouraged and welcomed to  
20 serve the Synod with their guidance, expertise with respect to matters pertaining to the  
21 Synod's life and work within the laws of the state, and such is a good gift and service from  
22 God, while ensuring that the proper roles and limits of legal counsel in the life, policies and  
23 theological confession of the Synod be maintained so that in all things Scripture remains as  
24 her sole rule and norm.

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26 Zion Lutheran Church, Augsburg, Pembroke, Ontario

27 Rev. Paul R. Williams, Pastor

28 Bert Firlotte, Congregational Chairman

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30 **OVERTURE 3.06 ON THE ROLE AND JURISDICTION OF LEGAL COUNSEL**  
31 **WITHIN SYNOD**

32 WHEREAS Lutheran Church – Canada recognizes in her constitution the Lutheran principle that Holy  
33 Scripture is the sole ultimate rule and norm of all doctrine and practice in all matters within  
34 our Synod, as is also expressed and defined in the witness of the Lutheran Confessions to  
35 which all pastors and congregations freely give their loyalty and assent, and  
36

37 WHEREAS the constitution of Lutheran Church – Canada gives provision for legal counsel in the  
38 Synod's work and ministry to ensure that all things are done decently and in order with all  
39 due honour, respect and harmony with the government and its laws, and  
40

41 WHEREAS the constitution of Lutheran Church – Canada also provides and mandates, *without limits or*  
42 *qualification*, that “overtures, which, upon the advice of legal counsel, may subject LCC or  
43 the corporate officers of LCC to civil liability, shall not be accepted for Convention  
44 consideration,” (II.A.2.007c), and  
45

- 1 WHEREAS in the current secularized social and political climate of Canada, the faithful confession of  
 2 sacred Christian beliefs and doctrine on such topics as human sexuality, abortion, and MAID,  
 3 are increasingly stigmatized as “hate crimes” with moves to criminalize such confession,  
 4 pressuring and intimidating the faithful into silence, and  
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- 6 WHEREAS the Synod's confession and public proclamation of its doctrine cannot be limited to only to  
 7 what is permitted by civil law as defined by legal counsel, and  
 8
- 9 WHEREAS within the constitution of LCC there seem to exist two principles of unqualified and  
 10 unrestricted authority which can bear upon matters of the Synod's policies and teaching,  
 11 namely, legal counsel and Scripture, and  
 12
- 13 WHEREAS Scripture teaches that “we must obey God rather than man.” (Acts 5:29)  
 14
- 15 Therefore be it  
 16
- 17 RESOLVED that the authority of legal counsel be clarified in the Handbook of Lutheran Church –  
 18 Canada, affirming that legal counsel is needed, encouraged and welcomed to serve the Synod  
 19 with guidance and expertise with respect to matters pertaining to the Synod's life and work  
 20 within the laws of the state while ensuring that that the proper roles and limits of legal  
 21 counsel in the life, policies, and theological confession of the Synod be maintained so that in  
 22 all things Scripture remains as the sole rule and norm.  
 23

24 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sudbury, ON  
 25 Rev. David Smilek  
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27 **OVERTURE 3.07 TO CLARIFY TERMS FOR DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL**  
 28 **MISSIONS IN THE HANDBOOK**

- 29 Whereas the Handbook of LCC uses the expressions “Canadian Missions” but LCC in her actions and  
 30 communications regularly uses the expression “Domestic Missions”, and  
 31
- 32 Whereas the Handbook of LCC uses both the expressions “World Missions” and “International  
 33 Missions” (as well as the expression “Foreign field”) but LCC in her actions and  
 34 communications regularly uses the exrepsion expression “International Missions”,  
 35
- 36 Therefore be it  
 37
- 38 Resolved that, in order to avoid confusion and promote unity in our speaking and work together, the  
 39 Handbook of LCC be updated to use the term “Domestic Missions” rather than “Canadian  
 40 Missions,” “International Missions” rather than “World Missions.”  
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- 42 The Voters’ Assembly of  
 43 Good Shepherds Lutheran Church,  
 44 Riverview & Moncton, NB  
 45 by Mr. Daniel Fawcett, chairman,  
 46 and Rev. David Milette, pastor

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**OVERTURE 3.08 TO PROVIDE STRUCTURE FOR DOMESTIC MISSION WORK**

- 2 Whereas, Christ has called his Church to preach the Gospel to all nations (Mark 16) and to make  
3 disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching (Matt 28), and that He intends to and will  
4 gather to Himself sheep not yet of His sheepfold that they listen to His voice and become one  
5 flock with one Shepherd (John 10:16), and  
6
- 7 Whereas, engaging together in Domestic and International Missions are among the chief purposes of  
8 our Synod (LCC Handbook 1.015.5-6), and  
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- 10 Whereas, our work together as a synod in the area of International Missions is provided for in the  
11 structure of our Synod (15.03, 15.13), is well-organized and well-promoted, and has received  
12 and continues to receive many blessings of love, help, protection and growth from the Triune  
13 God to His glory and for the good of many, and  
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- 15 Whereas, our work together as a synod in the area of Domestic Missions was formerly provided for  
16 and organized under districts, and too few provisions are currently found in our LCC  
17 Handbook in our current structure, and  
18
- 19 Whereas, the members of LCC and the members of our congregations regularly see the great needs for  
20 the work of the Gospel in our communities and regions, and are zealous to work together as  
21 the Lord's instruments and ambassadors in the area of Domestic Missions also, and  
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- 23 Whereas, our work together in the area of Domestic Missions is currently merely provided through the  
24 Regional Pastor as assisted by RMMCs (LCC Const X.4.a.v; , Handbook 3.003.b) and would  
25 benefit from further provision and organisation since, direction and structure from the  
26 members of synod, and  
27
- 28 Whereas, LCC members through the LCC BOD have called to the Lord's service among us a well -  
29 equipped Full-Time LCC Director of Domestic Missions to work with our Regional Pastors,  
30 RMMCs, Circuits, and synod members, and is supported by our prayers, encouragement,  
31 partnership and financial support to Domestic Missions,  
32
- 33 Therefore be it
- 34
- 35 Resolved that the LCC BOD, officers, commissions and RMMCs propose, in consultation with the  
36 Circuits and members of synod, ways to provide for, organize and promote the needs,  
37 opportunities and blessings in the area of Domestic Missions in our LCC Handbook and  
38 structures so that our work together may not be hampered but may be spurred on, and further  
39 be it  
40
- 41 Resolved that the people of God in LCC be be regular opportunity to learn about our work of Domestic  
42 Missions across Canada, to labour in the Lord's Vineyard according to their callings and gifts  
43 and the needs before them, to support the work of others in our Synod, and to return thanks  
44 to the Triune God for His saving love, faithfulness and blessings yet to come in the area of  
45 Domestic Missions also.  
46

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 2 Good Shepherds Lutheran Church,  
 3 Riverview & Moncton, NB  
 4 by Mr. Daniel Fawcett, chairman,  
 5 and Rev. David Milete, pastor  
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7 *APPENDIX – a few sample provisions as found in the 2012 Handbook of the East District, LCC*

- 8 • *The objects of the [District] corporation are to unite in a corporate body the members and*  
 9 *congregations... of the Lutheran Church-Canada and in particular: (a) to advance monies to*  
 10 *congregations or mission stations which may be admitted to membership in the Corporation; and (b)*  
 11 *to build, found and establish churches and other institutions (Const of ED LCC 2012, III)*
  - 12 o *Ok cf. 1.015 The collective objectives of Members include: 5. Engaging in Canadian*  
 13 *Missions;*
  - 14 • *Purpose is... Together with congregations to develop new mission ministries by...*
    - 15 o *Planning with [them] to develop mission ministries in their regions and establish goals to*  
 16 *implement these objectives, either jointly with local congregations or directly where deemed*  
 17 *necessary; (Handbook of ED LCC 2012, I.A.B.1)*
    - 18 o *Supporting mission projects and helping develop methods which diminish their need for*  
 19 *subsidy; (Handbook of ED LCC 2012, I.A.B.2)*
    - 20 o *Encouraging the local congregations and their members to support mission projects of the*  
 21 *district and the synod. (Handbook of ED LCC 2012, I.A.B.3)*
  - 22 • *Circuit Meetings... shall... review and respond to the annual plan of mission and ministry proposed*  
 23 *by the Board of Directors (Handbook of ED LCC 2012, I.C.1.32.4)*
  - 24 • *Official Mission and Planning Conferences*
    - 25 o *Organisation: Cf LCC 4.5.1 (2012) (Handbooks of ED LCC 2012, I.C.1.35.A)*
    - 26 o *Expenses: The Committee for Equalization of Expenses, an ad hoc committee of the Mission*  
 27 *and Planning conference, shall receive a report of expenses from the delegates and any other*  
 28 *expenses incurred to conduct the conference. Expenses shall be equalized in the same*  
 29 *manner as convention expenses (cf. 2.42). (Handbooks of ED LCC 2012, I.C.1.35.A)*
  - 30 • *The [District] Board of Directors shall be responsible for the preparation of an annual Mission and*  
 31 *Ministry Program for presentation at Fall Circuit Forums except in the year of the Mission and*  
 32 *Planning Conference. (ref 1.36) The Board will receive feedback from these forums and direct this*  
 33 *information to the departments for consideration in the preparation of the proposed budget and*  
 34 *programs. (Handbook of ED LCC 2012, IV.4.10.D)*
    - 35 o *... visit, guide and assist the work and workers in new missions and subsidized*  
 36 *congregations; (Handbook of ED LCC 2012, IV.B.5.20.B)*
    - 37 o *... receive reports as necessary from those working under this department, e.g. missionaries,*  
 38 *chaplains; (Handbook of ED LCC 2012, IV.B.5.20.C)*
    - 39 o *... cooperate with the Synod in the production and distribution of materials for evangelism,*  
 40 *missions and social ministry; (Handbook of ED LCC 2012, IV.B.5.20.G)*
    - 41 o *... develop objectives, goals and specific strategies for developing and strengthening*  
 42 *missions, for evangelism and for social ministry and provide leadership, training workshops*  
 43 *and conferences for the same; (Handbook of ED LCC 2012, IV.B.5.20.H)*
  - 44 • *Committees may assist... in implementing... plans... not limited to these ... A. Mission Committee. B.*  
 45 *Evangelism Committee. C. Social Ministry Committee. (Handbook of ED LCC 2012, IV.B.5.22)*

- 1 • ... assist the Board of Directors in the preparation of the Mission and Ministry program (cf. 3.64D,  
2 E); propose to the congregations annual goals for financial commitment to the Mission and Ministry  
3 Program of the... Synod (Handbook of ED LCC 2012, IV.C.5.30.C and E)  
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5 **OVERTURE 3.09 TO FORMALIZE TWO DOMESTIC MISSION TOOLS ALREADY IN**  
6 **USE**

7 Whereas two helpful instruments for organizing and promoting Domestic Missions were not  
8 formalized in the current Handbook and structure of LCC but continue to be needed, used in  
9 part, and receive blessing from God:

- 10  
11 (a) “Recognized Mission Congregations” – not-yet-chartered missions congregations  
12 that have an explicit confessional subscription, a minimal structure, and a  
13 commitment to be served only by LCC pastors (designated as “Supervising Pastor”),  
14 but yet enough to apply to be received as a Recognized Mission Congregation –  
15 requiring approval by the BOD and supervision by the Regional Pastor and Circuit  
16 Counselors; thereby allowing them to be listed publicly among LCC points of  
17 presence, and allowing them to transfer their communicant members to and receive  
18 communicant members by transfer from other LCC congregations),  
19  
20 (b) “Strategic Mission Areas” – areas designated by the former District BODs (for this  
21 purpose only, the RMMCs) with the approval of the members of synod in that region  
22 for the sake of focusing work together, promoting, and encouraging work in certain  
23 geographical areas (or non-geographical areas of concern), and,  
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25 Whereas these continue to be used but only in part, are at risk of being forgotten, and without a clear  
26 understanding of what we are doing in these areas, and  
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28 Whereas our Regional Pastors, RMMCs, and LCC Director of Domestic Missions, as well as others  
29 would benefit from these instruments in their work in Domestic Missions, and  
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31 Whereas these instruments do not of themselves bind the Synod to any financial commitments, but (a)  
32 allow the blessed work of the Triune God to be recognized in the area of Domestic Missions  
33 and (b) assist in focusing and promoting our work together in Christ’s name in the area of  
34 Domestic Missions where the need is great and Lord seems to be calling us to go,  
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36 Therefore be it  
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38 Resolved that the Handbook and practices of LCC be updated as appropriate to reflect these two  
39 instruments already being used in our life together as Lutheran Church-Canada, and further  
40 be it  
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42 Resolved that the members of LCC be informed of these instruments and practices so that we are  
43 unhampered in our support of and promotion of our work together in Christ’s saving name in  
44 the area of Domestic Missions.  
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46 The Voters’ Assembly of

1 Good Shepherds Lutheran Church,  
2 Riverview & Moncton, NB  
3 by Mr. Daniel Fawcett, chairman,  
4 and Rev. David Milette, pastor  
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6 **OVERTURE 3.10 TO GIVE THANKS FOR CONCORDIA LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL**  
7 **SEMINARY, ST. CATHARINES, AT HER 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

8 WHEREAS the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod at her 1975 convention authorised Concordia  
9 Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, to establish an extension site in Canada; and

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11 WHEREAS the Ontario District in her 1976 convention selected St. Catharines to be the site of the new  
12 seminary; and

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14 WHEREAS the first classes were held in September 1976 in the basement of Resurrection Lutheran  
15 Church; and

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17 WHEREAS the seminary was incorporated by provincial charter in November 1976, established an  
18 Affiliation Agreement with Brock University in 1982, built a fine new building on its  
19 campus in 1983, and received the right from the provincial government to give degrees in  
20 her own name in 2024; and

21  
22 WHEREAS over her fifty years of service CLTS has delivered some 240 graduates, both ordained and  
23 lay, into the church’s service; and

24  
25 WHEREAS CLTS continues to serve Lutheran Church–Canada and her sister churches around the world  
26 through pastoral formation, education of lay leaders, teaching the faithful, supporting  
27 mission work, and publishing confessional Lutheran theological writings;

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29 Therefore be it

30  
31 RESOLVED that Lutheran Church–Canada in convention express thanks to God for fifty years of service  
32 to the church provided by Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, and  
33 commend her to the prayers and support of God’s people.

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35 President’s Ministry Council  
36 Rev. Timothy Teuscher, Chair  
37 Rev. Michael Schutz, Secretary  
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39 **OVERTURE 3.11 TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUING FORMATION FOR PASTORS AND**  
40 **DEACONS**

41 WHEREAS LCC convention resolution 17.02.07 requested guidance from the PMC regarding continuing  
42 education expectations for all church workers; and

43  
44 WHEREAS growth in maturity in faith and life never ends in a Christian's earthly life; and  
45

- 1 WHEREAS no pastor or deacon is "fully formed" at the completion of formal church work programs and  
2 each one benefits from ongoing growth as he or she serves in their work; and  
3
- 4 WHEREAS the Biblical qualifications of church workers are grounded not only in professional  
5 competency but primarily in Christmas character and therefore it is appropriate to use a  
6 broad heading of "formation" which includes both; and  
7
- 8 WHEREAS LCC's core objectives explicitly include the effort to "recruit and train pastors, deacons, and  
9 other professional church workers and provide opportunity for their continuing growth"  
10 (Constitution, Article III); and  
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- 12 WHEREAS every pastor makes the commitment to diligence in the study of Holy Scripture and the  
13 Confessions and every deacon makes the commitment to growth in love and excellence in  
14 skill; and  
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- 16 WHEREAS pastors and deacons face ever-changing challenges during the course of their work in the  
17 church;  
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- 19 Therefore be it
- 20
- 21 RESOLVED that the Member Congregations of LCC and Synodical leadership make it a priority in the  
22 next quadrennium to strongly encourage LCC workers to be involved in continuing  
23 education and formation for their own benefit and the benefit of the whole church; and be it  
24 further  
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- 26 RESOLVED that each pastor and deacon strive to develop and carry out a plan for his or her own  
27 continuing education and formation over the next quadrennium; and be it further  
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- 29 RESOLVED that congregations, as recommended by LCC's compensation guidelines, strive to contribute  
30 to existing funding structures and opportunities for their pastors and deacons; and be it  
31 finally  
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- 33 RESOLVED that LCC in convention direct the PMC to develop further guidance and expectations for  
34 continuing formation within the next quadrennium.  
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36 President's Ministry Council  
37 Rev. Timothy Teuscher, Chair  
38 Rev. Michael Schutz, Secretary  
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40 **OVERTURE 3.12 TO REVIEW SYNODICAL BYLAW VII. RECONCILIATION,**  
41 **RESTORATION, AND ADJUDICATION**

- 42 WHEREAS Synodical Bylaw Article VII has proved to be unwieldy in implementation;  
43  
44 Therefore be it  
45

1 RESOLVED that Lutheran Church-Canada in convention assign the President to oversee a review of  
2 Article Synodical Bylaw VII in consultation with the PMC, CTCR, and CCMS; and be it  
3 finally  
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5 RESOLVED that he bring forward recommendations regarding Article Synodical Bylaw VII to the 2030  
6 Convention for discussion and implementation.  
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8 President's Ministry Council  
9 Rev. Timothy Teuscher, Chair  
10 Rev. Michael Schutz, Secretary  
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12 **OVERTURE 3.13 ON THE ROLE AND JURISDICTION OF LEGAL COUNSEL**  
13 **WITHIN SYNOD**

14 WHEREAS Lutheran Church – Canada recognizes in her Constitution the Lutheran principle that Holy  
15 Scripture is the sole ultimate rule and norm of all doctrine and practice in all matters within  
16 our Synod, as is expressed and defined in the witness of the Lutheran Confessions to which  
17 all pastors and congregations freely give their loyalty and assent, and  
18

19 WHEREAS the Handbook of Lutheran Church – Canada gives provision for legal counsel in the Synod's  
20 work and ministry to ensure that all things are done decently and in order with all due  
21 honour, respect and harmony with the government and its laws, and  
22

23 WHEREAS the Handbook of Lutheran Church – Canada also provides and mandates, *without limits or*  
24 *qualification*, that “overtures, which, upon the advice of legal counsel, may subject LCC or  
25 the corporate officers of LCC to civil liability, shall not be accepted for Convention  
26 consideration,” (II.A.2.007.c), and  
27

28 WHEREAS in the current secularized social and political climate of Canada, the faithful confession of  
29 sacred Christian beliefs and doctrine on such topics such as transgenderism, abortion on  
30 demand, homosexuality and MAID, are increasingly stigmatized as “hate crimes” with  
31 moves to penalize and criminalize such confession, pressuring and intimidating the faithful  
32 into silence, and  
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34 WHEREAS within the constitution of LCC there seem to exist two principles of unqualified and  
35 unrestricted authority which can bear upon matters of the Synod's teaching and policies,  
36 namely, legal counsel and Scripture, and  
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38 WHEREAS the Synod's confession and public proclamation of its doctrine cannot be limited to only to  
39 what is permitted by civil law as defined by legal counsel, since Scripture plainly teaches  
40 that “we must obey God rather than man,” (Acts 5:29),  
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42 Therefore be it  
43

44 RESOLVED that the authority of legal counsel be clarified in the Handbook of Lutheran Church –  
45 Canada, affirming that legal counsel is needed, encouraged and welcomed to serve the Synod  
46 with guidance and expertise with respect to matters pertaining to the Synod's life and work

1 within the laws of the state, while ensuring that that the proper roles and limits of legal  
2 counsel in the life, policies, and theological confession of the Synod be maintained so that in  
3 all things Scripture remains as the sole rule and norm.  
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6 Good Shepherds Lutheran Church,  
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11 **OVERTURE 3.14 TO RATIFY AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS TO**  
12 **CONGREGATION CONSTITUTIONS**

13 WHEREAS upon review of changes to various congregation constitutions and subsequent  
14 recommendation of the President, the Board of Directors has approved the revisions and  
15 amendments to these constitutions; and  
16

17 WHEREAS such actions by the Board are to be "submitted to the next Convention for ratification"  
18 (Synodical Bylaw 1.007.b); therefore be it  
19

20 RESOLVED that the Convention ratify the actions of the Board on the following dates pertaining to its  
21 approval of amendments and revisions to the constitutions of the following congregations:  
22

23 Central Region

24 Faith, Atikokan, ON  
25 Trinity, Churchbridge, SK  
26 Our Saviour/St. Mark, Dryden/Vermilion Bay , ON  
27 Zion Evangelical, Morden, MB  
28 New Beginnings, Regina, SK  
29 Mt. Calvary, Swift Current, SK  
30 Calvary, Thunder Bay, ON  
31 Trinity, Winkler, MB  
32 Peace, Winnipeg, MB  
33 Immanuel, Winnipeg , MB  
34 Saint James, Winnipeg , MB

35 East Region

36 St. Matthew's, Cornwall, ON  
37 Faith, Kitchener, ON  
38 St. Paul's , Kitchener, ON  
39 Good Shepherd, London, ON  
40 Grace, Oshawa, ON  
41 Southampton, Southampton , ON

42 West Region

43 Shepherd of Peace, Calgary, AB  
44 Grace, Drumheller, AB  
45 Bethlehem, Edmonton, AB  
46 Faith, Grande Prairie, AB

1 Redeemer, High Prairie, AB  
2 First (The Sanctuary), Kelowna, BC  
3 Our Saviour, Parksville, BC  
4 Trinity, Quesnel, BC  
5 St. Matthew, Stony Plain, AB  
6 St. John's, Vernon, BC

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8 LCC Board of Directors  
9 Doug Petersen, Chair  
10 Rev. Tom Kruesel, Secretary

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12 **OVERTURE 3.15 TO RECEIVE ST. MATTHEW’S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN**  
13 **CHURCH, CORNWALL, ONTARIO INTO MEMBERSHIP OF**  
14 **LUTHERAN CHURCH—CANADA**

15 WHEREAS the congregation of St. Matthew’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cornwall, Ontario has  
16 applied for membership in Lutheran Church—Canada; and

17  
18 WHEREAS the constitution and bylaws of St. Matthew’s Evangelical Lutheran Church have been  
19 submitted and reviewed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors of LCC in  
20 accordance with Synodical Bylaw 1.007 a; therefore be it

21  
22 RESOLVED that St. Matthew’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cornwall, Ontario be joyfully received as a  
23 member of Lutheran Church—Canada.

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25 LCC Board of Directors  
26 Doug Petersen, Chair  
27 Rev. Tom Kruesel, Secretary

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29 **OVERTURE 3.16 TO APPOINT AUDITORS FOR LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA**

30 WHEREAS the statutory Bylaws (Article V – provision 5.01) state the delegates present at Convention  
31 appoint an auditor for auditing the financial statements of LCC; therefore be it

32  
33 RESOLVED that KPMG be appointed auditors of LCC and hold office until the next Convention

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35 LCC Board of Directors  
36 Doug Petersen, Chair  
37 Rev. Tom Kruesel, Secretary

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