



# **Section 1**

## **Assembly Proceedings**

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## ***AGENDA***

### **Wednesday – June 22, 2016**

12:00 pm Synod Council Lunch

1:00 pm Synod Council

### **Thursday – June 23, 2016**

9:00 am Delegate Registration Open – International Plaza Hotel

11:00 am ***First Time Delegate Assembly Orientation***

**Location:** International Plaza Hotel

11:00 am ***Retirement Planning Luncheon (advance registration required)***

**Location:** International Plaza Hotel, Mississauga A, Main Floor

12:00 pm **Lunch** (*on your own*)

## **SESSION ONE**

1:30 pm ***Opening Service of Holy Communion / Opening of Assembly***

2:30 pm **Break**

2:45 pm Report of Committee on Registration

Establishment of Quorum

Introduction of Special Guests

Requests to Grant Privilege of Vote and/or Voice

Notice of Consent Agenda Items

- Report of Synod Council – Items not requiring action
- Report of the Statistician
- Necrology Report
- Report of the Archivist
- Report of the Auditor
- Reports of the Standing Committees
- Adoption of Minutes of 2014 Assembly
- Appointment of Assembly Committees
- Reports of the Ministry Area Deans

Adoption of Agenda

3:15 pm Report of the Bishop

3:45 pm Report of Synod Council

- Notice of Items Requiring Action
- Notice of Proposed Amendments to Eastern Synod Constitution

4:00 pm **Special Order**

Report of the Treasurer

- 2014 – 2015 Financial Review
- 2016 - 2018 Budget Overview

4:30 pm Report of Nominating Committee

- Nominations for Synod Council
- Nominations from the floor
- First Ballot – Election of Officer – Vice Chair
- First Ballot – Election of Delegates to ELCIC National Convention

5:00 pm ***Closing Prayer and Adjournment For Supper (on your own)***

## SESSION TWO

- 6:30 pm **Special Order**  
The Rev. Dr. Susan C. Johnson  
National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- 7:15 pm Report of the Committee on Elections
- Second Ballot – Election of Delegates to ELCIC National Convention (if required)
- 7:30 pm **Liberated by God's Grace**  
Bishop Munib Younan, President, Lutheran World Federation
- 8:30 pm ***Worship – Human Beings Not for Sale***
- 9:15 pm Welcome Reception for Delegates and Visitors  
**Location:** International Plaza Hotel

### Friday – June 24, 2016

- 7:30 am ***ELFEC Partner Breakfast (by invitation)***
- 8:00 am Delegate Registration Open – International Plaza Hotel

## SESSION THREE

- 8:30 am ***Worship – Creation Not for Sale***
- 9:00 am Report of the Committee on Elections
- Second Ballot – Election of Officer – Vice Chair (if required)
  - Third Ballot – Election of Delegates to ELCIC National Convention (if required)
- 9:30 am **ELFEC Presentation**  
Creation Not For Sale
- 10:15 am **Break**
- 10:30 am **Liberated by God's Grace**  
Bishop Munib Younan, President, Lutheran World Federation
- 11:00 am **Report of Canadian Lutheran World Relief**  
Robert Granke, Executive Director
- 11:15 am Report of Synod Council (Continued)
- 11:45 am Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel
- 12:00 pm ***Closing Prayer and Adjournment For Lunch (on your own)***  
***Lutheran Planned Giving Luncheon (by invitation)***

## SESSION FOUR

- 1:30 pm ***Opening Prayer***
- 1:45 pm Report of the Committee on Elections
- Third Ballot – Election of Officer – Vice Chair (if required)
  - First Ballot – Synod Council
- 2:00 pm Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel
- 3:00 pm **Special Order**  
Youth Assembly Presentation
- 3:15 pm **Break**
- 3:30 pm Report of Synod Council (Continued)  
**Note: All non-germane motions must be in the hands of the Secretary at this time.**
- 4:15 pm **A Strategic Plan for the Eastern Synod**
- 5:00 pm ***Closing Prayer and Adjournment For Dinner (on your own)***

## SESSION FIVE

- 6:30 pm **Biennium Reconciliation Initiative – Justice Café**
- 8:30 pm ***Worship***

**Saturday – June 25, 2016**

## SESSION SIX

- 8:30 am ***Worship – Salvation Not for Sale***
- 9:00 am Presentation of Rostered Ministers and Congregations received into the Synod since July 1, 2014
- 9:30 am Report of the Committee on Elections
- Second Ballot – Synod Council (if required)
- 9:45 am **ELCIC Group Services** – Lisa Thiessen, Executive Director
- 10:00 am Open Microphone Sharing of Mission Stories
- 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:45 am Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel
- 11:20 am Report of the WLS Board of Governors
- 12:00 pm ***Closing Prayer and Adjournment For Lunch (on your own)***

## SESSION SEVEN

- 1:30 pm Report of Synod Council (Continued)
- 2017 – 2018 Budget
  - Report of Synod Council – con't.
- 2:00 pm Partner Reflections
- President Rev. Leroy Nicholson, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana
  - Rev. Bishop Munib Younan, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land
- 2:30 pm Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel  
Report of the Committee on Registration  
Report of the Committee on Minutes
- 2:45 pm **Break**
- 3:15 pm **Our Life Together in Covenant** – Open Microphone Conversations
- 4:30 pm **Adjournment of Convention Business**
- 6:30 pm ***Eastern Synod Leadership Banquet – International Plaza Hotel***  
6:30 pm - Gathering  
7:00 pm - Dinner

### **Sunday – June 26, 2016**

- 10:00 a.m. ***Closing Service with Holy Communion / Installation of Synod Council***

# **EASTERN SYNOD of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**

## **Glossary of Terms and Acronyms**

### **ACC - The Anglican Church in Canada**

#### **Agenda**

The listing of proceedings for Assembly. It is adopted as one of the first orders of business of Assembly. Once the agenda has been approved, it may only be revised with the consent of the assembly, either by adopting a motion from the floor, or agreeing to a recommendation from Reference and Counsel or the Chair.

#### **Bishop**

The leader and counsellor to congregations, ordained ministers and conferences of the Eastern Synod. Our current Bishop is Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse. The Bishop also presides over the business of the Assembly, and the Synod Council between Assemblies.

#### **Bourinot's Rules of Order**

A distinctly Canadian rule of order used in the House of Commons. The ELCIC has chosen to use this set of rules for our guide. The Synod Assembly relies on Bourinot for a simple, basic framework on which to structure our deliberations. See House Rules for a brief summary of the main thrust of Bourinot. An article entitled "Bourinot for the Baffled" is available from the Head Steward during the Assembly for any delegate who requires further insight into these rules.

#### **BR - Bulletin of Reports**

The compilation of committee and conference reports, statistics, financial reports and the reports of the Officers of Synod and the Bishop which is provided to each delegate and registered visitor to the Assembly for perusal, information and action.

#### **CCC - Canadian Council of Churches**

An organization that is made up of Christian denominations in Canada for co-operation in matters of common interest, including the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The ELCIC is a member of the CCC.

#### **CCOM - Candidacy Committee**

#### **CECF - Church Extension Capital Fund**

An ELCIC administered fund that provides loans for specific mission projects, especially the building of new churches.

#### **CLAY - Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth**

Every two years, the ELCIC and the Anglican Church of Canada host a national gathering of youth and their leaders.

**CLWR - Canadian Lutheran World Relief**

The agency that assists both the ELCIC and the Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC) in our joint relief and development work around the world.

**COGS - Council of General Synod**

This is the executive body of General Synod (in the Anglican Church of Canada). Between sessions of General Synod, COGS administers the affairs of the ACC.

**Conference**

A geographic grouping of congregations within the Synod. There are eight conferences in the Eastern Synod: Atlantic (A), Georgian Bay (GB), Hamilton/Niagara (H/N), Kitchener/Waterloo (K/W), London (L), Northern (N), Ottawa/St. Lawrence (O/StL) and Toronto (T).

**Consent Agenda**

An Assembly procedural process whereby the Assembly delegates consent to accepting the printed reports of certain designated Synodical personnel and committees without discussion or debate. Once adopted, the delegates can bring an item from the Consent Agenda to the floor for discussion only if ten or more delegates present a signed request to the chair. The request would be forwarded to Reference and Counsel.

**Dean**

Ordained Minister elected by the members of a conference to chair the conference council, meet with the Synod Bishop together with all the conference deans and make written reports to the Synod about the work of the conference through the Bulletin of Reports.

**ELCA - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

Our sister church in the United States of America. Synods and the national church (ELCIC) work co-operatively with the ELCA from time-to-time.

**ELCG - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana**

Our international Companion Synod.

**ELCIC - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**

The national denomination to which the Eastern Synod belongs. The office is located in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The National Bishop is Rev. Dr. Susan Johnson. There are four other Synods in the ELCIC - British Columbia (BC), Alberta & the Territories (ABT), Saskatchewan (SK) and Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario (MNO).

**ELCJHL - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land**

A companionship agreement was signed between the Eastern Synod and the ELCJHL in 2013. The purpose of our partnership is: to strengthen Christian unity, and deepen the communion between the two churches; to strengthen the identity of the local church as part of the universal Church; and to promote the mission of our churches in their respective societies.

**ELFEC - Evangelical Lutheran Foundation of Eastern Canada**

The Foundation's mission is threefold: 1) encouraging generous giving; 2) prudently investing money entrusted to the Foundation; and 3) granting money to charities that respond creatively and effectively to God's call to Ministry.



## **ES - Eastern Synod**

The geographical area under the jurisdiction and pastoral care of the Synodical Bishop. The Eastern Synod is one of five Synods that make up the ELCIC in Canada. It covers the province of Ontario, east of 86 degrees longitude (just west of Sault Ste. Marie) and the provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. There are currently 192 congregations and close to 300 clergy.

## **ESC - Eastern Synod Council**

## **ES-S - Eastern Synod Staff**

## **ES-YAYA - Eastern Synod Youth and Young Adults Ministry Committee**

The mandate for this committee is to promote and help develop youth and young adult ministries within the Eastern Synod.

## **House Rules**

A set of rules that governs the proceedings of the Assembly - see Appendix A.

## **JALC - Joint Anglican-Lutheran Commission**

A body of Lutherans and Anglicans, clergy and laity, which oversees the various aspects of the implementation of full communion between the ELCIC and the ACC (Anglican Church in Canada).

## **KAIROS**

An ecumenical partnership that works to promote international human rights, global economic justice, ecological justice, Canadian social development, Aboriginal and indigenous rights, global partnerships and education.

## **LCC - Lutheran Church-Canada**

Another denominational grouping of Lutherans in Canada with whom the Eastern Synod and the ELCIC occasionally work co-operatively, especially in Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) and certain chaplaincies.

## **LPG - Lutheran Planned Giving**

Directed by Jeff Pym, this ELFEC program assists the church, congregations and individuals make wise and generous decisions about the use of their assets. Pivotal to this work is encouraging and assisting individuals to make planned gifts to the church.

## **LWF - Lutheran World Federation**

The international organizations of Lutheran national churches to which the ELCIC belongs. The headquarters are in Geneva, Switzerland.

## **Motion**

A formal proposal brought forward to the Assembly for its consideration. Motions require a mover and seconder and are decided by a vote after a period of debate. Motions may come from conferences, congregations and delegates through the Committee of Reference and Counsel. There are various types of motions that may be brought before the Assembly for consideration. (see **Synod Speak** folder on each table)

## **MSC**

Moved, seconded, carried (as it relates to a motion).

### **NCC - National Church Council**

The body responsible for overseeing the work of the ELCIC between Conventions. It is made up of representatives of the five Synods, both clergy and lay, as well as the five Synod Bishops and the presiding Bishop.

### **Synod Assembly/Synod Convention**

This is the gathering of lay and ordained delegates who meet in Assembly every two years to make decisions on matters of policy, finance and management of the Synod. It is also responsible for the election of the Officers of Synod and Synod Council. Between Assemblies, the Synod Council is responsible for the work of the Synod. The constitution of our church refers to this gathering as the Synod Convention but we have used the term Synod Assembly as a way of broadening our perception of what it means to gather in this way as a Synodical community.

### **Synod Assembly Committees**

These groups of individuals function throughout the convention to assist the work of the assembly. The committees are: Nominations, Elections, Reference and Counsel, Minutes, Report of the Bishop, and Registration.

### **Synod Council**

This group of 12 people, together with the Officers of Synod, provides leadership to the Synod between Assemblies. There is an even number of ordained members and laypersons elected to serve for four-year terms, with one-half of the members' terms expiring every two years.

### **The Eastern Synod Lutheran - TESL**

This is the Eastern Synod's "newsletter".

### **WLS - Waterloo Lutheran Seminary**

One of the two seminaries operated by the ELCIC. This Eastern Synod institution was founded in 1911 and offers opportunities for individuals to pursue academic and theological training in preparation for a wide variety of services in the church and society.

## Appendix A - House Rules -A set of rules that governs the proceedings of the Assembly

1. When any delegate is about to speak, he/she shall rise and address him/herself to the chair.
2. An address from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.
3. No motion or amendment shall be considered as before the Synod (except such as proposed by a committee) unless seconded and submitted in writing to the chairperson.
4. No delegate, save the mover of a motion, shall speak more than once on the same question.
5. When a question is under consideration, no other motion shall be received except to adjourn the Synod, to move the previous question, to table, to postpone to a certain time, to postpone indefinitely, to refer, to consider (clause-by-clause), to amend, to divide, or substitute. Motions, for any of these purposes, shall have precedence in the order here named.
6. No more than one amendment to a proposed amendment to a motion shall be in order. However, a substitute for the whole matter may be proposed and received, provided it deals with the subject at hand. Both the substitute and the main motion may be amended to the second degree. The Assembly then chooses which shall stand as the choice for final action.
7. An amendment to an amendment can be presented. If defeated, then other amendments to the original amendment may be made until one is accepted, or all defeated. At such time the original amendment shall be put to vote.
8. These Rules of Order may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present.
9. Any delegate may request, at any period of the debate, that the motion under discussion be read for his/her information.
10. When a delegate is speaking, no other delegate shall interrupt except to raise a point of order.
11. The chair shall decide all questions of order without debate. Ruling of the chair can, however, be over-ruled by a majority vote of the Assembly.
12. When any question is about to be put to vote, delegates shall continue in their seats, and shall not retire until such motion is disposed of.
13. Motions to postpone or table, whether to a specified time or indefinitely, shall be admissible according to the following understanding:
  - (a) A motion to postpone indefinitely may have two purposes:
    - i. to cancel a motion without a determinative vote
    - ii. to take a “straw” poll to determine the strength of support for the motion
  - (b) A motion to table without reference to a recall time may cancel a motion
  - (c) Motions to postpone or table are debatable
14. Motions of the previous question, when adopted, effectively end debate on a question, placing the matter pending before the Assembly. When a motion of the previous question is lost, debate on the matter before the Assembly may resume immediately. A motion of the previous question is debatable and carried by a simple majority.
15. Special Orders shall have precedence over other matters on the agenda.
16. Delegates placing a motion before the Assembly shall do so prior to speaking. A motion may not be made at the conclusion of a speech.
17. Once the agenda has been approved, items designated as consent agenda items can only be brought to the floor upon recommendation of the Committee for Reference and Counsel, as requested by ten (10) or more delegates.