

Session Three - Friday, June 22, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

Worship

Worship began the day for delegates and visitors.

Report of the Committee on Elections

Bishop Pryse invited Iris Schweiger, Chairperson for the Committee on Elections, to the dais for the presentation of the results of the first ballot for the election of Vice-Chairperson.

Ballots cast	183
Spoiled	42
Valid ballots	141
Required to elect	106

Bishop Pryse declared Laurie Knott elected as the Vice-chairperson of the Eastern Synod, for the term of 2018-2024.

MSC that the ballots be destroyed.

Iris Schweiger, Chairperson for the Committee on Elections, presented the results of the first ballot for the election of delegates to the ELCIC National Convention:

Lay:	To be elected	24
	Ballots cast	185
	Spoiled	0
	Valid ballots	185
	Required to elect	75

Elected were: Gail Bennie, Nancy Cook, Denise Dennis, Susan Dupuis, Edward Evans, Carol Fairbrother, Karen Field, Dorothy Froom, Brenda Grebinski, Jan Hansen, Brian Janzen, E. Joanne Klein, Laurie Knott, Jim Krats, Uli Kuebler, Miriam Lapp, Janelle Lightbourne, Lawrence Lupton, Fred Nolting, Marilyn Raaflaub, Peggy Read, Ron Roeder, Susan Seifert and Ingrid Sladeczek.

Rostered:	To be elected	17
	Ballots cast	185
	Spoiled	2
	Valid ballots	183
	Required to elect	110

Elected were: Hans Borch, Christian Ceconi, Steve Hoffard, Jennifer Hoover, Scott Knarr, Ann Krueger, Karen Kuhnert, JoAnne Lam, Mike Lees, Martin Malina, Kimberlynn McNabb, Daniela Mertz, Joanna Miller, Laura Sauder, James Slack, Annette Smith and Adam Snook.

Youth:	To be elected	3
	Ballots cast	184
	Spoiled	0
	Valid ballots	184
	Required to elect	96

Elected were: Ben Cameron, Megan Famme and Julia Wirth.

The first ballot for synod council, lay and rostered positions, took place using the clickers. Delegates cast their votes, and balloting was closed.

Report of Synod Council

Secretary Wendell Grahlman led the assembly for amendments to the Synod Constitution and Bylaws.

ES 18-01 that the Eastern Synod Constitution, Article VI Section 9 be amended (first reading):

~~Should a~~ A congregation which has ceased to exist or whose membership has so diminished in numbers as to render it impossible or impractical for the congregation to function according to its constitution and bylaws shall, the bishop of the synod shall arrange a ~~after~~ after consultation with any remaining members, after which the synod council may deem the congregation be deemed by this synod to be defunct. This synod through ~~If the congregation is deemed to be defunct, the synod council shall appoint trustees, including where feasible former members of the former congregation, who shall take charge and control of the property of said congregation to hold, manage and convey the same on behalf of the former congregation this synod.~~

ES 18-02 that the Eastern Synod Bylaws, Part V Section 12b be amended by removing the following:

- b. The Committee on Nominations shall provide the following information for each nominee: ~~address, occupation,~~ area, church/community involvement and vision for the church.

Partner Greetings

Bishop Pryse welcomed The Rev. Conrad Plummer, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana. President Plummer greeted the assembly and offered thanks for the partnership between our churches. He spoke of his own background and the background of the Lutheran Church in Guyana with respect to being neighbour in a multicultural context.

Rev. Jeff Smith, Assembly Manager, gave a few announcements, and delegates took a break.

Open Mic Sharing

New Mission Initiatives/Congregations at a Crossroad: Many delegates related stories of inspiring and innovation mission and ministry initiatives taking place in their congregations.

Closing Prayer

Cherub Philip and some members of the Worship Team led the Assembly in song/prayer; delegates were adjourned for lunch (including by invitation, Lutheran Planned Giving Luncheon; and by pre-registration, GSI Lunch and Learn Session).