

Session Seven, Saturday, June 25, 2016, 1:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer

A presentation by summer camp staff was made concluding with a prayer, Not! For! Sale!

Report of Synod Council

Treasurer of Synod Keith Myra presented the 2017 - 2018 Budget.

ES 16-10 MSC that the 2016 Revised Budget and 2017-2018 Proposed Budgets be adopted.

Report of Synod Council

ES 16-11 MSC that the Eastern Synod commit to providing \$1,000,000 to Waterloo Lutheran Seminary's capital fundraising campaign for major renovations and upgrading of its existing facility, such funding to be provided from the Undesignated Gift and Bequest Fund.

Installments of \$250,000 each shall be provided one, two, three and four years after the campaign is officially announced, with the final installment being contingent upon WLS repaying the \$250,000 interest free loan to the synod.

ES 16-12 that the 2014 Biennium Reconciliation Initiative be given a two-year mandate extension (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018) so that the important work called for in the Initiative, namely, reconciliation and working towards right relations with Indigenous Peoples might continue and grow and increasingly demonstrate the commitment we made to our Indigenous sisters and brothers and especially to the Survivors of Residential Schools.

Bishop Pryse called Dorinda Kruger-Allen and Kelly Laurila to the dais. They spoke within the context of our reconciliation and justice work with Indigenous Peoples and a recent event to raise funds to support the people of Attawapiskat. Kelly presented a token of appreciation from the Mino Ode Kwewak Ngamowak (Good Hearted Women Singers) to Bishop Pryse and the Eastern Synod.

Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel

Charlotte Corwin presented the final report of the committee.

ES 16-13 that the following be adopted:

That the Assembly express its thanks to the Rev. Jeffrey Smith, Assembly Manager, to the Rev. Susan Climo, Assistant Assembly Manager and to the members of the Local Arrangements Committee, to the Registrar and the Registration Team, to the scores of Stewards and Volunteers and to the Technical Staff for the enormous amount of work that has gone into the planning, conduct and warm hospitality of this Assembly;

and that this Assembly expresses its thanks to Debbie Lou Ludolph and the Worship Design Team, our musicians, lectors and all whose love and talent has gone into the planning and carrying out of the Assembly's worship life;

and that this Assembly expresses its thanks to our Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Michael J. Pryse, to his Assistants, the Rev. Riitta Hepomaki and to the Rev. Douglas Reble, to the Secretary of Synod, the Rev. Wendell Grahman, the Rev. Joel Crouse, and to the Synod Office Staff, Cathy Caron, Stephanie Clayton, Sue Heimpel, Karen Cross and Liz Zehr for their tireless partnership in ministry.

ES 16-14 that the following be adopted:

That, at the conclusion of this Assembly, any items of unfinished business be referred to the Synod Council for consideration and action.

Report of the Committee on Registration

Irene Fancy, Chair of the Registration Committee, presented the final report of the committee:

Total registered rostered delegates	124
Registered youth delegates	5
Registered lay officers and lay Synod Council	7
Registered lay delegates (congregational)	91
Total registered lay delegates	103
TOTAL REGISTERED DELEGATES	227
Required quorum is 1/3 of registered convention delegates (see bylaws Part V Section 5)	76
Registered visitors	9
Registered, other non-delegates	18
Registered volunteers	33
Sub-total	60
GRAND TOTAL ATTENDEES AT ASSEMBLY	287

Report of the Committee on Minutes

Prijna Gingrich, Chairperson of the committee, presented the report.

MSC that the Minutes of Sessions One through Five be adopted.

Partner Reflections

Rev. Leroy Nicholson, the President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana, and Rev. Bishop Munib Younan, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, were invited to speak and offer their reflections as partners and companions of our Eastern Synod.

Adjournment of Convention Business

MSC to adjourn Synod Assembly 2016.

Bishop Pryse declared the Sixteenth Biennial Assembly concluded. Amen.

Eastern Synod Leadership Banquet, Saturday evening, June 25, 2016

Recognition of service for Synod Council members who finished their term of office:

Rev. Colin Cameron
Brian Koivu
Rev. Ann Krueger
Rev. Roy Thakurdyal

Eastern Synod Leadership Award Recipients

Exemplary Service to the Wider Church - Clergy - Rev. Jeff Smith
Exemplary Service to the Wider Church - Lay - Pat Lovell
Exemplary Service to the Wider Community - Clergy - Rev. Dr. Peter Kuhnert
Exemplary Service to the Wider Community - Lay - Murray Haase

Pastors/Rostered Ministers Celebrating Anniversaries of Ordination/Consecration

Twenty-Five Years

Rev. JR Bestvater
Rev. James Brown
Rev. Rachel Dart
Rev. Dale Finch
Rev. Martin Giebel
Rev. Martti Hyhko
Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson
Rev. Thomas Mertz
Rev. Jerry Slote
Rev. Dr. Peter Van Katwyk

Forty Years

Rev. James Anderson
Rev. Red Conroy
Rev. Stanley Johnstone
Rev. Fritz Kristbergs
Rev. Dr. Stephen Larson
Rev. Douglas Moore
Rev. Rolf Ruppenthal
Rev. John Tsang

Fifty Years

Rev. Dr. Oscar Cole Arnal
Rev. Adam Prasuhn
Rev. Frederick Schmidt

Rev. Doug Schweyer

Sixty Years

Rev. Bob Binhammer

Rev. Paul Bosch

Rev. Val Hennig

Rev. David Metzger

Sunday, June 26, 2016

Closing Service with Holy Communion / Installation of Synod Council

Bishop Michael Pryse preached; National Bishop Susan Johnson presided.