

Session Six, Saturday, June 25, 2016, 8:30 a.m.

Worship

The service, with the theme of Salvation Not for Sale, also included a memorial for synodical leaders and family members who have died and congregations who have closed in the past biennium.

Report of the Committee on Elections

Iris Schweiger, chairperson of the committee, presented the results of the fourth ballot of elections to the 2017 ELCIC National Convention.

Lay:	To be elected	17
	Ballots cast	207
	Spoiled	1
	Valid ballots	206
	Required to elect	Top 17

Elected: Kathryn Smith, Ulrich Kuebler, Miranda Gray, Andrea Attridge, Sonia Beck, Dorothy Emmerson, Fred Nolting, Selina Broadshaw, Jan Hansen, Judy Lindeman, Gail Bennie, Richard Ritz, David K. Winfield, Nancy Hannah, Christel Mikelic, Karen Jean Field, Roger D. Carver.

Rostered:	To be elected	11
	Ballots cast	213
	Spoiled	3
	Valid ballots	210
	Required to elect	Top 11

Elected: Ed Bastian, Susan Climo, Janaki Bandara, Christian Ceconi, Dawn Hutchings, Thomas Mertz, John M. Polacok, Norine Gullons, Elina Salonen, Catherine House, Jeffrey P. Laustsen.

MSC to destroy paper ballots.

Presentation of Rostered Ministers and Congregations received into the Synod since July 1, 2014

Bishop Pryse invited all the rostered ministers who have been received into the Synod since the last synod assembly to come to the dais, and each briefly introduced themselves to the delegates and visitors. In addition, the new congregation of New Hope, Sudbury (merger of two former congregations, St. Timothy, Copper Cliff and St. Matthew's, Sudbury) was welcomed and received onto the roster of the church.

ELCIC Group Services

Lisa Thiessen, Executive Director of ELCIC Group Services Inc. was invited to address delegates. She related a number of events that GSI holds for members, and of the GSI Board's work and direction in order to serve members.

Open Microphone Sharing of Mission Stories

Bishop Pryse invited delegates to come to the microphones to offer stories of "where the Spirit moves," good news stories of mission, ministry and life.

Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel

Charlotte Corwin, chairperson of the committee, presented the next report.

ES 16-08 MSC that the following be adopted:

That we the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, assembled in Toronto, Ontario, June 23-26, 2016 call on all Ministry Area Leadership teams to implement the *Safe Dates: An Adolescent Dating Abuse Prevention Curriculum* utilizing the nine certified resource people from the Eastern Synod.

ES 16-09 MSC that the following be referred to synod council:

That the Eastern Synod of the ELCIC no longer require nominations or resumes for various roles and elected or appointed positions to include information that is prohibited by Federal or Provincial Acts or Regulations.

Report of the WLS Board of Governors

Rod Kruger, Chairperson of the Board, addressed the assembly with the report of the Board's work and of seminary life (cf BR Section 10). Rev. Dr. Mark Harris, Principal-Dean of the Seminary, spoke of the mandate and witness of the seminary's programs. Mark also gave news with respect to the seminary's capital redevelopment, and of the new proposed name change of the institution.

Closing Prayer

Debbie Lou Ludolph invited Rev. Anne Anderson, Dorinda Kruger-Allen and Kelly Laurila to lead the assembly in song/prayer. The delegates were adjourned for lunch.