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Eastern Synod Assembly 2014
June 26 – 29, 2014
International Plaza Hotel
Toronto, Ontario

Fifteenth Biennial Convention
EASTERN SYNOD of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Minutes

Session One – Thursday, June 26, 2014, 1:30 p.m.

Assembly 2014 began with a service of Holy Communion and included the rite of Opening of Assembly. National Bishop Susan Johnson presided; Bishop Michael Pryse preached. Bishop Michael Pryse called to order the Eastern Synod Assembly for 2014.

Report of the Committee on Registration

The Report of the Committee on Registration was presented by Irene Fancy, Registrar. As of 1:30pm:

Total eligible clergy delegates	<u>295</u>
Total registered clergy delegates	<u>138</u>
Total eligible lay delegates (congregational)	<u>218</u>
Registered youth delegates	<u>7</u>
Registered lay officers and lay Synod council	<u>8</u>
Registered diaconal delegates	<u>84</u>
Registered lay delegates (congregational)	<u>99</u>
Total registered lay delegates	<u>99</u>
Total eligible clergy and lay delegates	<u>513</u>
Total registered clergy and lay delegates	<u>237</u>
Required quorum is 1/3 of eligible voters (see MS/02 Art. X Sec. 5)	<u>171</u>
Registered visitors	<u>12</u>
Registered, other non-delegates	<u>9</u>
Registered volunteers	<u>12</u>
Sub-total	<u>33</u>
Grand total attendees at Assembly	<u>270</u>

Establishment of Quorum

The Secretary declared a quorum.

Delegate Orientation and Procedural Guidelines

Linda Grainger oriented delegates to the clicker technology that will be used for voting during Assembly business. She also directed delegates' attention to some procedural guidelines outlined in the Synod Speak folder on the tables.

Introduction of Special Guests

Bishop Pryse introduced several guests:

- National Bishop Susan Johnson
- Tom Brook – CLWR Director of Community Relations
- Rev. Moses Prashad – ELCG President
- Trina Gallop-Blank – Director of Communications and Stewardship

Requests to Grant Privilege of Vote and/or Voice

Voice: was granted by the Assembly to the Special Guests noted above.

Notice of Consent Agenda Items

- Report of Synod Council – Items not requiring action
- Report of the Statistician
- Necrology Report
- Report of the Acting Archivist
- Report of the Auditor
- Reports of the Standing Committees
- Adoption of Minutes of 2012 Assembly
- Appointment of Assembly Committees
- Reports of the Conferences
- Adoption of Agenda

MSC that the Consent Agenda Items and the Agenda be adopted.

Report of the Bishop

Linda Grainger assumed the chair for Bishop Pryse to present his report. Bishop Pryse directed delegates to his report in Section 4, adding additional comments and pictures. The report was forwarded to the Committee on the Report of the Bishop.

Report of the Synod Council

Notice of Items Requiring Action – Secretary Wendell Grahlman directed the delegates to Part A in the Bulletin of Reports, Section 6-3.

Notice of Proposed Amendments to Eastern Synod Constitution – the delegates were directed to Section 6-25.

Linda Grainger noted the main changes between the present Constitution and the proposed Constitution.

Special Order: Report of the Treasurer

With Section 8 of the Bulletin of Reports as background, Treasurer Keith Myra gave a verbal and slide presentation to review and highlight a number of synodical ministries in the past biennium of 2012-2013, supported by benevolence donations from congregations. Keith also provided an overview of how benevolence dollars will help extend the ministry of the synod, in part, through the 2014-2015-2016 Budgets.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Secretary Wendell Grahlman presented the report of the Nominating Committee, in Section 2-1 to 2-3.

Nominations from the floor were invited for the ballot to elect synod council for the term 2014-2018. There were no further nominations.

National Bishop Susan Johnson presided over the first ballot for the Election of Officers: Bishop. Ballots were distributed; Bishop Susan led delegates in a time of prayer before voting; Ballots were collected.

A closing prayer was offered by Debbie Lou Ludolph.

Delegates were adjourned for supper.