

Session Two – Thursday, June 26, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Bishop Pryse called the meeting to order.

Special Order: The Rev. Dr. Susan C. Johnson, National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Rev. Dr. Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the ELCIC addressed the Assembly, bringing greetings from throughout the country and from other parts of the Lutheran family across the globe. Bishop Susan referred delegates to her report in Section 3, and to the ELCIC annual report distributed to the tables. Through the four strategic directions of the ELCIC, she also highlighted other aspects of this church's ministry, including: the Study on Word and Sacrament through the Faith, Order and Doctrine Committee, with responses to be collected by December 2014; follow-up directions and ongoing work from the previous year's joint national assembly's motions on justice efforts; international relationships; and the witness and place of the ELCIC within the church in the world. She concluded expressing her thanks and appreciation to the synod and its people for its partnership in mission and ministry, and asking two questions:

What part of the ministry of the ELCIC excites you?

If we could do one more thing as a National Church, what would you want that one thing to be?

Comments were presented by several delegates.

Report of the Committee on Elections

On behalf of the Elections Committee, Dorothy Emmerson presented the results of the first ballot for bishop.

Number of ballots cast:	246
Number of spoiled ballots:	11
Number of eligible ballots:	235
Number needed to elect:	177

Bishop Susan Johnson declared Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse elected to the office of synod bishop for the term 2014-2018.

Election of Officers – The first ballot for the office of Secretary was distributed; Bishop Pryse offered a prayer; delegates voted and the ballots were collected.

Reconciliation and Right Relationships: KAIROS Blanket Exercise

Representative of Kairos: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, Jennifer Henry, Executive Director, and Ed Bianchi, Program Manager, were welcomed to the assembly as guests. They addressed the assembly about the work of Kairos with respect to reconciliation and right relationships with Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Jennifer and Ed led the Assembly in the Blanket Exercise.

Worship

The evening was concluded with prayer at the end of the Kairos presentation.

Following the session, a Welcome Reception was held for Delegates and Visitors, Retired Rostered Ministers and Spouses, Widows and Widowers.