

Session Three – Friday, June 27, 2014, 8:30 a.m.

The session began with Morning Worship led by the Worship Design team.

Bishop Pryse called the meeting to order.

Report of the Committee on Elections

Report of Officers: Secretary: Bishop Pryse called upon Dorothy Emmerson, chairperson of the Committee on Elections, to read the result of the first ballot for secretary.

Number of ballots cast:	240
Number of spoiled ballots:	20
Number of eligible ballots:	220
Number needed to elect:	165

The bishop declared that Rev. Wendell Grahlman is elected to the position of Secretary of the Eastern Synod for the term 2014-2018.

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

Report of Synod Council (Continued)

Second Reading of the proposed (new) Constitution (Section 6, Part B)

ES 14-01 MSC that the second reading of the proposed Constitution be adopted.

Amendments to (New) Bylaws (Section 6, Part D)

ES 14-02 MSC that Bylaw Part III, Section 8 be amended to:

The minister shall ensure that the congregation keep accurate records of membership, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials and communicants, and shall report such statistics annually ~~to the secretary of this synod~~ on the forms prescribed by this the church. These records shall be certified as being correct by the congregational secretary on the same forms. The congregational records shall remain the property of the congregation.

ES 14-03 MSC that Bylaw Part V, Section 1 be amended to:

The regular conventions of this synod shall be held ~~triennially~~ in the year preceding regular national conventions.

ES 14-04 MSC that Bylaw Part V, Section 2 be amended to:

The secretary shall publish the time and place of each regular convention at least three (3) months in advance. The secretary shall ~~send out~~ make available a bulletin of reports to all voting members at least thirty (30) days before each regular convention.

ES 14-05 MSC that Bylaw Part V, Section 14 be amended to:

In order to provide representation to national church convention, this synod shall elect the number of delegates as defined in the Administrative Bylaws of this church. ~~be entitled to thirty (30) lay delegates and twenty (20) rostered delegates serving under call or appointment and shall be elected as follows:~~ ~~Only lay and rostered delegates of this synod's convention shall be eligible for election.~~

~~The thirty (30) lay and twenty (20) rostered delegates receiving the most votes shall be elected.~~

ES 14-06 MSC that Bylaw Part VI, Section 1 be amended to:

The membership of synod council shall be the officers of the synod together with twelve (12) additional members consisting of an equal number of rostered ministers serving under call or appointment and lay persons. These additional persons representing a variety of separate regions shall be elected by the convention to serve until the next regular convention for three (3) years. No elected member, other than the officers, shall be eligible to serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. However, a term of less than 18 months shall not be deemed to be a term of office for this purpose.

Bishop Pryse announced the appointment of Deans for the new Ministry Areas and introduced them to the assembly.

Professional Leadership – Rev. Stephen Weber presented the Compensation Schedule for 2015 and 2016. (Section 6, Part E)

ES 14-07 MSC that the Compensation Schedule for 2015 and 2016 be adopted.

Open Mic Time

Delegates were invited to offer good news stories from their congregational ministries, and various representatives told stories of joy, support and gratefulness.

Report of the Committee on Elections

Report of Officers: Secretary: Bishop Pryse called upon Dorothy Emmerson, chairperson of the Committee on Elections, to read the result of the first ballot for vice-chairperson.

Number of ballots cast:	241
Number of spoiled ballots:	24
Number of eligible ballots:	217
Number needed to elect:	163

The bishop declared that Linda Grainger is elected to the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Eastern Synod for the term 2014-2018.

MSC to destroy the ballots.

ELFEC Presentation

Bishop Pryse welcomed Susan Heard, Chairperson, and Jeff Pym, Executive Director, to speak about the Evangelical Lutheran Foundation of Eastern Canada. Susan spoke about the financial aspect and benefits of ELFEC. Jeff spoke about the Lutheran Planned Giving side of ELFEC and its benefits for congregations. Brian Koivu was invited to speak as a member of Trinity, Sudbury, and shared a story of how positive and valuable the partnership between his congregation and ELFEC has been. A game of ELFEC Bingo was generated by Jeff and delegates took 15 minutes to fill out a bingo card for a prize to be announced at the banquet on Saturday evening.

Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel

Mike Schuster, chairperson of Reference and Counsel, was invited to the stage for the committee's first report.

ES 14-08 MSC that the following motion to address homelessness and affordable housing strategies be adopted:

That this synod in Assembly call on all provincial, territorial, federal and municipal governments to develop and/or expand strategies to prevent and alleviate homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing in communities including First Nations and that delegates to this Assembly commit to working with their congregations, ministry areas and communities:

- **To learn about the issues that contribute to poverty, homelessness and substandard housing and to raise awareness within their communities of the challenges and the potential engagement in supporting initiatives to address these challenges.**
- **To act by nurturing and supporting their own networks of agencies and programs with and for the homeless, the under housed and refugees.**
- **To act by exploring new models and working with partners, on innovative approaches to address poverty and homelessness.**
- **To advocate for renewed Federal funding, an integrated national collaborative strategy, and greater accountability on the part of provinces and municipalities in addressing underlying causes of homelessness and in providing opportunities for affordable housing.**
- **To pray for safe, affordable and adequate housing for all.**

A closing prayer of song concluded the session.

Adjournment for Lunch

Lutheran Planned Giving Luncheon – by invitation