

**MINUTES EAST CENTRAL CONFERENCE CONVENTION
OCTOBER 15, 2016 Messiah Lutheran Church, Camrose**

A joint conference convention was held with the West Central Conference at Messiah Lutheran Church, Camrose.

Convention opened with a welcome to delegates, visitors & guests followed by devotions led by ECC Chair Horst Schreiber. WCC Dean, Kathy Culkins, led the opening Gathering in Song.

Bishop's Time:

- Bishop Larry shared what has been happening in the Synod this past year.
- Information was shared on plans to celebrate the Lutheran church's 500th anniversary in 2017.

Presentation #1:

Dr. Julien Hammond, Ecumenical Officer with the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, led a presentation and discussion on the Reformation 500. Why should the reformation matter to the Catholic Church?

Each conference separated into business sessions.

After the business sessions were completed the joint session resumed.

Presentation #2:

Wayne Street talked about the new area structures and led a discussion on what should be considered in developing the new areas.

Presentation #3:

Dr. Marc Jerry, a member of the National Church Council Faith, Order and Doctrine Committee, gave a presentation of the "To Love Our Neighbours as Ourselves" document, a study of Orders of Ministry in the ELCIC. A four part study was developed for churches to review the information and provide feedback to the committee. The guide is available online at the ELCIC website.

The Joint Conference Convention closed with a Service of Holy Communion.

East Central Conference Business Session minutes:

Chair Horst Schreiber called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm.

Registered from the ECC were 13 rostered, 10 lay delegates and 4 visitors.

M/S/C to adopt the agenda.

Minutes of October 17, 2015 Conference Convention were presented.

M/S/C to adopt the minutes.

REPORTS

- a) **Treasurer's Report-** Kathy Nelson presented the financial reports
M/S/C That the financial statements be adopted.

Discussion was held on distributing some of the ECC surplus.

Motion: That the East Central Conference donate \$1000.00 to the "Support Our Students" fund and \$250.00 to the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon.

After discussion a motion was presented to amend the motion to read "\$500.00 to the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon" M/S/C

The amended motion passed.

- b) **Dean's Report:** Eleanor Ness presented her report. All congregations in the ECC currently have pastors/diaconal ministers serving them.
M/S/C That the Dean's report be adopted

Elections to East Central Conference Council

- a) Nomination for rostered position
Signi Bruner

Horst called for further nominations. Being none, Signi was declared elected.

- b) Nominations for the two lay positions
Linda Aker Paulgaard
Mark Wight

Horst called for further nominations. Being none, Linda and Mark were declared elected.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Eleanor Ness commented on the plans for the conference retreat to be held November 5, 2016 at Bawlf Lutheran Church.
- b) Julianne Barlow was asked a question on how will our delegates to the National Convention get information to the congregations. She reported that the delegates have agreed to contact the churches after the convention. Details on how this will happen are still being worked out.

Julianne also reported on the Missional Formation meetings that are taking place. Nov 3, ECC/WCC clergy/diaconal will meet @ Leduc. On Nov 5, lay congregational representatives will meet.

On completion of the business at 1:50 pm, the meeting was adjourned to rejoin the joint sessions.

Respectfully submitted
Kathy Nelson, Secretary/Treasurer