

**Minutes of  
The Twelfth Biennial Convention**

**Synod of Alberta and the Territories  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**

**June 5 – 8, 2008  
Grant MacEwan College, Edmonton, Alberta**

**LOL: In Mission for Others**

**Thursday, June 5, 2008**

**1. Opening**

At 2:30 p.m. Bishop Ron Mayan welcomed delegates, guests and visitors to the twelfth biennial convention of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories and introduced Pastor Rod Adamson as chaplain for the convention.

Pastor Adamson led the opening devotions.

**FIRST SITTING –**

**2. Welcome**

Bishop Ron Mayan led the Order for Opening of Convention and introduced the others on the podium: Pastor K. Glen Johnson, synod chairperson and chair of the convention; Judy Wry, Secretary; Stephen Wildfang, Treasurer; Colleen McGinnis Recording Secretary for the convention.

A greeting was read from Bishop Buitrago, bishop of our partner Columbia.

Pastor Laird Borst, dean of the Northern Conference, welcomed all to the convention and presented a black cap to Bishop Mayan.

**3. Orientation**

Bishop Ron Mayan introduced a video explaining what the synod does as we work together.

Chairperson Glen Johnson provided an orientation to the convention and introduced Eric Parker to talk about the “smart car” contest sponsored by Campus Ministry. Recognized national bishop Susan Johnson; staff of the national office; keynote speaker - The Rev. Kevin Ogilvie; the parliamentarian, daily newspaper editor, local arrangements

committee and staff, as well as the Bethany Group who is hosting the welcome reception this evening.

Recognized the newly ordained, newly consecrated diaconal ministers, new to ABT, newly retired.

Instructed the gathering regarding parliamentary procedures.

Offering was designated:

Opening service: divided between the SOS (Support our Students) and SPK Seminarian Endowment Fund.

Closing service: to be announced later in convention.

Drew attention to Constitutional and Bylaw amendments, Petitions #1 through #6

#### **4. Report of the committee for registration and attendance.**

Attendance at 2:30 was reported as:

75 lay

93 rostered

34 visitors

16 guests

TOTAL: 218 including guests. 168 voting delegates. A quorum was present.

#### **5. Agenda**

ABT 08-01 MOVED AND SECONDED that the agenda be adopted as presented and that in place of the Youth Voices the following be added to the agenda:

1. 9:30 a.m. Friday – in place of the Youth Voices - An announcement regarding the Marva Dawn workshop.
2. 11:20 a.m. Saturday – in place of the Youth Voices - The completion of two surveys Lisa Rude - an ELCIC questionnaire regarding communications; as well as the ELCIC survey for the Taskforce on Developing a Social Statement on Human Sexuality.
3. 9:15 am Saturday – A powerpoint presentation on the results of the SMART car stuffing contest. CARRIED

#### **6. Privilege of the floor**

Chair Glen Johnson named the persons who are granted seat and voice by synod bylaws.

#### **7. Announcement of Convention Committees**

Chair Glen Johnson drew attention to the list of convention committees and changes were noted.

**8. Report of the Bishop**

Bishop Ron Mayan presented his report, reviewing changes to the examining process for seminarian students involving joint examination teams from the four western synods. He received questions from the floor

**9. Report of the Committee on the Report of the Bishop**

Dennis Aicken of Calgary, presented the report of the Committee on the Report of the Bishop.

ABT 08-02 MOVED AND SECONDED that the report be accepted as presented. CARRIED

**10. Report of the Necrologist/Archivist**

Pastor Reiny Hohnsbein presented the necrologist's and archivist's report. He named the pastors and spouses of pastors who have died since the 2006 convention.

Elizabeth Jean Krause  
Sister Elsa Tober  
Herbert Ferdinand David Eriksson  
Hans C. Nordmark  
Earle Schartner  
Joanne Louise Flath (nee Johnson)  
Gerry Hendricksen  
Elsie Irene Gniewotta  
William (Bill) Arnold Roesler  
Alma Elizabeth Zimmerman  
Walter Aimer Lexvold  
David Schaeffer  
John G.J. Judt  
Franz Karl Henrich Reitze  
Arthur Martin Flath  
Lee Schneider  
Eleanor Miller Pearson  
Herbert Otto Hartig  
Herbert J. Keil  
Alf Victor Granberg  
James Walter Kruger  
Carl Robert Pearson

Otto Frank will be added to the next report.

ABT 08-03 MOVED AND SECONDED that the archivist's report be accepted. CARRIED.

ABT 08-04 MOVED AND SECONDED that the necrologist's report be accepted.  
CARRIED.

Chaplain Ron Adamson offered a prayer at the close of the report.

**11. Presentation by The Rev. Kevin Ogilvie**

Bishop Ron Mayan introduced Rev. Kevin Ogilvie, president since 2006, of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon, who then made his first presentation on the convention theme LOL – Lord of Life. He brought a chuckle to the assembly with his interpretation of LOL as “Lots of Luck” in reference to learning the new computer lingo, but then delved seriously into interpretation of various texts from Matthew with reference to Jesus as Lord of Life.

**12. Recognition of Rostered Church Leaders – 25 years of service.**

Juliana Wehrfritz-Hanson, Dennis Aicken, Bonnie Arends, Jim Bredeson, Arnie Burke, Bob Deobald, Karl Faltin, George Friedrich, Karl Hedlin, Mark Hornig, Kevin Langager, David Lee Thompson, Jakob Pillibeit, Brian Rude, David Schumacher.

Bishop Ron Mayan presented them each with a gift.

Chaplain Rod Adamson closed the first sitting with prayer at 5:07

The opening service of Holy Communion was held at All Saints' Anglican Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. with Bishop Ron Mayan presiding and National Bishop Susan C. Johnson preaching.