



**PROCEEDINGS**  
of the Ninth Regular Convention

**LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA, EAST DISTRICT**  
May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**“JESUS LIGHTS THE WAY” (John 8:12)**

**EAST DISTRICT CONVENTION**

**OPENING SERVICE: Sunday May 6, 2012, 7:00 pm, Village Convention Centre**

The Opening Service was held Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Blue Mountain Resort, 110 Jozo Weider Blvd., RR3, Collingwood, Ontario, Huron Room. The host pastor was Rev. Ken Maher, and the host congregation Christ Our King, Collingwood. The Lector was Rev. Paul Zabel, President, Lutheran Church–Canada, East District, and the Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee, President Lutheran Church–Canada. Attendance at the service was approximately 250. At the end of the service, President Paul Zabel installed the Voting and Advisory delegates and Advisory Representatives in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

District President, Rev Paul Zabel, being assured of a quorum of delegates present, declared the ninth convention of Lutheran Church–Canada, East District, officially open, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, at 8:31 p.m.

Following the service the President’s Reception was held.

**Monday, May 7, 2012**

**MEETING SESSION # 1**

Rev. Paul J. Zabel, President of the District, called the meeting to order at 08:31 a.m. noting that it was the 75<sup>th</sup> convention since the founding of what is now the East District.

Opening devotions were led by Rev Mark Koehler using an order prepared for the convention. The hymn was, “Father, We Praise Thee.” The Gospel reading and subject of the meditation was Matthew 9:1-8.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**C12-001 Motion** Mr. Reg Tiegs, District Secretary moved adoption of an agenda, changed from that in the workbook because of the absence of the essayist, Rev. Dr. Carl Fickenscher II, due to personal circumstances.

**C12-002 Motion** To amend the agenda by deferring reports from Business Session #2 on Monday to Business Session #6 on Wednesday.

**Action:** **Motion C12-002 was defeated.**

**Action:** **Motion C12-001 was adopted.**

**Presentation : Our Intercultural District — Rev. Larry Gajdos**

Rev. Gajdos, the Mission Executive of the East District, spoke about the need to continuing to adapt our outreach and ministry to the multi-cultural nature of society.

Rev. Paul Zabel thanked those who served at the opening worship service on Sunday evening. He also thanked Mrs. Cheryl Reinhardt for creating the convention banner, Mr. James Gerber for the convention logo and Rev. Ken Maher for serving as convention chaplain.

**Orientation:** Rev. Paul Zabel explained the procedures and logistics of the convention.

**C12-003 Motion:** That we adopt the standing rules (Workbook, page A7, Proposed Special Standing Rules)  
**Action:** **Motion C12-003 was adopted.**

Rev. Paul Zabel listed the Convention Appointments.

Rev. Paul Zabel welcomed guests and visitors.

Mayor Mrs. Ellen Anderson gave greetings from the Town of the Blue Mountains.

Rev. Paul Zabel read letters of greeting from ABC and Central Districts.

Rev. Robert Morley presented to the convention the report of the Constitutions Committee.

**C12-004 Motion:** To accept the constitution of Grace Lutheran Church, St. Catharines.

**Action:** **Motion C12-004 was adopted**

**C12-005 Motion:** To accept into district membership Rev. Oscar Castillo (absent), Rev. Peter Gatluak, Rev. Matthew Habermas, Rev. James Luke, Rev. L.P. Yeong, Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Torgerson, Deacon Kaitlyn Roller.

**Action:** **Motion C12-005 was adopted**

Lutheran Church–Canada President Dr. Robert Bugbee received the New Members into Lutheran Church–Canada. Mr. Reg Tiegs, Secretary on behalf of the *Handbook* Committee, explained nomination procedures.

Rev. Richard Juritsch, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, presented the slate of nominations, with the following corrections from the convention workbook. After printing, Rev. Donald Schieman removed his name from the slate for President (p.D2), Mr. Kent Schappert is a member of the Niagara Circuit, not the Hamilton circuit (p.D5).

**C12-006 Motion:** To adopt the slate of candidates.

**Action:** **Motion C12-006 was adopted**

**C12-007 Motion:** To close nominations

**Action:** **Motion C12-007 was adopted**

On behalf of the Committee on Registration, Credentials and Attendance, Rev. Gary Kuenzel reported that 124 voting delegates were present (cf. Handbook 2.30 A, page 30 and 2.16, page 29).

Rev. Maleske asked that his name be removed as circuit counsellor for the Ottawa Circuit. Therefore the Hamilton, Stratford, Windsor, and Ottawa circuits need to caucus to elect Circuit Counsellors.

Mr. Reg Tiegs, Secretary, on behalf of the *Handbook* Committee explained the election procedures.

Because the President and both the First and Second Vice-Presidents are candidates for President, President Paul Zabel asked Reg Tiegs, Secretary, to take the chair during the election for President.

Rev. Clair Denninger, on behalf of the Elections Committee, presented the first ballot for President. Rev. Ken Maher prayed for guidance of the Holy Spirit in this important vote. The first ballot was cast and closed.

Rev. Ron Mohr, First Vice-President, introduced President Paul Zabel.

President Paul Zabel gave the District President's report.

Rev. Ron Mohr thanked the Pages for today.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors, Rev. Ron Mohr presented the report of the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Carol Nagel, Archivist, presented the report of the District Archivist.

Rev. Darryl Stefanik reported that he had reviewed the minutes of the District Pastoral and Diaconal Conference and found them to be in order.

Rev. Richard Juritsch, Secretary of the Pastoral and Diaconal Conference, reported on the work done pursuant to Resolution 09-4-3a from the 2009 Convention: "To have the East District of Lutheran Church–Canada study “Church and Ministry” by C.F.W. Walther to better understand our practice and polity. (Ref. Overture 09-4-4, Overture 09-4-5)"

Rev. Denninger announced, on behalf of the Elections Committee, that the first ballot was declared void because the number of ballots cast was greater than the number of voting delegates initially reported. The Committee on Registration, Credentials and Attendance reported that the correct number of voting delegates was 129. Rev. Denninger presented the second ballot for President. Rev. Ken Maher led in prayer. The second ballot was cast and closed.

Rev. Ken Maher led us in the luncheon prayer.  
President Zabel declared a luncheon recess at 12:00 p.m.

**MEETING SESSION # 2**

Rev. Paul Zabel called the meeting back to order at 1:00 pm.

Rev. Robert Clifford led the afternoon devotion. The hymn: was “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast.” The scripture reading and basis for the meditation was 2 Corinthians 3:4-11.

The Elections Committee reported that 128 ballots had been cast in the second ballot for President, with 65 needed for election. The results were:

<b>Rev. Marvin Bublitz</b>	5
<b>Rev. Dr. Kevin Fast</b>	5
<b>Rev. Ron Mohr</b>	5
<b>Rev. Timothy Teuscher</b>	40
<b>Rev. Paul Zabel</b>	73

**☒ Chairman Reg Tiegs, declared Rev. Paul Zabel elected.**

President Zabel returned to the chair.

Rev. Clair Denninger on behalf of the Elections Committee presented the first ballot for First Vice-President. Pastor Ken Maher led the assembly in prayer. The ballot was cast and closed.

Rev. Larry Gajdos presented the report of the Mission Executive.  
Rev. Gilvan de Azevedo presented the report of the Department for Outreach.  
Mrs. Doris Schaeffer presented the report of the Department for Parish Services.

The Elections Committee reported that 127 ballots had been cast in the first ballot for First Vice President, with 64 needed for election. The results were:

<b>Rev. Marvin Bublitz</b>	9
<b>Rev. Dr. Kevin Fast</b>	9
<b>Rev. Mark Koehler</b>	14
<b>Rev. Ron Mohr</b>	37
<b>Rev. Donald Schieman</b>	9
<b>Rev. Timothy Teuscher</b>	49

The committee stated that Reverends Bublitz, Fast, Schieman would be dropped from the next ballot because they had received the fewest votes. Rev. Koehler would be dropped because he received less than 15% of the votes.

Rev. Clair Denninger on behalf of the Elections Committee presented the second ballot for First Vice President. Rev. Ken Maher led in prayer. The ballot was cast and closed.

**Point of order:** Rev. Koehler’s name should not have been removed, because the 15% rule does not apply to elections for President and Vice-Presidents. The second ballots were destroyed. Rev. Koehler asked that his name be removed from the next ballot.

Mrs. Fran VanVorst presented the report of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada, Ontario District.

Rev. Denninger presented the third ballot for First Vice-President. The ballot was cast and closed.

Resolutions Committee 1 was called forward. Rev. Andy Schroth, Chairman, introduced the committee.

**Resolution 12-1-01 To Decline Overture 12-1-01 'To Encourage all Lutheran Church–Canada Youth Ministries to Work with the Synodical and District Structure' (Overture 12-1-01)**

WHEREAS congregations and circuits of the East District that offer youth activities already work within the structure of District by virtue of their membership within Synod; and

WHEREAS the youth committee of the East District, in terms of structure, as stated in our handbook is meant to 'assist' congregations and not meant to be the exclusive body to offer such events, (East District Handbook, pg 47 A-G); and

WHEREAS the East District in Convention in 2006 adopted Resolution 06-1-2, encouraging congregations, Pastors and youth leaders to communicate their youth offerings with the East District “so that our youth and young adults can choose from a ‘menu’ of activities;” and

WHEREAS congregations in our District have offered a variety of youth events to the entire District in the past,  
and

WHEREAS congregations have the freedom to do so as long as those youth events are in keeping with what we teach and confess as a Synod; therefore be it

RESOLVED that all congregations in our District offering youth activities to the wider Circuit, Circuits or District,  
make every reasonable effort to see that their events do not conflict with the timing of other such events in the District or Synod; and be it finally

RESOLVED that Overture 12-1-01 be respectfully declined.

The Elections Committee reported that 127 ballots had been cast in the third ballot for First Vice President, with 64 needed for election. The results were:

<b>Rev. Ron Mohr</b>	55
<b>Rev. Timothy Teuscher</b>	72

**☒ The Chair declared Rev. Timothy Teuscher elected as First Vice-President.**

Rev. Clair Denninger on behalf of the Elections Committee presented the first ballot for Second Vice President. Rev. Ken Maher led in prayer. The ballot was cast and closed.

Discussion resumed on Resolution 12-1-01.

**C12-008 Motion:** To call the question  
**Action:** **Motion C12-008 was adopted**

**☒ Resolution 12-1-01 was ADOPTED.**

**Resolution 12-1-02 'To Facilitate Instruction in God's Word to the Next Generation' (Overture 12-1-02)**

WHEREAS the congregations of our Synod by virtue of their membership already subscribe to Article VI 'Conditions of Membership' number 4, 'Exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymn books, and catechisms in church and school'; and  
WHEREAS instruction of God's Word is currently being implemented; therefore be it  
RESOLVED that no action be taken on Overture 12-1-02.

**☒ Resolution 12-1-02 was ADOPTED.**

The chair dismissed the assembly for a 30 minute break.

**MEETING SESSION # 3**

Rev. Zabel called the assembly back to order at 3:31 pm.

The Elections Committee reported that 127 ballots had been cast in the first ballot for Second Vice President, with 64 needed for election. The results were:

<b>Rev. Gilvan de Azevedo</b>	10
<b>Rev. Marvin Bublitz</b>	13
<b>Rev. Dr. Kevin Fast</b>	17
<b>Rev. Richard Juritsch</b>	14
<b>Rev. Kurt Lantz</b>	11
<b>Rev. Ron Mohr</b>	50
<b>Rev. Rick Orłowski</b>	3
<b>Rev. Don Schieman</b>	9

Rev. Orłowski will be dropped from the next ballot. Rev. Kurt Lantz and Rev. Don Schieman withdrew their names from the next ballot.

Rev Denninger on behalf of the Elections Committee presented the second ballot for Second Vice-President. Rev. Ken Maher led the assembly in prayer. The second ballot was cast and the ballot closed.

Mr. Robert Granke presented greetings from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Mr. Darryll Holland presented the report of Business Manager, with comments on the financial statements and Auditors Report.

Mr. Robert Klages presented the report of Department for Finance

**C12-009 Motion:** To accept the audited financial statements.

**Action:** **Motion C12-009 was adopted**

Resolution Committee 2 was called forward. Rev. Nolan Astley introduced his committee.

**Resolution 12-2-01 To Amend the East District Handbook (Overture 12-2-01)**

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the East District instructed the Handbook Committee to review the wordings of the handbook with respect to section 2.28; and

WHEREAS in the church all things should be done decently and in order (1 Cor. 14:40); and

WHEREAS the Canada Corporations Act requires each member of a corporation (that is each congregation) to annually name the representative who will cast their vote in convention or other meetings of the corporation; and

WHEREAS a number of congregations do not submit the credentials of their delegate and alternate delegate in a timely fashion, which obstructs the work of convention; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Handbook of Lutheran Church–Canada, East District, section 2.28 be amended as follows:  
1) Section 2.28 A shall be amended to read: Congregations shall annually elect a lay district delegate and alternate for a one year term **and notify the District Secretary by January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**of the year in which the Delegate is to serve.**

- 2) Section 2.28 C shall be amended as follows:
- Remove: ~~In the year of a district convention, congregations shall elect a delegate and alternate no later than six months prior to the convention, and shall notify the District Secretary immediately~~
  - Replace with: Congregations which have not notified the District Secretary of their Delegate selection by January 30<sup>th</sup> shall not be entitled to vote in official meetings of the District in that year unless accepted by a special committee of the President, a Vice President, and the Secretary who will adjudge any credentials submitted after the deadline.

**C12-010 Motion:** Amend the resolution to delete the last “whereas”.  
**Action:** **Motion C12-010 was defeated**

**C12-011 Motion:** Amend the resolution to delete Resolved 2b  
Discussion was suspended for election results.

The Elections Committee reported that 121 ballots had been cast in the second ballot for Second Vice President, with 61 needed for election. The results were

<b>Rev. Gilvan de Azevedo</b>	6
<b>Rev. Marvin Bublitz</b>	12
<b>Rev. Dr. Kevin Fast</b>	26
<b>Rev. Richard Juritsch</b>	13
<b>Rev. Ron Mohr</b>	64

**☒ The chair declared Rev. Mohr elected.**

Rev Denninger on behalf of the Elections Committee presented the first ballot for Directors at Large. Rev. Ken Maher led the assembly in prayer. The first ballot was cast and the ballot closed.

**C12-012 Motion:** That this assembly waive the Standing Rules at this convention with respect to the election of the District Secretary and declare Lois Griffin elected as District Secretary.

**Action:** **Motion C12-012 was adopted unanimously.**  
(Note: A two-thirds majority was required to waive the Standing Rule)

**☒ The Chair declared Lois Griffin elected as District Secretary.**

Discussion resumed on motion **C12-011**.

**C12-013 Motion:** To change the date in Resolved 2b of motion C12-011 from January 30<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**C12-014 Motion:** To call the question on C12-013.

**Action:** **Motion C12-014 was adopted**

**Action:** **Motion C12-013 was defeated.**

**C12-015 Motion:** To call a the question on C12-011

**Action:** **Motion C12-015 was adopted**

**Action:** **Motion C12-011 was defeated.**

Point of clarification – The words “Canada Corporations Act” in Resolution 12-2-01 should read “Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act”.

**C12-016 Motion:** To call the question on the original Resolution 12-2-01

**Action:** **Motion C12-016 was adopted**

**☒ Resolution 12-2-01 was adopted**

Mr. Darryll Holland explained the Passport contest involving the exhibitors. Door prizes from the Passport contest will be awarded on Wednesday. Mr. Holland also explained procedures for the break-out sessions.

Rev. Maher led the closing prayer.

Rev. Zabel closed the day’s business session.

## **Tuesday, May 8, 2012**

### **MEETING SESSION # 4**

Rev. Paul Zabel called the meeting to order at 08:30 a.m.

Opening devotions were led by Rev. Brian Dunlop using the order prepared for the convention. The hymn was, “Blest Be The Tie That Binds,” while the reading and text for the meditation was 1 Corinthians 1:10, 18.

On behalf of the Committee on Registration, Credentials and Attendance, Rev. Gary Kuenzel reported that 129 voting delegates were present (cf. Handbook 2.30 A, page 30 and 2.16, page 29).

The Elections Committee reported that 125 ballots had been cast in the first ballot for Directors at Large. 1 ballot was spoiled. 64 votes were needed for election. The result for Director at Large-Clergy were:

<b>Rev. Gilvan de Azevedo</b>	<b>Windsor</b>	16
<b>Rev. Marvin Bublitz</b>	<b>Stratford</b>	34
<b>Rev. Dr. Kevin Fast</b>	<b>Toronto</b>	22
<b>Rev. Richard Frey</b>	<b>Kitchener</b>	16
<b>Rev. Mark Koehler</b>	<b>Hanover</b>	18
<b>Rev. Dr. David Saar</b>	<b>Hanover</b>	19

Having received less than 15% of the votes, Reverends Azevedo, Fast, Frey and Koehler were deleted from the ballot.

The result for Directors at Large – Lay were:

<b>Mr. John Hogg</b>	<b>Hanover</b>	54
<b>Mr. Jim Lang</b>	<b>London</b>	58
<b>Mrs. Doris Milette</b>	<b>Ottawa</b>	68
<b>Mr. Paul Otterman</b>	<b>Hamilton</b>	53
<b>Mr. Kent Schappert</b>	<b>Niagara</b>	51
<b>Mr. Paul Schultz</b>	<b>Niagara</b>	48

<b>Mr. Reg Tiegs</b>	<b>Toronto</b>	93
<b>Mr. Maurice Wathke</b>	<b>Kitchener</b>	38

☒ **The Chair declared Mrs. Milette and Mr. Tiegs elected.**

Mr. Wathke will be dropped from the next ballot.

Rev Denninger on behalf of the Elections Committee presented the second ballot for Directors at Large. Rev. Ken Maher led the assembly in prayer. The second ballot was cast and the ballot closed.

Mr. Al Feth, Lutheran Church–Canada Financial Ministries, gave a presentation on, “Our Joyous Response,” a stewardship initiative being implemented by synod and district.

Rev. Richard Juritsch reported he had reviewed the minutes up to the end of Monday, May 7th for the Ninth Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada, East District, and found them to be accurate with some grammatical and spelling corrections required.

**C12-017 Motion:** To adopt the minutes for Monday, May 7 for the Ninth Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada, East District.

**Action:** **Motion C12-017 was adopted**

**C12-018 Motion:** To adopt the minutes for Sunday evening, May 6 for the Ninth Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada, East District.

**Action:** **Motion C12-018 was adopted**

Mrs. Eloise Schaan presented greetings from Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada, Laurentian District

Mr. Stephen Klinck brought greetings from East District, Lutheran Laymen’s League

The Elections Committee reported that 125 ballots had been cast in the second ballot for Directors at Large, with 63 needed for election. The results were for Directors at Large – Clergy were:

<b>Rev. Marvin Bublitz</b>	<b>Stratford</b>	74
<b>Rev. Dr. David Saar</b>	<b>Hanover</b>	51

☒ **The Chair declared Rev. Bublitz elected.**

The results of the second ballot for Directors at Large – Lay were:

<b>Mr. John Hogg</b>	<b>Hanover</b>	43
<b>Mr. Jim Lang</b>	<b>London</b>	62
<b>Mr. Paul Otterman</b>	<b>Hamilton</b>	45
<b>Mr. Kent Schappert</b>	<b>Niagara</b>	51
<b>Mr. Paul Schultz</b>	<b>Niagara</b>	36

Mr. Schultz will be dropped from the next ballot.

Rev Denninger on behalf of the Elections Committee presented the third ballot for Directors at Large. Rev. Ken Maher led the assembly in prayer. The second ballot was cast and the ballot closed.

Rev. Robert Bugbee, President of Lutheran Church–Canada, began the synodical report. He was followed by the Mission Executive, Rev. Dr. Leonardo Neitzel, the Synodical Treasurer, Mr. Dwayne Cleave, and the Communications Director, Mr. Mathew Block. Mr. Dwayne Cleave then gave a presentation on the Worker Benefits Plan, pointing out how the unfavourable investment climate, exacerbated by government regulations, had forced major changes to the plan.



The Elections Committee reported that 124 ballots had been cast in the third ballot for Directors at Large-Lay, with 63 votes needed for election. The results were

<b>Mr. John Hogg</b>	<b>Hanover</b>	47
<b>Mr. Jim Lang</b>	<b>London</b>	77
<b>Mr. Paul Otterman</b>	<b>Hamilton</b>	46
<b>Mr. Kent Schappert</b>	<b>Niagara</b>	63

☒ **The Chair declared Mr. Lang and Mr. Schappert elected.**

Rev. Denninger on behalf of the Elections Committee presented the first ballot for the Synodical Committee for Convention Nominations. Rev. Ken Maher led the assembly in prayer. The ballot was cast and the ballot closed.

Resolution Committee 3 was called forward. Rev. Wally Hambrock, chairman introduced the committee.

**Resolution 12-3-01b To Investigate the Possibility of offering the *Doxology* Program for Pastors in the East District (Overture 12-3-01)**

WHEREAS clergy may suffer from burnout, compassion fatigue, and stress; and

WHEREAS *Doxology*, a Registered Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, has as its stated primary purpose to provide training, mentoring and consultation services for pastors who desire to enhance their ability to help people struggling with the ever-increasing personal, family and social complexities of contemporary life; and

WHEREAS the *Doxology* program currently does not have Listed Service Organization (LSO) status with Lutheran Church-Canada, and such status is needed before an organization can be officially recommended to the members of Synod and also be given the privilege of soliciting funds upon approval by the synodical or district board of directors (2011 LCC Handbook 13.03.c1, page 89; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the East District encourage *Doxology* to apply to the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church-Canada to be granted LSO status, and be it finally

RESOLVED that if and when *Doxology* acquires LSO status in LCC, the East District Board of Directors be instructed to investigate the possibility of providing financial assistance, thereby making it affordable and accessible for all interested East District pastors and congregations to participate.

**C12-019 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-3-01b

**C12-020 Motion:** Substitute Resolution 12-3-01 for Resolution 12-3-01b

**Resolution 12-3-01 To Investigate the Possibility of offering the *Doxology* program for Pastors in the East District (Overture 12-3-01)**

WHEREAS clergy may suffer from burnout, compassion fatigue, and stress; and

WHEREAS *Doxology* is a registered service organization of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, whose primary purpose is to provide spiritual care opportunities for Lutheran pastors, as well as training in advanced pastoral skills; and

WHEREAS the *Doxology* program explores the art of spiritual care and enhances a pastor’s skill as a physician of the soul so as to help those entrusted to his care to find health and healing in God through His gracious Word and Sacraments; and

WHEREAS the *Doxology* program provides opportunity for the pastor to return to his parish renewed,

strengthened, and re-equipped in his vocation to preach, teach, and administer God's Holy sacraments faithfully; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the East District investigate the possibility of offering the Doxology program to the district, with the possibility of providing financial assistance, thereby making it affordable and accessible for all interested pastors and congregations to participate.

**C12-021 Motion:** To amend motion C12-019 by removing from the third "whereas" of Resolution 12-3-01b the phrase "be officially recommended to the members of Synod and also".

**Action:** **Motion C12-021 was adopted**

**C12-022 Motion:** To call the question (on the substitution of C12-020 for C12-019)

**Action:** **Motion C12-022 was adopted**

**Action:** **Motion C12-020 was adopted as substitute to motion C12-019.**

The latter motion dies.

**C12-023 Motion:** To call the question on motion C12-020.

**Action:** **Motion C12-023 was adopted**

**☒ Resolution 12-3-01 was adopted**

**Resolution 12-3-04 To Expand the Eligibility of Retired Pastors for Service on Synodical Boards and Commissions** (*Overture 12-3-04*)

WHEREAS LCC is blessed with many retired pastors who have served faithfully in the church for years; and

WHEREAS these men have amassed a valuable wealth of experience in life and ministry; and

WHEREAS LCC will be experiencing an increase in retirements over the next three decades; and

WHEREAS LCC Handbook, Statutory By-Laws, Article XI (Board of Directors) 11.02 states, "Directors shall be elected at Conventions in accordance with the Synodical Bylaws, and shall include twelve (12) members, namely: the president, the three (3) vice-presidents; six (6) individuals, two (2) from the confirmed members of congregations in each district, provided that such individuals are not pastors and further provided that not more than one (1) of such individuals may be a deacon; and two (2) pastors serving congregation(s) elected-at-large; and

WHEREAS the requirement of the Constitution and Bylaws of Synod that pastors elected to these positions must be currently serving in a called position in a congregation has eliminated the possibility of tapping into this wealth of experience in these critical positions of leadership; and

WHEREAS Article XXI of Lutheran Church–Canada Statutory By-laws requires that written notice must be given to all members of Lutheran Church–Canada not less than thirty (30) days before the Convention enclosing the bylaw or a summary specifying the nature of such bylaw; therefore be it

RESOLVED that we thank God for the work and ministry of our retired pastors and their willingness to continue to serve Him and His church; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church–Canada be requested to notify all members of synod of the following proposed bylaw changes in order that they may be voted on at the 2014 Lutheran Church–Canada Synodical Convention: (a) That Article XI, section 11.02 be amended to read, ". . . two pastors either serving congregation(s) or retired. . . ." (2011 Handbook, page 5) (b) That Bylaw Article II, section 2.105a be amended to read, ". . . two pastors either serving congregations or retired. . . ." (2011 Handbook, page 28)

**C12-024 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-3-04

**C12-025 Motion:** That the Resolution be returned to the Committee to be properly reworded.

**Action:** **Motion C12-025 was adopted**

# C-11

Rev. Paul Zabel declared recess at 11:48 am and requested all to assemble outside for a group photo prior to lunch. Rev. Ken Maher led the assembly in prayer.

## **MEETING SESSION # 5**

President Paul Zabel called the meeting back to order at 1:13 pm.

On behalf of the Committee on Registration, Credentials and Attendance Rev. Gary Kuenzel reported that 130 voting delegates were present (cf. Handbook 2.30 A , page 30 and 2.16, page 29).

**C12-026 Motion:** Secretary Mr. Reg Tiegs moved that, based on the nominations received, in accordance with section 4.11 of the Synodical Handbook, the convention accept the following slate as circuit counsellors for their respective circuits.

<b>Hv</b>	<b>Hanover</b>	<b>Rev. Kurt Reinhardt</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>Kitchener</b>	<b>Rev. Andy Schroth</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>Rev. Don Schieman</b>
<b>N</b>	<b>Niagara</b>	<b>Rev. David Hamp</b>
<b>O</b>	<b>Ottawa</b>	<b>Rev. David Smilek</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>Toronto</b>	<b>Rev. Greg Johnson</b>
<b>Hm</b>	<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>Rev. Kevin Walrath</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>Stratford</b>	<b>Rev. John Trembulak III</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>Windsor</b>	<b>Rev. Gilvan de Azevedo</b>

**Action:** Motion C12-026 was adopted

The Elections Committee reported that 123 ballots had been cast in the first ballot for Synodical Committee for Convention Nominations, with 62 needed for election. The results for Professional Church Worker were:

<b>Rev. Marvin Bublitz</b>	40
<b>Deacon Stan Diehl</b>	17
<b>Rev. Richard Frey</b>	32
<b>Rev. Allen Maleske</b>	34

Deacon Diehl will be deleted from the next ballot.

The results for Laity were:

<b>Mrs. Anna Fierling</b>	39
<b>Mr. James Krestick</b>	20
<b>Mr. Roland Naujoks</b>	24
<b>Mrs. Lorraine Rinas</b>	23
<b>Mr. Robert Schallhorn</b>	16

Mr. Schallhorn will be deleted from the next ballot.

Rev Denninger on behalf of the Elections Committee presented the second ballot for the Synodical Committee for Convention Nominations. Rev. Ken Maher led the assembly in prayer. The ballot was cast and the ballot closed.

Resolution Committee 1 was called forward.

**Resolution 12-1-03** 'To Encourage the Use of Memorization in Christian Education'  
(Overture 12-1-03)

WHEREAS Scripture tells us that, “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” (Proverbs 27:17 NIV); and

WHEREAS Scripture tells us that God's commandments are to be upon our hearts, (Deuteronomy 6:6 NIV); and

WHEREAS Scripture reinforces the fact that parents are to impress God's commands in a variety of settings and environments (Deut. 6:7 NIV); and

WHEREAS Jesus used Scripture which he had learned and memorized to counteract the temptations of Satan, (Matt. 4: 1-10 NIV); and

WHEREAS Jesus, during his last agonizing moments of His life quoted Old Testament Scripture which He had learned. An example from Psalm 22 is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matt. 27:46 NIV); and

WHEREAS the Psalmist tells us that he has hidden God's Word in his heart that he may not sin against Him, (Psalm 119:11 NIV); and

WHEREAS the Lord promises prosperity to everyone who delights in His law and meditates on it day and night, (Psalm 1:2-3 NIV); and

WHEREAS Scripture passages we have learned as a child can provide encouragement during difficult times and comfort in times of sorrow; and

WHEREAS if we “fix our eyes on Jesus” (Hebrews 12:2 NIV), and memorize His Word, we have a “light” for our path (Psalm 119:105 NIV) for guidance and “a double-edged sword” (Heb.4:12 NIV), for protection to have all the tools readily available to fight off the wiles of Satan and give God glory by using His Word as a road map for daily living; therefore be it

RESOLVED that congregations be encouraged to promote and employ the memorization of Scripture passages, the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism and hymns of our church, according to individual abilities.

**C12-027 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-1-03  
**Action:** **Motion C12-027 was adopted**

**Resolution 12-1-04 To Promote a Lutheran Identity in Youth Ministry throughout the East District**  
*(Overture 12-1-04)*

WHEREAS the condition for acquiring and holding membership in LCC includes acceptance of the confessional basis of Article II, (page 10 Synodical Handbook) and we have already committed ourselves to that Lutheran identity; therefore be it

RESOLVED that no action be taken on Overture 12-1-04.

**C12-028 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-1-04  
**Action:** **Motion C12-028 was adopted**

The Chair dismissed Resolutions Committee 1 with thanks.

Ms. Marilyn Jacobi brought greetings from Lutherwood

Resolution Committee 2 was called forward.

**Resolution 12-2-05 To Clarify “Recognized Mission Congregation” Status**  
*(Overture 12-2-05)*

WHEREAS the East District Department for Outreach “Policy and Procedure Manual for Assisted Missions and Congregation — Manual 2” in section 2.4 defines a “Recognized Mission” as “a community of believers recognized by the District but not yet chartered as a congregation;” and

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- WHEREAS according to “Manual 2” section 6.2.3, a non-chartered group recognized as a “Recognized Mission Congregation” is granted some of the privileges and rights granted only to congregations who are members of synod, such as to receive members by transfer and transfer members to other LCC congregations, etc.; and
- WHEREAS “Recognized Mission Congregations” have been greatly helped through this recognition, receiving blessings and encouraged in their outreach endeavours through the Public Ministry of the Gospel in their midst, through their public fellowship with the rest of Lutheran Church–Canada, through the prayers and even financial assistance of our District members and in other ways; and
- WHEREAS our Synod and District handbooks do not define or reference this practice; ; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that the East District in convention assembled ask Lutheran Church–Canada Council of Presidents to examine the East District Department of Outreach “Policy and Procedure Manual for Assisted Missions and Congregation — Manual 2” and consider a uniform practice for the synod.

**C12-029 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-2-05  
**Action:** **Motion C12-029 was adopted**

**Resolution 12-2-07 To Adopt a Policy of Transparency for District Boards and Entities** (*Overtures 12-2-07, 12-2-09, 12-2-10*)

- WHEREAS East District Bylaw 1 (35) states that, “The minutes of the board of directors or the minutes of the executive committee shall not be available to the general membership of the Corporation but shall be available to the board of directors, each of whom shall receive a copy of such minutes;” and
- WHEREAS there is no corresponding exclusion for minutes of LCC Board of Directors in the LCC Handbook; and
- WHEREAS minutes of East District Departments and Committees are currently also not readily available to members of our District; and
- WHEREAS the handling of sensitive matters can be dealt with through the well-established practice of “In Camera” (see Roberts Rules of Order); therefore be it
- RESOLVED that the Handbook Committee review Bylaw 1 (35) to determine whether minutes of all meetings of the East District Board of Directors, Departments and Committees and all materials referenced by such minutes (including budgets, reports, correspondence, etc.) may be made accessible to members of our District upon request; and be it finally
- RESOLVED that any required changes to the District Handbook to foster greater transparency be prepared and presented for ratification at the next District Convention.

**C12-030 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-2-07

**C12-031 Motion:** To amend line 170 to read “may be made accessible to members of our District; and be it finally” (i.e. strike the words “upon request”)  
**Action:** **Motion C12-031 was adopted**

Discussion was suspended for a report from the Elections Committee.

The Elections Committee reported that 113 ballots had been cast in the second ballot for the Synodical Committee for Convention Nominations, with 57 needed for election. The results for Professional Church Worker were:

<b>Rev. Marvin Bublitz</b>	47
<b>Rev. Richard Frey</b>	28
<b>Rev. Allen Maleske</b>	38

Rev. Frey will be deleted from the next ballot.

The results for Laity were:

<b>Mrs. Anna Fierling</b>	57
<b>Mr. James Krestick</b>	17
<b>Mr. Roland Naujoks</b>	21
<b>Mrs. Lorraine Rinas</b>	18

☒ **The Chair declared Mrs. Fierling elected.**

Rev Denninger on behalf of the Elections Committee presented the third ballot for the Synodical Committee for Convention Nominations. Rev. Ken Maher led the assembly in prayer. The ballot was cast and the ballot closed.

Discussion on Resolution 12-2-07 resumed.

**C12-032 Motion:** To recommit Resolution 12-2-07 to the committee.

**Action:** **Motion C12-032 was adopted**

**Resolution 12-2-06a To Implement LCC Resolution 11.03.08a, “To approve appropriate technologies for conducting the business of Synod and its Districts”** (*Overtures 12-2-06, 12-2-08, 12-2-11*)

WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada in her last Convention approved the appropriate use of technology for the conduct of business within the Synod and its Districts so that the business of the Synod might be done under the best stewardship possible (cf. Resolution 11.03.08a); and

WHEREAS Synodical Bylaw 2.77 authorizes any individual to participate in a meeting of a Board, Committee, Commission, or other body or entity at the Synodical, District or Circuit level, other than a Convention, by telephone or electronic communication provided that:

- a. All persons participating in the meeting are able to hear or otherwise communicate with each other;
- b. Notice of the fact that such meeting is being or may be held in whole or in part by telephone or electronic communication has been provided to each participant in accordance with the notice provisions for such meeting;
- c. The Chair of the meeting shall have the responsibility to ensure that all individuals not physically present have proper access in order to participate by telephone or electronic communication;
- d. All individuals participating by such means shall be deemed to be present at such meeting;
- e. A meeting conducted in the manner described in this subsection will be valid and effectual; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East District of Lutheran Church–Canada begin implementation of the LCC Resolution 11.03.08a within the activity of the East District.

**C12-033 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-2-06a.

**Action:** **Motion C12-033 was adopted** with a change to the second “whereas” to read “authorizes any authorized individual...”.

Call for orders of the day. Business Session #5 was to end at 2:15 p.m.

Rev. Ken Maher led the assembly in closing prayer.

President Rev. Paul Zabel closed the day’s business session.

Members of the assembly attended break-out sessions from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

At 5:30p.m. the assembly gathered for the Jubilarian and Memorial Service, which was followed by dinner, with

Mission Presentations after dinner.

**Wednesday, May 9, 2012**

**MEETING SESSION # 6**

President Rev. Paul Zabel called the meeting to order at 08:30 a.m.

Opening devotions were led by Rev. Jody Rinas using the order prepared for the convention. The hymn was, “Lord Jesus, Think on Me,” and the reading and text for the meditation was Hebrews 3:7-19.

Rev. Paul Zabel gave a presentation on the convention theme, “Jesus Lights the Way.”

The Elections Committee reported that 123 ballots had been cast in the third ballot for Synodical Committee for Convention Nominations, with 62 needed for election. The results for Professional Church Worker were:

<b>Rev. Marvin Bublitz</b>	71
<b>Rev. Allen Maleske</b>	52

**☒ Chair declared Rev. Bublitz elected.**

On behalf of the Committee on Registration, Credentials and Attendance, Rev. Gary Kuenzel reported that 127 voting delegates were present (cf. (Handbook 2.30 A , page 30 and 2.16, page 29).

Rev Denninger, on behalf of the Elections Committee presented the first ballot for District Nominating Committee. Rev. Clair Denninger announced that Rev. Marvin Bublitz had withdrawn his name. Rev. Ken Maher led the assembly in prayer. The ballot was cast and the ballot closed.

Rev. Richard Juritsch reported that the minutes of the Ninth Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada, East District for Tuesday, May 8, 2012 were without material errors

**C12-034 Motion:** To adopt the minutes of May 8 subject to minor corrections in spelling and grammar.

**Action:** **Motion C12-034 was adopted**

Resolution Committee 3 was called forward.

**Resolution 12-3-04b To Expand the Eligibility of Emeriti Pastors for Service in Synodical Boards and Commissions (Overture 12-3-04)**

WHEREAS It is the desire of the East District that the eligibility of emeriti pastors for service in Synodical Boards be expanded, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the East District in convention submit the following overture to the 2014 convention of Synod with the necessary requirements to change the Synodical bylaws (Article XXI, 21.01) to be met in time for this overture to be voted on at the convention:

WHEREAS LCC is blessed with many retired pastors who have served faithfully in the church for years; and

WHEREAS these men have amassed a valuable wealth of experience in life and ministry; and

WHEREAS LCC will be experiencing an increase in retirements over the next three decades; and

WHEREAS LCC Handbook, Statutory By-Laws, Article XI (Board of Directors) 11.02 states, “ Directors shall be elected at Conventions in accordance with the Synodical Bylaws, and shall include twelve (12) members, namely:

- the president
  - the three (3) vice-presidents;
- six (6) individuals, two (2) from the confirmed members of congregations in each district, provided that such individuals are not pastors and further provided that not more than one (1)

of such individuals may be a deacon; and  
– two (2) pastors serving congregation(s) elected-at-large; and

WHEREAS the requirement of the Constitution and Bylaws of Synod that pastors elected to these positions must be currently serving in a called position in a congregation has eliminated the possibility of tapping into this wealth of experience in these critical positions of leadership; and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the East District that the eligibility of emeriti pastors for service on Synodical Boards be expanded ; and

WHEREAS Article XXI of Lutheran Church–Canada Statutory By-laws requires that written notice must be given to all members of Lutheran Church–Canada not less than thirty (30) days before the Convention enclosing the bylaw or a summary specifying the nature of such bylaw; therefore be it

RESOLVED that we thank God for the work and ministry of our emeriti pastors and their willingness to continue to serve Him and His church; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the following changes be made to the Statutory Bylaws of LCC: That Article XI, section 11.02 be amended to read, “. . . two pastors either serving congregation(s) or emeritus. . . .” (2011 Handbook, page 5)  
That Bylaw Article II, section 2.105a be amended to read, “. . . two pastors either serving congregations or emeritus. . . .” (2011 Handbook, page 28)

**C12-035 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-3-04b.

**Action:** **Motion C12-035 was adopted.**

**Resolution 12-3-05 To Encourage all Members of the District to Work Through our Established Structures to Raise Concerns within our Midst** (Overture 12-3-05)

WHEREAS the Word of God instructs us that God is not a God of confusion but of peace, and desires all things be done decently and orderly (1 Corinthians 14:33, 40) and we are to act in such a way that what we do may be plainly seen to be carried out in God (John 3:21; Ephesians 5:8); and

WHEREAS unofficial meetings of pastors and lay people within the Church for political purposes may erode trust amongst us and undermine the structures that we have established for the orderly running of the East District of Lutheran Church–Canada; and

WHEREAS all pastors and lay people have access to non-partisan forums in the Synodical, District and Circuit structures to raise issues of concern and bring them before the Church in an open and Godly way; therefore be it

RESOLVED that all District officials encourage the members of the District to make use of our established structures and procedures to bring their concerns before the Church.

**C12-036 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-3-05.

**Action:** **Motion C12-036 was adopted.**

**Resolution 12-3-06 To Promote Unity in the East District** (Overture 12-3-06)

WHEREAS the Psalmist says, “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity,” (Psalm 133:1); and

WHEREAS Christ prays for unity saying, “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one,” (John 17:11); and

WHEREAS St. Paul appeals to us “that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement,” (1 Corinthians 1:10); and

WHEREAS St. Paul urges us to bear, “with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,” (Ephesians 4:3); and

WHEREAS St. Paul warns us that the works of the flesh include “enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger,



rivalries, dissensions, divisions, [and] envy,” (Galatians 5:20); and

WHEREAS the circuit forum is “the group which aids the process of keeping congregations, particularly the lay leaders, deacons, and pastors, supportive of one another in their common confession and mutually active in developing programs for the good of member congregations,” (LCC Handbook 4.03b); therefore be it

RESOLVED that the East District in convention promote unity in the District by encouraging its pastors and lay people to pray for an end to all divisions and causes of offence (eg. as does the Litany LSB, page 289) and that God would give us concord and peace; and be it further

RESOLVED that the East District in convention promote unity in the District by encouraging its pastors and lay people to build up and support one another in our life together; and be it further

RESOLVED that the East District in convention promote unity in the District by encouraging its pastors and lay people to follow St. Paul’s instruction to the Colossian Christians (3:12, 13) that as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, we bear with one another, and if one has a complaint against another, forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven us; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the East District in convention promote unity in the District by encouraging its pastors and lay people to use the circuit forum as a means of communicating mutual concerns and being supportive of one another as outlined in the Synod’s handbook.

**C12-037 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-3-06.  
**Action:** **Motion C12-037 was adopted.**

**Resolution 12-3-03 To Decline Overture 12-3-03 (To Encourage Orderly Participation of Pastor and People Together in Ministry.)**

WHEREAS all the actions proposed by the resolves in the overture are in place and occurring; therefore be it

RESOLVED that no action be taken on Overture 12-03-03

**C12-038 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-3-03.  
**Action:** **Motion C12-038 was adopted.**

**Resolution 12-3-02 To Remind our Congregations and Pastors of the importance of Using Doctrinally Pure Materials (Overture 12-3-02)**

WHEREAS our mother church, the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod from its very beginning was concerned with keeping the pure Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, uncontaminated by false doctrine as reflected in article four of its 1854 Constitution, “The exclusive use of doctrinally pure church and school books.”<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada continued this concern for pure doctrine as reflected in our constitution in article six under conditions of membership: “Exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymn books, and catechisms in church and school”; and

WHEREAS our congregational constitutions also require us to use “doctrinally pure” materials; and

WHEREAS our Lutheran Church has a long history of using Synodically reviewed materials that have been found to be “doctrinally pure” that are not necessarily contained in our agenda, hymn books or catechisms, such as LWML Sunday Services, special hymns like “Forth in the Name of Jesus” and the like; and

WHEREAS the East District of Lutheran Church–Canada is careful to use only materials that have undergone the proper Synodical review process to establish that they are “doctrinally pure” in its various activities and actions, and

WHEREAS some confusion seems to exist in our District with regards to what the terms “doctrinally

reviewed" and Synodically adopted actually mean; and

WHEREAS materials that have been doctrinally reviewed and/or adopted does not necessarily mean that these materials are actually “doctrinally pure” (as for example materials produced in the Seminex era demonstrated); and

WHEREAS the term “doctrinally pure” is a more precise definition of the constitutionally mandated intent of the doctrinal review process, (LCC Handbook 10.01 b.); and

WHEREAS the LCC Constitution lists as a ‘Condition of Membership’ the ‘exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymn books, and catechisms in church and school (LCC Handbook, Constitution, Article VI – 4) therefore be it

RESOLVED the we commend the East District for the care that it has utilized in using only doctrinally pure materials that have undergone the appropriate Synodical review process in events that it sponsors; and be it further

RESOLVED that we remind our congregations and pastors to use only doctrinally pure materials in their congregations; and be it finally

RESOLVED that when discussing these matters we urge our pastors and laity to use the constitutional term, “doctrinally pure,” rather than other less precise terms.

<sup>1</sup> Ed. Meyer, Carl S., “Moving Frontiers,” Concordia Publishing House, 1964, p.150

**C12-039 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-3-02.

**Action:** **Motion C12-039 was adopted.**

The Chair dismissed Resolution Committee Number Three with thanks.

The Elections Committee reported that 114 ballots had been cast in the first ballot for District Nominations Committee with 58 needed for election.

The results for clergy were:

<b>Rev. Richard Juritsch</b>	111
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**☒ The Chair declared Rev. Juritsch elected.**

The results for District Nominations Committee – Laity were:

<b>Mr. Tony Griffin</b>	13
<b>Mr. Stephen Klinck</b>	26
<b>Mr. Roland Naujoks</b>	16
<b>Mrs. Doris Milette</b>	12
<b>Mr. Daniel Putzman</b>	30
<b>Mr. Norm Sonnenburg</b>	11
<b>Mr. Karl Witzke</b>	5

The following names will be deleted from the next ballot: Griffin, Naujoks, Milette, Sonnenburg and Witzke.

Rev. Denninger on behalf of the Elections Committee presented the second ballot for District Nominating Committee. Rev. Ken Maher led the assembly in prayer. The second ballot was cast and the ballot closed.

Call for orders of the day. Because a recess was scheduled for this time, the Chair declared a recess until 10:15 am. The Elections Committee reported that 119 ballots had been cast in the second ballot for District Nominating Committee with 60 needed for election. The results were:

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<b>Mr. Stephen Klinck</b>	54
<b>Mr. Daniel Putzman</b>	65

☒ **The Chair declared Mr. Putzman elected.**

**C12-040 Motion:** To destroy the ballots.  
**Action:** **Motion C12-040 was adopted.**

The Chair dismissed the Elections Committee with thanks.

**C12-041 Motion:** that Famme & Co. be appointed auditors for the next one year term.  
**Action:** **Motion C12-041 was adopted.**

Rev. Joel Kuhl pointed out to the assembly that the Report of the Circuit Counsellors, containing actions taken as a result of the last Convention, as well as reference material and many resources, was in the Convention Handbook.

Resolution Committee 2 was called forward.

**Resolution 12-2-07a To Adopt a Policy of Transparency for District Boards and Entities** (*Overtures 12-2-07, 12-2-09, 12-2-10*)

- WHEREAS East District Bylaw 1 (35) states that, “The minutes of the board of directors or the minutes of the executive committee shall not be available to the general membership of the Corporation but shall be available to the board of directors, each of whom shall receive a copy of such minutes;” and
- WHEREAS there is no corresponding exclusion for minutes of LCC Board of Directors in the LCC Handbook; and
- WHEREAS minutes of East District Departments and Committees are currently also not readily available to members of our District; and
- WHEREAS the handling of sensitive matters can be dealt with through the well-established practice of “In Camera” (see Roberts Rules of Order); and
- WHEREAS the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act requires that corporations make their various records including minutes available to members; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that the Handbook Committee review Bylaw 1 (35) to determine how minutes of all meetings of the East District Board of Directors, Departments and Committees and all materials referenced by such minutes (including budgets, reports, correspondence, etc.) may be made accessible to members of our District; and be it further
- RESOLVED that any required changes to the District Handbook to foster greater transparency be prepared and presented for ratification by the Board of Directors and the next District Convention; and be it finally
- RESOLVED that the Board of Directors be encouraged to publish summaries of its meetings in a timely manner.

**C12-042 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-2-07a  
**Action:** **Motion C12-042 was adopted.**

**NOTE:** The CANADA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT (Bill C-7.75) was assented to by the Legislature on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. The Act was amended on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and came into force by Order of Council on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. (Royal Consent). Lutheran Church–Canada, East District, has four years to submit our changes to our By-Laws to the Ministry ~ Sec 41 (1) page 150.

**Resolution 12-2-08 To Establish an East District Church Worker Student Loan Program** (*Overture 12-2-12*)

WHEREAS there is a need to provide low cost financing in support of students entering Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) church work vocations; and

WHEREAS there are individuals who are currently members, by good standing, of a LCC congregation and pursuing a career as a Pastor, Deacon or Director of Parish Services (DPS) currently attending a Synodically approved school to prepare for full-time service in the church; and

WHEREAS the CEF has the sufficient financial resources to lend funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the CEF Committee of Lutheran Church–Canada, East District, be empowered to extend student loans according to guidelines set out by the CEF Committee and approved by the Department for Finance.

**C12-043 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-2-08  
**Action:** **Motion C12-043 was adopted by standing vote.**

**Resolution 12-2-04 To Provide Regular Reporting from Our Seminaries**  
*(Overture 12-2-04)*

WHEREAS it is the desire of the East District to have a strong and healthy seminary here as well as in Western Canada; and

WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada in Convention (2011) voted to continue having both seminaries who are committed to the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding developed by the seminaries and Board of Directors of Lutheran Church-Canada; and

WHEREAS a transparent process that informs our congregations as to what is happening would greatly help East District members get a better understanding and support for the seminaries; and

WHEREAS the two seminaries have submitted a joint report to each district convention; and

WHEREAS the Memorandum of Understanding establishes a committee to oversee the implementation of the MOU; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the MOU Committee be encouraged to continue efforts in keeping the membership of LCC informed of progress in the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding, especially regarding progress on the proposed combined operating budget; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the District President regularly inform the members of the East District of the progress and stability of our seminaries, to build confidence in the work that we do there together.

**C12-044 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-2-04  
**Action:** **Motion C12-044 was adopted.**

**sResolution 12-2-03 To Decline Overture 12-2-03** *(Overture 12-2-03)*

WHEREAS it is the desire of the East District to have a strong and healthy seminary here; and

WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada in convention (2011) voted to continue having a seminary or seminary campus here in the East District; and

WHEREAS there is already a process for supervising seminary faculty outlined in the LCC Handbook (6.47); and

WHEREAS the LCC president and district president are among the electors for all seminary faculty and as part of their due diligence have determined that each faculty member subscribes to the confessions of the Lutheran church; therefore be it

RESOLVED that we respectfully decline Overture 12-2-03; and be it finally

RESOLVED that we keep the Seminaries, their professors and students in our prayers.

**C12-045 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-2-03  
**Action:** **Motion C12-045 was adopted.**

**Resolution 12-2-02 To Decline Overture 12-2-02** (*Overture 12-2-02*)

WHEREAS according to the Handbook of Lutheran Church-Canada, there is already a process for the ongoing review of the structure of Synod, to wit: “in the area of structure, the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure shall—

- a. conduct a continuing review of the organizational structure of the Synod, including its districts and its circuits, and make proposals to succeeding Conventions for improvement;
- b. act as a resource committee to convention floor committees on all proposals to alter the synodical structure;
- c. serve as a resource committee to districts with regard to organizational structure.” (Bylaw 2.103a.); and

WHEREAS the 2011 synod convention asked the CCMS to conduct a review of synod structure and report to the next synodical convention (Resolution 11.3.03); therefore be it

RESOLVED that we respectfully decline Overture 12-2-02; and be it finally

RESOLVED that we encourage the CCMS to complete its review of the synodical structure and report to the synod and districts its findings in a timely matter.

**C12-046 Motion:** To adopt Resolution 12-2-02  
**Action:** **Motion C12-046 was adopted.**

The Chair dismissed Resolutions Committee 2 with thanks.

Mr. Allen Schellenburg gave the report of Lutheran Foundation Canada.  
Mr. Reg Tiegs, Secretary, gave the report of the Handbook Committee.

The Chair reported that the offering from the Opening Service totalled \$1,620.36. This offering goes to the Greater Toronto Area Missions.

The Chair expressed thanks to the Local Arrangements Committee and introduced its chairman, Mr. Hank Bouwman. Mr. Bouwman introduced his committee and thanked the East District Office staff for their support throughout the planning. The Chair also expressed thanks to:

- The Pages for Tuesday and Wednesday.
- The Worship Committee – Rev. Ken Voegel, Mrs. Heidi Gallas, Mrs. Laura Grey, Rev. David Gallas, and Mr. Mark Rohfritsch
- Rev. Ken Maher and the congregation of Christ Our Hope, Collingwood
- The Local Arrangements Committee

Mr. Darryll Holland recognized the efforts of Mrs. Ilene Fortin and Mrs. Marjorie Wilde.  
Door prizes were awarded.

Rev. Paul Zabel thanked Mr. Darryll Holland for his service.

Mr. Hank Bouwman, Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee, acknowledged with thanks the staff of Blue Mountain Resorts.

**C12-047 Motion:** To adjourn and to assemble for closing service

**Action:** **Motion C12-047 was adopted**

The Closing Service was led by Rev. Ken Maher. The hymns were "Christ Is Our Cornerstone," "He's Risen, He's Risen," and "The Church's One Foundation." The scripture readings were: Leviticus 23: 23-44 and St. Luke 12: 35-43. President Dr. Robert Bugbee installed Rev. Paul Zabel as president of LCC, East District. President Paul Zabel installed Rev. Timothy Teuscher and Rev. Ron Mohr as Vice Presidents, and then installed the Circuit Counsellors and the incoming Board of Directors.

Rev. Paul Zabel declared the Ninth Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada, East District closed.