

Resolutions for Consideration at the 2015 East District Convention:

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Committee 1 - Resolutions: Administration & Structure

Resolution 15-1-01: Amend Bylaw 2014 and Regulations 2014 regarding
 1) The corporate seal
 2) Mission and ministry program
 3) Convention minutes
 4) District committee on constitutions and membership
(Overture 15-1-01)

WHEREAS the Handbook Committee has recommended amendments to the 2014 Handbook regarding the aforementioned matters; therefore be it

RESOLVED that Bylaw 2014 be amended as follows:

delete Paragraph 2, "The seal, an impression whereof is stamped in the margin hereof, shall be the seal of the Corporation." and replace it with "The seals of the

17 Corporation, one in English and one in French, impressions whereof are stamped in
 18 the margin hereof, shall be the seals of the Corporation. The Secretary of the
 19 Corporation shall ensure that these seals are securely stored at the headquarters of
 20 the Corporation. The seals may be affixed to any contracts, documents, instruments
 21 in writing, certificates of honour, or other such places, provided that any and all
 22 such uses must be authorized by the President of the Corporation."
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24 delete from paragraph 43 the words "*The seal of the corporation shall be securely*
 25 *stored at the headquarters of the corporation. The seal shall not be applied to*
 26 *documents without the express consent of the Secretary of the Corporation*" so that
 27 paragraph 43 will read "*The Secretary may be empowered by the Board of Directors,*
 28 *upon resolution of the Board of Directors, to carry on the affairs of the Corporation*
 29 *generally under the supervision of the officers thereof and shall attend all meetings*
 30 *and act as clerk thereof and record all votes and minutes of all proceedings in the*
 31 *books to be kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall give or cause to be given*
 32 *notice of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors, and shall, under*
 33 *the supervision of the Board of Directors or President, perform such other duties as*
 34 *they may prescribe.*"
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36 delete from paragraph 46 the words "*The seal of the Corporation when required may*
 37 *be affixed to contracts, documents and instruments in writing signed as aforesaid or*
 38 *by any officer or officers appointed by resolution of the Board of Directors.*" so that
 39 the first section or paragraph 46 will read "*Contracts, documents or any instruments*
 40 *in writing requiring the signature on behalf of the Corporation, shall be signed by*
 41 *the President, or his properly appointed representative, together with the Secretary,*
 42 *or his properly appointed representative. All contracts, documents and instruments*
 43 *in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Corporation without any further*
 44 *authorization or formality. The directors shall have the power from time to time by*
 45 *resolution to appoint an officer or officers on behalf of the Corporation to sign*
 46 *specific contracts, documents and instruments in writing. The directors may give the*
 47 *Corporation's power of attorney to any registered dealer in securities for the*
 48 *purposes of the transferring of and dealing with any stocks, bonds, and other*
 49 *securities of the Corporation. (2014/ED/2)"; and be it further
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51 **RESOLVED** that the words in Regulations 2014 section 1.32A b) "*annual plan of Mission and*
 52 *Ministry*" be replaced with "*annual Mission and Ministry Program*" so that section
 53 1.32A b) will read "*review and respond to the annual Mission and Ministry Program*
 54 *proposed by the Board of Directors;*" and be it further
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56 **RESOLVED** that Regulations 2014 section 7.12A be amended to make it consistent with section
 57 7.28A by deleting the words "*in consultation with the Secretary*" so that section
 58 7.12A will read "*The Committee for Review of District Convention Minutes*
 59 *(2014/REG/7.28) shall review the minutes of each day and those minutes shall be*
 60 *presented to the convention the following day, amended if necessary and approved.*";
 61 and be it finally
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63 **RESOLVED** that Regulations 2014 Section 7.10B be amended by replacing the words "*the*
 64 *delegates and congregations admitted to membership may be seated.*" with "*any new*
 65 *congregations may be admitted to membership and their delegates seated.*" so that
 66 section 7.10B will read "*In the first business session of the convention, the District*
 67 *Committee on Constitutions and Membership shall submit its report in order that*
 68 *any new congregations may be admitted to membership and their delegates seated.*"
 69 (2014/REG/6.10).

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71 **Resolution 15-1-02: Amend Bylaw 2014 and Regulations 2014 to Use More Consistent**
72 **Terminology Relating To Rostered Workers** (Overture 15-1-02)

73 **WHEREAS** Synod in convention (2014) adopted resolution 14.3.08:

74 **To Use More Consistent Terminology Relating to Rostered Workers**

75 *WHEREAS* Synodical Bylaw 5.41 (2011 Handbook p.50) defines the process by
76 which pastors and deacons are placed on the clergy and diaconal
77 rosters, respectively, of the Synod; and

78 *WHEREAS* other Synodical Bylaws, including 2.231 (2011 Handbook p.31) employ
79 the term "rostered workers" to refer to those pastors and deacons
80 who, being listed on their respective rosters, are members of the Synod;
81 therefore be it

82 **RESOLVED** that Bylaw 2.521.a (2011 Handbook p.35) be amended to
83 effect this preferred terminology, as follows:

84 —Each district shall elect through its regular election procedures
85 at the district convention one ~~professional church worker who is a~~
86 ~~member of the Synod~~ rostered worker and one lay person to the
87 Committee for Convention Nominations plus ~~alternatives~~
88 alternates"; therefore be it finally

89 **RESOLVED** that consistent efforts be employed throughout the Synod to refer
90 to pastors and deacons together, wherever this can appropriately
91 be done, as "rostered workers";

92 therefore be it

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94 **RESOLVED** that Bylaw 2014, paragraph 1 be amended by adding the following to the
95 definitions: "rostered worker" means a pastor or a deacon who is a member of
96 synod and appears on the official roster of synod; and be it finally

97 **RESOLVED** that the following sections of Handbook 2014 be amended as follows:

98 (i) Bylaw 2014 paragraph 3

99 Only those congregations, ~~pastors and deacons~~ and *rostered workers* who are
100 members of the Synod and are assigned to the District, having either joined the
101 Synod at a District convention or been assigned to the District by the Synod, or
102 having been transferred to the District from another district of the Synod shall
103 be eligible to be members of the Corporation. Subject to the foregoing and the
104 Articles of Continuance, membership shall consist of those congregations,
105 ~~pastors and deacons~~ and *rostered workers* who are members of the Synod and
106 whose application for admission as a member has received the approval of the
107 Board.

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109 (ii) Regulations 2014 Section 1.00

110 **1.00 Purpose of the District**

111 The purpose of the District is to:

112 A. Assist congregations, *rostered workers* and *other* professional church
113 workers to be in ministry by:

114 C. Support congregations, *rostered workers* and *other* professional church
115 workers in the performance of their duties by:

- 116 1) Providing evangelical supervision, counsel, and care for ~~pastors, deacons,~~
 117 *rostered workers* and other professional church workers of the District in the
 118 performance of their official duties;
 119 2) Providing opportunity for professional development of ~~pastors, deacons,~~
 120 *rostered workers*, other professional church workers, and lay persons;
 121 3) Providing protection for congregations, ~~ordained pastors, deacons,~~
 122 *rostered workers*, and other professional church workers in the performance
 123 of their official duties and the maintenance of their rights.

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 125 (iii) Regulations 2014 Section 1.12A

126 **1.12 Signing of the Constitution (2011/LCC/1.13 ff.)**

127 A. All ~~pastors and deacon applicants~~ *rostered workers applying for*
 128 *membership* shall file a signed statement as follows: "I have read the
 129 Constitution of Lutheran Church-Canada...."

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 131 (iv) Regulations 2014 Section 1.32A 4a

132 **1.32 Circuit Meetings**

133 **A. Forums (2011/LCC/4.31- 4.37)**

134 4) The Forum shall:

135 a) devise and develop programs and services relevant to the needs of
 136 Circuit congregations, lay leaders, ~~deacons, and pastors;~~ *and rostered*
 137 *workers;*

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 139 (v) Regulations 2014 Section 1.34A

140 **1.34 Circuit Counsellor (Circuit Visitor) (2011/LCC/3.73, 4.03, 4.11- 4.25)**

141 A. The Circuit Counsellor (Visitor) is the principal officer of the circuit
 142 and is an assistant to the President in respect of spiritual concerns of
 143 ~~pastors, deacons~~ congregations, *rostered workers*, and *other* professional
 144 church workers within his Circuit.

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 146 (vi) Regulations 2014 Section 3.00

147 **3.00 Office of President**

148 A. The primary responsibility of the President is the spiritual well-being
 149 of ~~pastors, deacons,~~ congregations, *rostered workers*, and
 150 *other* professional church workers within the District.

151 1) To this end he shall:

152 c) advise congregations of the District as to the calling of ~~pastors and~~
 153 ~~deacons;~~ *rostered workers;*

154 d) in accordance with the Bylaws of the Synod suspend from
 155 membership those *congregations and* ~~pastors, deacons~~ *rostered*
 156 *workers* ~~professional church workers~~ who persistently adhere to false
 157 doctrine or give offence by leading an ungodly life.

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 159 (vii) Regulations 2014 Section 5.30H

160 **5.30 Duties and Functions**

161 This Department shall (2014/REG/1.00):

162 H. develop and update salary guidelines for ~~professional church workers,~~
 163 *rostered workers*, and make the guidelines available to congregations and workers
 164 of the District;

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 166 (viii) Regulations 2014 Section 6.30C1

- 167 **6.30 The Handbook Committee**
- 168 C. This committee shall:
- 169 1) immediately after each Synodical and each District convention,
- 170 completely revised edition of the Handbook for member congregations,
- 171 ~~pastors and deacons;~~ *and rostered workers;*
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- 173 (ix) Regulations 2014 Section 6.40A
- 174 **6.40 The Committee for Communication Services**
- 175 A. The editor of the newsletters that are circulated to congregations and
- 176 ~~pastors~~ *rostered workers* shall serve as an advisory member of the
- 177 committee.
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- 179 (x) Regulations 2014 Section 7.02B
- 180 **7.02 District Convention Workbook**
- 181 B. The President shall see to it that the Workbook is prepared and submitted to
- 182 each ~~pastor, deacon,~~ *rostered worker* and lay delegate at least 30 days prior to the
- 183 convention.
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- 185 (xi) Regulations 2014 Section 8.04E
- 186 **8.04 The Committee on District Nominations (2014/REG/8.06)**
- 187 E.
- 188 Each voting congregation and each voting pastor may nominate one
- 189 (1) ~~professional church worker who is a member of Synod~~ *rostered worker* and
- 190 one (1) lay person for the Synodical Committee on Convention Nominations.
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- 192 (xii) Regulations 2014 Section 8.10F1
- 193 **8.10 Elections Procedures**
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- 195 1) One (1) ~~professional church worker~~ *rostered worker* and one (1) lay person
- 196 shall be elected from the slate.
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Resolution 15-1-03: Support the Lutheran Historical Institute as the Official Archives of Lutheran Church–Canada *(Overtures 15-1-03, 15-1-04, 15-1-05)*

204 WHEREAS God encourages His people to remember their past and His dealings with them (Deut. 5:15); and has given us the Old Testament as an illustration that remembering is important; and

208 WHEREAS the retention of church records and artifacts often requires specialized attention and knowledge if those who need to research them are to have access to them; and

211 WHEREAS recent efforts to create a national archives for Lutheran Church–Canada have foundered for various reasons; and

214 WHEREAS the Lutheran Historical Institute in Edmonton has had years of experience in the preservation and retention of church records, has given leadership to other District archivists in the proper management of their archives, and has excellent facilities; and

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218 WHEREAS the Lutheran Historical Institute in Edmonton already serves as the depository for the
219 records of Lutheran Church–Canada together with many other records of Lutheran
220 agencies in Canada and could easily serve as the national church’s official archives in a
221 cost-efficient manner; therefore be it
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223 RESOLVED that the East District go on record as favoring negotiations to have the Lutheran Historical
224 Institute become the official archives of the national church.
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229 **Resolution 15-1-04: Amend Regulations 2014 Regarding Frequency of Circuit Forums**
230 *(Overture 15-1-06)*
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232 WHEREAS at the 2014 Synodical Convention a resolution was adopted changing the wording in the
233 Synodical Handbook regarding the frequency of circuit forums to read as follows "*The*
234 *circuit forum will meet at least triennially or more frequently at the discretion of the*
235 *circuit counsellor.*"; and
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237 WHEREAS it is necessary to bring the East District Handbook into compliance with this change; and
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239 WHEREAS it is necessary for circuits to comply with the requirements of the East District Handbook;
240 therefore be it
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242 RESOLVED that the words of Regulations 2014 1.32A "*At least twice each year a Circuit Forum shall*
243 *be convened by the Circuit Counsellor or Circuit chairman.*" be deleted and replaced with
244 the words "*The Circuit Forum will meet triennially, or more frequently at the discretion*
245 *of the Circuit Counsellor in order to fulfill the requirements of Regulations 2014*
246 *Sections 1.32A 4b) and 4e) regarding review of the annual Mission and Ministry*
247 *Program and the nomination of Department candidates.*"
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252 **Resolution 15-1-05: Amend Regulations 2014 Regarding Eligibility to Be a Director**
253 *(Overture 15-1-07)*
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255 WHEREAS the 2012 Handbook contained a provision in the bylaws (4.00) as follows:
256 "*No person (other than the President) salaried by the District shall be an elective*
257 *member of the Board of Directors;*" and
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259 WHEREAS this provision was deleted from Regulations 2014; and
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261 WHEREAS it is important to maintain this restriction; therefore be it
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263 RESOLVED that Regulations 2014 section 2.02 be amended by adding a new section D, to
264 read, "*No person who is employed by the East District, except for the District President,*
265 *shall be eligible to hold office as a member of the Board of Directors.*"
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Resolution 15-1-06: To take no action on Overture 15-1-08

- WHEREAS “delegates” include both lay and pastoral; and
- WHEREAS the practice of all three Districts (East, Central, ABC) is that the respective Circuit delegates (lay and clergy) huddle up in a corner to elect a Circuit Counsellor at Convention (where a majority has not been received in the pre-convention nomination process); and
- WHEREAS the East District is acting in conformity with the Synodical Handbook Bylaw 4.11 regarding the election of Circuit Counsellors and is walking together with the other Districts in this regard; and
- WHEREAS the overture is interpreting the Bylaw to say that only lay delegates (or only clergy delegates) should elect the Circuit Counsellor at Convention; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that no action be taken on Overture 15-1-08.

Resolution 15-1-07: Amend Regulations 2014 Regarding the Method of Appointing the LCC East District Representative on the Lutherwood Board of Directors
(Overture 15-1-09)

- WHEREAS section 5.20L of Regulations 2014 of the 2014 East District Handbook, referring to duties of the Department for Outreach, reads: "appoint a representative to serve as a member of the board of directors of Lutherwood;" and
- WHEREAS this duty is more appropriately a responsibility of the East District Board of Directors; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that section 5.20L of Regulations 2014 be deleted and a new section 4.00 C. 9 be added as follows: (The Board of Directors shall appoint) "a representative to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of Lutherwood."

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Committee 2 - Resolutions: Outreach & Parish Services

Resolution 15-2-01: To Communicate Our Position on Creation (*Overture 15-2-01*)

- WHEREAS recent statements from other Christian churches render the Big Bang theory compatible with the Genesis account of creation but the Bible and our church teaches that God created heaven and earth; and
- WHEREAS in Genesis 1, God creates the earth, sun, moon, stars, plant life, animal life, and mankind in a span of six 24 hour days. The Big Bang theory requires billions of years; and
- WHEREAS in Genesis 1, it tells us God created all matter by His spoken word. The Big Bang theory begins with matter already in existence and never explains the initial source or cause of that existence; and
- WHEREAS the Big Bang theory requires billions of chance circumstances for life to evolve; and
- WHEREAS we believe in God, and His Word, and therefore we cannot believe in the Big Bang theory; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that we confess God's own record with full confidence and confess with Luther's Catechism: "I believe that God has made me and all creatures;" and be it further
- RESOLVED that public teaching and preaching repeat what God has said about Creation; and be it finally
- RESOLVED that the East District urge the Council of Presidents' of Lutheran Church–Canada to communicate the Scriptural position on Creation and how the Big Bang theory is totally contrary to faithful Lutheran Christian teaching.

Resolution 15-2--02: That Congregations Utilize Lutheran Hour (LHM) Ministries Resources for Outreach (*Overture 15-2-02*)

- WHEREAS the 2014 theme for Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is the word "SENT" from John 20:21 where Jesus said to His apostles, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you;" and
- WHEREAS in Matthew 13:1-23, we are "sent" to sow God's Word trusting that God will make it grow. In this 'Parable of the Sower,' seed is sown on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns and on good soil; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that along with the Lutheran Laymens' League, we as servants of Christ in the East district regard ourselves as people who are "SENT" and willing to be "Sowers" of the seed,

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- 364 sowers of the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ on the soil of people's hearts
365 within our communities; and be it further
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- 367 RESOLVED that as the body of Jesus Christ, members of the East District prepare themselves for such
368 sowing through specific materials from LHM that address issues like Islam, the family,
369 evolution, authority of the Word, marriage, war, and other topics that we hear about
370 almost daily; and be it further
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- 372 RESOLVED that we endeavour to raise our witness readiness through programs like *Mission U*,
373 *Equipping To Share* and other appropriate resources; and be it further
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- 375 RESOLVED that as we have the bountiful and solidly biblical resources like that of LHM available to
376 us, (i.e., *'Project Connect' booklets*, *Men's Network*, *J.C. PlayZone*, DVDs, Bible
377 Studies, Daily Devotions and more) which as "Sowers" and good stewards of the Word we
378 can use as seed; and be it further
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- 380 RESOLVED that we not only make use of the LHM resources available in our congregations but also in
381 our communities such as at a booth at a local fair, at the International Ploughing Match if
382 nearby, or other community events and celebrations where allowed; and be it finally
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- 384 RESOLVED that the members of East District, both pastor and people together, endeavour to be
385 'partners' with LHM by listening to the Lutheran Hour regularly and promoting it,
386 becoming familiar with the resources they have, supporting zones locally, promoting
387 Lutheran Hour Sunday, finding ways to use these materials in our congregations and
388 through them, promoting faith in our Saviour Jesus Christ in our congregations,
389 communities and around the world.
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