

**Council of Directors  
Church of the Lutheran Brethren  
April 11-12, 2019  
Fergus Falls, MN**

**Members Present:** Shawn Bowman, Dan Bundy, Greg Butler, Matthew DeKok, Warren Geraghty, Marcus Goodman\*, Warren Hall\*, Phil Heiser, Noel Holtan, Rich Iverson, Paul Larson, Mark Nienow, Stan Olsen, Roger Olson, Jon Overland, LaWayne Rogness, Matthew Rogness, Dennis Rude, Luther Stenberg, Michael Swenson, Troy Tysdal, Ruth Vallevik, David Veum, Roger Viksnes, Gary Witkop

**Members Absent:** Scott Dunsmore, Justin Jenner

Also present: Roy Heggland\* and Steve Tonneson

\*present via Zoom meeting

Meeting opened with prayer by Chairman Swenson at 8:00 am.

President Paul Larson greeted the council and gave a devotion.

Chairman Swenson called the meeting to order at 8:20 am.

**MMSC to give speaking rights to Roy Heggland and Steve Tonneson.**

**MMSC approve the schedule and agenda as presented (see tab 1).**

Paul Larson continued his report (see tab 2).

LaWayne Rogness presented the financial report (see tab 3).

**MMSC to approve October 2018 minutes (see tab 5).**

Committee meetings and lunch.

Chairman Swenson called the meeting to order at 12:45.

President Larson led a presentation and discussion on the Restructure of NAM (see tab 9).

**MMSC to move forward with the provisional NAM structure and staffing as presented in the CLB Strategic Priorities for NAM Disciple-Making, including the discussed change to the ADCPS position to a full-time position, with needed constitutional changes to be pursued.**

Nick Mundis was proposed by President Larson as a candidate for NAM Director.

Phil Heiser was proposed by President Larson as a candidate for Associate Director of Congregational and Pastoral Support.

Matthew Rogness presented the LBIM report (see tab 2 beginning with page 11 and tab 6).

**MMSC to receive the LBIM report and meeting minutes.**

Stan Olsen presented the NAM report (see tab 2 beginning with page 8 and tab 6).

Troy Tysdal presented the Communications and Prayer report (see booklet).

LaWayne Rogness presented the Finance Committee report (see tab 2 starting with page 16 and tab 6)

Meeting recessed at 5:42 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 8:08 am, Friday April 12.

Roger Viksnes opened in prayer.

Steve Tonneson presented the report on Advancement Ministry (see tab 2 beginning with page 18).

Ruth Vallevik presented the Women's Ministry Report (see tab 8).

**MMSC for the ordination of Clayton Robison.**

**MMSC for the ordination of Adam Jensen contingent on the completion of his Fitness for Ministry.**

**MMSC to recommend to the Biennial Convention the acceptance of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Fergus Falls as an affiliate congregation (see tab 12).**

David Veum presented the LBS report. It included a video session with LBS Chairman Loyal Clarke and others (see tab 7).

Nick Mundis joined via Zoom for an introduction and discussion regarding his proposed role as Director of North American Mission.

**MMSC to call Nick Mundis as NAM Director under the approved provisional NAM structure.**

Brad Hoganson presented the Hillcrest Lutheran Academy report (see HLA Annual Report brochure).

COD Meeting recessed at 11:50 am for the purpose of Sole Member of HLA meeting.

COD meeting reconvened at 1:10 pm.

**MMSC to grant speaking privileges to Eugene Boe.**

**MMS to approve the previous Theological Council proposal regarding Clergy Divorce and Remarriage including the preamble. Motion withdrawn.**

**MMSC to un-table the previous motion regarding the Theological Council proposal regarding Clergy Divorce and Remarriage from the October COD meeting.**

**MMS to accept the October Theological Council exegetical paper and proposal. – Motion defeated.**

**MMSC to adopt the current Theological Council proposal and exegetical paper regarding Clergy Divorce and Remarriage including the preamble. Vote was 9-5 in favor by secret ballot.**

**MMSC to accept Jeff Seaver as a nominee for election to the board of Luther Brethren Seminary.**

**MMSC to accept Roger Viksnes to the LBS nominating committee.**

Roy Heggland presented the Associate for Biblical Stewardship report (see tab 2 beginning with page 20).

**MMSC to present the proposed Constitutional changes to the regional conventions to be acted on at the 2020 Biennial Convention (see tab 9).**

**MMSC for a provisional structure of the Theological Council to include six sitting members, any Regional Pastors wishing to remain as well as the Director of NAM.**

**MMSC to include the Director of NAM on the COD.**

**MMSC to receive the report from the CLB Pastoral Care Committee (see tab 9).**

Future COD meetings:

June 4, 2019 - Budget meeting (Zoom Conference)

October 10-11, 2019 COD – Fergus Falls

April 2-3, 2019 COD – Fergus Falls

June 13-16, 2020 - Biennial Convention

Meeting Adjourned at 5:11 pm.