

**Council of Directors  
Church of the Lutheran Brethren  
May 18, 2020  
Via Zoom Meetings**

**Members Present:** Doug Bounds, Greg Butler, Matthew DeKok, Scott Dunsmore, Warren Hall, Barbara Heggland, Noel Holtan, Rich Iverson, Paul Larson, Mark Nienow, Jon Overland, LaWayne Rogness, Matthew Rogness, Scott Skones, Luther Stenberg, Michael Swenson, Troy Tysdal, David Veum, Roger Viksnes, Nick Mundis

**Members Absent:** Dan Bundy, Dennis Rude, Marcus Goodman

Also present: Christa Jahr

Meeting called to order by Chairman Swenson at 6:34 pm.

**MMSC to approve the agenda.**

President Paul Larson gave a devotion and opened in prayer.

LaWayne Rogness presented the financial report.

**MMSC to receive the financial report for 2019-2020.**

**MMSC to amend the budget, adding \$8,000 in order to hold the April 2021 COD meeting in person.**

**MMSC to approve the FY20-21 operating Budget of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren as amended.**

**MMSC to approve the MOU on the Paycheck Protection Plan.**

Dan Venberg was introduced as the candidate for Director of LBIM and was brought into the meeting to give a presentation and answer questions.

**MMSC to approve the recommendation of President Larson to call Dan Venberg to serve as Director of International Mission.**

**MMSC that the Council of Directors officially cancels the 2020 Church of the Lutheran Brethren Biennial Convention. Based on the CLB Constitution and By-Laws and under Minnesota State Law, we will deliver mail ballots to each congregation's duly elected delegates and Ministers of the Gospel for the election of the CLB Secretary and regionally nominated COD members.**

**MMSC that the Council of Directors continues the provisional status of a Director of NAM and he has a seat on the COD, Theological Council (TC) and Mission Team (MT). Further, the TC will provisionally request the pastor from each region elected to the COD to also be appointed as a voting member of the TC for this provisional period until BC22. If that pastor declines this appointment, the regional executive committee will appoint a pastor from their region to the TC for this provisional period until BC22.**

**MMSC The Council of Directors directs the Office of the President to report to the Church of the Lutheran Brethren: a summary and state of the ministries of the Church, a Parochial Report, Director Reports, a Financial Report, and any other such information that will communicate the state of the CLB, and will do so in printed form on or before August 1, 2020. Also, the COD designates Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, as “CLB Sunday” and encourages our congregations to receive and utilize a recorded installation of our new Directors and Associate staff, and sermon by our president. Further, the COD supports and encourages the collaborative partnership of synodical and regional leadership to present a unified theme and North American Mission vision and resources intended for BC20 as part of the 2021 regional conventions (modified in time and structure to serve primary regional convention plans and objectives, and under the regional leadership of the regional conventions).**

Future COD meeting dates:

October 8-9, 2020 in Fergus Falls

March 25-26, 2021 in Fergus Falls

October 7-8, 2021 in Fergus Falls

Meeting Adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nienow, CLB Secretary