

LCMC Board of Trustees

April 27, 2007

Minutes

**LCMC Board of Trustees
Conference Call Meeting of April 27, 2007**

Present: Trustees Paul Braafladt, David Chancellor, Kirk Dean, Larry Lindstrom, Debra Lingen, Sue McKenzie, Dennis Sandmann, Dale Wolf. Legal counsel: Mr. Eric Tostrud of Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P..

Chairman Dale Wolf called the meeting to order. The trustees received the report and recommendation of the Committee of Investigation, as follows:

The Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) Committee of Investigation (the Committee) received evidence enumerating grievances and complaints against Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC) District and its leadership. This evidence was received as written testimony during a time frame beginning on November 1, 2006, and extending for a period of sixty days as designated in the "Motion for an Investigation and Discipline Process of the Augsburg Lutheran Churches District of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ for the Sake of the Peace and Unity of LCMC" (the motion).

The Committee conducted telephone conferences and met in person in order to study and review this evidence. After reviewing and discussing this evidence, the Committee prepared and submitted in writing to ALC and its Executive Chair a letter stipulating the concerns and grievances received (enclosure).

On March 26, 2007, the Committee received the response of ALC in the form of a letter from Mr. John C. Chatelain in which he states, "My office represents Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC) in all matters pertaining to the investigation of ALC by Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), mandated by the 2006 LCMC convention, all matters concerning the past, present and future relationship between ALC and LCMC and all matters concerning the potential severance of any affiliation between ALC and LCMC" (enclosure).

In his letter, Mr. Chatelain does not address the substance of the grievances and complaints against ALC. Instead, he offers his professional opinion as an attorney with regard to the process and nature of the investigation. The leadership of ALC did not offer its written rebuttal to all concerns and grievances expressed therein in response to the Committee's letter as required in the motion.

The leadership of ALC and Mr. Chatelain have chosen to ignore the grievances and complaints presented for their consideration and rebuttal. Instead of addressing the very real concerns and issues that led to the motion, ALC through its legal counsel has chosen to discuss procedures and debate the process of this investigation. Such a choice indicates no spirit of contrition, no desire for reconciliation and no consideration of the Committee's conclusion that "the relationship between ALC District and LCMC is irreparably broken and that it is in the best interests of the ALC District and LCMC to disengage from one another and separate." Mr. Chatelain's letter only reinforces the Committee's conclusion that this relationship is, indeed, broken and that immediate disengagement is necessary and inevitable.

With sadness, the Committee recommends to the LCMC Board of Trustees that the ALC District be removed from LCMC and that John Rasmussen and Lenae Rasmussen be removed from the LCMC clergy list.

The trustees discussed the recommendations and then passed the following resolution with seven affirmative votes and one abstention:

Whereas, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) is an association accountable to one another and rooted in Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, and

Whereas, the duly elected representatives to the 2006 LCMC National Convention passed the “Motion for an Investigation and Discipline Process of the Augsburg Lutheran Churches District (ALC) of LCMC for the Sake of Peace and Unity of LCMC;” and

Whereas, the LCMC Board of Trustees appointed a Committee of Investigation as directed by said duly elected representatives, and

Whereas, the LCMC Board of Trustees accepts the report of the Committee of Investigation and its recommendations in its entirety;

Therefore, in our responsibility to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church, for the sake of peace and unity, and in fulfilling our responsibility as trustees of this association of congregations “who are working together to fulfill Christ’s great commission to go and make disciples of all nations;” with sadness we remove the Augsburg Lutheran Churches District from Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ and we remove John Rasmussen and Lenae Rasmussen from the clergy list of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

s/Dale Wolf, Chair
s/Debra Adams Lingen, Secretary
s/Paul Braafladt, Trustee
s/Dennis Sandmann, Trustee

s/Larry Lindstrom, Vice Chair
s/Kirk Dean, Treasurer
s/David Chancellor, Trustee

The trustees closed with prayer and the conference call meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Adams Lingen
Secretary