

**LCMC Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Minutes: September 19 & 20, 2002**  
**Eagan, Minnesota**

*Note: Draft Minutes are in regular font, black; Commentary is in italics and red, and is meant to give our membership more complete background information.*

Board Members present: Barry Anderson, David Drum, Robin Lake, Debra Lingen, Dennis Sandmann, Bill Sullivan

Also present: John Chatelain, Treasurer; Larry Lindstrom, Appointee

Barry Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:00 am, September 19, 2002.

Opening devotions – Deb Lingen

M/S/P – We accept the resignation of Bill Sullivan from the LCMC Board of Trustees with deep gratitude for his past service, and great anticipation as he moves into the role of first National Service Coordinator for LCMC.

M/S/P – The appointment of Larry Lindstrom to fill the newly vacant seat on the board of trustees.

M/S/P – Approve as written the draft minutes of the board meeting of April 27, 2002.

M/S/P – Approve as written the draft minutes of the conference call of May 30, 2002.

M/S/P – Authorize the posting of the draft minutes and commentary from the second annual convention, April 2002.

*Anne Gleason joined the board for the treasurer's report, which was presented by John Chatelain. John provided an analysis of figures; LCMC is in remarkably good shape financially, for a new startup. The board recognizes that at least part of the reason for being ahead of budget is that the delayed start date for the new National Service Coordinator translated to budgeted funds not actually utilized. Further discussion brought out concern that members be reminded of the need to contribute to the general / administrative fund as well as the designated fund accounts for the association.*

M/S/P – The treasurer will draft a letter, edited by the National Service Coordinator, to be mailed to member congregations and associate members, asking that LCMC be part of their financial planning, and to be mailed no later than the first week of October, 2002.

M/S/P – Approve treasurer's financial report as presented.

*The board moved into a discussion of finance and accounting issues. It was agreed that John Chatelain will consult with our accounting firm to get input from them on how best to manage this situation as we move forward, focusing especially on checks and balances and internal controls.*

M/S/P – To pay Lockridge, Grindal the balance due, \$3,739.78, for their work on our behalf on property issues.

M/S/P – To authorize obtaining a credit card for LCMC use.

*Discussion of 501 (c) 3 status. Our attorneys are finishing the process of obtaining group exemptions so it can be available for entities that are part of our association. It was noted that the group status is not even necessary for congregations because they are automatically covered with 501 (c) 3 status. Barry will ask the lawyers to provide guidelines for coverage under the group status that can in turn be provided to our membership to help assure that members do not unknowingly violate guidelines and jeopardize the status for all. Barry will see that information is posted regarding 501 (c) 3 status.*

*District reports were discussed.*

*Mission congregation reports were discussed.*

*Dale Wolf and Kathy Sukke joined us. Dale is chairman of Ministry Standards, and Kathy has worked diligently in the Lutheran Renewal movement for years.*

M/S/P – At the request of the Ministry Committee, and recognizing the unique circumstance Chris Connor faced in his candidacy process, to affirm, on recommendation from John Fahning and Kathleen Sukke, that Christopher J. Connor is a man who has deep faith in Christ, sound theology, and the skills to lead and serve in the ordained ministry of the church, and to approve their recommendation, in consultation with Dale Wold and the Ministry Board, that the two year concurrent internship served by Christopher J. Connor is sufficient and successful and completes the requirement for certification for ordaine4d ministry by Lutheran 'Congregations in Mission for Christ.

M/S/P – The board extends their deep gratitude to Kathleen Sukke and John Fahning for their efforts in acting on behalf of LCMC in the candidacy process.

M/S/P – To approve the draft Agreement for Services extended to St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, MI for the services of William T. Sullivan, and as refised to insert the figure of \$1,000.00 in Article 3, paragraph 3.2.

*Discussion of duties to be covered resulted in an agreement that Bill and Barry will work together to continue to refine the job description of the National Service Coordinator.*

*The board requested that Larry and Bill contact Upper Arlington for the purpose of strengthening our relationship with them.*

M/S/P – Commending and recommending the July 2003 youth event at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Altoona (Des Moines) IA, as planned by the Evangelical Renewal District.

*Discussion of liability insurance; Bill has been working with Lutheran Trust and will obtain additional information and quotes from other firms for the next board meeting.*

*Discussion of pension issues, including subsidies / equalization and the implications of a Good Samaritan 'open door' policy of coverage. John consulted with Bob Hartman of Lindquist & Venum, about the reciprocity agreement LCMC has with the ELCA Board of Pensions to ensure that the agreement would not be jeopardized should the association choose to accept applications from groups who share common religious bonds and convictions. The board will continue to explore options.*

*Dale updated the board on Ministry Board and Ministry Standards issues , including call process, colloquy process, and lists.*

M/S/P – To authorize funds for the Ministry Board to meet again.

*The board determined it was premature to take steps toward establishing a site for a seminary.*

*Communication issues discussion, including web site, separate server possibilities, and the newsletter.*

M/S/P – to authorize Robin Lake to assemble information and put together a proposal regarding the establishment and maintenance of our own server.

*The board held an initial discussion of the 2003 Convention.*

*The board unanimously decided that, because the body will not have met for over a year, dates will be expanded so that the convention will open the registration late Sunday afternoon, October 5th , and continue through until midday on Tuesday, the 7th.*

*The board announced meeting dates: November 21 & 22 in Mineapolis; January 23 & 24 in Phoenix; March 20 & 21 in Omaha; May 15 & 16 in Detroit; July 24 & 25 in Minneapolis; and Saturday, October 4 in Canton, prior to the convention.*

*Board recessed at 5:45 pm*

*Friday, September 20, 8:00 am, meeting called to order.*

*Devotions: Larry Lindstrom.*

M/S/P – The board approved an open letter to Jack Torgerson and the Affirm Lutheranism ListServ.

*The board took time to review their assigned action items.*

*The board reopened the discussion of the pension and benefits plan.*

*The board held a Planning and Visioning session.*

M/S/P – To appoint a Strategic Planning Team, and to ask Chris Magnell to chair it.

*Names were suggested as possible team participants: Bill will confer with Chris Magnell and report back to the board.*

M/S/P – To authorize expenses for the Strategic Planning Team to meet in (Altoona) Des Moines.

*Discussion of open pulpits within LCMC: The board agreed one aspect of Bill's position as National Service Coordinator should be that immediate contact is made when a pulpit becomes vacant.*

The board adjourned at 12:00 noon, September 20, 2002.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Adams Lingen  
Secretary