

## Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting

University Lutheran Church of Hope

February 8, 2009

President Bob Moluf started the meeting at 12:15 after a luncheon and music from the Gospel Five, a singing group from Judson Memorial Baptist Church.

Pastor Craig Shirley opened by leading us in prayer.

Bob reviewed some of the highlights of the past year. We ended the year with a slightly positive net income; this was attributed to having a reduced level of staffing. The Vision & Governance Board established three mission objectives for the year: to hire a young adult minister, to collaborate more closely with Lutheran Campus Ministries, and to initiate small-group ministries. All three of these objectives were completed. We conducted the next phase of our capital campaign and came close to meeting our goal; we completely revised our Bylaws; and we welcomed Mercy Seat Lutheran Church to use our facilities on Sunday evenings.

Bob introduced Leslie Frost to give a presentation on Relational Ministries. She illustrated how individuals with multiple ties to the congregation have a stronger overall connection with it. Difficult times may wind up severing a person's ties to the church, particularly if they have only a single point of involvement. Having multiple ties to the congregation helps individuals maintain their relationships with the church over time.

President Bob Moluf presented the agenda for adoption; this was moved, seconded, and approved.

Leslie Frost, in her role as parliamentarian, suggested special rules for this meeting. First she noted the existing rules: that Robert's Rules of Order prevail; only full, confirmed members may vote; no quorum is needed; the moderator has the right to curtail lengthy speech; speakers must identify themselves; discussion may be curtailed under some circumstances, but a non-debatable vote may override such a decision. The proposed special rules included the stipulation that no more than two speakers in succession may speak either for or against an action. Bob Moluf asked for a motion to adopt those rules. The special rules were moved, seconded, and carried by a 2/3 majority.

The minutes of the previous two congregational meetings, in February 2008 and June 2008, were approved.

Past President Karmi Anna Mattson presented the Treasurer's Report. She pointed out the modest surplus for 2008 and that we were essentially free of financial worries throughout the year. We did not have to make a special appeal for contributions during December. And all this happened in a year when we conducted a capital campaign. However, giving to the general budget actually decreased in 2008. We had budgeted for some costs that we did not incur, so we actually spent over \$40,000 less than planned. Increases in the

number of families on the Simply Giving Electronic Funds Transfer program has helped to even out our contributions, making it less necessary for people to catch up in December. We have, however, seen a drop in general giving in January of this year compared with the previous two Januaries. A motion to accept the 2008 Treasurer's Report was made and seconded. After a couple of questions, the congregation voted to accept the report.

We moved on to consider the proposed changes to the Trust Board Governing Resolution. Leroy Halvorsen pointed out that a number of minor changes were needed to make the document internally consistent. He moved several minor changes; this motion was seconded and passed without opposition. The amended changes to the Trust Resolution then passed without opposition.

President Bob Moluf then asked people to self-select themselves for voting on the pending constitutional questions. Full voting and confirmed members of the congregation were asked to move to the central area of the room.

Bob explained the administrative changes to the Constitution, which are required (1) for consistency with our new Bylaws and (2) for consistency with the most recent version of the model constitution for congregations of the ELCA. The administrative changes to the constitution were then adopted by the required 3/4 majority, without opposition. To become effective, these changes will also need to be approved at the next Annual Meeting by a 2/3 majority of eligible voters.

We moved on to the proposed substantive changes to the Constitution. This vote would be taken by written ballot. Bob went on to outline, based on our conversations with the Synod staff, the next steps in the event that these proposed changes are adopted at two successive meetings of the congregation. We will then submit these changes to the Synod; they will then communicate to us that they are unable to accept the changes. That is all that will happen.

Leroy Halvorsen spoke against the resolution. Diane Greve spoke for the resolution; she also moved a minor change, that paragraph 6.3.c end with the word "roster." This amendment was seconded but subsequently defeated. John Lauber moved that the word "and" in the same sentence be changed to "or". This amendment was seconded, discussed, and defeated.

Beth Kautz offered an amendment that, after the word "procedures" in paragraph 6.3.c, a comma be inserted. This amendment was seconded, discussed, and approved.

Alden Tetlie spoke in favor of the proposed constitutional changes. David Ranheim also spoke in favor of the proposed changes.

Since no additional speakers came forward to speak against the proposed substantive changes, the ballots were distributed. Bob Moluf reminded us of the eligibility rules and the procedures for counting. At the recommendation of the parliamentarian, Bob invited a maximum of three persons to volunteer to observe the counting of the ballots if they so desired. One person volunteered to observe. Bob reminded everyone that only the two

tellers (Thomas Frost and Gregg Landmark) are permitted to touch the ballots during the counting process.

We then recognized outgoing Board members.

In the absence of Treasurer Mike Fingerson, Past President Karmi Mattson presented the 2009 budget. James Flaten asked a few questions, which were answered by Karmi. Donna Neste then challenged the congregation to give 10% to benevolence, rather than 6.5%. Tim Gustafson reminded us that the general giving we received also contained a number of extraordinary gifts.

The budget was then approved by voice vote.

The ballot counters returned and Thomas Frost announced that the vote regarding the substantive changes to the Constitution was 116 yes and 22 no, meaning the resolution passed by an 84% vote, exceeding the 75% requirement.

Tom Frost then delivered the report of the Leadership Development Support Team. Bob clarified that the term end dates for Ann Agrimson & Sonja Peterson on the Personnel Committee were reversed in the Annual Report, and that a vote would be taken to elect all four officers together.

Bob invited nominations from the floor. There were none. Bob then asked for a voice vote to elect all the officers named in the report. The officers were elected.

President Jack Dant now took the podium. He asked for, and received, a voice vote to elect the Members-at-Large to the Vision & Governance Board.

Tom Frost then presented the other names to be elected. All were elected by voice vote.

President Jack Dant announced that there would be no June meeting of the congregation this year. He then asked for, and received, an expression of appreciation to Bob Moluf for his dedication and service.

President Jack Dant moved to adjourn. We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 1:56 p.m.