

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EASTERN DISTRICT, LCMS

SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL - TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

Directors Present: Cyndi Alviani; Vice Chair Claire Carlson; Mark Erbelding; Melissa Fultz; Jacqui Green; Maureen “Becky” Grunder; Secretary Karl Haeussler; Terry Miller; Pastor John Pingel; Pastor Carl Prostka; Pastor Daniel Strussenburg; Chair Gordon Tresch; President Chris Wicher.

Directors Absent: Bradley Dreier.

After the Secretary determined that a quorum has been established, the meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:33 p.m.

An opening prayer given by the President.

A motion was made and second to approve the special conference call agenda. It passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Fred Hoover as Vice President of the Philadelphia Region. Fred is Pastor of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, Pennsylvania and Visitor of the Philadelphia Circuit. The question was asked if this had been discussed with Fred. The President replied that this had been discussed with him along with the other two Pastors under consideration, Kim Bode and Peter Rickert. The question was called. The motion was approved unanimously. The President will notify Fred of his selection. The President also noted that he needs to find a new Visitor for the Philadelphia Circuit.

The Synod’s Commission on Constitutional Matters responded to the revisions made to our District Bylaws and Regulations. They have asked us to incorporate some minor changes. A motion was made and seconded to approve these changes. There was no discussion and the question was called. The motion was approved unanimously. This will now be taken to our next District Convention for approval.

A motion was made and seconded that the District Board of Directors endorse Workers for His Harvest: Expression of Theological Dissent Regarding 2016 LCMS Convention Resolution 13-02A Concerning the Public Ministry of Word and Sacrament submitted by members of the Board of Directors of the Northwest District - LCMS.

If this motion is passed, the President will pass this document on to the rest of the District.

The Chair asked for discussion.

The President shared that all of the Districts of our Synod are to study this dissent. If enough Districts support this, this could be brought to the next Synodical Convention which could then overturn Resolution 13-02A.

The question was called. The motion was approved unanimously.

The President will write a letter to the Northwest District on behalf of our Board informing them of our action.

The President shared that we will need another special meeting in the near future as Rick Porter will have LCEF loans to District congregations that will require Board approval.

As there was no other business for the Board, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. It was made and seconded. It passed unanimously at 5:01 p.m.