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Joint Assembly delegates proclaiming the declaration PHOTO: ART BABYCH



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## Each in their own way

*Executive directors describe their work on behalf of Lutherans and Anglicans*

**M**EMBERS of Joint Assembly were offered insight into the work of the Anglican Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and Canadian Lutheran World Relief when Michael Pryse, Lutheran bishop of the Eastern Synod, interviewed PWRDF executive director Adele Finney and CLWR executive director Robert Granke.

Pryse asked both to describe what they do in their work and on behalf of Canadian Lutherans and Anglicans. Granke said his work starts with CLWR's mission, "which is to challenge the causes and consequences of poverty." That mission is also part of the mission of the church to serve in the name of Christ, he said. "CLWR provides an opportunity to do that and enable people of faith to be able to serve and respond to global needs in a collective way."

Finney said that PWRDF works toward "a truly just, healthy and peaceful world. We focused in on food security, preventive health and microfinance." A question Finney says she often asks is, "How does what we plan to do support vulnerable people to become agents of change in their own lives and in their communities' lives?" She pointed to the example of PWRDF's partnership with a group of refugees who fled to India from Sri Lanka. Some have been in India



*PWRDF's Adele Finney and CWLR's Robert Granke tell members of Joint Assembly about the work of their agencies.* PHOTO: ART BABYCH

now for 30 years, but from the beginning they focused on education, learning peace-making skills that would help them build a future. They also began production of a nutritional supplement, spirulina, and now they train others.

Granke spoke of a visit to a community in Ethiopia that CLWR had supported 30 years ago, assisting with irrigation, potable water and training for farmers. "To walk into this community and see what is basically an oasis in the middle of what is basically a desert in Eastern Ethiopia and to see that this

community is thriving 30 years later...was really gratifying."

Looking to the future, Granke said CLWR is facing a real challenge because its funding from the Canadian government ends this year. The International Development Agency is being absorbed into the department of foreign affairs and trade, and Granke said NGOs are monitoring the situation, hoping that the focus on humanitarian aid will not be diminished in favour of trade interests.

—Leigh Anne Williams, *Anglican Journal*

## Joint Assembly is a hopeful witness

**T**HE head of the World Council of Churches (WCC) says the Joint Assembly is a hopeful witness to the wider church.

WCC General Secretary Olav Fykse Tveit brought greetings to Anglican and Lutheran delegates, calling their joint national gathering "a sign for all of us that it is possible to see our dreams come true and our way forward be open for us.

"In this way you call other churches towards the way of unity, mutual accountability, and ministry together," Tveit said.



*WCC General Secretary Olav Fykse Tveit.* PHOTO: ART BABYCH

As the WCC's general secretary, Tveit, a Norwegian Lutheran pastor, oversees a worldwide fellowship of nearly 350 churches representing practically every Christian tradition.

The Anglican Church of Canada has been a member of the WCC since the council's creation in 1948. The ELCIC joined when the denomination was formed in 1986.

"It's good for us to be reminded of that great world family of churches of which we are member churches," said Archbishop Fred Hiltz in response to Tveit's address.

Both the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada will send delegations to the WCC's tenth assembly in Busan, South Korea, this fall. —Bruce Myers, *Anglican Journal*

## God's word for Inuit Christians

### *Joint Assembly applauds first Inuktitut Bible*

**M**EMBERS of Joint Assembly heard news from Canada's north in their July 5 gathering and celebrated the first Inuktitut translation of the Bible, published last year.

Terry Audla, president of the national Inuit organization Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, said he is surprised how little most of his fellow Canadians in the south know about the north. The Inuit are taking control of their land through new comprehensive land claim agreements, he said. "It protects our way of life in the sense that we can still hunt and conserve the wildlife that we rely on in partnership with government and also that we can be partners in major projects, which means that we are employees as well as the employers."

In spite of those developments, Audla also spoke of continuing struggles with overcrowded housing, contamination of wildlife and their habitat, and high rates of suicide. He recommended that Canadians wanting to be more engaged with Inuit communities become better informed about the Arctic and the Inuit way of life.

Jonas Allooloo, dean of the cathedral in Iqaluit, then came to the stage to tell the assembly members about the first translation of the Bible into Inuktitut, an immense task that began in 1978.

Allooloo was one of a team of four translators, including Bishop Benjamin Arreak, Bishop Andrew Atagotaak and the Rev. Joshua Arreak, who worked with translators at the Canadian Bible Society. Allooloo said they were chosen in part because Inuktitut is their mother tongue. The translators at the Bible Society recognized, he said, that while outsiders may learn the language, "It is very hard for them to think like Inuit."

Even with the team's combined efforts, "It was a long hard road, finishing the Bible," said Allooloo. "Thirty-four years is a long time."



*Dean Jonas Allooloo of Iqaluit tells Joint Assembly about the creation of the first Inuktitut Bible.* PHOTO: ART BABYCH

The New Testament was published in 1991, and the complete Bible with the Old Testament in 2012. He noted that a downloadable digital edition is also available.

Inuit Christians received the Bible with great joy. Allooloo said one woman wept, saying she had always longed for a Bible in her own language. He noted that 2,000 Bibles with leather covers sold out in one day.

"It has been a privilege for me to do this for my people," he said. Allooloo added that this is an important way to keep aboriginal languages alive and urged other indigenous people in the assembly to translate the Bible into their languages.

—Leigh Anne Williams, *Anglican Journal*

## New accountability, outlook for Council of the North

**B**ISHOP Michael Hawkins and Bishop Lydia Mamakwa—respectively chair and vice-chair of the Council of the North—led an evening presentation on July 5 on recent positive developments.

Setting a hopeful tone for the future of the once-troubled council, Mamakwa recalled Philippians 3:13, where Paul speaks of "forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead." Hawkins thanked the entire Anglican Church of Canada—from the parishes to the national church—for its support over the past six years and especially in Vision 2019.

"I also hope that General Synod will begin to see over the next three years that your grant to the Council of the North is an investment in research and development, in experiments in mission and ministry," Hawkins said.

Hawkins referred to a new accountability—20 years in the making—among council members and to General Synod, and he expressed gratitude to every member of the Anglican Church of Canada, from parishioners to the national church. "They all support our ministry in the north." He spoke of the new mutual trust and growing relation-

ship over the past three years with General Synod and Church House staff and departments. "The support we received yesterday from the primate in his presidential address was moving for me."

With past rivalries set aside, the council is looking to a future of "deep and abiding partnerships."

The presentation then featured a video showing the five Marks of Mission at work in northern parishes and dioceses with the support of grants from General Synod in what the primate called "a marvellous story of partnership in God's mission." —D.S.

# Stand and declare

*Joint Assembly advocates for responsible and ethical investment in both Canada and around the world.*

THE Anglican-Lutheran Joint Assembly on July 5 passed, by a vote of 98 per cent, a joint declaration focusing on the issues of homelessness in Canada and “responsible resource extraction” involving Canadian companies in Canada and overseas.

No one spoke out against the declaration when it was presented for debate on the floor, but a number stood to express support.

The Rev. Kenn Ward, an ELCIC pastor, made an emotional plea for the declaration, citing how his friend, Katherine Baiya, a Congolese refugee now living in Winnipeg, asked him once what churches are doing to end rape and other human rights abuses resulting from the mineral wealth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. “She [Baiya] said, ‘It’s your mining companies who have done this to us.’”

Ward said the “terror and tragedy” hit home when Baiya shared news that her sister had recently been hacked to death in the Congo, leaving behind five children. “This motion is a small thing, but at least I can take this back to her and say, ‘We’re trying to do something;’” said Ward. Ward’s congregation in Sherwood Park, Winnipeg, shares ministry with Baiya’s black Pentecostal congregation, Good Seed.

The Rev. Iola Metuq, Anglican diocese of the Arctic, noted how mining companies operating in Nunavut “get billions of dollars from our land,” while indigenous people are left with “pollution, contaminated animals.”

The declaration commits the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lu-



*Following the passing of the resolution, the Primate invited the delegates to stand and read the declaration aloud.* PHOTO: ART BABYCH

in raising public awareness, “to discern where and how we can make a difference, to act where we can, and to advocate for equitable and innovative approaches to the challenges that we share.” The two churches—in full communion since 2011—also vowed to pray “for all affected by these issues and those who bear responsibility in addressing them.”

On the issue of “responsible resource extraction,” the declaration commits the churches to support indigenous communities in Canada and abroad “in exercising the right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent” with regard to development projects that affect their traditional territories. It also promises to “advocate for responsible and ethical investment in both Canada and around the world.”

The declaration notes that Canadian companies are “major players” in mining,

across Canada and overseas. “They generate wealth for our societies, but they also give rise to serious and complex environmental, socio-economic, and human rights issues,” it states.

On the issue of homelessness, the declaration commits the two churches to “advocate for renewed federal funding” and for an “integrated national collaborative strategy and greater accountability on the part of provinces and municipalities” in addressing homelessness and substandard housing.

“As we look across Canada, we are disturbed by the reality that around 400,000 people are without a healthy place to live and that homelessness has continued to increase despite years of unprecedented economic growth and prosperity in our country,” the declaration states.

—Marites N. Sison, *Anglican Journal*



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# Wide-ranging changes to church's structure

## *Church approves guiding document for renewal*

**G**ENERAL Synod on July 5 approved a motion to receive the report of the structures working group and commend it to the Council of General Synod, the church's national executive body, "as a guiding document in moving forward with the structural renewal of the Anglican Church of Canada."

A national consultation convened in January by the church's primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, submitted the report, "Embodying God's Call," which identifies wide-ranging, immediate and long-term changes to the church's structures.

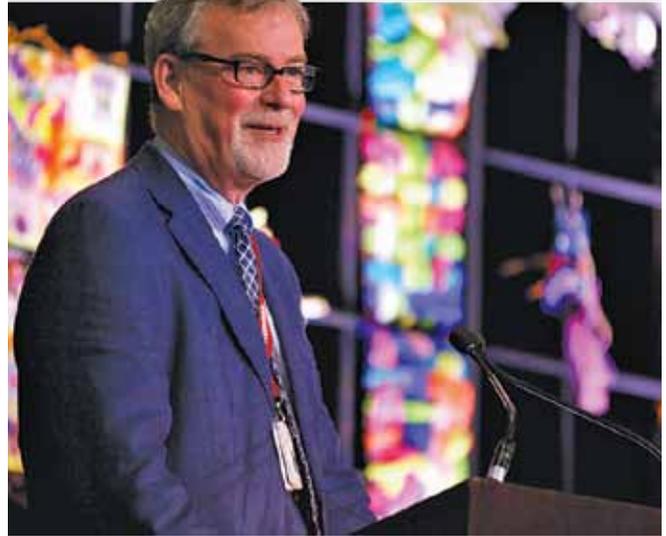
The report calls for less reliance on standing committees and more grassroots involvement via task forces, a review of the size and function of General Synod, increased partnerships with dioceses and other churches, and operational reviews on the effectiveness of Resources for Mission, the national church's communications vehicles and its informational technology capacity to support electronic meetings of committees and other church bodies.

Earlier, Hiltz explained that the consultation was in alignment with a mandate from Vision 2019, General Synod's strategic plan, "to identify desirable changes in the structures and roles by which the Anglican Church of Canada carries out its ministry in service to God's mission."

In convening 40 consultation participants from across Canada, Hiltz noted that the gathering had been made more urgent by the church's pressing financial concerns. It was set "in the context of a longer journey to structural renewal and budget equilibrium for the church," he had said.

Archbishop Colin Johnson, bishop of the diocese of Toronto and member of the structures working group, told General Synod on July 4 that the report also requests the primate and the church's metropolitans (senior bishops) to initiate a review of the House of Bishops's role and the focus and frequency of its meetings. It asks bishops to consider "the number of meetings that can and will be funded by General Synod and alternative time and ways to gather."

The report also suggests that various General Synod bodies



*The Ven. Dr. Michael Thompson, general secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada, addresses the delegates.*

PHOTO: BRIAN BUKOWSKI

should "seek out new and expanded partnerships with dioceses and other entities," including its full communion partner, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and other partners. "Are there areas where we can have shared staffing...or others can work from remote locations?" said Johnson.

As part of "longer-term" changes, the report also calls for a review of the size, purpose and frequency of General Synod meetings.

Archdeacon Michael Thompson, general secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada, cited the need to "uncouple governance and program gatherings." Speaking to members on July 4, Thompson said "we spend a disproportionate amount for meetings of governance rather than gatherings for missional ministries."

—Marites N. Sison, *Anglican Journal*

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### **THE ANGLICAN FOUNDATION QUESTION FOR JULY 6:**

In response to Vision 2019: "to respond to human need by loving service", what four projects does the Foundation's Kids Helping Kids Fund support? (Answer in tomorrow's **JOINT ASSEMBLY Daily**.)

**Prize:** Pair of tickets to a 2013-14 regular season of the St John's Ice Caps in NFLD and lunch or dinner for two at Ches's Famous Fish & Chips Restaurants

# The day in photos

*In and around Joint Assembly on July 5th*



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## The conversation continues

### *Anglican covenant decision delayed until 2016*

**T**HE Anglican Church of Canada's triennial General Synod on July 5 approved a motion that urges its faithful to continue conversations on the proposed Anglican Covenant and delays a final decision on whether to accept or reject it until 2016.

The Covenant is a set of principles prescribed as a way of healing relationships among member provinces of the Anglican Communion, which have been damaged by divisions over human sexuality. It was recommended in the 2004 Windsor Report, written by a group of bishops, priests and theologians appointed by then- Arch-

bishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. "At this time, there is no clear consensus within our church on whether to accept or reject the Covenant," said the new prolocutor, Archdeacon Harry Huskins, who presented the resolution on behalf of the governance working group (GWG). He added that the motion "allows us to hold our place at the table of Communion discussions." The motion was met with mixed reactions on the floor.

The Rev. Malcolm French, diocese of Qu'Appelle, argued that "there's more consensus than one might believe." French, moderator of the No Anglican Covenant

Coalition, likened the Covenant to demanding "a prenuptial agreement when you're already married."

Canon Gene Packwood, diocese of Calgary, expressed concern about the "standing" of the Canadian church in other parts of the world.

Others argued, however, that the church's relationships with other members of the Communion are not only being healed but are flourishing through the bishops' dialogue with their counterparts from Africa, companion relationships between dioceses in Canada and overseas, and through partnerships. —**Marites N. Sison**

## Peace and justice in the Holy Land

### *Anglicans pass hotly debated Palestine–Israel resolution*

**A**FTER a long and passionate debate, the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada meeting in Ottawa has passed a resolution on the issue of peace and justice in Palestine and Israel.

The resolution reiterates the established positions of the church, which "recognize the legitimate aspirations, rights and needs of both Israelis and Palestinians to live in peace with dignity within sovereign and secure borders; condemns the use of all kinds of violence, especially against civilians; calls for an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian Territories (West Bank and Gaza); and calls upon Israel, as an occupying power, to recognize the Fourth Geneva Convention, which forbids the transfer and settlement of its citizen in occupied territories."

However, it also called on Canadian Anglicans to take some new steps, including educating themselves more deeply.

The resolution commits the church to act with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and other ecumenical partners to:

- enable deeper church-wide awareness of and response to the call of the Kairos Palestine document: A Moment of Truth, published by the World Council of Churches in 2009
- educate the church about the impact of illegal settlements on the lives of both Palestinians and Israelis; about imported products identified as produced in or related to the illegal settlements and misleadingly labelled as produced in Israel; about the complexities of economic advocacy measures
- explore and challenge theologies and beliefs, such as Christian Zionism, that support the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories
- explore and challenge theories and beliefs that deny the right of Israel to exist
- and strengthen relationships with Canadian Jews and Muslims, to resolutely oppose anti-Semitism, anti-Arab sentiments and Islamophobia.

Debate ranged among members, from some who said the resolution went too far

and demonstrated left-wing or anti-Israel bias, to those who said it did not go far enough in addressing the oppression of Palestinians suffering under an apartheid system.

There was also a concern that this resolution followed in the footsteps of a United Church of Canada resolution that called for a boycott of goods produced in the occupied territories that are labelled as Israeli products. Bishop Michael Ingham of the diocese of New Westminster responded, saying this resolution "calls for nothing approaching that. It calls us to learn more about these products."

The motion passed with the support of 73 per cent of the almost 300 members.

Another resolution was also passed that invites Anglicans to observe Jerusalem Sunday on the seventh Sunday after Easter. The day will be used to give special attention to the work of the Anglican church in the Holy Land and to take up a special offering as a gift to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

—**Leigh Anne Williams, Anglican Journal**

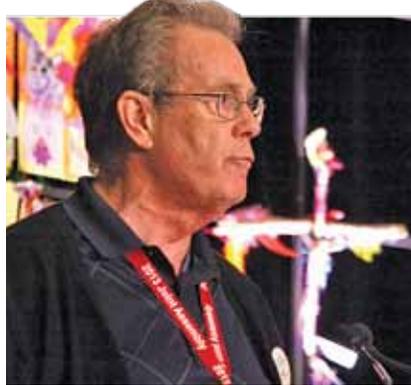
# Wise way forward

## *Another step toward indigenous self-determination*

ON July 4, General Synod passed Resolution A051, which set out the criteria for the selection of future national indigenous Anglican bishops (NIAB) as well as members of the Anglican Council of Indigenous People (ACIP) and Sacred Circle. It was carried with an overwhelming majority vote.

Although General Synod 2010 adopted Canon 22, which incorporated the structure of the National Indigenous Ministries into the constitution of the church, this selection criteria was left to be decided. The Governance Working Group first posed questions about the criteria at the 2009 Sacred Circle meeting, and in keeping with the principal of indigenous self-determination, the answers were up to the indigenous members of the church. After broad consultations, the 2012 meeting of Sacred Circle unanimously confirmed the criteria in this resolution brought to General Synod 2013.

Presenting the resolution, Randall Fairey of the Governance Working Group



*Randall Fairey of the Governance Working Group said the resolution is another “milestone on the journey for the canonical definition and governance of national indigenous ministry.”*

PHOTO: ART BABYCH

said that while the resolution was fully endorsed by the Council of General Synod, it was most importantly declared by the elders at Sacred Circle as a wise and acceptable way forward. Describing it as another

“milestone on the journey for the canonical definition and governance of national indigenous ministry,” Fairey acknowledged that “...more work needs to be done for the full evolution of this canon.”

Canon Laverne Jacobs suggested an amendment that would limit the number of terms people could serve on ACIP. That amendment, however, was rejected following comments from Harry Huskins, who seconded the original resolution. Archbishop David Ashdown also pointed out that the resolution was based on broad consultation within indigenous ministries and any significant changes should not be imposed by the General Synod.

Two other resolutions were passed on the evening of July 4. Resolution A052 made provision for the election of the Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces. Resolution A50, which presented a form for “Notice of Restoration to Ministry” (after prior abandonment) was also approved.

—Leigh Anne Williams, *Anglican Journal*

## Number of delegates to change

A NEW formula for deciding clerical and lay membership at General Synod, which will decrease its size, has been approved.

Membership to the Anglican Church of Canada’s governing body will now be calculated based on average attendance at four liturgical celebrations—Easter, Pentecost, the second Sunday in September and Christmas—over two years.

Currently, membership is determined by the number of licensed clergy in the diocese, a situation that has been regarded as problematic because licensing practices vary across the church.

After a lengthy discussion, Motion A042, which amended Section 8(f) of the church’s constitution, was approved on second read-



*Chancelor David Jones*

PHOTO: ART BABYCH

ing by a two-thirds majority of each order at General Synod. Thirty-four bishops, 82 clergy and 105 laity voted in favour; three bishops, 23 clergy and 28 laity were opposed. The motion presented by the governance working group (GWG) stated that minimum diocesan representation should be one clergy and one lay member, in addition to the youth member and bishop, for dioceses having an average attendance of 2,499 per-

sons or less. David Jones, chair of the GWG, said this would have reduced membership by about 15 per cent.

The new formula, which will use attendance statistics provided by dioceses to the national office, was met with some criticism on the floor. Several speakers stood up to question the accuracy and integrity of those statistics.

Some members questioned the reliance on counting “membership and not discipleship,” and expressed concern that this could mean less representation for rural-based dioceses whose demographics are shifting. But others said bigger dioceses actually stand to lose some representation as a consequence of this new formula.

—Marites N. Sison, *Anglican Journal*



ACC treasurer Hanna Goschy presented audited financial statements for 2012.

PHOTO: BRIAN BUKOWSKI

## 2012 financials

### *Statements approved*

AT the General Synod meeting on the evening of July 5 the delegates considered and approved the audited financial statements of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Consolidated Trust Fund and the Anglican Church of Canada Resolution Corporation for the 2012 financial year. The chair of the financial management committee, Mr. Robert Dickson of the diocese of New Westminster, introduced the financial issues facing the church, and the national church's treasurer, Hanna Goschy, presented the audited financial statements.

General Synod revenue, supported by the apportionment giving of the dioceses, investments, donations generated from the work of the Resources for Mission department and the *Anglican Journal* amounted to \$12.7 million. Expenses for the year were \$12.4 million for a surplus of \$300,000. A significant portion of the surplus has been transferred into internally restricted net assets to support future costs for events such as the Sacred Circle in 2015 and the 2016 General Synod.

—Paul Feheley, *Anglican Journal*



Dr. Martin Junge, general secretary of the LWF addresses the Lutheran delegates. PHOTO: BRIAN BUKOWSKI

## Lutherans' work in the world

### *Global service and reconciliation are key*

LOOKING ahead to the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in 2017, the Rev. Dr. Martin Junge, general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), updated Lutheran delegates with a global snapshot of the work of their church.

He highlighted a document called *What Is It That We Do Together? LWF Strategies 2012-2017*, which outlines the LWF's initiatives on missional and other fronts.

Junge reminded the audience of Jesus' question to the disciples in Luke 24: What is it that you are talking about? "This is one of the most significant moments in the Bible. It is the beginning of theology and mission," Junge said, the point at which people begin to listen.

*What Is It* raises several strategic questions for the future. For example: How do we relate to other denominations and other faiths? "Religion and faith should never be a stumbling block to societies wanting to live in peace and justice," he said.

Another concern has led to a major LWF program in biblical hermeneutics, based on the question: What are we reading when we read the Bible?

In the area of world service, Junge noted his church's deep commitment to refugees. The Lutheran church cares for 1.5 million refugees, he said, and is the UN's fifth-largest partner in refugee work and its largest faith-based partner. "With 1.5 million refugees, each of our managers is taking care of

10,500 refugees. And the 250 people in this assembly are taking care of five refugees."

Anticipating the 2017 anniversary marking 500 years of reform, Junge reminded us of Martin Luther's saying that the church must always be undergoing reformation: *ecclesia semper reformanda*. "Change and reform are not a problem, but a benefit and a gift," he said.

"And the church also needs to reflect globality. The Lutheran Reformation is now a global citizen," he said. "A hundred years ago the anniversary would have been a mainly North Atlantic celebration."

He pointed to another powerful strategy, *From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017*. "For the first time, Lutherans and Roman Catholics are reading Reformation history together at the national level," he said. "Together they are travelling the path of reconciliation."

And just as the Reformation was triggered by such contentious issues as the sale of indulgences, which should never have been for sale, today we must capture not-for-sale in different dimensions. "Human beings are not for sale. God's creation is not meant to be for sale," Junge said.

In closing, he emphasized the pressing need for churches to journey together. "A church on its own is a church at risk," he said. "The church lives from relationships...the enriching relationships of working together."

—Diana Swift, *Anglican Journal*



ELCIC treasurer Key Day PHOTO: TRINA GALLOP/ELCIC

## Cuts will offset future deficits

*Lutherans balance budget, stabilize pension fund*

DELEGATES to the National Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) approved a balanced budget for 2013, but are anticipating five-figure deficits for the following two years.

The denomination took a financial hit last year when about 30 congregations left the ELCIC in protest over the authorization of same-sex marriages, taking with them “benevolence” contributions that support regional and national ministry.

The shortfall was offset by a one-time \$100,000 gift to the national church, raised by the ELCIC’s Eastern Synod.

That injection of revenue is giving the national church some breathing room to figure out how to address its cash crunch in the longer term, said ELCIC Treasurer Ken Day.

“We have to change. That’s our mission. Our mission is about change,” Day told National Convention delegates. “The good news is we have two years before we start eating up more than we benefited from in 2012. So we have a time frame to make some good plans.”

Some of those cost-saving plans include reducing the size and frequency of the National Convention itself, a proposal delegates will consider on Saturday. Staff cuts have not been ruled out, although the ELCIC currently employs only seven full-

time and five part-time national personnel.

More positive was news about the ELCIC’s pension fund, which only 10 years ago was projected to be \$16 million short of what it needed to fulfill its obligations to its 800 lay and ordained members.

“I am pleased to report that the ELCIC unfunded liability is no more,” ELCIC Group Services Executive Director Lisa Thiessen told delegates, who responded with a robust round of applause.

The unfunded liability was chiefly overcome by ELCIC congregations digging deep and paying an additional six per cent in pension premiums each year until the shortfall was eliminated, five years ahead of schedule, at the end of 2012.

Jackie Dojack, the chair of the board of ELCIC Group Services, which manages the denomination’s pension fund, said it was a sacrifice that congregations were willing to make. “We all saw this as a trust, that we had to pay the pensions that had been promised,” Dojack said.

She also said the pension fund is respecting a motion passed by the 2011 National Convention directing the ELCIC pension fund to ensure its investments “reflect compassionate justice and ethical stewardship.” Dojack said the pension plan’s bonds have been moved to “a portfolio that is socially responsible.”

—Bruce Myers, *Anglican Journal*



A Joint Assembly delegate emphasizes his point to ELCIC vice-president Sheila Hamilton. PHOTO: BRUCE MEYERS

## ELCIC VP re-elected

SHEILA Hamilton has been re-elected to a second four-year term as vice-president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC). She won on the third ballot.

As vice-president, the 59-year-old Toronto-based management consultant is the senior layperson in the ELCIC’s governing structure. As such, she co-chairs the National Convention and meetings of the National Church Council with the national bishop.

Hamilton has been a key figure in the development of the denomination’s new five-year strategic plan, which includes proposals to reduce the size and frequency of the church’s National Convention.

She says implementation of the strategic plan and restructuring of the denomination’s governance will be her main priorities for her second term.

—Bruce Myers, *Anglican Journal*

## The Diocese of The Arctic has a winner!

The Diocese of The Arctic (booth 510) holds a draw each day. Friday’s winner is Jennifer Warren from the diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. Jennifer, please pick up your prize at our booth. Everyone else, come enter the daily draw!



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## Write the caption

Each day we provide a picture and look to you for a caption.. Visit the *Anglican Journal* booth to enter your caption, or email it to [editor@anglicanjournal.com](mailto:editor@anglicanjournal.com). A prize is awarded each day and the winning caption will be featured in the next *Joint Assembly Daily*.

**Quote**  
of the Day

“Why are you always going to the wrong place?”

—The question of a U.S. border guard after checking the passport of Dr. Olaf Fykse, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches



## Today's Instagram assignment

Here's how it works:

We will post the photo assignments (with the corresponding hashtag) each day in the *Joint Assembly Daily*.

Your mission is to take photos depicting each day's photo assignment: Today's mission: "Onthehill."

#onthehill #jointassembly #anglicanjournal



## Thursday's caption winner

“Here she goes again. Lutherans think they're soooo funny. —Paul Ellison, Edmonton, AB. (Paul, pick up your prize at the *Anglican Journal* booth.)



## Poll of the Day

Do you wish this Joint Assembly was longer?

YES  NO

Vote at the *Anglican Journal* display booth, or email **yes** or **no** to [editor@national.anglican.ca](mailto:editor@national.anglican.ca). Results will be published here tomorrow.

## Yesterday's poll results

Jennifer Henry, executive director of KAIROS said, “Resource extraction is the critical justice issue of our time.” Do you agree?

**58% Yes 42% No**