

**Board for National Mission Meeting
February 9, 2023
Hilton, St. Louis Airport**

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Briel at 8:00 am. Members Rev. Peter Bender, Rev. Steve Briel, Mrs. Carol Hack Broome, Ms. Carla Claussen, Rev. Tim Droegemueller, Mr. Pat Kyler, Mrs. Janis McDaniels, and Mrs. Crysten Sanchez were present. Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor joined later in the morning.

Rev. Dr. Al Espinosa was absent.

The staff in attendance were Deac. Dr. Tiffany Manor, Rev. Michael Meyer, Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, Mrs. Jeannie Smithson, and Ms. Stacey Egger. Rev. Kevin Robson split his time between the BNM and the Board of Directors meeting, happening simultaneously.

Rev. Briel led us in Matins.

Approval of Minutes

The October 2022 minutes were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rev. Bender and seconded by Ms. Claussen. The motion was passed unanimously.

JMAC, Rev. Peter Bender

Update on history. Presented the updated overtures.

Overture - To Affirm and Continue *Making Disciples for Life* as the Synod's Mission and Ministry Emphasis for the 2023-2026 Triennium

Rev. Bender moved that we approve the joint BIM and BNM overture as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Overture - To Affirm and Continue Mission Priorities for the 2023-2026 Triennium

Rev. Bender moved that we approve the joint BIM and BNM overture as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Human Care & Ministerial Support Report

Deac. Dr. Tiffany Manor

The board received an update on the areas of ministry that Deac. Dr. Manor oversees. These are Deaconess Ministry; Family Ministry; Grants Administration; Health Ministry; Life Ministry; Specialized Pastoral Ministry; Stewardship; and Worker well-being (Soldiers of the Cross and Veterans of the Cross).

Church Planting, Renewal, & Support Report

Rev. Dr. Mark Wood

The board received an update on the areas of ministry that Rev. Dr. Wood oversees. These are Witness & Outreach; Revitalization; Church Planting; Black & African Immigrant Ministry; Hispanic Ministry; All Nations Ministry; Rural and Small Town Ministry; and Research and Analysis.

Break

Congregations & Districts Support Report

Rev. Michael Meyer

The board received an update on the areas of ministry that Rev. Meyer oversees. These are RSOs, School Ministry, Youth Ministry, Campus Ministry, Disaster Response, and Disaster Training.

2023 Convention Overtures, Rev. Robson

Overture - To Establish Mission Board Responsibilities Regarding Mission Office Strategic Plan and Annual Budget Proposal

Rev. Bender moved that we adopt the presented overture. The motion was seconded and, after discussion, passed unanimously.

Lunch/Break

Policy Committee

Rev. Dr. Taylor presented the work done on the Policy Committee since the last meeting.

Self-Governance Policies

Ms. Claussen moved to accept the changes to the Self-Governance Policies as presented. The motion was seconded and, after discussion, passed unanimously.

Executive Limitations

After discussion, Ms. Claussen moved that the Executive Limitations document is sent back to the Policy Committee and that the Policy Committee work on both the work plan and the Executive Limitation policies and define how we receive information, including the flow through the CMO and the Synodical President for action at the June BNM meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

CMO Report, Rev. Robson

See attached report. Rev. Robson spoke about convention preparations, updated the board on the work of International Missions, and Set Apart to Serve. The board spoke with Rev. Robson about the online reaction to the release of the Annotated Large Catechism.

Foundation Board Report, Mrs. Hack Broome

The board received a favorable report of the work of the LCMS Foundation.

Afternoon Break

2023 Convention Overtures continued, Rev. Briel

Mental Health Task Force

Overture - To Continue the Synod's Efforts to Address Mental Health and Mental Illness

Ms. Claussen moved that the BNM approve the overture as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Created Male & Female Task Force

The board discussed the presented overture and returned it to Rev. Robson and Deac. Dr. Manor for minor updates. They will present the final product tomorrow.

CMO Report continued, Rev. Robson

Rev. Robson finished his report to the board, covering Mission Advancement, Communications, and updates on Rev. Galchutt's plans.

Closing Devotion, Rev. Briel

BNM Meeting

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Rev. Briel called to order at 8:00 am. He led us in Morning Prayer.

Theological Presentation

Mission Priorities 1 & 2

Rev. Dr. Wood & Rev. Robson presented on the first two Mission Priorities, specifically focusing on the theological reasons behind and how we as a church both build and sustain her congregations and the routes to pastoral ministry and how they differ.

Created Male & Female Task Force convention overture, continued.

Rev. Robson and Deac. Dr. Manor presented the updated overture.

Overture - To Continue to Address Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues

Ms. Claussen moved that we adopt the presented overture. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Wrap-up/Other business

Rev. Dr. Taylor requested guidance from the board on managing working documents in real time between meetings. The Policy Committee will use email to do so.

Rev. Briel's BNM report to the Synod was presented.

Next Meeting -

June 15-16, 2023

St. Louis

Chaplain Rev. Droegemueller

Rev. Briel led us in Responsive Prayer 2. Following the devotion, he adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.