

**Minutes**  
**LCMS North Dakota District Board of Directors**  
**May 14, 2020 – Special Meeting**

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**CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER**

The May 14, 2020 special video conference meeting of the LCMS North Dakota Board of Directors was called to order by Rev. Tom Marcis, Chairman at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Rev. Arie Bertsch, District President; Rev. Kirk Peters, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Rev. Tom Marcis, Chairman; Mr. John Riley, Vice Chairman; Rev. Joshua Reimche, Secretary; Mr. Leon Bladow, Treasurer; Mrs. Tina Davidson, Mrs. Tami Ulland, Business Manager; Mr. Jason Paradis, Mr. Tom Langer, Mrs. Kay Kreklau, Mr. Kirk Rosin, Mr. Paul Huber, Steve Schulz 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Rev. Dan Voth Absent: Rev. Josh Reimche, Secretary.

President Bertsch opened with a prayer for the Church, the District, and members of the board.

**Financial Report**

Regarding income, the District received the Norma Moulsoff estate gift of \$169,770.82 to be used for student scholarships for the Southeast Circuit. If there are no students from the SE Circuit, the gift is to be used for any North Dakota student studying to enter fulltime church work. Ed Bean and Rev. Sean Daenzer met with Mrs. Moulsoff several months ago and have notes of what her intentions were. Those will be documented and filed when received. Chairman Marcis asked Tami to notify the board when that documentation is received.

Giving is below average, but ahead of last year. Expenses are down. Ed Bean did not work in April, District President and Business Manager travel is down, and the board met via zoom. All of which has saved the district during a time of decreased income. Overall finances show a positive balance in the black.

**District Convention Report**

The Delta in Fargo wanted to confirm the convention is still coming in January. There are later dates available if we choose to move it. If we are cancelling it needs to be done by May 31, 2020 to avoid penalties. Penalties include 40% of food and beverage minimum (\$40K x 40% = \$16,000) and 80% of room block (Tami's memory – 80 rooms x 80% x \$95/night x 3 nights = \$18,240). Much discussion ensued. General consensus is to go ahead as planned and cancel later if we are in lockdown or restriction mode again at which point, there should be some waiving of penalties by the hotel. Tami is going to call and confirm. Since there was no change to the plan, no action was taken. It was also suggested to perhaps consider moving the convention out of the 'hot bed' of Cass County, or possibly consider doing something different altogether in regard to the District Convention. President Bertsch will checkg with Regional COP to see what other distrctits are considering.

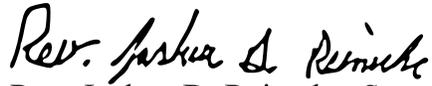
### **District Insurance Review**

Church Mutual is working on an update to the Risk Assessment insurance policy. Several items needed to be updated. One item that came up was the Blanket Bond (embezzlement insurance). Coverage is \$5,000 right now and covers all District employees. Quotes for increasing the bond are \$100,000 at a cost \$128/year, \$150,000 at a cost \$155/year, and \$200,000 at a cost \$174/year. It was moved, seconded, and passed to increase the bond to \$100,000.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marcis.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Joshua D. Reimche". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "J".

Rev. Joshua D. Reimche, Secretary