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MINUTES
ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS WORLD
MISSION CORPORATION
ANNUAL MEETING

The annual regular meeting of the AFLC World Mission Corporation, June 14, 2024, held at the Free Lutheran Bible College and Seminary, Plymouth, MN.

The Meeting was called to order by President Pastor Michael Brandt. He then shared from the conference theme verses from Isaiah 55 followed by prayer.

Secretary Pastor Brian Davidson took roll call with 39 members present, quorum reached.

Pastor Michael Brandt then shared some thoughts about the ministry and the congregations of the World Mission work.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made and seconded to adopt the printed agenda. Discussion followed.

An amendment “2024 World Missions resolution” concerning the role of women in the corporation was presented by Pastor Ray Ballmann, a printed copy was included in the packet given to each corporation member.

Pastor Brandt read a letter from AFLC President Pastor Micah Hjermstad concerning this amendment. (Letter Attached)

Pastor Ray Ballmann read the resolution which is being proposed to be added to the agenda:

Whereas, no AFLC Corporation does well to rush an important decision, nor one that is theological in nature and potentially-divisive; and

Whereas, a decision on a proposed resolution could have significant long-term import for other AFLC corporations and the AFLC at large;

Whereas, the WM Corporation would be well-served to receive input from appropriate areas of AFLC leadership;

Be it resolved, that the resolution to alter the By-laws to allow women to serve on the WM Board of Directors be presented and debated at two successive Annual Meetings prior to a vote;

Be it resolved, that prior to next year’s Annual Meeting, the WM Corporation President request written guidance from the following:

- 1) The **AFLC President** on the precedent such a decision might have on the AFLC as a whole;
- 2) The **Coordinating Committee** on the possible organizational and doctrinal consequences to the AFLC as an Association and its impact on other AFLC Corporations;

3) The **AFLC seminary dean and faculty** requesting theological insights and guidance.

Carried. The amendment is added to the agenda.

MSC to approve the amended agenda.

Minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting

Mr. David Moeller moved to accept the 2023 minutes as printed. Second by Pastor David Nelson.

Carried.

Reports

Pastor Craig Johnson spoke to the corporation as Chairman of the World Missions Board.

Secretary Pastor Brian Davidson read the Treasurer's Report that was written and submitted by Treasurer Mr. Paul Handsaker who was not able to attend the meeting.

Pastor David Johnson moved Pastor Jerry Nelson second to receive the treasurer's report. **Carried**

New Resolution

Pastor Ray Ballmann **moved** to adopt the following resolution. Pastor David Johnson **second**.

Whereas, no AFLC Corporation does well to rush an important decision, nor one that is theological in nature and potentially-divisive; and

Whereas, a decision on a proposed resolution could have significant long-term import for other AFLC corporations and the AFLC at large;

Whereas, the WM Corporation would be well-served to receive input from appropriate areas of AFLC leadership;

Be it resolved, that the resolution to alter the By-laws to allow women to serve on the WM Board of Directors be presented and discussed at two successive Annual Meetings prior to a vote in 2026;

Be it resolved, that prior to next year's Annual Meeting, the WM Corporation President request written guidance from the following:

1) The **AFLC President** on the precedent such a decision might have on the AFLC as a whole;

2) The **Coordinating Committee** on the possible organizational and doctrinal consequences to the AFLC as an Association and its impact on other AFLC Corporations;

3) The **AFLC seminary dean and faculty** requesting theological insights and guidance.

Speaking to the Resolution:

Pastor Jerry Nelson spoke to the resolution, speaking in favor.

Pastor David Johnson spoke to resolution, speaking in favor.

Mr. Lyle Westrom spoke to the resolution. He wanted clarification on the issues involved.

Pastor Craig Johnson asked which conferences are the two specified.

The response from the chair was that 2024 and 2025 were the two conferences spoken of in the resolution. 2026 would be year the vote would be taken.

Mrs. Vicki Johnson asked how the debate would take place.

Mrs, Wanita Sletten wanted to know why the vote couldn't be taken next year.

Dr. John Eidsmoe said that the date of the vote is not clear as written.

Pastor Ballmann said that his intent was for a 2026 vote.

Mr. Lyle Westrom suggested that the author add the years to the resolution. Pastor David Johnson agreed.

Pastor Jerry Nelson said that we would have two years to discuss.

Mr. Mark Riley asked why the corporation has taken this on and not the AFLC as a whole. Pastor Brandt reminded the corporation that each member has the option to write their thoughts on the subject and not restrict themselves to verbal discussion.

Pastor Ballmann reminded the corporation that all AFLC departments will be affected.

Mr. Ethan Zeltinger reminded that we will not be able to nominate certain people until this resolution is adopted.

Mrs. Karen Palmer asked if the members will get a 30 day notice and follow the by-laws.

Resolution was adopted.

Election of corporation members.

Ballots were distributed with nominees from the general session of the Annual Conference. The first 10 elected will be elected to a 5 year term. Voting followed.

Elected to the World Mission Corporation:

Mr. Andrew Quanbeck, Moorhead, MN

Mr. Ken Sletten, Duluth, MN

Pastor David Johnson, Larimore, ND

Mr. Bill Sheldon, Ray, ND

Pastor Craig Wentzel, Edmore, ND

Mrs. Linda Fugleberg, Moorhead, MN

Ms. Rachel Ballmann, Kopperl, TX

Pastor Patrick VandenBos, Salinas, CA

Pastor Eugene Enderlein, Plymouth, MN

Mr. Isaiah Miller, Fargo, ND

Old Business:

Approve Ministry Service Agreement with AFLC

The Ministry Service Agreement was posted on the World Mission Corporation website with the Annual meeting documents.

Motion to approve the Ministry Service Agreement with the AFLC. Pastor David Nelson moved Mr. Ken Graham second **Carried**

Resolutions to give permissions to AFLC and World Mission staff to conduct financial business for the World Mission Corporation.

Resolution 1

This resolution is for the following:

Director of Business Management of the AFLC – Katie Johnson

Executive Director of World Missions – Earl Korhonen

Office Manager of World Missions – Wanda Jacobson

BE IT RESOLVED, that Katie Johnson, Director of Business Management of the AFLC, Earl Korhonen, Executive Director of World Missions, and Wanda Jacobson, Office Manager - World Missions is hereby authorized and empowered to act, execute, and deliver contracts, and other documents and financial instruments in the name and on behalf of Association of Free Lutheran Congregations World Mission Corporation, a Minnesota Nonprofit corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all resolutions heretofore adopted, inconsistent with the above resolution, be and they are hereby rescinded.

Motion to approve resolution 1; Pastor David Johnson moved Pastor Ken Moland second. **Carried**

Resolution 2

This resolution is for the following:

World Mission Office staff – Jonathan Nelson, Madison Greven, Shelby Greven

BE IT RESOLVED, that Jonathan Nelson, Madison Greven, Shelby Greven - World Missions, are hereby authorized to be authorized signers for the World Missions Checking Account. On behalf of Association of Free Lutheran Congregations World Mission Corporation, a Minnesota Nonprofit corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all resolutions heretofore adopted, inconsistent with the above resolution, be and they are hereby rescinded.

Motion to approve resolution 2; Pastor John Amundson moved Pastor David Johnson second.

Carried

Board of Directors Manual

Approval of the Board of Director's Manual with this year's changes and additions. This is a manual that is used as a tool for giving Board members information regarding how the World Mission Board and World Missions Department operates. The Manual is posted on the World Mission Corporation Website.

Motion to approve Pastor Ray Ballmann moved, Pastor Jerry Nelson Second. **Carried**

Elections

Nominees were presented from the nominating committee and the general session of the Annual Conference for the World Missions Board of Directors positions.

World Missions Board of Directors - Pastor (2 year term)

Nominated:

Pastor David Johnson, Larimore, ND

Pastor John Amundson, New Leipzig, ND

MSC to close nominations balloting followed.

Elected:

World Missions Board of Directors - Pastor (2 year term)

Pastor David Johnson, Larimore, ND

World Missions Board of Directors - Layman (2 year term)

Nominated:

Mr. Bill Sheldon, Ray, ND

Mr. Sam Quanbeck, Granbury, TX

MSC to close nominations balloting followed.

Elected:

World Missions Board of Directors - Layman (2 year term)

Mr. Sam Quanbeck, Granbury, TX

Elected:

WM Board of Directors - Layman (2 year term)

Dr. Lyle Mattson, Greenbush, MN

MSC to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.

Elected:

WM Board of Directors - Layman (2 year term)
Mr. Ken Sletten, Duluth, MN
MSC to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.

Elected:

WM Board of Directors - Layman (1 year term)
Mr. Mark Riley, Bethel Park, PA
MSC to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.

New Business

2025 World Mission Budget requests:

Approval of the 2025 Budget \$499,550.00 request.
Mr. Ken Sletten Moved Pastor David Johnson Second **Carried**.
Approval of the 2025 personal support budget request of \$775,000.00
Mr. Ken Graham moved Mrs. Vicki Johnson second **Carried**.

While waiting for election results Pastor Michal Brandt asked Missionary Mr. Michael Rokenbrodt to share an update on the work in Uganda. Michael shared some recent news and updates from the work in Uganda.

Election of Corporation officers:

Treasurer – 2 year term

Nominations for Treasurer was called for by President Pastor Michael Brandt.
Pastor David Handsaker, Cloquet, MN
MSC to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.

Secretary – 2 year term

Nominations for Secretary was called for by President Pastor Michael Brandt.
Mr. Ethan Zeltinger, West Fargo, ND
MSC to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.

President – 2 year term

Nominations for President was called for by President Pastor Michael Brandt.
Pastor Ray Ballmann, Kopperl, TX
MSC to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.

Foundation Board Representatives – (1 year term)

Mrs. Karen Palmer, Shakopee, MN
Mr. David Moeller, Mayville, ND

MSC to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Davidson
Secretary