

# Mountain View Lutheran Church

## Sunday 16 May 2010 Congregational Meeting

### MINUTES

#### ATTENDANCE

105 confirmed members of Mountain View Lutheran Church.

#### CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Brauhn declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order, as well as led the congregation in prayer.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

President Michael thanked Dave Cheney for his three years of service to the congregation as Congregational Treasurer. Jon Thieman was announced as the new Congregational Treasurer.

President Michael recognized the work of the staff and thanked them for their service to the mission and ministry of Mountain View Lutheran Church.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Sunday 22 November 2010 congregational meeting.**

#### ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**It was M/S/P to elect Ken Edmonds, Christal Hillstead, and Chuck Huber to the 2010–2011 Nominating Committee, to serve one-year terms.**

#### ELECTION OF MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

**It was M/S/P to elect Marlys Cheney, Neil Jerstad, and Erik Knierim to the Mission Endowment Fund Committee, to serve three-year terms.**

#### ELECTION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

President Michael spoke about the search for new council members, especially the attempt to recruit those who have not served in such capacity in the past. Out of ten people asked, only three agreed to serve.

Ken Edmonds explained the nominating and interview process that council candidates go through, as well as the significant commitment to serve that is necessary and the criteria that are used to evaluate faithful leadership capacity.

**It was M/S/P to elect Michael Brauhn, Kevin Dahl, Neil Jerstad, Laura Livingston, Don Mott, Bruce Sisco, and Julie Williams to the 2010–2011 Church Council, to serve one-year terms.**

## MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

The Mission Endowment Fund Committee recommended to the Church Council, which in turn recommended to the congregation, that a section of the Mountain View Lutheran Church constitution be changed.

## EXPLANATION

The change to the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) bylaws is needed to provide greater discretion to the committee as to when and in what form we audit the fund. The current bylaw provision was written when the MEF was established. At that time, the MEF committee was investing and managing the fund by itself, thus there was a need to ensure the fund was audited on a regular basis. In 2002 the MEF was moved to Lutheran Community Foundation (LCF) for management. The LCF has a yearly audit done by certified auditors. On our end, there are just a handful of transactions per year into and out of the LCF fund. It is quite easy for committee to map deposits and disbursements to ensure proper accountability. The change in bylaw will provide the committee the option of auditing in the most appropriate and timely manner without incurring the expense of hiring a formal auditor. The MEF committee feels that the risks to the fund by this bylaw change is very low due to the extremely low volume of yearly church transactions and LCF yearly audit.

## EXISTING LANGUAGE

### C20.04.g

The Committee shall create an Audit Subcommittee with authority over the books of the Fund. The Audit Subcommittee shall audit or review the books or retain a certified public accountant whom is not a member of the Committee and shall have discretion to determine whether such accountant shall audit, review or compile the books. The Audit Subcommittee shall make a report on an annual basis to the Congregational Council.

## PROPOSED LANGUAGE

### C20.04.06

The Congregational Council shall determine whether and to what extent the books of the Fund shall be audited, which may include one or both of the following:

- (a) Creation of an Audit Subcommittee with authority over the books of the Fund and the responsibility to report on a regular basis to the Congregational Council and to the congregation; and/or
- (b) Periodic retention of a certified public accountant who is not a member of the Committee to audit, review or compile the books of the Fund as determined by the Congregational Council and to report to the Congregational Council and the congregation.

Mission Endowment Fund chairperson Laura Livingston provided additional explanation for the change, as well as the checks and balances provided in the financial transactions of the Mission Endowment Fund.

**It was M/S/P to adopt the proposed language for C20.04.06.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned after a benediction from Pastor John Vaswig.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins,  
Recording Secretary