2024 -2025 LUMINHOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SEPT. 14, 2025

Call to Order: As chairperson, Gord Martens welcomed all present, calling the Annual General Meeting on September 14, 2025 to order with a quorum at 7:02pm.

Present: 23 individuals were present, 22 voting members with 1 observer. They were representatives from 8 of the 12 Saskatoon city supporting Lutheran congregations, with 2 from Lutheran parishes in other areas of the province.

1. ***Opening Devotions***: Chaplain R. Engel read a portion of James 2:15ff, pointing out that God's people are the main voice, hands, feet, and presence of God in the world. By the faithful ministry, service and efforts of groups like LuMinHoS, God's caring activity is found in this place. A prayer of thanks and renewal was offered.
2. ***Approval of Agenda***:

   25 AGM-1 M/S—M.A. Nostbakken/D. Mengering, *that the Agenda be adopted as distributed.* **C.**
3. ***Approval of minutes*** of 2023 – 2024 AGM:

   25 AGM-2 M/S—R. Cherland/E. Nostbakken, *that the AGM minutes of Sept. 8, 2024, (given the draft heading of Sept. 15) be approved as distributed.* **C.**
4. ***Review of Reports***: Reports were initially posted in August, 2025, on LuMinHoS website with email notice and copies to all. Printed copies were also available to those attending the AGM.

   .1 *Report of the Chair*– G. Martens highlighted his report noting that challenges had occurred in filling some positions, especially that of an Admin Assistant. He invited anyone who might know of an interested individual to contact him, the Chaplain or others involved. He also hoped a Parish Nurse position might again be available. Interest has been expressed to set up similar Chaplaincy services also in Regina. The Chair extended his thanks to all members for their continued prayers and support. Finally he highlighted that God has wonderfully continued to faithfully provide for this work.

   .2 *Chaplain* – Referring to various elements of his written submission, Chaplain Engel presented his report. He noted a few corrections needed in the written item due to format changes. In this present year, significant changes have taken place in patient listings due to Health system modifications. This has impacted how patient hospital lists are provided to all visiting clergy. While improvements have come to admitting, those entering intensive or coronary care and emergency have no opportunity to request spiritual care support. Presently it is up to family or others to initiate a call for chaplaincy support. It's hoped that this practice will soon improve. Changes have allowed Chapel services to again be held offering added

connections to others in hospital. Hymnals were gifted from Central Lutheran in Moose Jaw which closed over a year ago. No Spiritual Care Dept. is present except at St. Paul's Hospital, but contact with a Provincial Patient Care group now offers the possibility of wider opportunities. Finally, he voiced his immense gratitude to all who so very faithfully support the LuMinHoS ministry, with their prayers and contributions as organizers, donors and volunteers.

5. ***Committees of the Board*:**

.1 *Governance* – R. Cherland highlighted the written report provided (*see #5.3.2*). Further work was proceeding on reviewing and harmonizing the materials initially drafted to set out the ***Policy & Procedures*** used to guide LuMinHoS operations. For the year ahead, the Board and all committees are asked to consider and suggest needed policy adjustments and additions that strengthen the work and services provided through this important ministry.

.2 *Finance* – The Chair noted the Finance Committee item provided (*see #5.3.3*). All were very thankful for the strong leadership D. Hagen had provided over his years as treasurer. With much regret, his resignation was accepted late last spring. It was hoped a treasurer would be in place with the new board.

.3 *Executive* – Since the Vice Chair person and Treasurer had both needed to resign last spring, due to health and other commitments, no report was available from this committee.

.4 *Nominations* – Bishop A. Grundahl presented this report (*see #7.*). He thanked all outgoing Board members for their commitment and service. In nominations for this year, one individual was found to step into the 1 year term left by the member who had to resign due to health concerns. 5 individuals are willing to let their names stand to fill the five 2 year terms currently ending. Gratitude was voiced to those who had assisted the committee's work over the last number of months.

6. ***Volunteer Management Team:***

.1 *VMT* – No report was available from this committee (*see #6.1*).

.2 *Visitation* – All were directed to the report included from this committee (*see #6.2*) Bishop A. Grundahl and Chaplain R. Engel noted the importance of this work. They hoped to solidify and expand visitation efforts by locating an added Cover Chaplain as well as increasing the number of those available to serve as Lay Visitors. They noted that training is available along with an orientation and needed Sask Health Authority authorized approval.

.3 *Communications* – Chair, B. Jensen highlighted this report (*see #6.3*). A good many very helpful updates to materials and systems had been completed over the year. Essential newsletters and mailings to members and congregations had been completed in a timely manner. Both she and Board Chair, G. Martens, extended

their great appreciation to all members of this working group and especially to E. Akre who completed so many essential tasks for needed components of its work.

.4 *Resource Development* – G. Martens indicated that with the recent resignations only 1 member was in place for this key working group. He hoped that it would be able to work more consistently in the coming months.

.5 *Events* – Chair, M.A. Nostbakken presented this report (*see #6.5*). She extended thanks to all those individuals who had offered their talents for the events held last year. Also, she voiced gratitude to all who attended to support these LuMinHoS activities. The two notable events upcoming were highlighted. A small delightful 'Trophy' had been created, with much help from T. Akre. It would be given to the congregation offering the most support each year at the annual Walk-a-Thon.

Plans for the special 45th Anniversary celebration were explained. Various musical numbers, including that of a special inter church choir, were being arranged along with speakers. Individuals who began LuMinHoS would be recognized. Tickets were now available. These covered the banquet meal, and provided time to enjoy the 'Boomtown' displays at the Western Development Museum. Congregations were encouraged to invite groups of members to get tickets if they wished to share 1 or more tables for members to be together. If interested, they might also seek a local business to support the purchase of tickets for groups.

7. Motion to receive reports:

25 AGM-3 M/S—A. Olson/R. Bishopp, *that the AGM* reports received be *accepted as presented.* **C.**

8. **Financial Review for 2024*:***

.1 *Review of Financial Statements from CPA, Cheryl Woloschuk* – With no one who had specifically worked on the 2024-2025 financial materials available, the Chair, G. Martens, presented the Report. He explained that due to some questions from the accountant, the report had not been available to send out within the AGM report package. He offered the 3 or so copies available to those interested. After presenting a brief review noting key aspects of the report, he invited questions. As so few copies were available to circulate, and the report had not been seen widely by members in a timely manner, given the questions considered, many noted they were uncomfortable approving the material offered.

25 AGM-4 M/S—R. Bishopp/R. Cherland, *that the financial review for the year ending March 2025, prepared by Cheryl Woloschuk, CPA, be tabled for consideration at a special meeting organized as soon as required by the Board.* **C.**

.2 *Appointment of Financial Reviewer for 2025* –

25 AGM-5 M/S—E. Akre/B. Jensen, *that Cheryl Woloschuk, CPA, be appointed to conduct the Review of financial records and issue an unaudited review report for the year ending March 2026.* **C.**

9. Budget for 2025-2026:

.1 *Review of Proposed Budget for 2025-2026* – Presented in the AGM reports previously provided (*see page #18*), G. Martens, highlighted the key components and their comparisons to the actual figures identified in the preliminary summary. A few items in both the draft income and expenditure figures projected reflected estimates around the upcoming 45th Anniversary celebrations.

25 AGM-6 M/S—H. Hesje/E. Akre, *that the proposed 2025-2026 budget be adopted as presented.* **C.**

10. Nominations for Election:

Chair, G. Martens noted the names of 6 individuals for nomination, one to the 1 year term (2025-2026) and five for the 2 year terms (2025-2027) available:

One year Term: -**Mary Ann Nostbakken** (2nd term)

Two year Terms: -**Rev. Sonje Finnestad** (1st term)

-**Rhea Galeschuk** (1st term) -**Karen Harilstad** (1st term)

-**Larry Mikulcik** (2nd term) -**Rev. Rik Cherland** (2nd term)

.1 Election of Board Members –

He called for any added nominations from those present. With added calls for nominations, none were offered.

25 AGM-7 M/S—A. Grundahl/A. Olson, *that the call for nominations cease.* **C.**

Chair, G. Martens noted those members who remained on the board from the previous year:

-**Rev. Harley Johnson** (1st term) - **Janice Solem** (1st term)

-**Rev. Gregory Palmer** (1st term) -**Gord Martens** (6th term)

11. Other Business:

Noting that Agenda items 11.1 and 11.2 had been covered earlier in the reports, the Chair, G. Martens noted no remaining items remained.

12. Adjournment: *(time: 8:58 pm)*

25 AGM-8 M/S—A. Olson/R. Cherland, *that the meeting be adjourned with much gratitude to all who attended.* **C.**

13. Closing Prayer:

Rev. G. Palmer offered the closing prayer on behalf of all present.

Minutes taken by: R. Cherland, secretary

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