



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2015/16AGM
SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

LuMinHoS
Annual General Meeting for 2015/16
Sunday, May 1, 2016
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1215 McKercher Drive

- 1.0 OPENING DEVOTION** (Kristin Soveran)
- 2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3.0 ADOPTION OF 2014/15 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**
- 4.0 REPORTS**
- 4.1 CO-PRESIDENTS' REPORT** (Karen Heise)
- 4.1.1 Goals and Objectives
 - 4.1.2 Personnel Committee Report
 - 4.1.3 LutherCare Communities Appreciation
- 4.2 CHAPLAIN'S REPORT** (Chaplain Ron)
- 4.3 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 4.4 VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT TEAM COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Harold Hesje)
- 4.4.1 VMT Chair's Report
 - 4.4.2 Volunteer Visitor's Report
 - 4.4.3 Events Report
 - 4.4.4 Communications Report
 - 4.4.5 Reformation 500 Report
- 4.5 FINANCIAL REPORTS** (John Riggs)
- 4.5.1 Presentation 2015/2016 Financial Statements
 - 4.5.2 Proposed Budget 2016/2017
- 5.0 NEW BUSINESS**
- 6.0 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and ELECTIONS** (Allan Grundahl)
- 7.0 MOTION RE AUDIT** The following motion is proposed:
That the Executive appoint a person(s) to review the financial record, and issue an unaudited review engagement report for the year ending March 31, 2017.
- 8.0 CLOSING DEVOTIONS** (Gene Grant)

3.0 2014/15 AGM Minutes

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Saskatoon Sunday, May 3, 2015

<u>Attending</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Attending</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
Rhonda Billard	St. Paul's	Margaret Hall	
Marie Hartz	Augustana	Karen Heise	Good Shepherd
Audrey Miller	Redeemer	Diana Fast	Augustana
Illa Knudsen	Zion	Elaine Hesje	Redeemer
Pastor Harold Hesje	Redeemer	Ruthe Olson	Zion
John Riggs	Grace	Pastor Lowell Guebert	St. Paul's
Bill Bishopp	Faith	Renate Bishopp	Faith
Reg Peachey	Faith	Stephanie Peachey	Faith
Dude (Pet Therapy)	Faith	Donna Gash	St. Paul's
Jim Gash	Faith	Tom Gullason	Redeemer
Bishop Allan Grundahl	Zion	Diane Bestvater	Augustana
Ed Buhler	Trinity	Grace Buhler	Trinity
Pastor Gene Grant	Zion	Alice Olson	Zion
Dr. Faith Rohrbough	Augustana	Bernice Gullason	Redeemer
Pastor Ron Bestvater	Luther Care Society, Saskatoon		

05:00 p.m. Potluck Supper

06:10 p.m. Annual Meeting

- 1. Opening Devotion:** Pastor Gene Grant representing the ELCIC congregations spoke on thoughts from "Look in the Book" and Pastor Lowell Guebert representing the LCC congregations spoke on Thanksgiving.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Bishop Allan Grundahl, seconded by Alice Olson, carried.
- 3. Adoption of 2013/14 Annual General Meeting Minutes:** Add "Minutes taken by Bernice Gullason" and change wording from "Celebration in 2017 to Commemoration in 2017". Moved by John Riggs, seconded by Dr. Faith Rohrbough, carried.
- 4. Reports:**
 - 4.1 Co-President's Report:**
 - 4.1.1 Vision & Goals – what has been accomplished:** Audrey Miller stated that a bold move was taken going from 60% chaplaincy to 75% and that this goal was met. She acknowledged a gift of money from Zion Lutheran Church in Saskatoon. We have increased the 2015/2016 budget from 75% to 90% chaplaincy. A question was asked why 90% and not 100%. Audrey stated that we weren't sure we had the resources at this time to go to 100% chaplaincy.
 - 4.1.2 Chaplain's Report:** Pastor Ron acknowledged the volunteers and pastors he works with. He thanked Dude for his visits with the patients. The Saskatoon Health Region has given approval with us placing our envelope for donations in with our information for Lutheran patients.
 - 4.2 Personnel Committee Report:** No one spoke to this.
 - 4.3 Resource Development Committee Report:** No one spoke to this.
 - 4.4 Volunteer Management Team Committee Report:**
 - 4.4.1 VMT Chair's Report –** Pastor Harold Hesje reported that it has been an exciting year. It is gratifying to see people coming on board, but more members are needed. The following sub-committees have been formed: Visitation headed by Bishop Allan Grundahl, Events headed by Rhonda Billard and Wendy Stevenson, Communications headed by Ruth Bachiu and Finance headed by John Riggs and Diana Fast.
 - 4.4.2 Volunteer Visitors Report –** This committee secures cover chaplains and lay visitors.
 - 4.4.3 Events Report –** Five events were held this past year which were: Musical Mosaic, Volunteer Breakfast, Coffee House, Pastor's Breakfast and Fundraiser Dinner.
 - 4.4.4 Communications Report –** "The Caregiver" newsletter was published twice this past year. A new logo was introduced.

- 4.4.5 **Reformation 500 Report** – Renate Bishopp stated that we are planning to book Pastor Robert Bugbee as our guest speaker for the Hymn Sing on November 1st at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Diane Bestvater questioned if we are working with other local congregations or if Reformation 500 was only our event. Zion is already planning an event. LuMinHoS needs to get the word out immediately to all the Lutheran congregations in the City. Karen Heise replied that we were asked by the Inter-Ministerial Group to organize a yearly event to lead up to 2017. We were doing so because we were asked. Bishop Allan Grundahl stated that we are not celebrating a victory, but commemorating an event. A neutral name should be used. Elaine Hesje inquired who did Luther's birthday years ago. Nobody had a response.

4.5 Financial Reports

- 4.5.1 **Presentation 2014/2015 Financial Statements** – John Riggs stated that we are currently in solid financial shape. We originally thought we could increase Pastor Ron's salary to 100%, but we thought it might be too ambitious, so we went to 90% up from 75%. It still isn't perfect, but it's a good step forward. It cost us \$500.00 for the Financial Review which was a good deal. Acceptance of the first five reports moved by Diana Fast, seconded by Pastor Gene Grant, carried.
- 4.5.2 **Proposed Budget 2015/2016** - Pastor Lowell Guebert questioned why the odd amount for Receipts – Fundraising of \$16,139.00 to which John Riggs replied to make the budget balance. Bishop Allan Grundahl asked what happened to our goal of getting 25 people giving \$50.00 a month on PAD. Dianna Fast stated that we have only 10 people on PAD giving a total of \$450.00 a month. Bishop Allan Grundahl would like to have us get the word out, so our PAD giving increases. Dr. Faith Rohrbough added that there is no charge to us when using PAD. John Riggs added that another \$7,000.00 would be needed to bring Pastor Ron Bestvater to 100% salary. Motion to pass the proposed budget 2015/2016 by Dr. Faith Rohrbough, seconded by Bishop Allan Grundahl, carried.
- Motion as presented subject to review by external auditory by Elaine Hesje, seconded by Illa Knutsen, carried.

5. New Business:

- 5.1.1 **Congregational Representatives** – We need clear communication with all Lutheran Pastors from congregations within an hour of Saskatoon along with their Church Secretaries, Church Chairman or two members other than the Pastor. We would like to have one LuMinHoS Representative from each congregation to make sure that LuMinHoS news is put into bulletins, newsletters or communicated verbally. Pastor Allan Grundahl will look into getting this set up.
- 5.5.2 **Elections:** Terms ending in 2015: Bernice Gullason, Alice Olson, Renate Bishopp and Diana Fast. Bernice Gullason is not seeking re-election. Terms ending in 2016: Audrey Miller, Karen Heise, Dr. Faith Rohrbough, Pastor Lowell Guebert and Allan Hjelte.
- Motion by Pastor Lowell Guebert that along with current members letting their names stand (Alice Olson, Renate Bishopp and Diana Fast) that Margaret Hall also be elected to the Board, seconded by Donna Gash, carried.

- 6 **Motion Re: Audit** – The following motion is proposed: **MOVED: That the Executive appoint a person(s) to review the financial record, and issue an unaudited review engagement report for the year ending March 31, 2016.** Moved by Elaine Hesje, seconded by Illa Knutsen, carried.
- 7 **Closing Devotions** – Alice read Romans 5: 3-4 - Growth through suffering and offered a closing prayer. The Sunshine Gang was unable to attend, so Pastor Ron ended the meeting with a song. Motion to adjourn by Alice Olson, seconded by Renate Bishopp at 07:20 p.m.

(During the meeting Alice Olson presented Dude our pet therapy dog with a scarf that she made that includes the LuMinHoS logo on it to be worn when he visits patients in the hospital.)

4.1 Co-Presidents' Report – Audrey Miller and Karen Heise

LuMinHoS once again had a very busy year with much work being done by all the volunteers within the Board, Volunteer Management Team, Hospital Visitors and countless others. There have been some exciting new activities added to the roster of events like the summer picnic and also there is excitement building for the Reformation 500 gathering in 2017. In our 2015 Reformation event Reverend Dr Robert Bugbee – President of Lutheran Church Canada did an excellent job focusing on the relevance of the Reformation in today's world and also emphasizing how we need to work together. LuMinHoS is a ministry that encompasses the ELCIC congregations, LC-C congregations and also the Lutheran Brethren congregation. We have volunteers working on our board and VMT from all of these congregations in Saskatoon. We also make it a practice to ensure we are moving our events and meetings between the various Saskatoon churches. At all of our events it is heart-warming to see how many people from all the different congregations come out to support this ministry.

Over the past three years we have been focused on achieving our goals and objectives, including a challenging financial goal of having a 100% paid chaplain. The chaplain's salaried position was increased from 60% to 75% at our 2014 AGM and then increased again at the 2015 AGM to 90%, a bold move as we struggled to meet the 2014 goal. As we neared this fiscal year end and were not meeting budget we put out the \$100 challenge in our March newsletter and we thank those donors who contributed as \$2100 was raised. However, without the generous \$10,000 donation from LutherCare Communities we would not have been able to meet the annual income goals for this past fiscal year's budget. This upcoming year we intend to keep the same overall budget financial goal as last year even though we struggled to meet it. However, we made a short-term decision to move away from the 100% paid chaplaincy goal for this one year in order to provide funds for a potential sabbatical for our chaplain who has dedicated nine years of service to LuMinHoS. As we would not have achieved budget in this current fiscal year without the LutherCare Communities donation and to keep this year's budget financial goal similar to last year's we have decided to move the salary of our chaplain to 80% paid time and include proposed funding for supply chaplains to cover a potential sabbatical. As the potential start date for this sabbatical is February of 2017, only two months of funds for potential supply chaplains is included in this upcoming budget year. The details and semantics of the sabbatical will be left to the 2016/17 board members and our chaplain to work through after the budget is approved at the AGM.

For Audrey and Karen, it is difficult to believe we have been serving on the LuMinHoS board for four years with the last three years as co-presidents, as the work of this ministry has brought us many rewards. We appreciate all the people we have met and it has been an honour to carry forward the leadership legacy of people like Ev Schumacher, Gene Grant and Lowell Guebert who have been instrumental in keeping this organization going for over 30 years. All the new additions to the board and Volunteer Management Team have brought new ideas and enthusiasm; it is definitely a pleasure to work with both the long-term volunteers and the new recruits. However, it is now time for us to step aside and let others carry forward the "luminous" light of leading such a dedicated group of volunteers, supply chaplains and our Chaplain Pastor Ron who puts his heart and soul into this ministry of bringing the comfort of Christ to patients and their families in Saskatoon hospitals. We will continue to be part of this ministry now with our prayers and continued support in different ways and we thank each of you for your support within our leadership role over the past few years.

As a board, we express our appreciation to everyone who has shared in the LuMinHoS ministry this year. Your attendance at events, your financial support and your prayers have continued to make this ministry a gift of "luminous light" to all those Lutheran patients and their families needing spiritual care in Saskatoon hospitals.

**"Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:15**

4.1.1. LuMinHoS – Vision, Mission and Goals

VISION

“LuMinHoS will present the comfort of Christ to
ALL Lutheran patients admitted to Saskatoon hospitals”

MISSION

“LuMinHoS is a ministry of spiritual care sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ
with Lutheran patients and their families in Saskatoon hospitals”

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- Move from a 60% chaplain to 100% (full-time) chaplain for LuMinHoS
- Ensure ALL Lutheran patients in Saskatoon Hospitals are offered the comfort of Christ by the LuMinHoS
- Develop the Board’s strategic role in overseeing the vision and mission by incorporating a volunteer management structure to facilitate management tasks of the organization
- Develop a communication plan to improve visibility and educate congregation members and other strategic partners about the goals and ministry of the LuMinHoS
- Provide opportunities for all Lutherans to gather to celebrate and pray for hospital ministry

4.1.2 Personnel Committee Report

The Personnel Committee is made up of the Board Executive (Karen Heise, Audrey Miller, Faith Rohrbough and Margaret Hall) as well as Volunteer Visitor Chair, Allan Grundahl. The purpose of this committee is to provide for an orderly, focused and considerate means for the Board and Volunteer Management Team to build a healthy work environment for paid staff. Currently our only paid staff is the Chaplain position.

We met four times as a committee with Pastor Ron in order to determine what types of support might be needed. One of the meetings included the Annual Employee Dialogue where the chaplain shared his reflections of the past year including highlights of the year, strengths/talents, goals/areas of developing ministry, contributions to LuMinHos, his needs and any potential problem areas affecting his ministry.

A number of our meetings this year were focused on the idea of a “rest sabbatical” for our chaplain as he has provided 9 years of dedicated service to LuMinHoS. At the last meeting of the Personnel Committee it was agreed that the Personnel Committee would recommend to the board that funding for a sabbatical be included in this year’s budget as a potential “rest” sabbatical for Pastor Ron starting on February 1, 2017. The idea would be that the sabbatical would be approved in principle at the AGM, meaning basically just approval of the \$8,000 in extra funding that would be needed to cover off two months of supply chaplains during sabbatical leave in the upcoming fiscal year. All details and semantics of the potential sabbatical would be worked out with the new board after approval of funding at the AGM.

4.1.3 - APPRECIATION TO LutherCare Communities for their generous donation of \$10,000



Vivienne Hauck (center right), CEO of LutherCare Communities with Renita Falkenstern, Director of Mission (far right), presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Audrey Miller (center left) and Karen Heise (far left) Co-Presidents of LuMinHoS.

"This donation is part of the legacy left to LutherCare by Ed Decker," said Hauck. "Ed was very involved with LuMinHoS in the last years of his life and we are pleased to honor his memory in this way."



Hauck noted that LutherCare and LuMinHoS have enjoyed a close connection for many years

and continue to work together in areas of mutual interest.

LuMinHoS is very grateful for the generous donation of \$10,000 from LutherCare Communities which allowed us to meet our budget goals for this fiscal year. We are also very appreciative of the work of Ed Decker. In his short time with our organization Ed's energy and enthusiasm made a lasting positive impact.

In various ways, LutherCare Communities has been supportive of our hospital ministry for many years. We also know that our hospital chaplain Ron Bestvater and the spiritual care chaplains at LutherCare find ways to support and connect with each other within the ministry of both organizations. We are thankful for these connections and look forward to future endeavours which enhance the ministry of our organizations and the people we serve.

4.2 Chaplain's Report – Chaplain Ron Bestvater

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; the Lord's lovingkindness endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Thank you for supporting this chaplaincy with your time, talent, treasure, prayer, and care. So many give so much... and I get the privilege of serving as LuMinHoS Chaplain in the three city hospitals of the Saskatoon Health Region!

Here are some quick facts to show what “bearing the comfort of Christ to all Lutheran patients” meant this past year in my ministry:

- 1,136 patients and 590 family or friends visited
- Holy Communion celebrated 22 times
- Holy Baptism 4 times
- Burial rites 8 times--one was a re-interment!

Another surprise: spiritual care was offered to 12 working staff. The Health Region called 16 times for emergency spiritual care, 9 times for worship leadership, 3 times for Spiritual Care Rounds, and twice for Cultural Feasts (I attended once). Working closely with the staff of the three Spiritual and Cultural Care departments and denominational colleagues is essential and humbling.

Looking at the monthly reports shows a slump through to the end of June, and I remember struggling through a heavy weariness and loss of perspective on my calling. Plans for holidays and study leave provided short-term energy for July, which upon returning turned into a request for a longer sabbatical leave. Looking constructively at my opportunities rather than critically at my failings in preparation for the study component of a sabbatical has proven to be a wellspring of renewal in the last quarter. This renewal is supported by 8 study days and 26 holidays. Help through this slump received from committees and Board members was much appreciated.

As well as these core functions, my hospital ministry included invitations to share the ministry through supply preaching, special health-related services, seminars, and conference attendance. More than twenty different congregations and ministries across the Lutheran family were in the list, including LC-C, NALC, Ecumenical Shared Ministries, LutherCare Communities, and ELCIC congregations. My involvement in this second circle is very rewarding.

I struggled in the third circle of the ministry this past year, venturing too far from the core functions by accepting appointments to LBTC and LCBI Boards. Resigning from these, as needed and worthy as they are, has released enthusiasm, time and energy for deeper engagement with organizations more closely allied with the goals of LuMinHoS. I hope to continue working with the national conference of the Canadian Association of Parish Nurse Ministries (CAPNM) as Chaplain, and on the local level participating in training, as these directly impact my visitation ministry through collaboration and mutual encouragement. These sources also inform our efforts to explore the possibilities for collaboration in spiritual care after a patient is discharged, and are beginning to shape my daily practice. I am very grateful for these gifted, caring, dedicated colleagues.

In conclusion, I want to thank Karen Heise and Audrey Miller for their countless contributions to LuMinHoS, and for their constant support to me professionally and personally. God called you to a difficult task in a demanding ministry and through trial and test you have proven the Lord's lovingkindness and your own genuine faithfulness. And to all involved in this ministry, as visitors volunteers, committee members, contributors, so many in so many ways: God Bless you!

4.3 Resource Development Committee Report

The Resource Development Committee is made up of Joan Cole-Heine, Allan Hjelte and Faith Rohrbough. The Chaplain meets with them occasionally to discuss matters related to his position.

The Committee was instrumental in getting a new Bedside Brochure prepared and printed. It saw to it that the LuMinHoS donor cards were placed in every congregation and they are beginning to be widely used. In this coming year donor cards will be placed in all printed issues of the Newsletter. A Donor Letter was prepared by the co-presidents and sent out in October 2015.

With the help of John Riggs, a policy was written to enable LuMinHos to receive gifts of investments. That possibility is listed on the Donor Card and will be highlighted in the September 2016 Newsletter.

The Committee is continuing to work on a way to track donors. Beginning this year, all donors will be personally thanked for their gifts. The names of all donors for the 2016-17 year will appear in the March 2017 Newsletter.

This coming year an emphasis will be put on contacting businesses to ask for support. We are interested in receiving names of businesses that have a tie to LuMinHoS—either a personal tie or by what the business specialty is.

The Committee is grateful to LutherCare Communities for their gift of \$10,000 this past year, a gift that was made to honour Ed Decker, a former member of our committee. We also continue to be grateful to Eva Fines, and her estate bequest, as we are able to bring in \$10,00/year over 5 years. This makes a big difference in achieving our annual income budget goals.

And we are grateful also to all members of LuMinHoS who give of their money and time to support this organization.

Faith Rohrbough

4.4 Volunteer Management Team Committee Reports

4.4.1 VMT Chair's Report

Vision: *LuMinHos will present the comfort of Christ to all Lutheran patients admitted to Saskatoon hospitals.*

The Volunteer Management Team has met regularly each month over the past year (except for June, July and November). From April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, the Team held 9 meetings. At each meeting there is a report from our Chaplain, sharing what is going well and what is not going well. The Team listens and offers help and support. In turn, our chaplain offers support and encouragement to members of the Team as they carry out their respective duties. We are pleased each month to hear the stories of how our chaplain continues to bring the comfort of Christ to patients in our Saskatoon hospitals.

Again this year John Riggs has worked closely with Diana Fast, our treasurer, to keep us posted on financial matters. He shares with the Team any budgetary concerns, as he reviews the monthly financial statements with the VMT. Along with discussion of the financial statements, we sometimes discuss ideas for strengthening the financial support base for the organization. In this regard, we work closely with the Resource Development Committee of the Board.

Ruth Bachiu, the chair of our **Communications Committee**, focused on two primary and print the Directory of Lutheran Clergy in the Saskatoon area. This had not been done since 2103, so it was a big job, but now that it is completed, we find that the Directory is much appreciated by the Lutheran community, and the task of keeping it up to date will be easier moving forward.

Allan Grundahl is the Chair of the **Visitation Committee**. He arranges coverage for the chaplain when the chaplain has to be away. He also recruits, arranges training for, and directs a number of lay visitors, who then supplement the work of the chaplain by making hospital calls. Allan also maintains a list of (and encourages) Congregational Representatives, one for each of the Lutheran congregations in the Saskatoon area.

Rhonda Billard and Wendy Stevenson are co-chairs of the **Events Committee**. They plan, prepare for, and host several events during the year. Some of the events (e.g. the Church Picnic) are primarily for fellowship, and for generating awareness of the work and ministry of LuMinHos. Other events (e.g. the annual fund-raising dinner) are primarily for the raising of funds to support the ministry. Over the past year their work has resulted in many successful events.

tasks this past year. One was to prepare and distribute the LuMinHos Newsletters. The other was to update

We are pleased to report that Marlene Wichert has been appointed as a member-at-large of the VMT. She is serving as our secretary. There is still room for an additional member-at-large or two to serve on the VMT. This is an opportunity for someone to learn more about the work of LuMinHoS, and to serve the organization in a meaningful way.

In the past year the Terms of Reference for the VMT were reviewed in consultation with the co-chairs of LuMinHoS. Minor amendments were approved by the Board, establishing that the terms of service on the VMT begin on November 1st of a given year, and run until October 31st of the next year.

In conclusion we say thank you to our chaplain, Ron Bestvater, to all members of the VMT, and to all members of the Board for faithful and dedicated service. Thank you as well to all members and supporters of LuMinHos. To God be the glory!

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Hesje, VMT Chair

4.4.2 Volunteer Visitors Report

Visiting hospital patients is at the very core of LuMinHoS ministry. The bulk of this work is done superbly by our Chaplain, Rev. Ron Bestvater, for whom we give thanks to God and deep appreciation to him.

When Pastor Ron must be away, currently 10 local clergy are willing to cover the essential visiting when they are available. As Coordinator for these times, I am enormously grateful for their willingness to help. Normally, one Cover-Chaplain handles one of the three hospitals. Thus, I carry Pastor Ron's emergency phone so I can contact the particular Cover-Chaplain handling the hospital where the emergency occurs. This system works well.

This year we have lost Pastor Lowell Guebert as one of our Cover-Chaplains even though he still keeps a keen interest in this ministry. But we thank God for his major efforts over the years in LuMinHoS. May God raise up more with his spirit!

The aim is to visit each Lutheran patient in all 3 hospitals every day! This is virtually impossible for our Chaplain alone, so Lay-Visitors are greatly valued helpers in hospital visiting, too. Currently 10 volunteers are qualified to help out when they are able...plus a darling Therapy Dog, who is very popular with patients! Lay-Visitors allow Pastor Ron to attend more to new and critical-needs patients while Lay-Visitors make contact with other patients. During the past fiscal year, Lay Visitors made 553 visits. What a big help!

Occasionally, an "Info-Time" is offered...an informal coffee-table explanation of LuMinHoS work for those wondering what it's all about. For current visitors, a summer-afternoon "Visitors' Venue" time at Pastor Ron's home gave visitors a time to share their experiences (keeping confidences) and questions together, as well as hearing some instruction from Pastor Ron.

I am also very grateful to Lorence Peterson for keeping the hospital visiting statistics.

Visiting in hospitals is a marvelous experience and way to serve for many folks. If you have an interest, please contact me. Thanks be to God for the privilege of serving!

+ Allan Grundahl, LuMinHoS Visitation Committee, Chair

4.4.3 Events Committee Report

There were 4 events hosted by the Events committee this past year.

The annual Musical Mosaic was held on Sunday, April 19 at Augustana Lutheran Church. Faith Lutheran's Choir, Alice Olson, Christina Gerhardt & Amy Timm, Josh Timm, the Son Shine Gang and Pastor Bestvater engaged us in an enlightening and entertaining afternoon. There was time for coffee and dessert following the program, provided for us by Augustana.

LuMinHoS held its first old-fashioned picnic on July 26 at Bergheim Community Center. About 50 people were present on a beautiful sunny afternoon. We enjoyed hotdogs and hamburgers, ice cream cones and of course PIE. Horseshoes were the game of choice and fun was had by all.

On Dec. 5 we held a coffee house and bake sale at St. Paul's Lutheran for about 35 people. We sang Christmas carols, led by Denise Timm and accompanied by Anya Pogorelova along with coffee and assorted baked desserts. Thank you goes to those who donated baked goods for coffee and the bake sale.

Our Fundraiser dinner and silent auction was held at the Manhattan Dance Hall on Jan. 30. It was very successful and many thanks need to be extended to everyone who donated items for the silent auction and to Wendy Stevenson for our home made dinner. Mr. David Kirton was our very capable MC and we had an enjoyable, if perhaps slightly chilly, evening.

We are looking forward to the coming year. The first event will be our old time church picnic on June 12 at the Bergheim Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Billard

4.4.4 Communications Committee Report

The Communications Committee continued to work at making LuMinHoS information current and available this year. Two newsletters were mailed out, one in October and the second in March. Keeping the mailing list updated is part of the committee's role, as is electronic distribution of the newsletter to those who provide email information. We have supported the Resource Development Committee in preparation and printing of the Donor Cards and preparing materials to do the annual donor appeal mailing.

Two other projects were part of the Communications Committee's work this year. The power point was updated for use at events. This will be an ongoing job as roles and personnel change over the years. Blair Seifert did a great job of fine-tuning the power point for use at the Reformation 500 event last fall.

The second project was a revision of the Saskatoon Lutheran Clergy Directory. This had not been done for several years, and proved to be a challenging undertaking. It was completed with help from several individuals: Allan Grundahl, Faith Rorbough, and Harold and Elaine Hesje. Their input was invaluable – many thanks to all of them for their dedicated work. The Directory is now in electronic format and hopefully will be easier to maintain. In fact, since the revision, Allan has already made note of many changes.

As chair, I am helped by many people. Thank you to my faithful committee members – Martha Hoffman who prepares the envelopes for the mailings, Barb Lemon who compiles the newsletter, and Karen Greer who helps with whatever is asked of her. There is a crew of helpers who faithfully respond to the plea for help with the newsletter mailing – many thanks to all of you as well. This generally tends to be a morning of fun and fellowship as well as high productivity.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Bachiu

4.4.5 Reformation 500 Committee

The committee – Rev. Dr. Faith Rohrbough; Rev. Harold Hesje and Elaine Hesje; Rev. Harley Johnson; Ruth Bachiu in her capacity as communications chair and Renate Bishopp as co-ordinator on behalf of LuMinHoS – has met pretty much monthly since the fall of 2015 to work out a program for the Reformation Commemoration Event in 2016. The date is October 30, 2016; time 2:30 pm; the venue Redeemer Lutheran Church on Preston Avenue.

After much deliberation and considering a number of possible speakers, it was decided to approach Roman Catholic Bishop Don Bolen as a guest. Bishop Bolen has graciously consented to the request. We thank Rev. Harley and Rev. Harold for their role in securing Bishop Bolen. A program outline is in the works with local talents providing musical tributes similar to those of 2015. It is hoped a Mass Choir can be established under the leadership of Diane Bestvater.

At the same time the committee has looked into possibilities for a gala event on October 28, 2017. The hall at the Western Development Museum has been booked; a possible guest speaker was approached and musical entertainment is being contemplated. Saskatoon has a rich treasury of talents in its Lutheran community and we are positive some “gems” can be secured.

For the Committee
Renate Bishopp

4.5 Financial Reports

(John Riggs)

4.5.1 Presentation 2015/2016 Financial Statements

4.5.2 Proposed Budget 2016/2017

5.0 New Business

6.0 Nominations Committee Report and Elections

On the 10-person LuMinHoS Board, 5 positions are open this year, for which the Nominations Committee presents the following Nominees in alphabetical order:

- Darin Felstom...for a 2-year term
- Shelley Parent...for a 2-year term
- Rev. Dr. Faith Rohrbough...for another 2-year term
- Rev. Kristin Soveran...for a 1-year term
- Gord Martens...for a 2-year term

Others may be nominated from the AGM floor. Information on the Nominees can be requested from the Nominations Committee at the LuMinHoS AGM meeting.

For your information, continuing LuMinHoS Board Members are: Renate Bishopp, Diana Fast, Margaret Hall, Allan Hjelte, and Alice Olson.

The Nominations Committee would also like to thank so very much those who are leaving the Board: Pastor Lowell Guebert, Karen Heise, and Audrey Miller. Pastor Guebert is the founder of the Lutheran Care Society, now LuMinHoS, and has both given leadership as well as serving as Chaplain. Karen and Audrey have functioned so very ably as Co-Chairpersons of this ministry, stepping into the breach at a critical time in the change of leadership. Thanks be to God for their infectious spirit and service!

+ Allan Grundahl, Chair of the LuMinHoS Nominations Committee
together with Rev. Lowell Guebert, Renate Bishopp, and Alice Olson

7.0 Motion Re: Audit The following motion is proposed:

That the Executive appoint a person(s) to review the financial record, and issue an unaudited review engagement report for the year ending March 31, 2017.

8.0 Closing Devotions - Gene Grant