

Full Compilation of Partial Reports
Committee on Finance

Committee #4 (green)

FIRST PARTIAL REPORT
FINANCE

Re: Report to the 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province – Larger Life Foundation of the Moravian Church, Northern Province

Whereas, the Finance Committee reviewed the report from the Larger Life Foundation (LLF) of the Moravian Church, Northern Province; and

Whereas, the committee appreciates the work of the LLF of the Moravian Church, Northern Province to provide loans to congregations, semi-annual distributions to core agencies and discretionary grants; to be responsible stewards of the assets of the LLF to ensure the fund is managed professionally, and to communicate the purpose and good works of the LLF to all Moravians in the Northern Province; be it therefore

RESOLVED (1) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province accepts with gratitude the report from the Larger Life Foundation as written; and be it further

RESOLVED: (2) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province commends the Larger Life Foundation for their faithful and diligent service and rejoices in their excellent efforts of being good stewards of the fund, and be it further

RESOLVED: (3) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province commends the efforts of the Larger Life Foundation in assisting the ministries of the Province.

Andy Meckstroth, Chair
Jodie Harney, Secretary
6/21/2018

Committee #4 (green)

SECOND PARTIAL REPORT
FINANCE

Re: Change of Distribution to Larger Life Foundation Core Agencies

Whereas, the Larger Life Foundation's mission is to financially support agencies and ministries of the Moravian Church Northern Province through its endowment fund, with distributions going to Core Agencies, Discretionary Grant awards, and loans, and

Whereas, 80% of the distribution is allocated to Core Agencies annually in fixed proportions, for a minimum of four-year commitments, and

Whereas, Pacific Southwest Camping has been one of 21 Core Agencies receiving Larger Life Foundation support and,

Whereas, In March 2016 the Western District Executive Board recommended that the Foundation cease making yearly contributions to Pacific Southwest Camping because, although they currently have a pool of funds available to them for camping, at this time there are no camps,

Whereas, In May 2016 The Larger Life Foundation Trustees recommended, and the Provincial Elders' Conference approved, that the designated 1.5% of the funds that have been distributed to Pacific Southwest Camping be terminated and that the funds temporarily be allocated to the Discretionary Grant pool for 2016-2018 until the next Provincial Synod takes action, and

Whereas, The Larger Life Foundation Board and the Provincial Elders' Conference both approved a recommendation regarding the future allocation of Core Agency funds to eliminate Pacific Southwest Camping and further divide that camp's 1.5% allocation of funds equally between the four other camping programs, thus increasing each camp's allocation from 2.5% to 2.875%; therefore be it

Resolved: (4) Future allocations to the Eastern District, Middle States, Western District, and Canadian District camping agencies that are receiving annual Core Agency support from the Larger Life Foundation will increase from 2.5% each to 2.875% each and, be it further

Resolved: (5) The share beneficiaries of the Larger Life Foundation shall be established by the 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province for the next intersynodal period as follows:

Moravian Archives	2.5%
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Board of World Mission	5.0%
Canadian District Executive Board (<i>Camping Programs</i>)	2.875%
Canadian District Executive Board (<i>Programming</i>)	2.5%
Eastern District Executive Board (<i>Camping Programs</i>)	2.875%
Eastern District Executive Board (<i>Programming</i>)	2.5%
Moravian Hall Square Retirement Community	2.0%
Linden Hall School for Girls	2.0%
Moravian Manor	2.0%
Marquardt Village	2.0%
Moravian Church Northern Province (<i>Pacific Camping</i>)	0 %
Moravian Church Northern Province (<i>Ministerial Training</i>)	8.0%
Moravian Church Northern Province (<i>Administration</i>)	10.0%
Middle States Youth Ministry Commission (<i>Middle States Camping Programs</i>)	2.875%
Moravian Open Door	5.0%
Moravian College and Theological Seminary	2.0%
Moravian Academy	2.0%
Moravian Care Ministries	2.0%
Moravian Church Pension and/or Supplemental Healthcare Fund	16.5%
Western District Executive Board (<i>Camping Programs</i>)	2.875%
Western District Executive Board (<i>Programming</i>)	2.5%
TOTAL	80.0%

Andy Meckstroth, Chair
Jodie Harney, Secretary
6/21/2018

Committee #4 (Green)

THIRD PARTIAL REPORT
FINANCE

Re: Continuation of Northern Province Finance Committee

Whereas, The work of the Northern Province Finance Committee (NPFC) was deemed invaluable by the Provincial Elders' Conference (PEC) because it has greatly reduced the amount of time spent discussing financial matters during their meetings and allowed them to be better stewards of their time concerning ministerial issues; and

Whereas, the NPFC revision of the financial section of the annual report simplified the completion of the report by the appropriate individuals; and

Whereas, the information that the NPFC shared with the Finance Committee of the 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province through pre-synod mailings as well as during the first committee meeting offered clarity and transparency that enabled better understanding among the committee members; be it therefore

RESOLVED: (6) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province affirms and appreciates the extensive and detailed work of the Northern Province Finance Committee during the previous intersynodal period; and be it further

RESOLVED: (7) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province strongly suggests that the Northern Province Finance Committee shall continue as an advisory group to the Provincial Elders' Conference through the next inter-synodal period.

Andrew Meckstroth, Chair
Jodie Harney, Secretary
6/23/18

Committee #4 (green)

FOURTH PARTIAL REPORT
FINANCE

Re: Expressing Gratitude for the Sheep We Sometimes Forget

Whereas, from the time of Christ our ancestors of faith have benefited greatly from those who have been wise and faithful stewards of the resources given by God, and

Whereas, the Moravian Church has had many saints who have served the church through their frugal management, diligent oversight and compassionate meticulousness, and

Whereas, the Moravian Church, Northern Province has been blessed by the service of many staff members who labor behind the scenes, and

Whereas, the Moravian Church, Northern Province has been blessed by the service of dedicated servant who labor in the vineyard of our financial resources; be it therefore

RESOLVED: (8) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province recognizes with deep and abiding gratitude the committed and grace-filled service of Gloria Reisinger, Provincial Elders' Conference Administrative Assistant, who diligently and cheerfully keeps us all informed and organized with a spirit of love and service; and be it further

RESOLVED: (9) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province recognizes with deep and abiding gratitude the committed service of Brenda Cahill, Provincial Controller, Tammy Curcio, Assistant Controller and June Sterling, Canadian Treasurer, whose commitment to accurate, complete and transparent financial reporting is essential to the functioning of the Moravian Church Northern Province; and be it further

RESOLVED: (10) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province recognizes with deep and abiding gratitude the committed service of Jacquie Petko and Marie Cestone for the care with which they assist ordained servants through their management of the benefits provided by the church; and be it further

RESOLVED: (11) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province recognizes with deep and abiding gratitude the committed service of Johanna Heft, Eastern District Administrative Assistant, Karen Buchholz, Western District Administrative Assistant and Andrea Stremich, Canadian District Administrative Assistant for their faithful

service to the church which vastly surpasses their respective District portfolio; and be it further

RESOLVED: (12) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province shall show its appreciation for the commitment, dedication and loving service to the Moravian Church that these individuals provide in a tangible and loud manner.

Andy Meckstroth, Chair
Jodie Harney, Secretary
6/23/18

Committee #4 (green)

FIFTH PARTIAL REPORT
FINANCE

Re: Calculating our Common Ministries Commitment

Whereas, the 2010 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province called for the development and implementation of a new model of giving to fund our Common Ministries (Resolve 17) and

Whereas, the 2014 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province acknowledged that there is a wide range of percentages across the province,

Whereas, suggestions have periodically been made by individuals and congregations in the Moravian Church Northern Province to improve, correct or adjust the Common Ministries Funding Methodology, and

Whereas, some congregations increasingly rely on streams of income other than plate and envelope (Line 1) giving, and the other kinds of income received by the congregations of the Moravian Church Northern Province differ greatly in their sources and intents, and

Whereas, the different kinds of total income, since they are left out of the determination of our congregations' baseline percentages for our Common Ministries Commitments, sometimes lead to the appearance of disparity in giving among our congregations, therefore be it

Resolved: (13) In instances where the Moravian Church Northern Province Provincial Elders' Conference perceives that a congregation's baseline percentage for determining its Common Ministries Commitment was miscalculated or there were extenuating circumstances which may have unfairly affected the calculation, the Moravian Church Northern Province Provincial Elders' Conference is authorized to enter into dialogue with the congregation regarding its Common Ministry Commitment, taking into account all the specific circumstances of the church, including its total income, its unique expenses, and the circumstances under which its initial baseline percentage was determined. The Provincial Elders' Conference may, as a result of the dialogue and re-evaluation, determine a new baseline percentage for the congregation, in consultation with the congregation and with the Moravian Church Northern Province Finance Committee as necessary; and be it further

Resolved: (14) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province encourages the Moravian Church Northern Province Finance Committee and the Provincial Elders' Conference to study the different kinds of

income, other than plate and envelope (Line 1) giving, to examine whether there might be a better way of determining congregational baseline giving that more accurately reflects the giving capacities of our congregations, with any recommendations to be made to the next Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province; and be it further

Resolved: (15) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province directs the Moravian Church Northern Province Finance Committee to examine the Common Ministries Commitment of each congregation of the Province during the next intersynodal period to review the Common Ministries Commitment percentage as well as sources of income and determine if a change in percentage is appropriate.

Andrew Meckstroth, Chair
Jodie Harney, Secretary
6/23/18

Committee #4 (Green)

SIXTH PARTIAL REPORT
FINANCE

Re: Review of Amount Paid for Services of the Provincial Finance Office

Whereas, the Provincial Finance Office not only handles the financial work for the Northern Province of the Moravian Church but also the financial work for the Interprovincial Board of Communication, the Eastern and Western Districts of the Northern Province, the Society for Promoting the Gospel, the Larger Life Foundation, the Robert Brown Fund, the Pension Fund, and

Whereas, the amount that each entity pays the Province for the work provided by the Provincial Finance Office is not a uniform amount across the board for each entity; be it therefore,

RESOLVED: (16) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province directs the Northern Province Finance Committee to review the amounts charged for the work of the Provincial Finance Office, the Interprovincial Board of Communication, the Eastern and Western Districts of the Northern Province, the Society for Promoting the Gospel by the Provincial Finance Office and recommend any necessary changes.

Andrew Meckstroth, chairperson

Jodie Harney, secretary

6/23/2018

Committee #4 (orchid)

SEVENTH PARTIAL AND FINAL REPORT
FINANCE

Re: THE 2019 BUDGET

Whereas, as we gather, grow and go forward to do the many meaningful ministries of our province which requires financial support and commitment from all of our congregations, and

Whereas, the 2019 Budget as presented reflects our core values and the common mission and ministries of the Moravian Church Northern Province, be it therefore

RESOLVED: (17) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province adopts the 2019 budget as presented and asks the delegates gathered here to distribute the letter concerning Faith Gifts to their congregations.

An Open Letter to the Moravian Church
Faith Gifts

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province - Finance Committee thanks you for you and your congregation for many years of faithful giving to support the common work of ministry done on your behalf of Provincial Staff, Boards and Agencies. When the whole body works in concert together greater things can and have been accomplished.

During the last intersynodal period, we have continued funding the work of the province through an income based method, which means the amount of income the Province has available from congregational support and other limited funding resources, determines the annual budgeted expenses. In other words, just as a family's spending is limited by the family's anticipated income, so too the Provincial budget expenses are limited by its anticipated income.

As the 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province considered new ideas and dreams for the future, recognizing that a body with no dreams is a dying body, many proposals were made and supported. These future dreams cannot be realized without drawing on resources faithfully given in the past.

While we are excited about and strongly affirm the new common ministries funding method that helps to fund the Province's operational needs, this method may not always provide sufficient funds to fully support new ministry opportunities. The Synod Finance Committee has again identified two potential sources to fund new ministry opportunities. There may be other ways to fund these ministry opportunities and the Province is open to hearing about these options.

One of the identified ways to fund new ministry opportunities is to use available existing Provincial financial reserve funds which if used regularly would eventually deplete the resources provided by good stewards in the past.

The second identified funding option is a faith gift:

"A faith gift is an amount a congregation chooses to give to support the Northern Province operating budget above and beyond their calculated common ministries commitment."

Now that you are more aware of the funding challenges facing the Moravian Church Northern Province, what can we all do? As representatives of our congregations, we can bring home our enthusiasm for future programming, challenging our members and boards to consider a yearly faith gift. Our hope is that faith gifts will enable the Provincial E

lders' Conference to further implement ideas and dreams from this Synod and into the future.

Yours in faithful service,
Synod Finance Committee
6/23/18