

Stewardship (#13 bright green)

First Partial Report
of The Stewardship Committee

Re: Change in Larger Life Foundation Bylaws

Whereas, pursuant to Article 5 of the Bylaws, the Board of Trustees of the Larger Life Foundation [the "Board"] is comprised of seven lay members elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of said Article 5; and

Whereas, the Larger Life Foundation Trustees, after significant discussion, have determined that it would be advantageous in identifying candidates willing to serve on the Board, to permit a member of the Moravian clergy to so serve; and

Whereas, the Provincial Elders' Conference has approved the proposed change to the Bylaws as set forth below;

Therefore be it

RESOLVED (1) :The introductory paragraph set forth in Article 5 of the Bylaws of the Larger Life Foundation

shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"The Corporation shall be administered by a Board of Trustees which shall consist of seven members of the MCNP, of which six members shall be lay members and of which one member shall be either a member of the clergy within the MCNP or a lay member of the MCNP. The members shall be appointed or elected, as the case may be, as follows:" ; and be it further

RESOLVED (2): Paragraph 719 of the Book of Order of the Moravian Church, Northern Province, which pertains to the Larger Life Foundation, shall be amended as shown below, having passed legal review by the Northern Province Chancellor:

	Current / Existing Book of Order	Amended Book of Order
¶719	<p>The Larger Life Foundation is administered by a Board of Trustees of seven lay members of the Moravian Church-Northern Province, elected by the Provincial Synod. Members of the Provincial Elders' Conference are advisory members of the Larger Life Foundation Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>The Larger Life Foundation is administered by a Board of Trustees of seven members of the Moravian Church, Northern Province, of which six members shall be lay members of the Moravian Church, Northern Province with the seventh being a lay member or a member of the clergy, or a licensed or appointed lay pastor of the Moravian Church, Northern Province.</p>

Submitted by

Chairperson,
Bevon White

Secretary,
Courtney Bauder

June 23, 2023

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Second Partial Report
of the Stewardship Committee

RE: Larger Life Foundation, Eastern District Executive Board, Board of Elders Canadian District, Moravian Ministries Foundation in America, Western District Executive Board

Whereas, we have received and reviewed the Larger Life Foundation Report, the Eastern District Executive Board Report, Board of Elders Canadian District Report, Moravian Ministries Foundation in America, Western District Executive Board to the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province

Whereas, the inter synodal period has been through unprecedented times, we have been amazed by the continued work and resilience of these vital ministries

Resolved: (3) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province shall accept with gratitude the Report to the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province from the Larger Life Foundation.

Resolved: (4) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province shall accept with gratitude the Report to the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province from the Eastern District Executive Board

Resolved: (5) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province shall accept with gratitude the Report to the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province from the Board of Elders Canadian District

Resolved: (6) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province shall accept with gratitude the Report to the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province from the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America

Resolved: (7) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province shall accept with gratitude the Report to the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province from the Western District Executive Board

And be it further

Resolved: (8) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province wishes to express our thanks to staff, volunteers and board members of Larger Life Foundation Eastern District Executive Board, Board of Elders Canadian District, Moravian Ministries Foundation in America, Western District Executive Board for their continued leadership, stewardship, and faithfulness, noting particularly the difficulties and unexpected challenges of the pandemic

Chairperson, Bevon White
Secretary, Courtney Bauder
June 23, 2023

Stewardship Committee (#13 bright green)

Third Partial and Final Report
of the Stewardship Committee

Re: Radically Reconceptualizing Stewardship in the Moravian Church, Northern Province

Whereas, 1 Peter 4:10 proclaims, “each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”

Whereas, we have a sacred responsibility and genuine opportunity to be faithful stewards of all God has entrusted to us

Whereas, many of our churches are facing decline: in membership, participation, and financial contributions and we are distressed by the challenges we face and are concerned for the future

Whereas, we as a faith community recognize that we need to be intentional about how we respond to a broken and hurting world

Whereas, it is imperative that we take steps to radically reconceptualize stewardship, therefore be it

Resolved

(9) the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province directs the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) to build connections across ministries to exchange ideas and best practices regarding healthy stewardship initiatives,

and be it further resolved,

(10) the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province charges the PEC to direct congregations and members to utilize the many resources available in our Province to form and nurture generous and faithful stewards. Such resources include but are not limited to: The Moravian Ministries Foundation in America (MMFA) and The Moravian Giving Portal,

and be it further resolved,

(11) the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province urges the PEC to explore environmentally sustainable methods of energy usage with congregations to save on cost and environmental impact while modeling responsible environmental stewardship in the use of our buildings and other resources

and be it further resolved,

(12) the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province charges the PEC to direct congregations to engage in intentional conversations with youth, young adults, and community members to discover their spiritual wants and needs and then invest both financially and spiritually in ministries and experiences that meet those wants and needs.

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Secretary: Courtney Bauder
June 24, 2023

Resources

The Moravian Ministries Foundation in America is an interprovincial agency of the Moravian Church in America, offers services that help communities of faith build generosity through gift planning, resource exploration, stewardship coaching, and more.

MMFA also partners with a faith-based financial management course, Freed Up Financial Living, that helps individuals have a healthier relationship with money. Visit mmfa.com to learn more about their services.

The Moravian Giving Portal is a function of MMFA, allows all Moravian worshipping communities, agencies, and ministries to receive online donations without paying any fees. Donors can set up recurring gifts or make a one-time gift. MMFA covers all fees associated with online gifts.