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Official Delegate Report

# Give Jesus Glory

## Convention News

Lutheran Church–Canada, East District

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## Daily Agenda

**WEDNESDAY, May 13**

7:30 am Breakfast *(on your own)*

8:30 Devotions *(Convention Hall)*

8:50 Presentation Part III: Dr. James Lamb "Give Jesus Glory: Our Body - In the Body of Christ"

9:45 *Recess* (opportunity to check-out of hotel if not already; a luggage room is available)

10:00 **Business Session 5:**
Greetings - Philoxenia / Hospitality

Greetings - Lutheran Bible Translators

Any remaining resolutions - Committees 1, 2, 3, or 4.

12:00 Draw of door prizes (those present)
Closing Service
Installation of Officers

*ADJOURNMENT*

## Ukrainian Missionary Addresses Convention

**Rev. Aleksey Navrotsky** *(left)* **with translator and CLTS seminarian Oleg Schewtschenko.**

We are very glad to greet the Rev. Aleksey Navrotsky. He is serving in Ukraine as missionary and pastor in Dnepropetrovsk, the second largest city in Ukraine.

Monday evening we had the privilege to listen to his report about mission work and its progress in Ukraine. He started his report with greetings from the "Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Ukraine" (SELCU). After this he talked about some of the difficulties that one missionary can face and is facing in this work. He asked the gathering how the church today can effectively bring the message of the Gospel to modern people. And taking Luther as an example, Rev. Navrotsky showed some of the advanced steps Luther used in the reformation. Part of his report was the video presentation of the work in Ukraine. The video included three short presentations. The first part was about the work with young people in the Student Centre; second, about the new Lutheran congregation in Dnepropetrovsk; the final part was devoted to building the new "Mission Centre" and Seminary in suburban Odessa. This last is a critical for the resumption of theological training of future pastors. This will enable SELCU to deepen and expand its mission efforts in various communities in Ukraine.

## Tuesday's Election Results:

1st Vice-President – Rev. David Bode

2nd Vice-President – Rev. Ron Mohr

District Secretary – Mr. Reg Tlegs

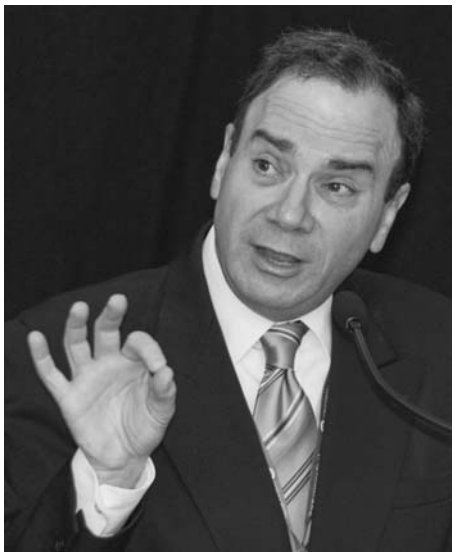
# *Tuesday's Business:*

**Resolutions Adopted/Declined:**

09-1-3 To Affirm "Both/And" Principle of the District's 2008 Strategic Plan (Overture 09-1-3) ADOPTED

09-1-6 To Follow up on stewardship initiative "Echo God's Love" (President's Report E4 - #3) ADOPTED

09-4-4 To Work Toward a Uniform Practice of Closed Communion Throughout the Congregations of the East District (Overtures 09-4-6, 09-4-3) ADOPTED



**President Robert Bugbee addressing assembled delegates**

# *LCC News*

Inge Schroeder reported on behalf of LCC-Worker Benefit Plan. The world wide economic problems have affected our pension plans – but probably less than most similar plans. There are no concerns with retired workers continuing to receive their pension payments. Churches and other contributing agencies can expect a 2% increase in pension premiums effective July 1, 2009, and likely a further 1% increase as of January 1, 2010. The impact on most congregations will be about $1,000. Further consultations will take place, and changes to the plan may be proposed.

LCC treasurer, Dwayne Cleave reported that the economy has also impacted LCC contributions. However, significant share contributions have been received. Lutheran Foundation Canada Gift Coordinators (Al Feth in the East District) are starting to bear fruit with both major gifts and future gifts.

***Confessio Augustana (Canada)***

**Christian History Project**

**CLOSING SPECIALS**

1. ***9 Tract Set on Islam (70 pages)*** **No Charge** - *(1 set per pastor or congregation please)*
2. **Volume # 1 of the Christian History Project @ ½ price. ($24.50)**
3. **Volume #7 of the CHP** (very slight postal damage) - **For donation ($9 to $25, as the Spirit moves you).**

***See the exhibit area by the stairway!***

### Dr. James Lamb

Tuesday in the Convention Hall - Dr Lamb spoke about "Our Body - Bought with a Price."

In his second session, Dr. Lamb spoke broadly about abortion and post-abortion syndrome. Dr. Lamb reiterated that the Gospel is the most powerful and positive "for life" message that there is. The fact that our God chose to begin his life in the same place we did is critical. Luke 1:3. The fact that Jesus went through every stage of embryonic development gives value by God to each stage of life. Jesus did not take our place because we have value. His taking our place gives us value. In Canada there are 315 abortions a day and for each of these abortions ten people are affected. There are many pressures on women to have abortions. Dr. Lamb challenged the pastors present that their silence on the abortion issue can be used by the devil so that women think that abortion is ok. But our great hope is Jesus' resurrection which rescues all people from the guilt and sin of abortion.

This morning Dr. Lamb will address the topic, "Our Body - In the Body of Christ."

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## *BUSINESS . . .*

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## Tuesday Evening with Dr. Tom Baker

The seminar was entitled, "How to get a Standing Ovation." The PowerPoint presentation offered, with examples, a system by which "Law & Gospel" distinctions can result in a "burning of the heart" (like the Emmaus disciples).

Free materials (such as copies of "Good News" magazine) were available to all and those with a memory card (USB) took the presentation home to use with their own congregations. There are "CMS" products for sale at "Sperling's" in their convention store.

## Thank You

**Thank You to all the volunteers who helped make this convention possible —your Local Arrangements Committee:**

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**BUSINESS SESSIONS**

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**Closing Prayer:**

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, on this last day of Convention we are grateful for all the many blessings that You have showered upon us by Your grace; we, therefore, give You hearty thanks that Your did send Your Spirit to guide us in all things, that You did bless us with many excellent kindnesses and much thoughtful care and hard work on our behalf from our Windsor Circuit hosts, and that You have provided us all with opportunities to strengthen friendships and understanding within our district; continue to bless us, we pray, with safety as we journey to our homes and families and keep us ever in Your gracious care; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.