

JULY 16 2020

SPECIAL CONVENTION BULLETIN #1

WHO?

1. Circuit Delegates to the 2017 LCC Convention are the delegates to this Special Convention, as per the interpretation by the Commission on Constitution Matters and Structure (CCMS) of Statutory Bylaw 9.13 in the 2017 Handbook of Lutheran Church—Canada: “Those eligible to attend and vote at a Special Convention shall be those delegates in office at the time of the preceding Convention except those delegates who have been disqualified by termination of membership in the Member Congregation which they represent.” In case pastor delegates are no longer serving in the circuit or lay delegates are no longer members of a circuit congregation, the alternate delegate from the circuit is to attend. In some cases where no pastor or lay delegates or alternates from the 2017 LCC Convention are available, a Circuit Convocation will need to be held in order to elect such delegates. If such is the case, each congregation is to be represented at the Circuit Convocation by its pastor and one lay member designated by the congregation (Synodical Bylaw 4.41 b).
2. Advisory delegates to the Special Convention are the presidents of our seminaries, and, as per the motion adopted by the CCMS, the pastor and deacon advisory delegates from the 2017 LCC Convention. Again, if such pastor or deacon advisory delegates are not available, alternates will need to be appointed or elected.
3. Current members of the Board of Directors of LCC and the Commission on Constitution Matters and Structure, as well as the executive staff of LCC, are to attend this Special Convention.
4. Guests or visitors who desire to watch the proceedings may also attend.

WHAT?

To approve an amendment to Statutory Bylaw 9.01 (“A convention shall be held every four years at a time and place determined by the Board.”) that would allow the Board of Directors to change the time of the convention due to unusual circumstances. See the attached overture from the Board on this matter. Comments on the overture may be submitted to the Secretary at convention@lutheranchurch.ca who will forward them to the convention Resolutions Committee that will be appointed by the Synod President. The Resolutions Committee itself will be the entity presenting the resolution concerning changing Statutory Bylaw 9.01 to the convention delegates for their decision.

WHERE?

In light of the ruling of the Commission on Constitution Matters and Structure that the 2017 Handbook of LCC does not prohibit a convention being conducted by electronic means, nor would such contravene applicable government regulations; this Special Convention will be a virtual or online convention. Details will be sent to all delegates and individuals mentioned above as they become available.

WHEN?

The Special Convention will be held on Saturday, October 17, at 12:00 noon (Central Daylight Time).

WHY?

Due to uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors has determined that the scheduled June 2021 LCC Convention be moved to 2022. In order that this might be done, Statutory Bylaw 9.01 first needs to be amended. Such an amendment can only be made with a two-thirds majority of votes cast by convention delegates as per Statutory Bylaw 20.01. Hence the need for this Special Convention.