

July 9, 2020

Special Convention Notice

The Commission on Constitution Matters and Structure (CCMS), in consultation with legal counsel of Lutheran Church–Canada, has determined that:

1) LCC must hold a convention at least every four years according to provisions of Statutory Bylaw 9.01 of the 2017 Handbook of Lutheran Church–Canada.

2) There is nothing in the 2017 Handbook to prohibit an online or virtual convention.

3) To delay holding the scheduled June 2021 in-person convention until 2022 due to uncertainties surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic would require a change to Statutory Bylaw 9.01 that would need to be brought before a Special Convention of LCC.

4) According to Statutory Bylaw 9.12 congregations are to have a 90-day notice of a Special Convention.

In light of the above, the Board of Directors, at its June 27, 2020 meeting, has called for an online or virtual Special Convention of Lutheran Church—Canada to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2020 (12:00 noon CDT) for the purpose of amending Statutory Bylaw 9.01 to allow for postponement of a convention if precluded by some extraordinary event and to be held as soon as feasibly possible.

If such an amendment to Statutory Bylaw 9.01 is approved at this Special Convention, the Board of Directors intends to move the regular in-person convention, scheduled for June 11-14, 2021, to June of 2022. If such an amendment to the Statutory Bylaws is not approved by this Special Convention, the scheduled June convention will be moved to the fall of 2021 and be an online or virtual convention.

Information regarding delegates to this Special Convention in October, along with matters pertaining to a virtual convention, as well as the actual overture from the Board of Directors on this issue, will be forthcoming within the next few weeks.

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