

PRE-CONVENTION BULLETIN #1

September 7, 2021

CONVENTION DATES: The Twelfth Regular Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada will meet from June 10-13, 2022.

CONVENTION LOCATION: The convention will be held at the Delta Hotels Edmonton South Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta.

CONVENTION THEME: The theme for the convention is *Stand Firm In The Faith*. It is based on 1 Corinthians 16:13 and was chosen for our convention that was originally scheduled for 2021 in recognition of the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther’s famous ‘Here I Stand’ speech at the Diet of Worms in 1521. Although our convention is being held a year later, the same theme has been retained since standing firm in the faith is probably more necessary now than ever as a result of Covid-19 ramifications. The convention logo itself was designed by Avery Prozenko, a member of St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church in Halifax, Nova Scotia.



CONVENTION FORMAT: The convention will begin with an orientation session on Friday, June 10, 4:00 p.m., with the Opening Divine Service that evening. It will conclude at noon on Monday, June 13. While a return to a five-day convention - as was the case prior to 2011 - in order to allow for more events, flexibility, and opportunities for greater interaction among the delegates was considered; the Board of Directors (BOD) decided to retain the four-day convention for this year so as not to burden congregations with added expenses.

As a result of the restructuring of our Synod that was put in place at our last convention, the upcoming 2022 convention will see the largest gathering of delegates since the founding convention of LCC in 1988. It is anticipated that one of the main items of business at the convention will be revising, correcting and amending various Statutory and Synodical Bylaws that were adopted at the ‘eleventh hour’ at the 2017 convention. Another main item, of course, is the election of those who will serve the Synod and its members in leadership positions and on the BOD and the various commissions. For the first time, elections will take place electronically, which should greatly reduce the amount of time devoted to this process. As a result of survey responses following the past few conventions, a priority during the convention will be God’s people gathered together in worship to hear His Word and sing His praises, as well as providing Break-Out or Information Sessions on various topics and issues.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES:

September 7, 2021 Nomination Forms for President, Vice-President, Regional Pastor, & Circuit Counsellor sent to congregations

September 7, 2021 Appointment Form for Pastor and Lay Delegates sent to congregations

October 10, 2021 Deadline for individuals to submit to the Commission on Nominations and Elections (CNE) recommendations of individuals for elected boards, commissions, etc.

<u>January 10, 2022</u>	Deadline for Commission on Nominations and Elections (CNE) to submit list of candidates for elected boards, commissions, etc.
<u>February 10, 2022</u>	Deadline for congregations to return to the Synod office the Nomination Forms for President, Vice-President, and Regional Pastor
<u>February 18, 2022</u>	Deadline for submission of Workbook Reports (BOD, commissions, committees, auxiliaries, LSO's, RMMC's, etc.) to the Synod President
<u>February 18, 2022</u>	Deadline for submission of Overtures to the Synod President
<u>March 10, 2022</u>	Deadline for congregations to return to the Synod office the Nomination Form for Circuit Counsellor
<u>March 12, 2022</u>	Deadline for congregations to return to the Synod office the Appointment Form for Pastor and Lay Delegates from the congregation
<u>March 18, 2022</u>	Deadline for appointment of Convention (Resolutions) Committees
<u>April 1, 2022</u>	Deadline for publication and distribution of the Convention Workbook
<u>April 22, 2022</u>	Deadline for responses and comments to reports and overtures

CONVENTION NEWS & UPDATES:

Updates on convention plans will be posted at
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www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/synod-convention-2022/
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