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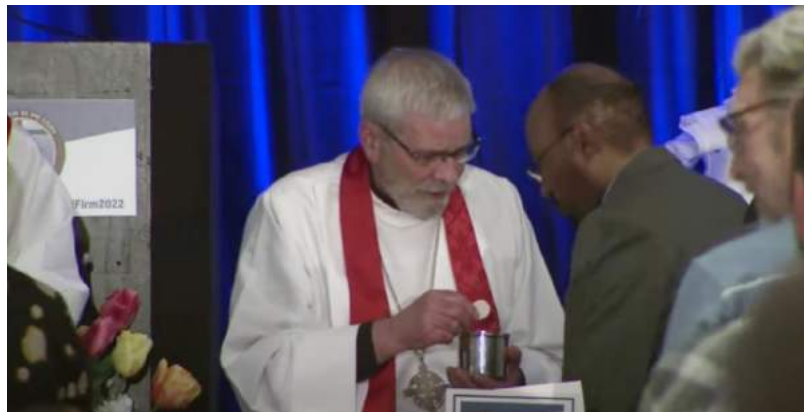
AGENDA

Saturday, June 11

- 6:30 am - **Breakfast**
- 8:15 am (at hotels)
- 8:15 am **Service of Prayer & Preaching**
Delta Grand Ballroom
- 9:00 am **“Luther at the Diet of Worms”**
(Rev. Dr. John Maxfield)
Delta Hotel
- 10:00 am **Session 2**
Delta Hotel
- 11:50 am **Noon Daily Prayer**
Delta Hotel
- 12:00 noon **LLLC/LHM BBQ Lunch**
Delta Hotel
- 1:30 pm **Breakout Sessions**
Delta Hotel
- 4:00 pm **Session 3**
Delta Hotel
- 5:00 pm **Responsive Prayer 2**
Delta Hotel
- 5:30 pm **Dinner**
(at hotels)
- 7:30 pm **Session 4**
Delta Hotel
- 9:00 pm **Compline**
Delta Hotel
- 9:30 pm **Seminaries Reception**
Radisson Atrium

Sunday, June 12

- 6:30 am - **Breakfast**
- 8:15 am (at hotels)
- 8:15 am **Matins**
Delta Hotel
- 9:00 am **Bible Study “Ephesians 6:10-20”**
(Rev. Dr. Thomas Winger)
Delta Hotel
- 10:30 am **Session 5**
Delta Hotel
- 11:50 am **Noon Daily Prayer**
Delta Hotel
- 12:00 noon **Israel Tourism Sponsored Lunch**
Radisson Jubilee Ballroom
- 2:00 pm **Session 6**
Delta Hotel
- 3:30 pm **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**
Delta Hotel
- 4:00 pm **Session 7**
Delta Hotel
- 5:30 pm **Vespers**
Delta Hotel
- 6:30 pm - **Stand Firm-Reaching Out: a mission event**
- 9:00 pm Radisson Jubilee Ballroom



Opening Divine Service

Approximately 450 people gathered for the Opening Divine Service of Lutheran Church–Canada’s (LCC) 12th Regular Convention.

LCC President Timothy Teuscher served as presiding minister and preacher, with his sermon focusing on Acts 2:37-47. LCC’s three Regional Pastors—Revs. Marvin Bublitz, Robert Mohns, and David Haberstock—served as liturgists and assisting ministers for the opening service. Additional assisting ministers included Revs. Russell Howard, Vincent Moore, Mark Hennig, Keith Hoveland, Alexandre Vieira, and Scott Lyons.

“What has happened to the fires of enthusiasm and conviction that once burned so brightly in the hearts of those who bear the name of Christ?” President Teuscher asked in his sermon. “What we need is to be aroused and fired with that same holy zeal and fervor which marked that first Pentecost.”

Thankfully, he said, Scripture says the promise of Pentecost is “for you and your children and for all who are far off.” That includes us today. But how do we receive that Pentecost life? It does


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not come, President Teuscher explained, through church programming or emotional manipulation or cajoling. “Rather, the answer to this most important question is found in the simple description of those early believers as recorded by St. Luke: ‘They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.’” In other words, they devoted themselves to the apostolic message of Jesus Christ crucified and risen; to worship in the Divine Service; to the Lord’s Supper; and to prayer together in word and song. The result? “The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

“In this way and in this way alone, the Holy Spirit is poured out again and again in order to sustain people—yes, even you—in this one saving faith in Jesus Christ,” President Teuscher said, “to enable you to ‘stand firm in the faith.’”

The message to stand firm was also highlighted in the hymn of the day, “Here Stand We on the Word Alone”—a new hymn text by the LCC hymnwriter Rev. Kurt Reinhardt. Jennifer Maxfield served as organist for the service and Rev. Scott Brayall as trumpeter. The service also featured a pre-recorded virtual choir led by



VERSE OF THE DAY

ACTS 2:42

And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Rev. Paulo Brum. Sasha Sam served as crucifer, and the members of Concordia Lutheran Church in Edmonton assisted as altar guild and as ushers.



VIRTUAL CHOIR

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THE VIDEO OF LCC’S VIRTUAL CHOIR IS NOW ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL.



The Convention Commences

Session 1 began with the induction of the voting delegates and of special advisory delegates. After an opening prayer, Rev. Dr. Timothy Teuscher, President of Lutheran Church–Canada, acknowledged those serving behind the scenes, and encouraged attendees to participate in information sessions and visit the exhibits. President Teuscher then led the group through a brief orientation, reviewing and giving the convention procedures to be followed.

This is the first convention under LCC’s new structure, with a larger number of eligible delegates from across Canada than in previous years. Given the size of the voting body, electronic voting has been introduced to expedite the process. Testing was performed to acquaint voting delegates, 79.2% of whom are new to electronic voting devices, with the DOTS devices and to ensure their functionality. Rev. Dr. Teuscher humorously expressed hope that the power won’t go out, and delegates were reminded not to forget their devices and to inform the office if they need to leave so that numbers can be tracked.



New members of LCC

At the first session of business, new congregations and pastors were welcomed into membership of Lutheran Church–Canada.

First, two Lutheran congregations were unanimously received into membership with the adoption of Resolutions 22.3.05 and 22.3.06.

Rev. Asefa Aredo, pastor of Shalom Oromo Lutheran Church in Winnipeg, MB, signed LCC’s constitution, accompanied by members of the congregation, including Shegitu Aredo, who is an administrative assistant in Synod office.

For more information about the congregation, see Rev. Aredo’s article for *The Canadian Lutheran*:

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After the signing of the constitution, the assembly joined in singing the Doxology.

The congregation of *Église Évangélique Luthérienne de La Réconciliation*, in Sherbrooke, QC, was also received into membership, but unfortunately the congregation’s lay delegate was delayed in arriving and will sign the constitution at a later time.

As well, since the last convention, fifteen new pastors have been ordained, one was received by colloquy, and nine were received by transfer from other Lutheran synods around the world (see pages E.15-16 and I.13 for a list of names.)

While the new pastors who were present signed the constitution, the assembly joined in singing “Thy Strong Word” accompanied by Rev. Mark Lobitz on the organ.



Quick Reference Guide

EXHIBITOR OVERVIEW

Don't forget to visit the bookstore and exhibits in the Diamond/Emerald Room near the hotel check-in desk. The exhibitors are ready to engage in lively conversation and even have some goodies to share with you! Check out their information on the Whova app.

THE ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS

It takes a team of volunteers to support an event like this. Members of local LCC congregations have spent months planning and preparing. Please express your thanks to a volunteer today!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Matins will be held in the Grand Ballroom Sunday morning followed by a Bible study led by Rev. Dr. Thomas Winger, president of Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, ON.

SEMINARY RECEPTION

After the evening's business session LCC's seminaries are hosting a reception in the Atrium of the Radisson Hotel. Come and meet the faculty, enjoy snacks and beverages, and unwind from a busy day!

COFFEE BREAKS

There are no formal coffee breaks. You are welcome to pick up a beverage at the two stations at the rear of the Grand Ballroom. Please refrain from chatting with fellow delegates at the beverage stations.

LOST AND FOUND

If you come across a stray item which you believe someone has lost, please take it to the Information Desk in the Delta or Radisson lobby. We'll attempt to find the owner. If you have lost something there is a Lost and Found feature on the Whova app or report it to the Information Desk volunteer

EXPENSE VOUCHERS

When you are ready to submit your delegate expense voucher you can do so at the Information Desk at your hotel. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing.

TODAY'S BREAKOUTS!

Your nametag reminds you of which of today's breakout sessions you chose. All sessions are in the Delta Hotel:

- **BEING CHRISTIAN** | Delta Grand Ballroom, right seating sections
Delta Second Floor
- **COPING WITH DECLINING** | Edmonton
- **ENGAGING YOUTH** | Fort McMurray
- **LCC MISSIONS** | Jasper
- **TECHNOLOGY** | Banff
- **LIFE ISSUES** | Calgary
- **PLAN TO PROTECT** | Medicine Hat
- **PURPOSE AND PRIORITIES PLANNING** | Red Deer
- **SHARING YOUR FAITH** | Canmore
- **LCC SEMINARIES** | Lethbridge
- **WORKER BENEFITS/CAAT** | Lake Louise

WHAT'S INSIDE THE ORGAN?

Brian Thompson of Thomson Organ Sales who supplied our convention organ will be on site tomorrow (Sunday) at 1:15 p.m. to talk about Allen organs and answer any questions you may have about their range of instruments.

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