

## PRE-CONVENTION BULLETIN #2

### January 29, 2026



One Lord, One Faith, One Body

**DATES:** The Thirteenth Regular Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) will meet from June 12-15, 2026.

**LOCATION:** The convention will be held at the Victoria Inn and Conference Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

**THEME:** The convention theme is “Together One: One Lord, One Faith, One Body,” based on Ephesians 4:4-6.

**FORMAT:** The convention will begin with an orientation session on Friday, June 12 at 4:00 p.m., with the Opening Divine Service that evening. It will conclude at noon on Monday, June 15.

The 2026 Synod Convention will bring together representatives from every congregation or parish of Lutheran Church–Canada and will include:

- The encouragement and celebration of our shared confessional unity, grounded in our rich Lutheran heritage.
- The election of individuals to leadership roles, including positions on the Board of Directors and various commissions.
- The opportunity to come together for worship and nurture in God’s Word.
- Breakout sessions on a variety of topics, many shaped by feedback from LCC’s church workers and lay leaders.

**NOMINATION FORMS:** Pre-Convention Bulletin #1 also included the nomination forms for President, Vice-President, Regional Pastor, and Circuit Counsellor. **Submission deadline: February 12, 2026**

**OVERTURES:** Overtures are proposed resolutions that recommend action by the Convention. They may be submitted only by a Member Congregation, the President’s Ministry Council, Board of Directors, Regional Mission and Ministry Councils, a faculty of an educational institution which has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with LCC, a commission listed in bylaw 2.55, a committee established by a prior Convention, a circuit convocation or official Pastoral and Diaconal Conferences (HB 2.19a; 3.11c). Submit overtures to [convention@lutheranchurch.ca](mailto:convention@lutheranchurch.ca) or by mail to Synod Office (3074 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3K 0Y2), Attn: President Teuscher. **Submission deadline: February 20, 2026**

**DELEGATE APPOINTMENT:** Congregations received the Delegate Appointment form for both lay and clergy delegates as part of Pre-Convention Bulletin #1, which was sent out by email and letter mail in September 2025, and can be found on the [Convention webpage](#). **Submission deadline: March 14, 2026**

Once appointed, delegates will be emailed online registration instructions. Delegates may NOT book their own accommodation outside of the online registration system.

Appointed delegates who wish to start booking air travel may do so, and should follow the convention expense policy:

## **TRAVEL**

Delegates are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. The costs will be reimbursed by submitting a Pre-Convention Travel Expense Voucher (included in this package)

Transportation reimbursement includes:

- lowest possible airfare (be aware of Seat Sales)
- travel mileage to the airport and back at the rate of .38/km
- airport parking (if less than a two-way shuttle)
- one piece of paid luggage (usually \$40 + taxes)

Delegates will not receive reimbursement for:

- Seat purchase
- Pre-flight seat purchase or Premium seating upgrade
- In-flight alcoholic beverages, food and entertainment
- Extra baggage beyond one piece

### **When booking your air travel:**

- Although we understand that there are low-cost carriers available, we recommend using WestJet or Air Canada as they have more scheduling flexibility.
- Be aware of Seat Sales on Air Canada and WestJet
- Choose the lowest fare, including the cost of luggage
- You should plan to be at the convention site by 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 12. This means your flight should arrive no later than 3 p.m. in Winnipeg. The shuttle from the airport to the hotel takes about 10 minutes. Information on airport shuttles will be included in future bulletins
- Do not fly into Winnipeg the day prior or stay later unless flight times make it necessary. Call Iris at the Synod office for approval 204-895-3433 x215
- LCC will arrange transportation from the airport to Winnipeg and your return transportation to the airport during the Convention dates.
- After the convention, your flight home should depart no earlier than 3 p.m., Monday, June 15

**Discount Fare Codes** – there are no discount codes for this convention.

Additional travel information, including details for delegates who are planning to drive will be included in forthcoming bulletins.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 12, 2026	Deadline for CNE to submit list of nominations for service on the Board of Directors or commissions.
Feb. 12, 2026	Deadline for congregations to return to the synod office the nomination forms for President, Vice-President, Regional Pastor, and Circuit Counsellor.
Feb. 20, 2026	Deadline for submission of workbook reports (BOD, commissions, committees, auxiliaries, LSOs, RMMCs, etc.) to the Synod President.
Feb. 20, 2026	Deadline for submission of overtures to the Synod President.
Mar. 14, 2026	Deadline for congregations/parishes to return to the synod office the appointment form for Pastor and Lay Voting Delegates.
Mar. 20, 2026	Deadline for appointment of Convention (Resolutions) Committees.
Apr. 3, 2026	Deadline for publication and distribution of the Convention Workbook.
Apr. 24, 2026	Deadline for responses and comments to reports and overtures.

## CONVENTION COMMUNICATIONS

News pertaining to the 2026 Synod Convention will be released on an ongoing basis in *The Canadian Lutheran* and on [CanadianLutheran.ca](http://CanadianLutheran.ca); as well as in *InfoDigest* and on the [Convention webpage](#).

**2026 LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA CONVENTION  
PRE-CONVENTION EXPENSE VOUCHER**

**Pay to:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **P.C.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit to:**  
 Lutheran Church–Canada  
 3074 Portage Avenue  
 Winnipeg MB R3K 0Y2  
 Attn: Deb Kitlar  
[dkitlar@lutheranchurch.ca](mailto:dkitlar@lutheranchurch.ca)  
**Due Date: July 31, 2026**

**Transportation:**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Airlines**

1. Ensure you secure the lowest rate, including luggage. Do not purchase trip cancellation insurance as we are self-insured.
2. Reimbursement for the cost of your flight can be requested as soon as you have booked. Please forward a copy of the airfare with this expense voucher. You will be reimbursed as soon as possible on receipt of your voucher and receipt. Additional expense vouchers will be available at convention for expenses not claimed prior to convention.
3. Submit the voucher along with a copy of the receipt from the airline. You can e-mail the completed form and receipt to [dkitlar@lutheranchurch.ca](mailto:dkitlar@lutheranchurch.ca); fax them to 204-897-4319 or mail to Lutheran Church–Canada, 3074 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3K 0Y2.

**If you have any questions, please call Angela Honey, 1-800-588-4226, ext. 210,  
or email  
[convention@lutheranchurch.ca](mailto:convention@lutheranchurch.ca)**



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# SERVING AS A CONVENTION DELEGATE

## BEFORE CONVENTION

Understand the role of Synod, and your role as a delegate.

## CIRCUITS

A circuit is a grouping of LCC congregations within a defined geographic area. Together with regions, circuits function as ecclesiastical extensions of the congregation:

- Conserving and promoting unity in the faith
- Carrying out mission and ministry collaboratively where shared efforts are more effective

### WEST REGION

- ALBERTA
- BRITISH COLUMBIA

12 CIRCUITS

### CENTRAL REGION

- SASKATCHEWAN
- MANITOBA
- NW ONTARIO

9 CIRCUITS

### EAST REGION

- ONTARIO
- QUEBEC
- ATLANTIC CANADA

9 CIRCUITS

## SYNOD & MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

The Synod's relationship to a congregation's right of self-government is advisory (Constitution, Article VII). However, the Synod is not merely advisory with respect to conditions of membership, which include:

- Acceptance of the confessional basis outlined in Article II of the Constitution
- Renunciation of unionism and syncretism of every description
- The regular call of pastors and deacons
- Exclusive use of doctrinally pure agendas, hymn books, and catechisms
- Service of a Member Congregation by a pastor who is an Individual Member



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## DURING CONVENTION

Purpose of the Convention (based on Synodical Bylaw 2.01)



### DELEGATES GATHER IN CONVENTION TO:

- Worship and grow in faith through fellowship across the Synod
- Become informed about the needs, challenges, and opportunities of LCC
- Receive reports from officers, boards, and commissions
- Deliberate and decide on proposals and future directions
- Elect officers, boards, and commissions

## DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

- Officers, boards, commissions, and other entities report to the Synod
- Congregations and other eligible entities submit proposal for action (overtures)
- Convention (resolutions) committees review overtures and present resolutions
- Delegates vote on resolutions, not on reports or overtures
- Delegates are responsible to be informed, ask questions, and vote according to conscience

## COMMUNICATIONS & CONDUCT

- Announcements and materials must be submitted in writing and given to the secretary or convention manager
- Media contact is handled by LCC's Director of Communications
- Prayer requests are submitted in writing on the appropriate form and given to the Chaplain or handed in at the information booth
- Use electronic devices respectfully and limit them to convention business

## GOOD ORDER & PARTICIPATION

- Be punctual and wear required identification
- Sit only in designated seating areas (voting, advisory, guests)
- Follow established voting procedures (primarily electronic)
- Observe rules for voice and privilege on the convention floor
- Speak from microphones and identify yourself when recognized

## RESOLUTIONS & ELECTIONS

- Comments on resolutions are submitted in advance to the appropriate committee
- Committees meet on-site to review feedback and engage with delegates
- Floor nominations are permitted under specific bylaw-guided procedures
- Elections are conducted electronically

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## AFTER CONVENTION

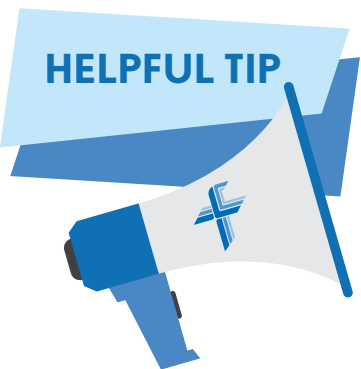
Your service as a Convention Delegate continues for **four years**, until the next Synod Convention. During this time, you serve as a **resource person** and **connection point** between your congregation and Lutheran Church–Canada.

### AS A DELEGATE, YOU HELP:

- **Share** and interpret the decisions and resolutions of Convention
- **Support** implementation of those resolutions at the congregational and parish level
- **Strengthen** connection between your congregation and the wider work of Synod

You are not expected to do this alone. LCC provides materials to help you report back clearly and faithfully to your congregation. The Regional Communication Officer is your point person—keep the communication link open.

#### HELPFUL TIP



LCC's Communications Department is available to help you **identify and share resources** that may benefit your congregation or parish.

Through your continued service, you help ensure that the work of Convention bears fruit—not only in decisions made, but in lives and ministries strengthened across the Synod.

LCC provides **tools and materials** to support you in reporting back and staying informed. Convention news, official Proceedings, and post-Convention reflections are made available digitally and in print, including:

- Convention newsletters
- Official Proceedings (published post-Convention)
- Coverage in The Canadian Lutheran magazine

You are also encouraged to **partner actively with LCC's Communications Department**, which supports delegates by:

- Sharing action plans and progress updates related to Convention resolutions
- Providing congregational resources such as free website hosting, stock photography, and the Servant Leader Network
- Communicating regularly through LCC's weekly e-newsletter, InfoDigest

Through your continued service between Conventions, you help turn resolutions into action and strengthen the shared mission of the Synod.

### STAY CONNECTED!

As a delegate, your contact information will be shared with your RMMC (Regional Mission and Ministry Council). You will also receive the contact details for key RMMC representatives: the Chair, Regional Communication Officer (RCO), and Secretary.