

# 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
- **Deliver or designate** a spokesperson to provide brief monthly updates to your congregation

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.

#### HELPTIP



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.