



THE STANDARD

Standing Together, Standing as One. Together One

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Welcome
to Lutheran Church-Canada's
2026 Synodical Convention!



Over the next number of days, **more than 400 Lutherans** from across the country will gather in Winnipeg for **worship and fellowship** as they conduct the business of the church. This gathering includes pastoral and lay voting delegates (one of each from every member congregation or parish), advisory delegates (including deacons and pastors emeritus), synodical staff, LCC's Board of Directors, representatives of various Lutheran organizations, and convention volunteers serving in various roles.

AGENDA

Friday, June 12

- 10:00 am - 7:00 pm **Registration**
Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre
- 1:00 pm **Resolution Committees**
Victoria Inn Hotel
- 2:00 pm **Board of Directors**
Victoria Inn Hotel
- 4:00 pm **Session 1**
Victoria Inn Hotel
Centennial Ballroom
- 5:30 pm **Dinner**
Victoria Inn Hotel
Wellington/Embassy
- 7:30 pm **Divine Service**
Victoria Inn Hotel
Centennial Ballroom
- 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Late Registration**
Victoria Inn Hotel
- 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm **Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary Alumni Gathering**
Victoria Inn Hotel
Carleton Room

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#TogetherONE2026



Winnipeg is the capital city of Manitoba, and one of Canada's largest cities with more than **850,000 residents**. Founded at the intersection of two major rivers—the Assiniboine and the Red River—this area was historically a trading centre for Indigenous peoples (the name **“Winnipeg” comes from the Cree for “muddy water”**). A French trading fort was built here in 1738, and a British colony was established in 1811. The City of Winnipeg was formally established in 1873.

Located just half an hour away from Canada's longitudinal centre, **Winnipeg** has also served as an **important centre in the life of Lutheran Church–Canada**. Our founding convention, during which LCC became autonomous from our mother church The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), took place in Winnipeg in May 1988. Winnipeg also hosted synodical conventions again in 1990, 1999, and 2008. The city continues to serve as an important centre in the life of the church, with LCC's Synodical Office headquartered in Winnipeg.

The Missouri Synod's first outreach in the area took place in 1879, when Rev. Ernst H. Rolf travelled from St. Paul, Minnesota, via Winnipeg to conduct services in Ossowa, Manitoba, at the request of German Lutherans who had settled in the region. This outreach proved short-term, but by 1890 the Missouri Synod was ready for a more permanent presence in Manitoba. Throughout the 1890s, missionary work led to the founding of multiple congregations in Manitoba, including Immanuel Lutheran Church in Winnipeg in 1892.

While Immanuel closed in 2025, Winnipeg is still home today to seven other LCC congregations: Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Holy Cross Lutheran, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Peace Lutheran, Saint James Lutheran, and Shalom Oromo Lutheran. Just as LCC's first congregation was born from outreach to immigrant German communities, so too LCC's youngest congregation in Winnipeg, Shalom Oromo, was formed to serve Oromo immigrants to Canada. The church is pastored by Rev. Assefa Aredo, the first graduate of LCC's "Pastors with Alternate Training" program. Over the next number of days, we will be adding to the long story of Lutheran activity in Winnipeg. **May God bless our fellowship together, and may He bless the work of our hands!**



TOGETHER ONE
EPHESIANS 4:4-6

One Lord, One Faith, One Body

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Eph 4: 4-6

The convention banner was designed and handcrafted by the ladies of Christ Lutheran Church (Neepawa, MB), based on the convention logo. We thank God for gifting His people with skills and talents to serve His Church.



National—This year's convention will offer a meaningful opportunity for attendees to spend time reflecting on Scripture and strengthening their understanding of God's Word. Centered on the theme **"Together One"**, the gathering is mindful that we live in a fragmented world. So, one of the convention's featured moments will be a Bible study lead by **Rev. Dr. James Kellerman**. The session, based on **Ephesians 2**, is expected to place special emphasis on the Apostle Paul's peace proposal that is grander than what world leaders offer.

"The peace that we enjoy in the Christian Church isn't a glib sentiment, nor is it something hammered out by diplomats," explains Dr. Kellerman. Drawing from this passage, the Bible teacher hopes to explore **the reality of this peace, the obstacles to this peace, and the cost of this peace. "But the results are incredible!"** he emphasizes.

In addition to this study and the featured talk **"Koinonia—Oneness"**, the convention program will include Bible-based discussions, several informational sessions, and opportunities for thoughtful reflection designed to help attendees deepen their appreciation for God's guidance, His promises, and our togetherness in Him.

For many who attend, conventions like these serve as a refreshing reminder of the value of regular fellowship, Bible study, and taking time to focus on spiritual goals amid the demands of daily life.

More information about the complete program and convention details visit LCC's convention website.

CONVENTION ESSENTIALS

SEMINARY RECEPTION

Following the Divine Service, the alumni of **Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary (CLTS)** gather in **Carleton Room** at the Victoria Inn Hotel. Join fellow alumni for an opportunity to reconnect, share memories, celebrate God's blessings, and hear about the exciting ways the institution continues to serve and grow.

SECURITY

Don't leave any personal items or electronics in the business session ballroom. Please to take everything with you.

WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU NEED?

General Enquiries e.g. Directions: **INFORMATION DESK** Victoria Inn - Main Lobby

Convention Business, Room Allocation etc.:

SYNOD OFFICE AT CONVENTION (Iris Barta, Angela Honey, Vira Askin)
Victoria Inn - Imperial Board Room ☎ **431.481.3074** (cell)

FIND YOUR PLACES IN THE GRAND BALLROOM BUSINESS SESSIONS

Designation is generally done by **napkin colours**. Your **name tag** has your colour coded square

VOTING DELEGATES - **blue** napkins

ADVISORY & REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATES - **maroon** napkins

REGISTERED VISITORS & INVITED GUESTS - **black** napkins

ASL INTERPRETATION - table marked as **reserved**

CONVENTIONAL COURTESY

Please set your phones to **vibrate mode** for the duration of each session.

As some attendees may be sensitive to fragrances, we ask that you refrain from using **strong scented colognes, aftershave, or perfumes** during the convention.

EXHIBITS HOURS

Be sure to visit the exhibit area during convention to connect with mission partners, organizations, schools, and vendors serving our church community. Exhibits will be open **12:00 pm - 7:30pm Friday**, and **7:00 am - 7:30 pm Saturday** and **7:00 am - 1:30 pm Sunday** in the **Wellington Room**.

We encourage delegates and guests to stop and discover the many ways these organizations support the mission and ministry of the Church.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

Update your photos! Pastors and deacons are asked to visit **Rm 153** to have your photo taken. **Friday 10:00 am-4:00 pm** and **Saturday 8:00 am-4:00 pm**. For directions, you may visit the Information Desk.

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a **prayer request form** at the **Information Desk** in the main lobby. You are welcome to use this form during the daily services. Once completed, deposit the form in the **box provided**.

STAY CONNECTED: WI-FI

Victoria Inn Hotel provides **free guest Wi-Fi** service throughout the conference area. To access this free service, accept the terms and conditions for **Victoria Inn Guest**.

Word, Sacrament and Service: Convention Begins!

This evening's **Opening Divine Service** is in the **Victoria Inn Centennial Ballroom** at the Victoria Inn Hotel at **7:30 pm**.

Presiding Minister & Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Timothy Teuscher, President

Assisting Ministers: Rev. Marvin Bublitz; Rev. Robert Mohns; Rev. David Habershtock; Rev. Michael Schutz, Rev. Asefa Arede, Rev. Shaun Manning, Rev. Oboya Ochalla, Rev. James Vosper, and Rev. Glenn Worcester

Pianist: Kevin Scott

Choir Director: Dana Bubenko

Crucifer, Altar Guild & Ushers:

Appointed by Host Congregation

(Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, MB)



GATHER AT THE TABLE

BREAKFAST - At your hotel

Breakfast is available to all delegates, invited guests and those who have already purchased their meal package.

- **VICTORIA INN HOTEL:** Wellington/Embassy Rooms
- **HILTON:** Oak & Grain Restaurant—main level

LUNCH

Lunch and Dinner are at Victoria Inn Hotel in the Wellington/ Embassy Rms.

- **SATURDAY:** Sponsored by **Beautiful Savior Lutheran School**
- **SUNDAY:** Sponsored by **Serenia Life Financial**
- **MONDAY:** Collect your bagged lunch at Victoria Inn Hotel

DINNERS

- Sponsored by **Lutheran Foundation**

Don't forget to spread a little convention **joy** to the wonderful people serving your meals, they'd love to hear it!

AGENDA

Saturday, June 13

6:30 am-8:15 am	Breakfast At your hotel
7:00 am-9:00 am	Late Registration Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre
8:15 pm	Session 2 Service of Prayer and Preaching Victoria Inn Hotel
9:00 am	Essay - "Koinonia" (Rev. Dr. Alex Vieira) Victoria Inn Hotel
11:50 am	Noon Daily Prayer Victoria Inn Hotel
Noon	Lunch Victoria Inn Hotel
1:30 pm	Session 3 Victoria Inn Hotel
3:45 pm	Responsive Prayer 2 Victoria Inn Hotel
4:15 pm	Information Session 1 Victoria Inn Hotel
5:30 pm	Dinner Victoria Inn Hotel
7:00 pm	Session 4 Victoria Inn Hotel
8:30 pm	Compline Victoria Inn Hotel
9:00 pm	Social Time "Fellowship Without Borders" LLL Canada Hilton Stevenson Ballroom

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