

SECTION A—GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

Throughout our Convention: as you worship, listen, pray, discern, share stories you are invited to write your thoughts to the following statements on sticky notes and post them to the large print paper in the assembly hall:

I am hearing God say to us..., and,

I sense that one of the places the Spirit is inviting our Synod to join with God in God's work is....

Agenda

Liberated by God's Grace

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

Thursday, June 16

- 9:00 am Synod Council meets
10:30 am Registration check-in
11:00 am Committee for Reference and Counsel meets
12:30 pm *Opening Worship Rehearsal - Chapel*
1:00 pm Orientation for first time Delegates – Assembly Hall
2:00 pm Opening Worship – Hymn Festival and Eucharist
"Liberated by God's Grace" – Chapel.
Opening of Convention and Dedication of Processional Cross.
Hymn Festival sponsored by Canadian Lutheran World Relief.
(Offering designated to be divided between the ELCIC's Reformation Challenge – LWF Endowment Fund, and the ABT Synod Bishop's Discretionary Fund)

First Sitting

- 3:30 pm Greetings
Recognition of Guests and Leaders of the Convention
Seating of new congregations, rostered leaders and those retired since 2014
3:50 pm *Reflection: Expectations of our time together*
4:05 pm Orientation of all Delegates
Report from the Committee on Registration and Attendance
4:15 pm Nominations and Elections for 2017 National Convention Delegates - Bylaw
4:30 pm First Ballot for Chair
4:45 pm Greetings/Report from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada – *National Bishop Susan Johnson - Presented by Sheila Hamilton, Vice-Chair, National Church Council*
5:10 pm Greetings from ELCIC Group Services Inc. - *Lisa Thiessen, Executive Director*
5:30 pm Dinner
Evening Worship Rehearsal – Chapel

Second Sitting

- 7:00 pm Second Ballot for Chair
7:15 pm Report of the Bishop ...*abounding in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit... Rom. 15:13*
7:45 pm *Video: Spirit-led Leadership*
7:50 pm *Reflection*
8:15 pm Evening Worship – Prayer and Healing around the Cross - in Chapel, with remembrance of those who have died.

Following Worship – Welcome Reception sponsored by Good Samaritan Society

Friday, June 17

- 7:30 am Breakfast
7:45 am *Morning Worship Rehearsal – Assembly Hall*

Third Sitting
8:15 am Morning Eucharist and Gathering with Song
"Salvation Not for Sale: From Death to Life"
9:00 am Report from the Committee on Registration and Attendance
9:05 am Third Ballot for Chair
9:15 am Dwelling in the Word

Refreshments will be available between 9:30 and 11:00 am.
9:40 am *Video Hope-filled Discipleship*
9:45 am *Reflection*

Wellness Fair offered between 10:00 am and 5:30 pm by ELCIC Group Services.

- 10:00 am Committee on Report of the Minutes – Report #1
Report from the Nominating Committee (further nominations)
Committee for Reference and Counsel – Report #1
- 10:25 am Greetings from The Rev. Dr. Brian Rude – “*En Misión con El Salvador: In Mission with El Salvador*”.
- 10:45 am Keynote Presentation– “*Salvation Not for Sale*”,
The Rev. Dr. Gordon Jensen (Sponsored by The
Bethany Group, Camrose)
- 11:15 am Presentation Conversation:
‘What are we hearing God say to us?’
‘What does this mean for us?’
- 11:45 am Greetings from Lutheran Theological Seminary -
The Rev. Dr. Michael Nel, Acting President
- 12:05 pm Celebration of Rostered Leaders - 25 years
- 12:15 pm Lunch
Closing Worship Rehearsal - Chapel

Fourth Sitting

- 1:30 pm Gathering with Song
- 1:35 pm Report from the Committee on Registration and
Attendance
Fourth Ballot for Chair (if necessary)
- 1:45 pm Verbal Report from Synod Council
 - Significant Actions of Synod Council
 - Questions related to Ministry Team (Program
Committee) Reports
 - Mission Priorities and Outcomes
- 2:15 pm Adoption of Audited Statements
Presentation of Budget
- 2:25 pm Fifth Ballot for Chair (if necessary)
First Ballot for Synod Council and Lutheran
Theological Seminary Board of Governors – ABT
Synod Representatives
- Refreshments will be available between 2:30 and
4:00 pm.*
- Wellness Fair by ELCIC Group Services continues.*
- 2:40 pm Keynote Presentation– “*Human Beings Not for
Sale*”, National Bishop Susan Johnson
- 3:10 pm Presentation Conversation:
‘What are we hearing God say to us?’
‘What does this mean for us?’
- 3:40 pm Committee on the Report of the Minutes – Report
#2
- 3:45 pm Constitution and Draft Bylaw Amendments – Synod
Council
- 4:15 pm Elections for 2017 National Convention Delegates

- 4:35 pm Greetings from Canadian Lutheran World Relief –
Marcus Busch, President, Board of Directors
- 4:55pm **Video: Innovative Tradition**
- 5:00 pm **Reflections**
- 5:15 pm Celebration of Rostered Leaders – 40 years
- 6:30 pm Festival Banquet at the Norsemen Inn; Celebration
of Rostered Leaders – 50 and 60 years.
Doors open at 6:00 pm.
Sponsored by Canadian Lutheran World Relief
- 10:00 pm Late Night Convention Spot: The Wild Boar Pub,
‘till
midnight hosted by the Synod Campus Ministry Team
at the Camrose Railway Museum, 4404-47 Ave
(walking distance from Augustana).
Beer from the Troubled Monk Brewery of Red Deer
will be offered with grace (free!).
*In response to this grace, attendees will be encouraged
to make generous contributions to the ELCIC
Reformation Challenge.*

Saturday, June 18

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 7:45 am *Morning Worship Rehearsal – Assembly Hall*
- Fifth Sitting**
- 8:15 am Morning Prayer and Gathering with Song -
“*Creation Not for Sale: From Groaning to Hope*”
- 9:00 am Report from Committee on Registration and
Attendance
- 9:05 am Dwelling in the Word
- Refreshments will be available between 9:30 and
11:00 am.*
- 9:30 am **Video: Collaborative Partnerships**
- 9:35 am **Reflections**
- 9:50 am Budget Approval
- 10:00 am Report from Elections Committee (second ballot if
necessary)
- 10:15 am Greetings from Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute,
Outlook, SK - *Wayne Hove, President*
- 10:35 am Report of the Necrologist / Archivist
- 10:45 am Committee for Reference and Counsel – Report #2
- 11:30 am Report from the Committee Examining the “Report
of the Bishop”
- 11:45 am Approval of Mission Priorities and Outcomes
(2016-2018)
- 12:00 pm Lunch

Sixth Sitting

- 1:15 pm Gathering with Song
- 1:20 pm Keynote Presentation– *Creation Not for Sale, The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Anglican Bishop*
- 1:50 pm Presentation Conversation:
'What are we hearing God say to us?'
'What does this mean for us?'
- 2:20 pm Report from Elections Committee (if necessary)
- 2:25 pm Committee on the Report of the Minutes – Report #3
- 2:30 pm Gifting of Resources
Reflections *Take Homes*
- 2:45 pm Unfinished Business
- 3:00 pm Sending Worship with Eucharist (*ELW* – Setting 7)
"Human Beings Not for Sale: From Captivity to Freedom"
Installation of Synod Council members and Closing of Convention.
(Offering designated to be divided between the ELCIC's Reformation Challenge – LWF Endowment Fund, and the ABT Synod Bishop's Discretionary Fund)
- 4:30 pm Synod Council meets (current and newly installed)

Anniversaries

Anniversary Celebrants for this two-year period are:

25 Years (1990-1991)

Rev. David Friesen
Rev. Kim Wong
Rev. Peter Chau
Rev. Sigmar Reichel
Rev. Fred Schneider

40 Years (1975-1976)

Rev. Thomas Peterson
Rev. Lee Woolery
Rev. Ken Grambo
Rev. Erland Nord

50 Years (1965-1966)

Rev. Richard Hanson
Rev. Robert Breitwieser
Rev. Glen Carlson
Rev. Donald Rasmussen

60 Years (1955-1956)

Rev. Edwin Bowen
Rev. Emil Krause
Rev. Harold Martin