



Creation – Not for Sale
Salvation – Not for Sale
Human Beings – Not for Sale

The Sixteenth Biennial Convention
of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

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University of Alberta – Augustana Campus; Camrose, Alberta

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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

Greetings



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June 2016

Dear Attendees of the Synod Convention:

As Dean of the Augustana Faculty, I am pleased to welcome you back to the Augustana Campus. The campus has undergone some significant changes since the last biennial convention of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories of the ELCIC. In particular, the Jeanne and Peter Lougheed Performing Arts Centre is fully operational, Founders' Hall has been renovated and is now ready to serve the campus for the next century, and the Wahkotowin Lodge, a gathering place for indigenous students and the entire community, was opened this spring on the lower level of the Forum. I invite you to visit these spaces.

Although now a public institution, Augustana continues to be mindful of and thankful for its heritage. Two concrete signs of that heritage are the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life and a revitalized Chaplaincy program that serves the entire campus. More importantly, the approach to education championed by CLC's founders continues to influence the spirit and culture of this campus. In the words of our mission statement, "Augustana is still inspired by convictions that are part of its pioneer legacy: that personal wholeness emerges from a liberal education, that the proper end of leadership is service to others, and that the spirit of cooperation so crucial to rural life invigorates human endeavour."

I note that your convention is gathered under the theme "Liberated by God's Grace." As a liberal arts and science campus, we share a common concern for all things liberating. The U of A motto from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, *Quaecumque Vera*, encourages us to pursue *whatsoever things are true*.

I hope your deliberations at this convention are fruitful and you find the campus to be comfortable and accommodating. Once again, welcome back.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen H. Berger".

Allen H. Berger, Ph.D.
Dean and Executive Officer

The Anglican Church of Canada
Diocese of Athabasca
From the desk of The Rt. Rev. Fraser Lawton



May 16, 2016

Bishop Larry Kochendorfer
Members of the Convention of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories
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Dear Fellow-servants of Christ Jesus,

I send greetings to you on behalf of the Diocese of Athabasca as you gather together under the theme of "Liberated by God's Grace." We pray that your time together will be an experience of that grace as God leads you in your conversations and decisions. No doubt your time together will also be coloured by the ongoing effects of wildfires in our province, as indeed our lives are, too. It is moments such as these that make us grateful for the gift of God's grace, given us in being a part of His family. Let us hold each other in prayer as we seek to care for people displaced by fire and anticipating some return to some sense of "normalcy" and as we seek to be God's people, showing His grace to a world desperate for His touch.

May God bless this time that He has given you to be together as His people, draw you together as His family and fill you with His hope and joy.

The Lord be with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fraser Athabasca". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

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Bishop of Athabasca

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Office of the Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary

My Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ

It is indeed a pleasure for me as the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary to be invited to send greetings to you. Your convention theme, "Liberated by God's Grace," and the keynote presentations working with the tag-line "Not For Sale," resonates with Roman Catholics and Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*.

The focus of *Laudato Si* is the human person. The central thesis is that the fallen nature of the human heart and the resulting brokenness of human relations is the cause of the crises in our lives, families, nations, and now the life-sustaining ecosystems that form our common home.

Our society promotes the cultural sin of covetousness. Seemingly, everything can be bought and sold. Regrettably, because of our fascination with wealth, our economy has been sustained by buying things we don't need, with money that we don't have.

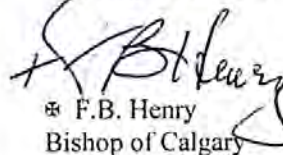
The central solution to all this is not reworked political or economic ideologies. Ultimately, the answer is Jesus Christ and our relationships with Him, our neighbors, and the created order, which is of the order of love.

"When people become self-centered and self-enclosed, their greed increases. The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume. It becomes almost impossible to accept the limits imposed by reality. In this horizon, a genuine sense of the common good also disappears. As these attitudes become more widespread, social norms are respected only to the extent that they do not clash with personal needs. So our concern cannot be limited merely to the threat of extreme weather events, but must also extend to the catastrophic consequences of social unrest. Obsession with a consumerist lifestyle, above all when few people are capable of maintaining it, can only lead to violence and mutual destruction." (LS 204)

We live in a fallen world and are dealing with complicated issues. Nevertheless, it is the Holy Spirit who sustains, liberates, transforms, sanctifies, reconciles and unites. We must continue to pray that the Spirit will nurture in our communities a keener desire for and commitment to communion and a greater readiness, as the Book of Revelation counsels, to listen "to what the Spirit is saying to the churches."

Wishing you all the best, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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June 16, 2016

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop
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Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Bishop and Delegates:

On behalf of the Ukrainian Catholic Church throughout Alberta, I extend greetings to the delegates of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories on the occasion of your Synod Convention.

The theme of your Convention, “Liberated by God’s Grace” – in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, calls to mind the words of Martin Luther: “As Christians we live in Christ through faith and in the neighbor through love” (*The Freedom of a Christian*).

By God’s grace, each of us through the grace of baptism has been called to share in the mission of our Lord in proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel Message; and sharing is none other than giving witness daily to God’s transforming love in the world.

May the Holy Spirit bless your Synod Convention that it may be a time of gratitude and renewed faith, unity and visioning for now and the future.

May this same Spirit guide our respective Churches to an ever closer fostering of unity through prayer, by example of life, and by working together.

Fraternally in Christ!



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May 3, 2016

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Dear Larry and Friends in the ELCIC Alberta Synod,

It is with joy that I greet you in the name of Jesus the Christ and on behalf of your brothers and sisters in The United Church of Canada, Alberta and Northwest Conference on the occasion of your Synod Convention June 16-18, 2016. In the words of Psalm 133 – *How very good and pleasant it is when God's people are together in unity.*

Your theme "*Liberated by God's Grace*" is a strong and hope-filled call to the continued unfolding of the reformed tradition in which we share ecumenical partnership and one to which we all aspire. In the ELCIC Alberta Synod you seek to live in this liberating grace every day and all the time, with spirit-led leadership; hope-filled discipleship; collaborative partnerships while innovating tradition to respond to the 21st Century world and Christian contexts in which we share a common hope.

We in the United Church count our partnership with you in the ELCIC as a gift to be cherished and we want you to know as you gather that we are with you in prayer and in the hope we share for a world made new in which all *live with respect for Creation, celebrating God's presence, seeking justice and resisting evil, loving and serving others as we proclaim Jesus our judge and our hope. For in life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. (from A New Creed)*

May your gathering be one of celebration, strengthening your community in faith and empowering your mission in the world; and may you be richly blessed by God's providence.

Yours in faithful and faith-filled friendship,

Rev. Lynn Maki
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Nominees for Election – Synod Council and Lutheran Theological Seminary Board of Governors

Synod Council

OFFICERS Chair for a four-year term, ending 2020
(Ecclesiastical ballot)

COUNCILORS

Northern Conference	lay	1. Mike Harmon (e)* 2.
East Central Conference	rostered	1. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler 2. Deborah Ann Taylor
West Central Conference	lay	1. Mark Ree (e)* 2.
West Central Conference	rostered	1. John Lentz 2. Art Weiss
Southwest Conference	lay	1. Terrie Coombs (e)* 2.
Southern Conference	lay	1. Walter Alksne 2. Wendy Kalkan

Full Communion Partner rostered

(This is by appointment of Synod Council as per Synod Bylaws Part VII, Section 1 and will be announced to the convention during report of the Synod Council.)

* eligible for re-election
(Election process outlined in synod bylaws Part V. Section b.1.)

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

lay	1. Dianne Keiren 2. Lauren Wray
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Nominees for Election – 2017 National Convention Delegates

At Large	Youth	1. Chad Garson 2. Nyajuok Kulang
Northern Conference	lay	1. Sheryl Dubois 2. Mike Harmon 3. Nancy Kadatz 4. Minna Peever 5. Margaret Sadler 6. Gretta Smith
Northern Conference	rostered	1. Barbara Groote 2. James Hendricksen 3. Aaron Schnell 4. Heidi Wachowiak
West Central Conference	lay	1. Gail Berg 2. Sharon Besler 3. Ebeline Zee-Hawtin
West Central Conference	rostered	1. Scott Brown 2. Marc Jerry 3. John Lentz
East Central Conference	lay	1. Vivian Baier 2. Ruth Jensen
East Central Conference	rostered	1. Paul McCormick
Southwest Conference	lay	1. Terrie Coombs 2. Garry Mihaichuk 3. Betty Pollock
Southwest Conference	rostered	1. Kayko Driedger Hesslein 2. Laura Holck 3. Kristian Wold 4. Tim Wray
Southern Conference	lay	1. Arnold Follinglo 2. Gerda Lewke 3. Colin Millang 4. Adena Skanderup
Southern Conference	rostered	1. Jeff Decelle 2. Thomas Peterson

Process of Election: Synod Chairperson

The process of electing a chairperson is set out in the Bylaws (Part V). This chart is designed to illustrate those bylaws in a schematic form for easy reference.

The election of a chairperson proceeds without oral nominations. If the first ballot does not result in election, it is considered a nominating ballot. At no point during the election is any eligible person permitted to withdraw his or her name from any ballot.

Ballot	Names on Ballot	Information Provided	Votes Needed to Elect
1 (or nominating)	Blank	The chairperson may be a lay person or a rostered leader. (Synod Constitution - Article XIII, Section 1)	3/4 majority of votes cast.
2	All names written on the first ballot		2/3 majority of votes cast.
3	The four persons who received the highest vote on the second ballot.		Majority of votes cast.
4	The three persons who received the highest vote on the third ballot.		Majority of votes cast.
5	The two persons who received the highest vote on the fourth ballot.		Majority of votes cast.

The result of each ballot in every election shall be announced to the convention.

Nomination Form

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR NOMINEES in the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Nomination for: _____

Conference: _____ Lay _____ Clergy _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ P.C. _____

Phone: Cell/Res. _____ Bus. _____

E-mail: _____

Home Congregation (and city/town): _____

Occupation (current and/or past): _____

Describe your participation in the church (*include service in your local congregation, in the larger church, service in the community, and how you share the gifts God has given you.*): _____

Why are you interested in serving in this capacity? _____

Share your concerns and hopes for the Synod of Alberta and the Territories: _____

Additional comments you wish to share: _____

Nominated by _____ Congregation: _____

Motion Slip

Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Number: _____ *(for office use only)*

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

THAT _____

CARRIED: _____

Date: _____