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...the greatest
of these is LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:13

17th Biennial Convention

Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

June 14-16, 2018

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, and 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

Faith, Hope, Love ...the greatest of these is love.

"And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." I Corinthians 13:13

Thursday, June 14

- 9:00 am Synod Council meeting – Roger Epp Board Room
- 10:30 am Registration
- 11:30 am Convention Committee - Committee for Reference and Counsel meets – Roger Epp Board Room
- 12:30 pm Choir Rehearsal for Opening Eucharist – all singers are welcome – Augustana Chapel
This year's convention choir sings only at the Opening Eucharist.
- 1:00 pm Orientation for first time Delegates – Convention Hall
- 2:00 pm Opening Eucharist - Augustana Chapel
- First Sitting**
- 3:30 pm Greetings
Recognition of Guests and Leaders of the Convention
Seating of new rostered leaders and those retired since 2016
- 3:50 pm **Reflection** *Expectations of our time together*
- 4:05 pm Orientation of all Delegates
Report from Registration and Attendance Committee

- 4:15 pm First Ballot for Bishop – Conducted by National Bishop Susan Johnson
- 4:30pm Standing Order - Greetings/Report from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
National Bishop Susan Johnson
- 5:10 pm Standing Order - Greetings from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon
The Rev. Dr. William Harrison, President
- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Second Ballot for Bishop
- 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*
- 7:55 pm **Reflection**
- 8:15 pm Evening Worship - Jazz Vespers including Healing Rite and Remembrance of Those Who Have Died Augustana Chapel

Following Evening Worship – Welcome Reception

Friday, June 15

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- Second Sitting**
- 8:15 am Worship with Communion - Convention Hall
(9:00 am – Deadline for submissions to the Committee for Reference and Counsel)
- 9:15 am Report from the Registration and Attendance Committee
- 9:20 am Third Ballot for Bishop
- 9:30 am **Video** *Hope-filled Discipleship*
- 9:40 am **Reflection**
- 10:00 am Committee on Minutes – Report #1
Nominating Committee
Committee for Reference and Counsel – Report #1
Constitution and Draft Bylaw Amendments
- 10:15 am Health/Refreshment Break

- 10:45 am Keynote Presentation– *Faith – The Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen*
Presentation Conversation: ‘What are we hearing God say to us?’, ‘What does this mean for us?’
- 11:45 am Standing Order - Greetings from En Misión Con El Salvador: In Mission with El Salvador
The Rev. Dr. Brian Rude
- 12:05 pm Verbal Report from Synod Council
- Action Items from the 2016 Synod Convention
 - Approval of Significant Actions
 - Questions related to Ministry Team Reports
- 12:15 pm “Lunch and Learn” Events (must be previously registered) or Lunch in the Cafeteria
- Third Sitting**
- 1:15 pm Gathering with Song
- 1:20 pm Report from the Registration and Attendance Committee
Fourth Ballot for Bishop (if necessary)
- 1:30 pm Standing Order - Greetings from The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO)
Bishop Atahaulpa Hernandez
Signing of the Covenant
- 2:00 pm Report of the Treasurer
Adoption of Audited Statements
- 2:20 pm Fifth Ballot for Bishop (if necessary)
First Ballot for Secretary (nominated by Synod Council)
First Ballot for Synod Council
First Ballot for Lutheran Theological Seminary Representative (nominated by Synod Council)
- 2:30 pm Standing Order - Greetings from Canadian Lutheran World Relief
The Rev. Dr. Karin Achtelstetter, Executive Director
- 2:50 pm Committee on Minutes – Report #2
Committee for Reference and Counsel – Report #2
Constitution and Draft Bylaw Amendments
- 3:15 pm Health/Refreshment Break
- 3:45 pm Presentation – *Hope – The Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen*
Presentation Conversation: ‘What are we hearing God say to us?’, ‘What does this mean for us?’

- 4:45 pm **Video** *Innovative Tradition*
- 4:55 pm **Reflections**
- 5:15 pm Report from Elections Committee
Elections for 2019 National Convention Delegates
- 6:30 pm *Festival Banquet* at the Norsemen Inn; *Celebration of Rostered Leader’s Anniversary – 25, 40, 50 and 60 years* and presentation of The Synod of Alberta and the Territories *Stephen D. Wildfang Synod Leadership Award*

Saturday, June 16

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- Fourth Sitting**
- 8:15 am Worship with Communion - *Convention Hall*
- 9:15 am Report from the Registration and Attendance Committee
- 9:20 am **Video** *Collaborative Partnerships*
- 9:30 am **Reflections**
- 9:50 am Constitution and Draft Bylaw Amendments (if necessary)
- 10:05 am Report from Elections Committee
- 10:15 am Health/Refreshment Break - "*Chillin with the Chaplains*" – *gelato event*
- 10:45 am Keynote Presentation – *Love – The Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen*
Keynote Presentation Conversation: ‘What are we hearing God say to us?’, ‘What does this mean for us?’
- 11:45 am Standing Order - Greetings from Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute, Outlook, SK
Wayne Hove, President
- 12:05 pm Report of the Necrologist/Archivist
- 12:15 pm “Lunch and Learn” Events (must be previously registered) or Lunch in the Cafeteria
- Fifth Sitting**
- 1:15 pm Gathering with Song

- 1:20 pm Constitution and Draft Bylaw Amendments (if necessary)
- 1:50 pm Report from Elections Committee (if necessary)
- 1:55 pm Committee on Minutes – Report #3
- 2:00 pm Report from the Committee Examining the “Report of the Bishop”
- 2:10 pm Approval of Mission Priorities (2018-2021)
- 2:15 pm Committee for Reference and Counsel – Report #3
- 2:25 pm Reflections Take Homes
Gifting of Resources – DVD Resource and Study Guide
- 2:45 pm Unfinished Business
- 2:50 pm Presentation of Gifts
- 3:00 pm Brief Sending Worship with Installation of Synod Council and Lutheran Theological Seminary Representative and Blessing of the Bishop – Augustana Chapel
- 3:45 pm Synod Council meeting (current and newly elected members) – Roger Epp Board Room

Anniversaries

Anniversary Celebrants for this two-year period are:

25 Years (1992-1993)

- Rev. Ingrid Cramer-Doerschel
- Rev. John Strecker-Baseler
- Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
- Rev. Douglas Hanson-Torwalt
- Rev. Juliette Trudeau
- Rev. Markus Wilhelm

40 Years (1977-1978)

- Rev. Arthur Weiss
- Bishop Ronald Mayan

50 Years (1967-1968)

- Rev. Raymond Christenson
- Rev. Yun-Ming Chu
- Rev. Philip Hink
- Rev. Telmor Sartison
- Rev. Ferdinand Tober
- Rev. William Wiegert
- Rev. Friedmut Wilhelm

60 Years (1957-1958)

- Rev. Bent Damkar
- Rev. Vincent Eriksson
- Rev. Corliss Holmes

Greetings



Augustana Campus

Dear Synod Convention Attendees:

My colleagues and I at the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus feel it's an honour to be able to host you for this year's convention, which I understand has the theme of "Faith, Hope, and Love."

As I write this welcome, I am reminded that just two nights ago Dr. Joe Wiebe, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Augustana, explained to the audience gathered for our annual Report to the Community why he thought love was the perfect topic for his First-Year Seminar course that last fall helped to introduce twenty new students to their university journey. I trust your own discussions, worship, and celebrations will have similar lasting value.

Beyond the confines of your Convention, I want to encourage your engagement with our Campus. Although we are now part of a large public university, Augustana retains important core values that go back to our founding as Camrose Lutheran College in 1910. These inform our understanding of the purpose of a liberal education, and they continue to guide the work of important campus programs such as the Chaplaincy and the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life.

I wish you a successful convention and look forward to opportunities to meet many of you.

Sincere regards,

Allen Berger
Dean and Executive Officer, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta



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On behalf of Camrose City Council and all of the citizens of Camrose, as Mayor it is my honor to welcome the clergy, presenter's and guests from around the world to the Alberta Synod Convention.

The Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta has a proven record in their ability to host Provincial, National and International events while demonstrating outstanding hospitality. This event provides the opportunity to meet with your collaborative partners to support each other in ministry, to encourage faith, hope, and love as you journey together. I salute all of those who have committed their time and energy to the convention.

We hope you will have the opportunity to enjoy the wide range of activities and opportunities available in our beautiful City. Whether you spend your time in one of our scenic urban parks, enjoying the unique shops of our Historical Main Street, or sampling other local cultural events, we hope your stay with us is a good one.

Thank you for visiting Camrose and blessings to you.

Sincerely,

The City of Camrose

Norman Mayer
Mayor



Montana Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

May 1, 2018

To the Sisters and Brothers in Christ at the Convention of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories,

Grace and peace to you.

I send you greetings from your brothers and sisters to the south—the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Like you, we gather together in early June to hear the Good News together and make plans for our future ministry.

May God bless and inspire you as you gather to hear Dr. Madsen, and as you greet your companions from the Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de Colombia. What a rich and fruitful time you have ahead of you.

Please know that the Montana Synod has you in prayer as you meet in Convention.

Your sister in Christ,

Jessica Crist, Bishop

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ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

May 3, 2018

To the Synod Convention meeting in June 14-16.

This is beyond doubt one of the busiest times for a Synod. Nevertheless, as we walk forward in love with the Father's call, the Spirit's guiding and the Son walking by our side it can also be one of the most rewarding. With the confusion in our world around us I am not surprised that the theme of our Synod which took place May 4th and 5th was "Love in all things" with 1 Corinthians 13 as our reading, is so similar with your theme of "Faith, Hope and Love" with 1 Corinthian 13:13 as your verse.

If we as a church want to make an impact in the world around us, then God's Love is the way to do it. As you enter your Synod, I pray that you will be a shining example of God's Love to the world around you, that God's Love will control all your proceedings and in all things "Faith, Hope and Love" will surround you, protect you and enfold you.

Be assured of our prayers for you during this time as you walk together in Christ's Love, and to my friend Bishop Larry, know my thoughts and prayers are with you and more importantly that our Lord will never leave your side throughout your synod.

Again, our blessings and prayers are with you.

Your Friends,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross-like mark above the first letter.

Bishop Larry Robertson and the Synod of the Diocese of Yukon

May 1, 2018

Dear Delegates - brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you as you meet for your Synod Convention in Camrose, Alberta in June.

This year's theme of "Faith, Hope and Love" are the foundation of our Christian walk and mission. In a world so full of fear, anger and hopelessness, we need to hear again the message of these three core values and virtues that make our lives different. It also speaks profoundly of how the Gospel addresses the deepest of human needs, both in our world and in our own culture where a focus on the things of this world only brings the imprisonment of consumerism, individualism, and the fame and shame impulses of our time. None of it can deliver the true liberty which comes by God's grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

I pray your time together will be fruitful, and that with open minds and hearts, you may seek the guiding of the Holy Spirit in all your deliberations. My prayers are with you.

Peace in our Lord Jesus,



The Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson
Archbishop of Calgary

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Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton Українська Католицька Едмонтонська Єпархія

June 14, 2018

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, "Faith, Hope and Love," is an invitation for all of us, who are created in the image and likeness of God, to grow together in life, in faith, and in spiritual understanding.

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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Nominees for Election – Synod Council
and
Lutheran Theological Seminary Board of Governors

Bishop (Ecclesiastical ballot) **for a six-year term, ending 2024**

Synod Council

OFFICERS Secretary **for a three-year term, ending 2021**

1. Rev. Anna Thede
(nominated by Synod Council)

COUNCILORS **for a three-year term, ending 2021**

Northern Area rostered
1. Rev. Heidi Wachowiak
2. Deacon Sarah Rudd

East Central Area lay
1. Shae Belanger
2.

Southwestern Area rostered
1. Rev. Daranne Harris
2. Rev. Dr. Phil Holck (e)*

Southern Area rostered
1. Rev. Janice Whitelock
2.

Lutheran Theological Seminary Board of Governors

rostered **for a three-year term, ending 2021**
1. Rev. Doug Heine (e)*
(nominated by Synod Council)

* eligible for re-election

Nominees for Election – 2019 National Convention Delegates

Northern Area	lay	1. Ryan Coultis 2. Linda Klinger 3. Brenda Petriw 4. Keith Scheidt 5. Ron Schlegelmilch 6. Gretta Smith 7. Sharon Specht 8. David Unsworth 9. Andrea Wilhelm 10. AnnE Zimmerman
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Northern Area	rostered	1. Rev. Lindsey Jorgensen – Skakum 2. Deacon Faith Nostbakken 3. Rev. Aaron Schnell 4. Rev. Heidi Wachowiak
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West Central Area	lay	1. 2.
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West Central Area	rostered	1. Rev. Kathy Calkins 2. Rev. Erik Sorenson
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East Central Area	lay	1. 2.
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East Central Area	rostered	1. Rev. Paul McCormick 2.
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Southwestern Area	lay	1. Anne Harding 2. Garth Hein 3. Cheryl Ann Holtz 4. Michell Plested 5. Helga Weissenberger
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Southwestern Area	rostered	1. Rev. Kristian Wold 2.
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Southern Area	lay	1. Cheryl Berg 2. Robin Niebergall
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Southern Area	rostered	1. Rev. Jeff Decelle 2.
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Process of Election: Bishop

The process of electing a Bishop is set out in the Bylaws (Part V) and may be found in Section B – Working Together at Convention.

The election of a Bishop proceeds without oral nominations. If the first ballot does not result in election, it is considered a nominating ballot. All elections shall be by secret ballot.

The following chart is designed to illustrate those bylaws in a schematic form for easy reference.

Ballot	Names on Ballot	Information Provided	Votes Needed to Elect
1 st (or nominating)	Blank	Nomination for bishop shall be made by secret ballot without oral nomination and shall be limited to those who are qualified to be on the roster of ordained ministers of this Church.	3/4 majority of votes cast.
2 nd	All names written on the first ballot	List of those nominated on first ballot.	2/3 majority of votes cast.
3 rd	The four persons who received the highest vote on the second ballot.	Candidates provide Biographical forms	Majority of votes cast.
4 th	The three persons who received the highest vote on the third ballot.	Candidates address the assembly.	Majority of votes cast.
5 th	The two persons who received the highest vote on the fourth ballot.	Candidates respond to questions from convention delegates.	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: _____
(please print neatly)

Area: _____ Lay _____ Rostered _____
(Northern, West Central, East Central, Southern, Southwestern)

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: _____

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Motion Slip

Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Number: _____ *(for office use only)*

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

THAT _____

CARRIED: _____

Date: _____

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