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April 2007

Dear Friends in Christ:

Welcome to the Eleventh Biennial Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

We are building on our vocation to be *In Mission for Others* by exploring what it means to be *A People Called* to participate in such mission. Reports, worship themes and the Bishop's address will combine to bring our attention to this challenge.

This is a landmark convention in two ways:

1. We will celebrate *The Waterloo Declaration* with the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada;
2. We will recognize the Tenth Anniversary of and renew the mandate of the document named *Evangelical Declaration*.

Although this would not normally be an election year, there will be balloting for bishop because I have chosen to retire in mid-term. A secretary, a treasurer and members of National Church Council will also require electing.

We look forward to introducing our many guests to you and hope that you will learn much about the church in Peru, in Germany and in the United States. Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton, General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches, will make a first-ever appearance among us!

The local arrangements committee has been busy making sure that you are treated hospitably and enabled to participate fully.

See you soon,



Raymond L. Schultz
National Bishop

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April 12, 2007

Dear Delegate:

April showers and spring flowers leave no doubt in our mind that spring is here. Crocuses, snowdrops, tulips, and chives are all beginning to sneak out of their cozy beds. We welcome them and gladly say farewell to winter.

We hope to welcome you warmly when you come to the Eleventh Biennial Convention here in Winnipeg, June 21–24, 2007. The first day we will meet with our Anglican brothers and sisters. Then in the evening we will open our convention at our lovely University of Manitoba Campus. Many plans, dreams and visions are being formulated so that this event will be both memorable and inspiring for delegates, visitors and volunteers. The Local Arrangements Committee is already hard at work to ensure things will be in order when you arrive.

If someone is accompanying you to the convention and wishes to take part in the action, perhaps they would consider volunteering. We need drivers to pick up delegates and guests at the airport and volunteers for hospitality, registration, ushers, and stewards. If you have a flair for figures or love computers we have a place for you. We would love to hear from you. Contact: Norman Coull at 204.885.1692 or email: ngcoull@mts.net.

The convention theme *In Mission for Others* will challenge us as we worship, sing, praise, decide and just be together as sisters and brothers.

Sincerely,

Norman Coull, Chair
Debbie Beyer, Vice-Chair
Local Arrangements Committee

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