



Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
Twelfth Biennial Convention, June 25-28, 2009
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

Notice re Election of Lay Delegates - 2009 National Convention

The 2009 National Convention will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia from June 25 to 28, 2009. The delegate fee has been set by National Church Council at \$955 plus accommodations. Details on the convention will be posted to the ELCIC website at www.elcic.ca as they become available.

Election of Lay Delegates

Section 29 b) of the Corporate By-Laws of the ELCIC indicates that a lay delegate shall be elected not earlier than twelve months and not later than five months before a convention by each member congregation which is not represented by a delegate who is an ordained minister elected by a conference.

ARTICLE XI Conventions Section 5b of the ELCIC Constitution indicates that the voting membership of conventions shall consist of a lay delegate elected by each parish* not already represented by an ordained minister and an additional lay delegate elected by every parish with more than eight hundred baptized members. (*A parish is defined as consisting of those baptized persons served by a common pastoral ministry in one or more congregations.)

Therefore, congregations must **elect their lay delegates by January 24th, 2009**. If your annual meeting does not occur before January 24, 2009, you need to elect your lay delegate and alternates at another congregational meeting prior to this date. This meeting could take place after one of your Sunday services. Once you have elected your lay delegate and alternates, please complete the attached form and **fax it to your synod office by Friday, February 13th**. No lay delegates or alternates will be accepted after the deadline date, thereby leaving your congregation without representation at the National Convention.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Gloria McNabb, Convention Manager, at toll-free 1-888-786-6707 Extension 178 (In Winnipeg – 984-9178).

Following is the full text of the election process of delegates that appears in the Corporate By-Laws of the ELCIC.

29. Each member congregation shall be entitled to be represented by at least one delegate at each Convention. Such delegates shall be elected as follows:
- a) 200 ordained ministers shall be elected not earlier than eighteen (18) months and not later than seven (7) months before a Convention by the Conferences as allocated by the National Church Council on the basis of baptized membership;
 - b) a delegate who is a lay person shall be elected not earlier than twelve (12) months and not later than five (5) months before a Convention by each member congregation which is not represented by a delegate who is an ordained minister elected by a Conference; and
 - c) an additional delegate who is a lay person shall be elected within the time specified in clause (b) above by each member congregation with more than 800 baptized members.

A member congregation with a membership of less than 800 baptized members which has been represented by an ordained minister elected by a Conference for two consecutive biennial Conventions shall not be represented by an ordained minister at the following biennial Convention.

The secretary of the Synod shall advise the secretary of the names and addresses of the delegates elected by the Conferences and by the member congregations of that Synod within thirty (30) days following each such election.



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**2009 NATIONAL CONVENTION
LAY DELEGATE NOTIFICATION SHEET**

Please print.

CONGREGATION	
CITY & PROVINCE	

Delegate #1			
NAME			
ADDRESS			
CITY, PROVINCE, PC			
DAYTIME TELEPHONE		EMAIL	

Alternate Delegate or Delegate #2 if applicable			
NAME			
ADDRESS			
CITY, PROVINCE, PC			
DAYTIME TELEPHONE		EMAIL	

Alternate Delegate			
NAME			
ADDRESS			
CITY, PROVINCE, PC			
DAYTIME TELEPHONE		EMAIL	

Please complete and fax or mail to your Synod Office by **Friday, February 13, 2009:**

Eastern Synod -FAX: 519-743-4291
SASK Synod – FAX: 306-664-8677
BC Synod – FAX: 604-524-9255

MNO Synod – FAX: 204-896-0272
ABT Synod – FAX: 780-433-6623
National Office – FAX: 204-984-9185