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April 2009

Dear Delegates, Visitors, and Guests to National Convention:

Greetings and welcome to the Twelfth Biennial Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada! As our time together draws nearer, I am looking forward to our National Convention with a spirit of joy and anticipation—and I hope you are too!

This letter is being written towards the end of the season of Lent and therefore very close to our celebration of Easter. Our convention theme this year, *In Mission for Others: Signs of Hope*, helps remind us that we are indeed an Easter people. And because of the triumph of Christ through the resurrection we are always people of hope. During these difficult economic times there are many voices of despair around us, but the good news of Jesus Christ reminds us that we are charged with countering those voices and reaching out with a message of hope, love, forgiveness, and new life.

We've tried to bring some innovations to National Convention this year in our worship, Bible study, forums, celebration, and even in some of the ways the business sessions are conducted. These are spelled out more fully in the National Bishop's Report to Convention that you will find in this *Bulletin of Reports*. I trust that these changes and indeed the whole convention experience—as we gather to worship, study, pray, sing, have fun, learn, and do the business of the church—will help build us up to be harbingers of hope, spirited disciples, who will return home with new energy for sharing the good news we will have experienced together.

Please join me in praying for our church as we prepare to meet in convention. May God bless you and grant you safe travel!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan C. Johnson".

The Rev. Susan C. Johnson  
National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada



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March 31, 2009

Dear Delegate:

In preparation for the Twelfth Biennial ELCIC Convention, we have shovelled the cherry blossoms from the sidewalks and trimmed the hedges into swan shapes! Ah, spring in Vancouver!

We hope to welcome you warmly when you arrive here in Vancouver for the convention June 25–28, 2009. We have been eagerly anticipating your arrival and have just about completed our preparations. In the afternoon of June 25 our convention will begin with an opening worship at the University of British Columbia's War Memorial Gym. We hope this convention will be a time of inspiration and hope for delegates, visitors and clergy. The Local Arrangements Committee has been 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 pickup delegates and guests at the airport and volunteers directing people around the campus. We need more volunteers for registration and stewards for the Convention floor. We would love to hear from you. Contact: Stephanie Staus at [sjstaus@gmail.com](mailto:sjstaus@gmail.com) or call 604-596-7688.

This year's Convention theme *In Mission for Others: Signs of Hope*, will challenge us to look for *signs of hope* in all we do together as sisters and brothers in our worship, our convention sessions and in our time together.

Sincerely,

Armen Petznik, Chair  
Stephanie Staus, Vice-Chair  
Local Arrangements Committee



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### **A CALL TO WORSHIP! *IN MISSION FOR OTHERS: SIGNS OF HOPE***

The Convention Worship Committee celebrates with all delegates and visitors the wonderful opportunity to worship together at the 2009 ELCIC National Convention! Worship is at the heart and centre of our gathering.

Worship will take place in the same assembly space as our business sessions. Worship in Word and Sacrament opens and closes the convention and begins and ends each business day. Our worship and work are one.

The liturgies will express the rich heritage of our Lutheran and ecumenical traditions, resources from other communities and cultures, and the vitality and diversity of creative talents from across our National Church.

**Our core resource for convention worship is *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. All delegates and visitors are asked to bring a copy for use at the convention. If you cannot access one, copies will be available for sale or you may sign one out by deposit at the time of registration.**

Various musical settings for Holy Communion, Evening Prayer, Healing and the breadth of assembly song in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* will make up the liturgies. Worship texts will include commemorating The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession and Renewer of the Church, Phillip Melancthon; bishops and pastors, and servants of the church who have died over the past biennium; as well as following daily and Sunday lectionaries. Worship presiders and proclaimers include our National and Synodical bishops, Bishop of the ELCA and Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, as well as other pastors, lay ministers and gifted musicians from across our church and the community of Vancouver and area. We are also delighted to have serving as principal Convention Musician, Edmonton based pianist and choral conductor, Brendan Lord.

Through baptismal waters and in God's Word proclaimed, through the prayers of God's people and in Jesus' meal of himself given for all, through assembly song and in mutual acts of peace sharing, forgiveness and healing, we receive all we need to faithfully live out our calling together *In Mission for Others: Signs of Hope*.

So come let us worship and work together!

In the Holy Spirit of hope, with Christ at the centre of all we do, by God's grace;

Karen Johnson-Lefsrud, Lyle McKenzie  
Christoph Reiners, Lorraine Reinhardt, Robyn Simpson Mohr  
The Convention Worship Committee

## CONVENTION APPOINTMENTS

### Co-Chaplains

Jane Freeman

Samual Voo

### Worship Direction

Lyle McKenzie, *Co-Chair*

Karen Johnson-Lefsrud, *Co-Chair*

Robyn Simpson Mohr, *Liturgical Director*

Christoph Reiners, *Local Worship Coordinator*

Lorraine Reinhardt, *Local Music Coordinator*

Brendan Lord, *Convention Musician*

### Program Committee for Worship

Don Engel, *Chair*

Eric Dyck

Richard Leggett

Lorraine Reinhardt

Carolyn Speakman

## CONVENTION COMMITTEES

### Reference and Counsel

TBA

### Minutes

TBA

### Elections

TBA

### Registration and Credentials

TBA

### Local Arrangements

Armen Petznik, *Chair*

Stephanie Staus, *Vice-Chair*

Vera Durda, *Registration*

Terry Watkin, *Treasurer*

Christoph Reiners, *Worship*

Grace Lo-Voo, *Hospitality*

Erin Gram, *Office*

Barbara & Roy Patzer, *Transportation*

Marjun Blishen, *Head Usher*

Norma Houde, *Head Steward*

Lene Olesen, *Secretary*

## CONVENTION CO-ORDINATION

Gloria McNabb, CMA, *Convention Manager*

Trina Gallop, *Convention Communications*

Kristen Guy, *Convention Banner & Graphics*

Myra Golebioski, *Convention Accounting*

Faye Schultz, *Convention Assistant*

Barb Wiebe, *Convention Registration*

Norm Coull, *Copy Editing*

Rick Natividad, *Website*