



An Order of Blessing for Delegates to the National Convention

*This service can be used one Sunday prior to the national convention.
If the pastor is a delegate, someone else should lead this order of the service.*

Following the hymn of the day, the delegate(s) are called forward.

LEADER: *Delegate name(s), you have been chosen as a delegate to the National Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. We join with you and with the whole church in confession of our faith.*

The Apostles' Creed follows.

LEADER: You are sent to this gathering to serve the whole church. Will you seek the guidance of God as you join others in making decisions for the church? Will you bear the reconciliation of Christ as you work with others to determine the will of God for the future of the church?

DELEGATE(S): Yes, and I pray that God will help and direct me.

LEADER: People of God,
Will you support this Delegate in prayer? Will you pray for the National Convention?

CONGREGATION: We will.

The Congregation extends their hands in blessing.

LEADER: *Delegate name(s), we bless you as you go forth in the name of God to serve us and all the people of God in the work of this convention. May the light of Christ shine in you. May the Spirit of Christ guide you. May God bless you in your travel, this work and in your homecoming.*

CONGREGATION: Amen.

The prayers of the church follow.

Intercessions for the National Convention and for the leadership of the church should be included.