



## **Assembly 2008**

### **Twelfth Biennial Convention**

**EASTERN SYNOD** of the  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**

*London Convention Centre, London Ontario*

*July 9 -13, 2008*

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## **Agenda**

### **Tuesday – July 8, 2008**

- 10:00 am Synod Council Meeting
- 12:00 noon *Synod Council – Lunch*
- 4:00 pm Synod Council Adjourns
- 6:00 pm *Synod Council – Dinner (on your own)*

### **Wednesday – July 9, 2008**

- 7:30 am *Breakfast (on your own)*
- 9:00 am Delegate Registration Open

### **Session One**

- 2:00 pm Opening of Convention

- Report of Committee on Registration  
Establishment of Quorum  
Delegate Orientation and Procedural Guidelines  
Introduction of Special Guests  
Requests to Grant Privilege of Vote and/or Voice  
Notice of Consent Agenda Items  
    Report of the Synod Council – Items not requiring action  
    Report of the Secretary  
    Report of the Statistician  
    Report of the Necrologist  
    Report of the Archivist  
    Report of the Auditor  
    Report of the Investment Committee  
    Reports of the Standing Committees and Working Groups  
    Report of Lutheran Planned Giving  
    Adoption of Minutes of 2006 Convention  
    Appointment of Convention Committees  
    Reports of the Conferences
- Adoption of Agenda
- 2:30 pm Report of the Bishop
- 3:00 pm Report of the Synod Council  
    – Notice of Items Requiring Action  
    – Notice of Proposed Amendments to Eastern Synod Constitution
- 3:15 pm **SPECIAL ORDER** – Report of the Treasurer  
    • 2006–2007 Financial Review  
    • 2008–2009–2010 Budget Overview
- 3:45 pm **SPECIAL ORDER** – Bishop Susan C. Johnson  
    National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- 4:15 pm Report of the Nominating Committee  
    – Synod Council/WLS Board of Governors  
    – Reception of Nominations from the Floor
- 4:30 pm Report of the President, Eastern Synodical ELW
- 4:45 pm Report of the “*It’s Your Call*” Coordinator – Rev. Dr. Robert Binhammer
- 5:00 pm *Closing Prayer and Adjournment for Supper (on your own)*
- 5:15 pm Rehearsal for Opening Service
- 6:00 pm Delegate Registration Closed
- 7:30 pm Opening Service of Holy Communion**
- 9:00 pm Welcome Reception for Delegates and Visitors
- 9:00 pm Bishop’s Reception for Retired Pastors & Spouses

## Thursday – July 10, 2008

7:30 am *Breakfast (on your own)*

8:00 am Delegate Registration Open

### **Session Two**

**8:30 am Holy Communion**

9:10 am Report of the Committee on Elections

First Ballot – Synod Council/WLS Board of Governors

9:20 am ***SPECIAL ORDER – A PEOPLE CALLED***

- to be passionate about our relationship with God, in Christ

10:30 am *Break*

10:45 am Hymn Sing

11:00 am Report of Synod Council (cont'd)

12:00 noon *Closing Prayer and Adjournment for Lunch (on your own)*

(WLS – Reception – Salon A)

### **Session Three**

1:30 pm Hymn Sing and Opening Prayer

1:45 pm Report of the Committee on Elections

Second Ballot – Synod Council/WLS Board of Governors

2:15 pm Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel

3:00 pm ***SPECIAL ORDER*** – Hildy Thiessen, Executive Director  
ELCIC Group Services

3:15 pm *Break*

3:30 pm Report of Synod Council (con't.)

4:15 pm Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel

5:00 pm *Dinner (on your own)*

### **Session Four**

7:00 pm Hymn Sing and Opening Prayer

7:15 pm ***SPECIAL ORDER – A PEOPLE CALLED***

- to nurture leaders who encourage and equip other leaders
- to work in partnership with others

**8:30 pm Evening Prayer**

## Friday – July 11, 2008

7:30 am *Breakfast (on your own)*

### **Session Five**

**8:30 am Holy Communion** – This Eucharist will include a Memorial Rite for pastors and clergy spouses who have died during the past biennium.

9:10 am Report of Committee on Elections

Third Ballot – Synod Council/WLS Board of Governors

9:30 am ***SPECIAL ORDER – A PEOPLE CALLED***

- to reflect the diversity of our society
- to be generous

10:30 am *Break*

10:45 am Hymn Sing

11:00 am Report of WLS Board of Governors

11:30 am Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel

12:00 noon *Closing Prayer and Adjournment for Lunch (on your own)*

1:30 pm FORUMS

3:00 pm *Break*

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4:00 pm Rehearsal for Ordination Service

5:30 pm *Dinner (on your own)*

**7:30 pm Ordination Service and Reception**

St. Paul's Cathedral – 472 Richmond Street, London ON

## Saturday – July 12, 2008

7:30 am *Breakfast (on your own)*

### **Session Six**

**8:30 am Holy Communion**

*Note: All non-germane motions must be in the hands of the Secretary at this time.*

9:10 am Report of the Committee on Elections

9:20 am Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel

10:15 am *Break*

10:30 am Hymn Sing

- 10:45 am Report of Synod Council (con't.)
- 11:15 am Presentation of Pastors, Diaconal Ministers, and Congregations received into the Synod since July 1, 2006.
- 12:00 noon *Closing Prayer and Adjournment for Lunch (on your own)*

### ***Session Seven***

- 1:30 pm Hymn Sing
- 1:45 pm ***SPECIAL ORDER*** – Report of the Treasurer
  - 2009-2010 Budget
- 2:15 pm Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel
- 2:45 pm Report of Committee on Minutes
- 2:50 pm Report of Committee on Registration
- 2:55 pm Report of Committee on the Report of the Bishop
- 3:10 pm *Break*
- 3:30 pm ***SPECIAL ORDER – A PEOPLE CALLED***
  - to be engaged by challenging questions
- 4:30 pm Adjournment of Convention
- 6:30 pm** ***Eastern Synod Banquet***  
*6:30 pm – Gathering Time*  
*7:00 pm – Dinner*

### **Sunday – July 13, 2008**

- 7:30 am *Breakfast (on your own)*
- 8:00 am Synod Council Meeting
- 10:00 am** **Closing Service of Holy Communion – Installation of Synod Council**