

FINAL DRAFT**“Liberated by God’s Grace”****2016 BC Synod Convention — April 28 to May 1, 2016**

Primary Convention Locations:
Executive Plaza Hotel (405 North Road, Coquitlam)
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (1504 Spruce Ave, Coquitlam)

Convention Hosts: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Coquitlam, BC

NOTE: *Balloting will take place throughout the convention as time and balloting results permit. Balloting will proceed in this order as per the Synod bylaws: Secretary, Vice-Chairperson, additional Synod Council members. The elections for Secretary and Vice-Chairperson are conducted by “ecclesiastical ballot,” wherein each delegate is invited to write down one name on a blank ballot.*

In addition, the Nominating Committee report regarding 2017 National Convention delegates will be presented Thursday afternoon, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.

The Nominating Committee report for Synod Council members and the lay representative for the Seminary Board of Governors will take place once the elections of the Secretary and Vice-Chairperson are completed. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for Synod Council members and the Board of Governors.-

Thursday, April 28

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| 10:00 am | Synod Council meeting |
| 12:00 pm | REGISTRATION begins at Executive Plaza Hotel convention centre |
| 1:00 pm | Orientation session for those who are new or fairly new to church conventions |
| 2:00 pm | <p>Business Session #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Litany: Opening of Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome of Special Guests and new Rostered Ministers <input type="checkbox"/> Report from Committee on Registration and Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption of Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment of Parliamentarian and Convention Committees <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome of new Shared Ministry Congregation: Trinity, Clearwater <input type="checkbox"/> Greetings <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption of Minutes from the 2014 BC Synod Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Committee on Elections: First ballot for election of Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee Report regarding the Election of Delegates to the 2017 National Convention: floor is open for nominations <input type="checkbox"/> Bishop’s Report, including the reports of the Conference Deans <input type="checkbox"/> Standing Committee Reports <input type="checkbox"/> Report from Committee on Elections <input type="checkbox"/> Balloting continues <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary’s Report <input type="checkbox"/> Announcements |
| 5:00 pm | Transportation to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church |
| 5:30 pm | Welcome Dinner at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
(sponsor: Canadian Lutheran World Relief) |
| 7:30 pm | Opening Worship Service |

(The offerings received this evening are designated for the ELCIC's Reformation Challenge: Scholarships)

9:00 pm Return transportation to Executive Plaza Hotel

Friday, April 29

9:00 am

Worship

9:30 am

Business Session #2

- Report from Committee on Registration and Attendance
- Report from Committee on Elections; balloting continues
- Nomination Committee Report regarding the Election of Delegates to the 2017 National Convention; Balloting ensues
- Report of National Bishop Susan Johnson
- Group Services, Inc. Report

10:30 am

Refreshment Break

11:00 am

Business Session #2 continues ...

- Report from Committee on Elections; balloting continues
- Bylaw amendments
- Lutheran Theological Seminary Report
- Announcements

12:00 pm

Lunch

(Please allow Convention Choir members to eat first so that they may attend practice. Reference and Counsel members also may require this courtesy.)

1:10 pm

Business Session #3

- Report from Committee on Registration and Attendance
- Report from Committee on Elections; balloting continues
- Surrey Urban Mission Society Report
- UBC Campus Centre Task Force Report
- Treasurer's Report, including presentation of Budget for 2016-17
 - Conversation on Stewardship of Material Assets
 - Social Purpose Real Estate
- Report from Committee on Elections
- Nominating Committee Report regarding Election of Synod Council members; balloting continues

3:00 pm

Refreshment Break

3:30 pm

Business Session #3 continues

- Report from Committee on Elections; balloting continues
- Proposed Bylaw Amendments continued
- Reference and Counsel Report on proposed motions
- National Youth Project: Right to Water
- Report from Committee on Elections; balloting continues
- Announcements

5:30 pm

Dinner

(Please allow Convention Choir members to eat first so that they may attend practice. Reference and Counsel members also may require this courtesy.)

6:40 pm

Business Session #4

- Report from Committee on Registration and Attendance

- Report from Committee on Elections; balloting continues
- Committee on the Report of the Bishop
- Budget for 2014-15
- Reference and Counsel Report on proposed motions
- Report from Committee on Elections; balloting continues
- Announcements

8:30 pm **Worship**

Saturday, April 30

Synod Learning Day

- 9:15 am Gather
- 9:30 am Welcome, Introductions and Opening Prayer
- 9:45 am Session 1: Historical Perspectives Regarding Denominations and
Their Congregations — What Has Happened?
- 10:45 am Refreshment Break
- 11:15 am Session 2: Understanding “Technical” and “Adaptive” Change in Relation to
Congregational Ministry — How Have Churches Responded?
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Session 3: Turning Presenting Issues into an Adaptive Challenge
- 3:00 pm Wrap-up and Closing Prayer
- Refreshment Break
- 3:30 pm **Business Session #5 if needed**
- possible report from Committee on Elections

(The following start time may need to be adjusted should there be a brief Business Session #5)

- 3:30 pm Special work session for missional renewal Congregational Guiding Teams and
Clergy Cohorts
- 4:45 pm Session concludes

BC Synod Convention Banquet at Executive Plaza Hotel

- 6:00 pm Entertainment begins at 6:00 pm — “The Creole Jazz Band”
Banquet begins at 6:30 pm
(sponsors: Good Samaritan Society and AON Insurance)

Sunday, May 1

- 8:30 am Transportation to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- 9:00 am Breakfast at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
(sponsor: Cherry Insurance)

Business Session #6, if required

- 10:30 am **Worship Service**, including Installation of Synod Council Members and Closing of Convention
(The offerings received this morning are designated for the ELCIC Reformation Challenge: Scholarships. In addition, donations placed in the regular offering envelopes of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will go directly to the congregation.)
- 12:30 pm Return transportation to Executive Plaza Hotel