

## Biographical Form for BC Synod Delegates to ELCIC National Convention

### Name

Amber Santarelli

### Position Nominated For:

Youth - between 16 and 25 as of first day of National Convention

### Region

Vancouver Island

### Name of Congregation and City

Trinity Anglican+Lutheran Church Port Alberni

### Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention

I am presently a grade 11 student.

I have been attending church all my life. Some of the involvement I have participated over the years is choir, Sunday School helper, Communion Assistant, assistant to the "Pancake Master" raising funds for different church Outreach Projects. I also have written articles for the Roman Catholic Newspaper "The Diocesan Messenger" and have had the privilege of sharing them during service. The last year I have stood as BC Synod Youth Committee Chair, I am on the Vancouver Island Central Region Committee, and as Vancouver Island Youth Rep. As we are a church of Lutheran's and Anglican's I also hold positions within the Anglican side of Trinity. These include being a part of Parish Council, a member of the Diocesan Council of British Columbia and the newly formed Youth Council. I have also taken part in The Sacred Journey which is an initiative of Bishop Logan's moving forward on the way of Reconciliation.

### Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of the ELCIC

My hopes for the ELCIC is to maintain their present works that are in process, to build new initiatives that are multi-denominational in creative ways that engage society as a whole. To be relevant today and for the future (which ELCIC excels at already) .

As we recently celebrated our Reformation of 500 years, I think it would be really great to have a more detailed history available on the website.

### Why are you interested in being a delegate?

I am interested in being a delegate because I love learning about what is happening in the wider church and how it is run. It also then gives me the opportunity to go back to my congregation and share what is happening in a presentation. My favourite parts of National Convention are Worship and the Inter-Denominational talks as well as activities. Going to National Convention also is a great opportunity to build friendships across the country. You get to see and meet the hard-working, faithfilled and committed people of our church from a broader perspective. To be a part of a governing body that has impact on the wider church.