

## AGENDA

Revision: February 23, 2015

### SUNDAY, May 3

#### AFTERNOON

3:00 pm **Resolution Committee Meetings:** Crowne Plaza Hotel (*assigned rooms will be posted*)  
3:00—5:30 **Hotel Registration:** Crowne Plaza Hotel (*main entrance*)  
**Convention Registration:** Crowne Plaza Hotel (*2<sup>nd</sup> floor lobby, outside convention hall*)

*Supper on your own*

#### EVENING

7:00 pm **Opening Service** - Holy Communion will be celebrated  
@ Historic St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 137 Queen St. S., Kitchener  
**Host Pastor:** Rev. Larry Gajdos  
**Sermon:** Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee, LCC President  
8:00-10:00 **Late Registration:** Hotel & Convention (*Crowne Plaza main entrance*)  
Convention Registration (*2<sup>nd</sup> floor lobby, outside convention hall*)  
9:00-11:00 **President's Reception:** (*fellowship & refreshments*)  
@ Historic St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kitchener

### MONDAY, May 4

#### MORNING

7:30 am *Breakfast: (at Crowne Plaza)*  
8:00 am **Late Registration:** Hotel & Convention (*Crowne Plaza main entrance*)  
Convention Registration (*2<sup>nd</sup> floor lobby, outside convention hall*)  
8:30 am Devotions: Convention Hall (*Grand Ballroom on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*)  
8:50 am **Essayist:** Rev. Dr. James Gimbel  
10:00 am **OPENING OF CONVENTION**  
10:00 am **Business Session 1**  
11:00 am ***The Elections begin at this time and continue throughout the Convention in the following order until completed:***

- District President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- District Secretary
- Board of Directors
- Circuit Counsellors
- District Committee for Convention Nominations
- Synodical Nominating Committee

11:15 am Report of the District President: Rev. Paul Zabel  
12:00 noon *Lunch: (at Crowne Plaza)*

#### AFTERNOON

1:00 pm Devotions:  
1:15 pm **Business Session 2:**  
3:00 pm *Recess*  
3:30 pm **Business Session 3:**  
5:00 pm *Recess*

#### EVENING

6:30 pm Banquet: (*at Crowne Plaza*)  
7:30 pm Entertainment: Dave Horn

## TUESDAY, May 5

### MORNING

- 7:00 am *Breakfast (at Crowne Plaza)*  
8:30 am *Devotions*  
8:50 am **Essayist:** Rev. Dr. James Gimbel  
10:00 am Report of the Synodical President: Dr. Robert Bugbee  
11:00 am **Business Session 4:**  
12:00 noon *Lunch: (at Crowne Plaza)*

### AFTERNOON

- 1:00-1:15 Group Photo (Atrium)  
1:15-2:30 **Business Session 5**  
2:40-3:20 **Info-Session # 1** *(see descriptions below)*  
3:30-4:10 **Info-Session # 2** *(see descriptions below)*  
4:15-4:55 **Info-Session # 3** *(see descriptions below)*  
5:00 pm *Recess then supper on your own.*

### EVENING

- 7:30 pm Jubilarian & Memorial Service: Convention Hall (Grand Ballroom)  
*(Refreshments & fellowship to follow)*

## WEDNESDAY, May 6

### MORNING

- 7:30 am *Breakfast (at Crowne Plaza)*  
8:30 am *Devotions*  
8:50 am **Essayist:** Rev. Dr. James Gimbel  
9:45 am *Recess (opportunity to check-out of hotel if not already)*  
10:00 am **Business Session 6: (Final Session)**  
12:00 noon Draw of Door Prizes *(in person only)*  
Closing Service and Installation of Officers – Convention Hall (Grand Ballroom)

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## Breakout Sessions

(Please select 3 out of the 7 sessions listed below.)

### 1. Mill Neck Deaf Ministry — with Mr. Michael Killian

The Mill Neck Foundation was originally formed as Lutheran Friends of the Deaf in 1947 as a Registered Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS. It is committed to bringing the Gospel message to the deaf in any way that it can. Come and learn what they are doing in North America and throughout the world. And learn what you and your congregation can do to assist those audiology needs in your midst as well. ***If you desire to attend this workshop it will be available to you either during Breakout Session a. or c.***

### 2. Abuse Prevention — with Mr. Ken Hall

Mr. Hall is the President of Robertson-Hall Insurance located in London, Ontario. He frequently consults with congregations and leads workshops in connection with their church protection needs. He will present his workshop entitled: "Abuse Prevention Made Easy" in the first two Breakout Sessions (Sessions a. & b.) In these identical Breakout Sessions he will present a best practices checklist with practical tips. Then in the third Breakout Session (Session c.) he will devote the entire session to exclusively answering questions by those who have attended one of the first two sessions. ***If you desire to attend this workshop it will be available to you either during Breakout Session a. or b. with a "Question and Answer" follow-up workshop being held during Session c.***

**3. Treasurers' Breakout Session — with Mr. Al Feth**

Mr. Al Feth currently serves as the East District Gift Coordinator of Lutheran Foundation Canada. He has and continues to serve our East District congregations with many of their financial needs. Our congregations' Church Treasurers are in a position that entails burden of trust and responsibility. Areas included in this workshop will include practical direction in overseeing the congregation's financial records, preparing accurate financial reports for the Church Council and Congregational Voters Meetings, being involved in budgeting as directed by the session, anticipating financial problems, making sure that those in charge of various funds in the church report annually to the Voters, managing, safeguarding, and maintaining the congregation's financial resources, complying, as required, with governing bodies of the Church and governmental reporting requirements, scheduling and overseeing the annual review or audit, and overseeing that internal controls are being followed. ***If you desire to attend this workshop it will be available to you either during Breakout Session a. or c.***

**4. Departments for Outreach, Parish Services & Finance — with Rev. Will Kramer, Mrs. Jennifer Kitsch, and Mr. Darryll Holland**

The East District operates with three distinct Departments: The Department for Outreach, the Department for Parish Services and the Department for Finance. Come and hear an update and an overview of what these three Departments are currently doing and what is on their agenda for the future. Each Department will give a brief overview of their work in the District in the first two Breakout Sessions (Sessions a. & b.) and also be available to respond to any questions and also address any issues and concerns in the third Breakout Session (Session c). It is always good to learn what is happening in our East District. ***If you desire to attend this workshop it will be available to you either during Breakout Session a. or b. with a "Question and Answer" follow-up workshop being held during Session c.***

**5. "Our Free & Joyous Response" Stewardship Endeavor — with President Paul Zabel**

Christian Stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God, and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources, for God's purpose. The "*Free and Joyous Response*" endeavor is designed to raise stewards of Christ, and to celebrate God's gifts and the joy of giving and serving Him. It is based on the need of the giver to give, and not on the need of the church to receive. The emphasis is on stewardship that raises people to a new level of spiritual commitment and annual giving. In this Breakout Session, come and learn how this Stewardship Endeavor might effectively be used in the Stewardship efforts being carried out and implemented in your congregation. ***If you desire to attend this workshop it will be available to you either during Breakout Session b. or c.***

**6. "Joyfully in Mission" — with Rev. Ron Mohr**

When mission equals evangelism programs there is often more fear than eagerness. When mission equals remote locations it often becomes someone else's calling rather than my own. This session will encourage us to see how God's Word defines the Christian's mission, discuss some of the obstacles today's world puts before us in fulfilling our calling and explore some practical ways we can all joyfully, prayerfully, and gratefully engage in this mission. ***If you desire to attend this workshop it will be available to you either during Breakout Session a. or b.***

**7. Concordia Mission Society — with Lisa Jackson**

How can we effectively minister in the mission field? How can we make sure that every dollar makes the mark? Concordia Lutheran Mission Society has been an auxiliary of Lutheran Church–Canada since 1997. CLMS has been supporting the outreach work of our Church by providing our mission partners with opportunities to support specific mission projects. We are one way in which you can provide for the people you love and the missions you care about. Come and learn more about the wonderful work the Lord is doing through Lutheran Church–Canada's partnership with CLMS and about the projects chosen for 2015 as we partner together in reaching Canada, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, Ukraine and Thailand by supporting 23 projects as we plan to raising \$146,000 for missions. You can make a difference! ***If you desire to attend this workshop it will be available to you either during Breakout Session a. or b.***