



2018 Lutheran Church–Canada, East District Convention

PRE-CONVENTION BULLETIN NO. 1

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Grace and peace to you from our faithful God and Father who gives us His Spirit that we may believe and speak of His mercy and grace. Amen.

INTRODUCTION:

This is the first of three pre-convention bulletins sent to pastors, deacons, and congregations of the East District of Lutheran Church–Canada. These bulletins contain important information for pastoral delegates, lay delegates, and advisory delegates attending the 2018 East District Convention. Please keep them for future reference.

CONVENTION PURPOSE:

Members and workers of LCC, East District, will gather at the **Double Tree Hotel, 300 King St., London, on October 14-17, 2018**, to hear reports about the work of the church in Synod and our District and to elect and direct officers of the board and Regional representatives to Synod. Along the way, we hope to gain some knowledge and inspiration while growing deeper in our faith.

CONVENTION APPOINTMENTS . . .

Host Circuit: London

Host Congregation:
Our Saviour Lutheran Church, London

Host Pastor:
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Voegel

Convention Manager:
Mr. Darryll Holland

Local Arrangements Committee Chair:
Mr. Kurt Bromhall

Worship Committee Chair:
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Voegel

District Nominations Committee Chair:
Rev. Richard Juritsch

LCC Commission on Nominations & Elections Chair:
Rev. Lorne Reddemann

A FEW CONVENTION DETAILS . . .

WHEN: October 14-17, 2018

WHERE: Double Tree Hotel
300 King St., London
<http://doubletree3.hilton.com>

THEME: Isaiah 26:4
“Jesus, the Rock Forever”

DUE DATES:

LCC Nominations: May 15, 2018
District Nominations: *tba*
Delegate Credentials: May 30, 2018
Workbook Reports: July 1, 2018
Overtures: August 14, 2018

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT:

Remember to include the congregational assessment for the upcoming District Convention in your 2018 budget. The preliminary assessment is set at \$5.50 per communicant member. (*This is a preliminary estimate only and may be subject to change.*)

2018 East District Convention Essayist

Dr. Gary Zieroth is the convention's keynote speaker. Dr. Zieroth joined the Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne faculty in 2016. He serves as assistant professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions, dean of Students and director of Vicarage and Internship.

He earned his D. Min. (2006) and M. Div. (1990) from CTSFW after graduating from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, in 1986 with a B.A. in psychology. He served as an adjunct professor for CTSFW (2008-2016) leading courses regarding what the Bible teaches about marriage, families and catechesis. He also serves as an adjunct professor for Concordia University, Nebraska, and Concordia University, Portland.



Dr. Zieroth spent 26 years in the pastoral ministry, serving congregations in Fort McMurray and St. Albert, Alberta; Kingsville, Maryland; and Chaska, Minnesota. In recent years, he has served as the interim director, then director (2014-2016) for The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod's Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) program.

He and his wife, JoAnn, have been married thirty-four years and have four children.

Dr. Zieroth will address the convention theme, "Jesus, the Rock forever."

A WORD OR TWO ABOUT DELEGATES

- Each parish elects one lay delegate and one alternate delegate who is neither clergy nor deacon.
- Multi-point congregations are regarded as one parish and shall be entitled to only one lay delegate vote.
- Active parish pastors are automatically considered voting delegates.
- Congregations with pastoral teams must designate one of the pastors as the voting delegate.
- Any questions about voting may be directed to the President's Office.
- The official Delegate Credentials form must be signed by two congregational officers.
- Non-voting clergy and deacons are considered Advisory Delegates (eligible to voice but not vote at the convention and eligible to serve on floor committees, if appointed).
- Congregations who have not submitted their signed Delegate Credentials by May 30th shall not be entitled to vote in official meetings of the District unless accepted by a special committee of the President, a Vice-President, and the Secretary who will adjudge any credentials submitted after the deadline.