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To: Congregations in the Saskatchewan Synod
Rostered Ministers

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Re: **Delegate Eligibility & Registration Fee for 2008 Synod Convention**

Dear Friends:

Planning is underway for the biennial convention of the Saskatchewan Synod. The involvement of every congregation is vital to the ministry of our diversified synod and is encouraged in Article VI, Section 2:

Every congregation of this synod shall choose a delegate or delegates to represent it at conventions of this synod and at meetings of the conference to which the congregation is assigned in accordance with procedures as defined in the bylaws of this synod. An alternate or alternates may act in the stead of the delegate or delegates in the event of their absence.

Part V Conventions, Section 3 of the Bylaws defines the eligible voting membership of conventions as:

- a. *One lay delegate from each congregation and, from congregations having more than three hundred (300) baptized members, one lay delegate for each additional two hundred (200) baptized members;*
- b. *Ordained ministers on the roster of this synod; and*
- c. *Diaconal ministers on the roster of this synod;*
- d. *Lay members of synod council;*
- e. *Youth delegates elected by each conference.*

In addition: Part III, Section 11 of the Bylaws permits Anglican clergy in synod ministries to also participate as voting delegates in category b above.

An ordained minister of a church with which the ELCIC has a full communion agreement serving in this synod under the provisions of the full communion agreement shall have the same rights and privileges as an ordained minister of this synod.

Part V Conventions, Section 4 of the Bylaws outlines the timeline for delegate registration:

At least sixty days prior to the opening day of the convention:

- a) *Each congregation shall submit the name(s) and address(es) of its lay delegates to the synod secretary; and*
- b) *Each ordained and diaconal minister, active, non-parish, and retired, shall submit his/her name and address to the synod secretary.*

Delegate registrations are due in the synod office by April 13, 2008.

Location:

Prince of Wales Cultural & Recreation Centre
201 – 3rd Avenue West
Assiniboia, SK

Dates: June 12 – 15, 2008

Registration Fee:

Understanding that the distribution of costs is more equitable when considering the size of congregations, the synod has followed the practice adopted at the 2002 synod convention that congregations be levied Convention fees based on the following formula: *total convention budget* divided by *the total number of synod confirmed membership* times *each congregation's number of confirmed members*.

The levy paid by every congregation covers the registration costs (including bulletin of reports, meals, and travel equalization) for all eligible delegates.

Levy is due in the synod office by April 13th, 2008.

Please pray for God's blessings on the convention and for those who are planning and preparing for it. We look forward to seeing you there!