

# A People Called



Twelfth Biennial Convention of the Saskatchewan Synod ELCIC

Friday, June 13 8 a.m.

Attendance at 3 p.m. Thursday: 58 lay delegates; 63 rostered delegates; 28 visitors

## **Jesus' commandment to us: Love one another as I have loved you**

With prayer and song, Bishop Cindy Halmarson and the convention chaplain, Rev. Chad Moir led the opening for the Twelfth Biennial Convention of the Saskatchewan Synod.

Plenary One included official welcomings and introductions, an orientation to the rules and procedures of the convention, and the approval of the agenda and the minutes of the last convention.



The first plenary concluded almost 20 minutes ahead of schedule.

Following supper, Bishop Cindy led those gathered in opening worship and communion. The convention also heard from a number of special guests representing our partners in mission and our hosts.

In her sermon, Bishop Cindy reminded delegates and visitors that God calls us to life - life that is created by God's word and life that is sustained by the breath of the spirit. She challenged our community to lay down our differences for the sake of communion in Christ and to be part of God's mission to love and renew the world.

"We are here at this convention to listen to the word of the Lord," Bishop Cindy said. "To God's word that calls us to life; to God's word that calls us to community; to God's word that calls us to mission."



*Just some of the friendly faces who have gathered for the biennial convention.*

Convention Chaplain: Rev. Chad Moir  
Convention Manager: Rev. Roger Haugen  
Local Arrangements Chair: Pat Leatherdale  
Synod Council Chair: Murray Walter

*Interested in having pancakes Sunday morning? Please listen for announcements about registering for the meal.*



Convention Gathering Song

# *We are Called*

*text and music by David Haas*

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

**We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and blindness will be no more.

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love.

*David Haas is an American author and composer of contemporary liturgical music. His most popular songs include "You Are Mine" and "Now We Remain," which are in our new worship resource. Haas has produced more than forty original collections and recordings of liturgical music. His music is sung throughout the world and appears in many hymnals of various denominations and languages.*

*Haas lives in Eagan, Minnesota where he is the Director of the Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry and teaches music and theology.*



*Members of the youth delegation listen attentively*



*Convention chaplain Rev. Chad Moir*



*Convention delegates take their places*

## *Announcements*

- Remember to sign up for Friday and Saturday afternoon workshops. Two new topics have been added: hear about the road to ordination and consecration or about a recent cultural immersion trip to Mexico. Sign up at the workshop tables.
- Messiah Lutheran's choir is during Sunday morning's worship service, and you're invited to join them! Anyone who would like to sing with the choir is invited to a practice Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran in the balcony. If you are interested, please sign up at the convention office to ensure enough music is copied for all participants.

