

March 2010

Saskatchewan Synod Convention – Saskatoon – July 8-11, 2010

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Saskatchewan Synod Congregational Leaders - Greetings in Jesus' Name!

Gathering around the above theme, congregations of the Saskatchewan Synod will be meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Saskatoon in approximately four months.

The attached convention package contains information sheets and schedules for the upcoming convention, registration forms for delegates and visitors, and accommodation options for billeting, hotels, bed and breakfasts or camping.

A copy of your congregational assessment for convention registration costs was sent out to congregational treasurers last November. If your congregation has already submitted their convention funds, we say THANK YOU. If the convention assessment has not been paid yet, please give the enclosed assessment statement to your treasurer and ask that it be submitted as quickly as possible. Funds should be submitted directly to the Synod office and not brought to the Convention. This assessment is due to the Synod whether you send a delegate to the convention or not.

The voting membership for Convention is identified in the Synod Bylaws, Part V Section 3. The voting membership of conventions shall consist of:

- 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.

The ELCIC Corporate Bylaws defines a lay delegate as “a baptized member who has not been ordained or consecrated.”

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.

Registrations are due by May 7, 2010 in order to get the Bulletin of Reports into the hands of delegates as early as possible. Please indicate on your registration form if you want a paper copy of the Bulletin of Reports or an electronic version on a memory stick.

Blocks of hotel rooms are being held in the name “ELCIC Sask Synod Convention” until June 8. **Please make your own arrangements as early as possible.**

If you want to be billeted in Saskatoon, please submit your billet form with your registration form by May 7, 2010 to assist the organizers to arrange for enough billets.

We are pleased to be able to offer an organized Day Care for Convention delegates. If you wish to use this service, please register early using the enclosed form.

We are getting excited about the program and arrangements being made for this convention. We look forward to seeing in Saskatoon this summer.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Meyer".

Joan Meyer
Synod Secretary

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THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION SASKATCHEWAN SYNOD

Hilton Garden Inn, Saskatoon
July 8-11, 2010

Highlights will include-

- *Stories from the varied ministries of the Saskatchewan Synod ELCIC*
- *Preaching and Worship to inspire and uplift*
- *Election of Bishop for Saskatchewan Synod*
- *A Variety of Workshops to inform and invigorate your local ministry*
- *Recognition of ministry service*
- *Attendance of National Bishop Susan Johnson*

Convention Site –

The Hilton Garden Inn, 90 – 22nd Street East, Saskatoon

This Registration Package contains:

- *Delegate and visitor convention registration forms*
- *Accommodation Listing*
- *Billet Registration Form*
- *Child Care Registration Form*
- *ELCIC Pension and Benefits Plan Education Seminar*

The ELCIC is committed to protecting the privacy of the personal information submitted to it by participants registering for events. The information that you provide will be used for the purposes internal to the ELCIC for which such information was provided. Personal information will not be shared with third parties without your expressed consent. The information that you provide will be protected and retained in accordance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) and the Privacy Policy of the ELCIC. Further information on this policy can be viewed on the ELCIC website: www.elcic.ca

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THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION SASKATCHEWAN SYNOD ELCIC

DATES: Thursday, July 8 through Sunday, July 11, 2010

PLACE: The Hilton Garden Inn, 90 – 22nd Street East. Saskatoon

TIME: Thursday, July 8, 2010

- 1:00 p.m. - Registration starts at the Hilton Garden Inn
 - Orientation for Convention Committees
- 1:30 p.m. - GSI Retirement seminar
- 3:00 p.m. - Opening Session
- 5:30 p.m. - Supper provided
- 7:00 p.m. - Opening Worship at Hilton Garden Inn

Friday, July 9, 2010

- 8:00 a.m. - Registration continues Friday morning at the Hilton Garden Inn.
- 8:30 a.m. - Worship, Business Sessions & Workshops
 - at Hilton Garden Inn
- 5:30 p.m. - Supper provided
- 7:00 - 9:00 - Special Event

Saturday, July 10, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Worship, Business Sessions & Workshops
 - at Hilton Garden Inn
- Supper - Lutheran Theological Seminary

Sunday, July 11, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. - Plenary/Unfinished Business
- 10:30 a.m. - Closing Worship

HOUSING: Housing costs are not covered in the convention registration fee. The Local Arrangements Committee is suggesting these options:

- Request a billet in a local home
- Reserve a room from the list provided but book early
- Secure a Camp Site at one of the various camping options

You are responsible for your own accommodations.

QUESTIONS: If you have questions prior to the convention please contact:
Sharon McKeown-Closs at the Synod Office 306.244.2474 ext 0
or by email at smckeown-closs@elcic.ca

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CONVENTION DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM (Please fill out one form per delegate, deadline May 7, 2010)

- ordained minister
- diaconal minister
- lay
- youth assembly (accommodation provided) _____ (Conference)

Rev Dr/Rev/Deacon(ess)/ Sister /Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Home Congregation _____ email _____

I give permission to the ELCIC to include my name on a participant list and/or database and to use my photo for publicity and/or for event follow up. YES NO

Signature

Please Review the Enclosed Information and check all that apply:

- () I have the following special dietary needs _____
- () I will be going to the BBQ at Lutheran Theological Seminary on Saturday evening.
- () I wish to receive the Bulletin of Reports on a USB memory stick
- () I wish to receive the Bulletin of Reports in printed form
- () I will need a power source for my notebook computer

REGISTRATION LEVY – invoiced to the congregational treasurers

This includes the Bulletin of Reports, Thursday supper, Friday lunch, Friday supper, Saturday lunch, and Saturday BBQ, for each delegate.

Extra Meal tickets available:

Thursday		\$ 22.00	supper	_____	\$ _____		
Friday	\$ 12.00	lunch	_____	\$ 22.00	supper	_____	\$ _____
Saturday	\$ 12.00	lunch	_____	\$ 22.00	BBQ	_____	\$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Parking is \$10/day convention rate when paid for at the front desk of the Hilton Garden Inn.

Please make cheque for extra meal tickets payable to: Saskatchewan Synod ELCIC

Return Registration forms and payment to: Saskatchewan Synod ELCIC

714 Preston Avenue

Saskatoon, SK S7H 2V2

Phone – 306.244.2474

Registration may be sent by Email – sksynod@elcic.ca, fax 306.664.8677 or in regular mail.

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CONVENTION VISITOR REGISTRATION FORM (Please fill out one form per Visitor, deadline May 7, 2010)

Rev Dr/Rev/Deacon(ess)/ Sister /Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Home Congregation _____

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Signature

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REGISTRATION FEE – Registration is due by May 7, 2010

Cost per visitor		\$ 20.00
Bulletin of Reports (optional)	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
Meal Package (optional)	\$ 90.00	\$ _____
Thursaday Supper, Friday Lunch, Friday Supper, Saturday lunch, Saturday BBQ		
Extra Meal tickets available:		
Thursaday	\$ 22.00 supper _____	\$ _____
Friday	\$ 12.00 lunch _____ \$ 22.00 supper _____	\$ _____
Saturday	\$ 12.00 lunch _____ \$ 22.00 BBQ _____	\$ _____
	TOTAL	\$ _____

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ACCOMMODATION LISTING

BILLETING

You are encouraged to experience Saskatoon and area hospitality afforded by billets.
Fill out Billet Registration Form and return to the Synod Office by May 7, 2010

No billets available after May 7, 2010

HOTELS WITH BLOCKS OF ROOMS RESERVED AT CONVENTION RATE

Delegates are responsible for making their own reservations.

All room blocks are listed under **ELCIC Sask Synod Convention**

Prices quoted are subject to change without notice.

1. Hilton Garden Inn 306-244-2311

Single and double rate for two Queen size beds - \$149
Rooms will be held until Tuesday June 8, 2010-02-11

2. Parktown Hotel 924 Spadina Cres. East, Saskatoon 1-800-667-3999

Single and Double rate - \$120
Rooms held until Tuesday, June 8, 2010

3. Colonial Square Motel and Suites - 1301 8th St. East, Saskatoon 1-343-1676

Single and Double rate - \$109
Rooms held until Tuesday, June 8, 2010

BED AND BREAKFAST

As the list of Bed and Breakfast Accommodations in Saskatoon is very lengthy, we have included a link to the city's complete listing. www.tourismsaskatoon.com Click on Places to Stay and then Bed & Breakfast to get the listing.

CAMPING

1. Gordon Howe Campground 1640 Ave P South, Saskatoon

Ph: (306) 975-3328 alt Toll Free (866) 855-6655

2. Saskatoon 16 West RV Park 1.5km NW on Highway 16

Ph: (306) 931-8905 alt Toll Free (800) 478-7833

3. Travel Inn Campground 3.2km S on Highway 11

Ph: (306) 373-6806 alt Toll Free (877) 460-2223

4. River Valley RV Park 27km NW on Highway 16 in Langham

Ph: (306) 283-4672

More information is available on these campgrounds on the tourism Saskatoon web site www.tourismsaskatoon.com
Click on Places to Stay and then Campgrounds.

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BILLET REGISTRATION FORM

Please use this form to indicate your need for a billet while at the Convention in Saskatoon. The Local Committee hope to connect you with your host family before you arrive at the convention. Be sure to indicate if you will need a ride to and from the convention site while in Saskatoon.

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ Postal Code _____ Email _____

Phone r: _____ w: _____ Home Congregation _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

I am male female

I need a single billet a double billet
For me and _____

I am a smoker a non-smoker

I have the following allergies/dietary restrictions/mobility restrictions: _____

I will need transportation to my billet and while in Saskatoon.

Please return this form to the Synod Office with your Convention Registration Form

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Deadline for requesting a billet is May 7, 2010.

For Local Use:

Assigned Billet: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Transportation Available: _____

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THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION SASKATCHEWAN SYNOD ELCIC CHILD CARE REGISTRATION FORM

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: Home - _____ Work/Cell - _____

Child Care will be offered for children 18 months to 4 years of age. Please indicate the program you want your child(ren) registered for and the time you want the Child Care service. Cost of meals for child care registrants is covered by convention levy.

Children to be cared for:

Name _____ M/F _____ Age _____

Hosp. # _____ Day Care _____

Circle the times you want Child Care – Thursday /afternoon/evening; Friday morning/afternoon/evening;

Saturday morning/afternoon No child care available on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Special needs/allergies _____

Name _____ M/F _____ Age _____

Hosp. # _____ Day Care _____

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Saturday morning/afternoon No child care available on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Special needs/allergies _____

At convention you will be required to sign a permission form for allergies, medical care & audio/visual images.

Please return this form to the Synod Office with your Convention Registration Form.

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ELCIC Group Services Inc.

Open to Plan members and spouses. No financial professionals please.

ELCIC Group Services would be pleased to provide educational sessions on the ELCIC benefits and pension plan with a focus on preparation for retirement and other transitions. This seminar would be of interest to all plan members, regardless of age or years of service.

Current Employment – presented by Hildy Thiessen

Information will be provided on the pension and benefits plan focused on:

- what's in the program
- what happens during transitions (between calls or to retirement)
- what happens when a member is sick or disabled
- working on a non-call basis (i.e. part time or supply in retirement etc)
- retirement tool training

Your Second Life: This is not your parents' retirement - presented by John Wolff, Investor's Group

A practical and informative workshop that explores the new realities of retirement. Retirement has changed! It is no longer an event-it is a transition. We no longer work 40 years, stop and live 5-10 years. Today we work 25-30 years and transition into a new phase of life that may last up to 40 years. What is your retire-mentality?

The Numbers – presented by James Ralko, Mercer This session covers all major aspects of the pension plan - contributions, investment income, lock-in restrictions, benefits on death, termination, retirement, as well as the various retirement options. A short review of government pensions (CPP and OAS) and RRSP retirement options is also included.

We welcome your questions or agenda items in advance to ensure that we give you the information you are looking for.

For a private, personal one hour counselling session with James Ralko, please call him to set up an appointment at 1-888-240-0651.

Date: July 8, 2010
Time: 1:30 to 4:00
Location: Convention site (room TBA)