

Saskatchewan Synod Convention Saskatoon Elim Church 419 Slimmon Road May 30-June 1, 2024

To Saskatchewan Synod Congregational and Rostered Leaders – Greetings in Jesus' Name!

Gathering around the theme "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope" congregations and rostered leaders of the Saskatchewan Synod are invited to attend the 19th Saskatchewan Synod Convention at Elim Church, 419 Slimmon Road, Saskatoon, SK.

Please distribute this package to Rostered Leader(s), lay delegate(s) and interested visitors of your congregation. Please register using the delegate/visitor registration form:

This letter contains information for the upcoming convention and links to the registration form for delegates and visitors, accommodation options, and childcare registration.

https://form.jotform.com/232346663017252

Note that the convention begins on Thursday at 7 pm with the Opening Worship Service and will conclude on Saturday following worship.

The voting membership for Convention is identified in the Synod Bylaw, 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;
- c) Diaconal ministers on the roster of this synod;
- d) Lay members of synod council;
- e) A maximum of twelve youth delegates shall be chosen by Synod Council from a list of nominees submitted by congregations of the Synod"

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

**In addition, Synod Bylaw, Part III, Section 10, permits Anglican clergy serving in this synod to 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 March 25, 2024,** as required by the Synod bylaws. The bulletin of reports will be available on the Synod website by April 30, 2024.

Cost: Each congregation's calculation for the convention levy was sent to treasurers by separate letter in January to be paid by March 31, 2024. If your congregation has already submitted its convention levy, thank you. Fees are sent payable to Saskatchewan Synod and noted "For Convention". Do not bring the levy cheque to the convention. This assessment is to be paid whether you send a delegate to convention according to convention resolution or not.

Registration Fees: Additional fees are approved by Synod Council for:

- Visitor Registration \$75.00/day (includes meals)
- Banquet tickets \$30.00/person for non-delegates. Limited tickets available.

Housing is at your own cost: Please make your accommodation arrangements as early as possible. For your convenience, blocks of hotel rooms are being held for delegates at a special convention rate of \$114.00 plus applicable taxes and fees (based on double queen rooms – other options available) in the name "Saskatchewan Synod Convention" at Home Inn and Suites (253 Willis Cres., Saskatoon) until **April 30, 2024**.

Book by using the link <u>http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=4195387&hotelID=104206</u> or if you prefer, by calling toll free 1-844-657-4600 (306-657-4663 within the Saskatoon calling area). Alternatively, you may arrange accommodations with friends or family.

Visitors are most welcome at the convention. Please check the appropriate box on the registration form linked.

Volunteers: Please contact the synod office if you are willing to be a volunteer.

We look forward to seeing you in Saskatoon this spring!

In Christ,

Anna-Marie Skogsrud Registration Chair 306-244-2474

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