

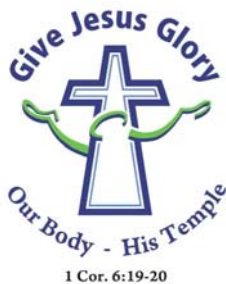
PRE-CONVENTION BULLETIN NO. 1

Issued - October, 2008

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 pastors, lay delegates and advisory delegates attending the convention. Please keep them for future reference.

PURPOSE: Members and workers of LCC, East District will gather at the **Holiday Inn, 1855 Huron Church Rd., Windsor, on May 10-13, 2009** to hear reports on the work of the Church in our District and Synod; to direct our future work together as a District; and to elect and direct officers, boards and committees of the District.



Delegates: Each parish elects one lay delegate and one alternate delegate who is neither clergy nor deacon. Retired pastors and pastors with Candidate status are not eligible. Non-rostered lay ministers and teachers are eligible to be a voting delegate. Pastor's wives are technically eligible voting delegates but the practice is not encouraged. Any questions about voting may be directing to the President's Office. *The official Delegate Credential forms included in the October District mailing must be signed by two congregational officers.* Beginning with the 2009 convention, each congregation is asked to appoint a District Liaison (generally this is the same person as the lay delegate).

Active parish pastors are automatically considered voting delegates. Congregations with pastoral teams must designate one of the pastors as the voting delegate. Dual congregations are regarded as one parish and shall be entitled to only one lay delegate vote (2.30B). *Forms were included in the October District mailing.* All non-voting clergy and all deacons shall serve as advisory delegates (eligible to voice but not vote at the convention and eligible to serve on floor committees, if appointed).

Delegate Responsibilities: (3 year term)

- to attend the convention and participate in all sessions
- if appointed to a floor committee, attend a pre-convention committee meeting on March 28, 2009, to establish resolutions to be presented
- to report back to the congregation about the work of the convention

District Liaison Responsibilities: (3 year term)

- (generally the same person as the lay delegate)*
- to act as a liaison between District administration and the congregation
 - from time to time, share announcements with the congregation

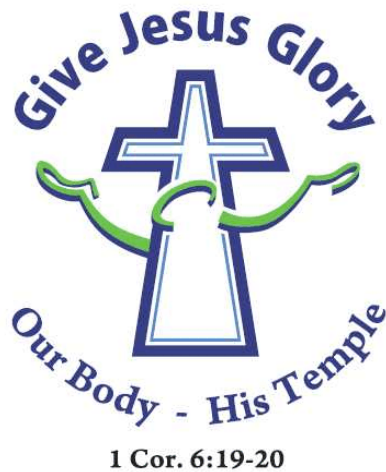
Reports & Overtures:

Reports and overtures must be submitted in duplicate to the District Office by March 10, 2009. **Reports** are from the Board of Directors, District Departments, Committees of the Board, Auxiliaries, and Listed Service Organizations. They should include information about activities since the last convention in 2006. **Overtures** may be submitted by a member congregation, the District Board of Directors, an official District Church Workers Conference, a District Department, a committee established by a prior convention, or a Circuit Forum.

NOTICE

District President, Rev. Allen Maleske, notified the East District Board of Directors on October 8, 2008 that he will not seek re-election. President Maleske has served in this role for three consecutive terms since 2000. No further statements will be issued until closer to convention.

ELECTIONS: All congregations and pastors should now have nomination forms for the positions of District President, 2 Vice-Presidents, District Secretary, Directors-at-Large, Committee on Nominations, and Synodical Nominations Committee. Congregations should also have a nomination form for Circuit Counsellor. Nominations, for all positions except Circuit Counsellor, are due at the District office by November 20, 2008. Circuit Counsellor nominations are due February 2, 2009



ASSESSMENT

Remember to include your congregational assessment for the upcoming District Convention in your 2009 budget.

Congregational assessments will be approximately **\$5.25 per communicant member** (*preliminary estimate*).

CONVENTION APPOINTMENTS

Host Circuit: Windsor

Host Congregation: First Lutheran Church, Windsor

Host Pastor: Rev. Gilvan de Azevedo

Convention Manager: Mr. Darryll Holland

Local Arrangements Committee Chair:
Mr. Frank Johnson

District Worship Committee Chair: Rev. Kenneth Voegel

Nominating Committee Chair: Rev. Marvin Bublitz

DEADLINES

November 20, 2008: Delegate Credentials
District Liaison Nominations forms

February 2, 2009: Circuit Counsellor Nominations
Reports for Workbook

March 10, 2009: Overtures

THEME AND ESSAYIST

Theme: Give Jesus Glory: Our Body. His Temple. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Essayist: Rev. Dr. James Lamb (*see short biography on back*)

Topic: Life Issues & Bio-ethics



Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans for Life

Dr. Lamb grew up in the small, southern Minnesota town of Good Thunder. There he married his childhood sweetheart, RoxAnne. The Lambs have been blessed with two sons and two daughters-in-law, a granddaughter, Jamie, and a grandson, Luke. Dr. Lamb and RoxAnne live in State Center, Iowa.

He received a B.A. in Biology from Mankato State University in 1973. In 1975 he enlisted in the USAF and served as an Emergency Medical Technician at the USAF Academy Hospital in Colorado Springs. He entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 1978, served his vicarage year at St. Paul, Royal Oak, Michigan, and graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1982. In 1994 he received his Doctor of Ministry from Concordia, St. Louis.

Prior to accepting the position of Executive Director of National Lutherans For Life in April, 1996, Dr. Lamb served as senior pastor at St. Paul, Garner, Iowa, for fourteen years. During this time he also served as Circuit Counselor, member of the board of directors for Lutheran Family Service of Iowa, chairman of the board of directors for a community/school youth program, spiritual advisor for a local Lutherans For Life chapter, and chaplain of the Garner Volunteer Fire Department. He presently serves on the Sanctity of Life Committee for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Life Ministries.

As part of his duties at National LFL, he travels nationally speaking in a variety of settings and sharing the Biblical "For Life" message. He is the author of numerous brochures, articles, and essays connecting God's Word of Life to the life issues.