



The Daily Nail

Lutheran Church-Canada Convention News

Saturday, October 14, 2017

Agenda Saturday, October 14

- 1:30 pm Business Session 3**
Grand Ballroom
- 3:00 pm Break**
- 3:15 pm Business Session 3**
Continued
- 5:15 pm Dinner**
Kitchener 1, 2, 3, 4
- 6:00 pm - Shuttle Buses to Grace**
7:15pm *Grand Ballroom Lobby Exit*
- 6:15 pm Convention Choir Practice**
- 7:30 pm Reformation Intersections Concert**
Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 15

- 6:45 am Breakfast Buffet**
Kitchener 1, 2, 3
- 7:30 am Convention Choir Practice**
- 8:15 am Worship: Martins**
Grand Ballroom
- 9:45 am Business Session 4**
Grand Ballroom

Saturday's Meditation

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

- Psalm 46:1

Hundreds gather for opening worship



- LCC President Robert Bugbee preaches during the opening worship service.

Approximately 335 people gathered October 13, 2017 at Historic St. Paul's Lutheran Church for the opening worship service of Lutheran Church-Canada's eleventh synodical convention in Kitchener, Ontario. Attendees of the divine service filled the pews and overflowed into the gymnasium of the church.

Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee, President of Lutheran Church-Canada, served as celebrant and preacher for the event. His sermon, which was entitled "Christ, First in Everything," drew on Colossians 1:15-20.

Serving as co-celebrant and confessional pastor was Rev. Larry Gajdos, pastor of Historic St. Paul's. LCC's three Vice-Presidents Rev. Nolan Astley, Rev. Thomas Kruesel, and Rev. Rudy Pastucha served as additional liturgists, while Rev. Gerson Flor (Chaplain with the Canadian Armed Forces) and Rev. Peter Gatluak (Hamilton Missionary) served as additional lectors. Matthew Gajdos and Kyle Zehr of Historic St. Paul's served as crucifer and banner bearer respectively.

Reflecting the worldwide mission of the Church, the first two Scripture readings were read in languages other than English. Rev. Flor read in French while Rev. Gatluak read in Nuer (English translations were provided). The congregation was also blessed with two pieces by an Urdu-language choir, directed by Rev. James Luke.

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- The opening procession. The banner was designed by Philip Prozenko and adapted by Connie Klassen and the quilters of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wellesley.



- Congregants receive Holy Communion



- President Robert Bugbee prepares to celebrate Holy Communion

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Their musical contribution was complemented by music sung by the Kitchener-Waterloo Choir, directed by Rev. Ron Mohr, as well as organ music by Paul Walrath. Additional music of note were two congregational hymns composed for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 1517. "Though All Our Life is Like a Scroll," written by Wilfred L. Karsten, was commissioned by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Concordia Publishing House to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, while "C'est plus qu'un bain pris dans une eau," written by Yves K  ler, was the winning entry in a Reformation 500 French-language hymn contest organized by Lutheran Church-Canada.

Convention organizers wish to thank the members of Historic St. Paul's for their hospitality in hosting the event and their assistance in organizing the worship service. Thanks are also due to the 2017 Synodical Worship Committee: Rev. Robert Bugbee, Rev. Ken Maher, Rev. Ron Mohr, Paul Walrath, Ian Adnams, and Rev. Larry Gajdos.

Reformation concert and transportation

This evening the convention goes off-site to Grace Lutheran Church for the final concert in the Reformation Intersections series sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waterloo. It will include Cantata 199 by J.S. Bach and feature Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5, the Reformation Symphony, which uses Luther's great "Eine Feste Burg" as its theme, performed by The Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber Orchestra.

Ongoing shuttle bus service will leave for the church about every 15 minutes beginning at 6 p.m. from the second-floor Grand Ballroom lobby exit to Charles St. As each bus fills it will head out. The trip is about 10 minutes. The last bus leaves at 7:15 p.m. The buses will load on Charles St. and return to the same location after the concert and fellowship time.

Visit our exhibitors

Twenty exhibitors have information that you can take home to your circuit. Spend some time visiting the exhibit area and see what they are offering.

Expense vouchers

You received a convention Expense Voucher at registration. When you are ready to submit it, drop it off at the Information Desk.

Sunday Worship

Our Sunday Matins Service will take place in the convention room at 8:15 a.m. The Order of Service will be on the screen or you can download it to your mobile device using this QR code.



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The Convention has Come to Order

And speaking of order... after opening prayers, convention chaplain Rev. Ken Maher offered a “gentle German” reminder to delegates to be punctual. When you hear the strains of a Luther catechetical hymn, that is the signal the next session is beginning.

Session 1 also included the introduction of special advisory delegates and guests, as well as the induction of the delegates. East District President Paul Zabel gave a welcome to Kitchener. The Chair led the group through a brief orientation, giving the convention procedures to be followed.

The first session ended with greetings from Mr. Robert Granke, Executive Director CLWR.

Volunteers serving with joy

You’ve already met some of our volunteers in their sapphire shirts when you arrived at the airport or registered. These dedicated people are giving their time and talents to assist the convention. You’ll see the logo on the back of their t-shirts says they are “Serving with Joy.” SWJ is a new program from Lutheran Hour Ministries Canada who graciously donated the t-shirts. Check out the LHM-Canada exhibit and find out how you can participate. And don’t forget to tell our volunteers how much you appreciate their joyful service.

Refreshment breaks

The morning business sessions will not break for refreshments however, hot and cold beverages will be available all day in the Grand Ballroom lobby. We will break in the afternoons. You are asked to return to your places by the designated time to ensure we make the most of our time together.

Questions?

Our friendly volunteers at the convention Information Desk should be able to answer your questions or find an answer for you. We’ve also provided a message board and Post-It notes for passing along information.

Lost and Found

If you find something or lose something, the Information Desk is our Lost and Found department.



- Delegates prepare for work during the first session



- East District President Paul Zabel welcomes delegates to Kitchener



- Robert Granke of CLWR brings greetings to the convention



- Some of the many "Volunteers Serving with Joy" at the 2017 synodical convention

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Welcome from the Seminaries

Lutheran Church–Canada's two seminaries hosted a reception following the opening worship service, during which time delegates had the opportunity to visit together as well as learn more about the work of the seminaries.

During brief remarks, the two schools introduced new faculty members that have joined the seminaries since the last synodical convention. Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary (St. Catharines, Ontario) introduced Rev. Esko Murto and Rev. Dr. Harold Ristau, both of whom were installed as professors on September 10, 2017. Concordia Lutheran Seminary (Edmonton) introduced Rev. Dr. John Hellwege, who joined the faculty in 2015.



– Delegates visit during the Seminaries' Reception

Thanks

We are grateful to Ricoh Canada for supplying the photocopiers and printers for our convention.

Shalom

This evening's dinner is sponsored by the Israel Ministry of Tourism. Discover more about tours of The Holy Land at their exhibit.

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What's in the blue bag? You've seen President Bugbee present those bringing greetings to the convention with a blue bag. Inside is glass memento etched with the convention and LCC logos. The background resembles a rough wood grain reminiscent of a famous church door in Wittenberg.