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Notice of 2013 National Convention

The 2013 ELCIC National Convention will be held jointly with the Anglican Church of Canada's General Synod. This 2013 Joint Assembly will take place at the Ottawa Convention Centre from Wednesday, July 3 to Sunday, July 7, 2013. The delegate fee has been set by National Church Council at $1,290 plus accommodations. Details on the 2013 Joint Assembly will be posted to the Joint Assembly website at www.jointassembly.ca as they become available.

Election of Lay Delegates

Section 29 b) of the Corporate By-Laws of the ELCIC indicates that a lay delegate shall be elected not earlier than twelve months and not later than four months before a convention by each member congregation which is not represented by a delegate who is an rostered minister elected by a conference.

The ELCIC Constitution, ARTICLE XI Conventions, Section 5b indicates that the voting membership of conventions shall consist of a lay delegate elected by each parish* not already represented by a rostered minister. An additional lay delegate may be elected by every parish with more than eight hundred baptized members. Any parish with less than eight hundred members represented by a rostered minister for two consecutive conventions may not be represented by a rostered minister at the following convention. (*A parish is defined as consisting of those baptized persons served by a common pastoral ministry in one or more congregations.)

The Synod offices will inform parishes in December 2012 if they are eligible to elect a lay delegate (a baptized member who has not been ordained or consecrated).

Therefore, parishes must **elect their lay delegates and lay alternates by March 3, 2013**. If your annual meeting does not occur before March 3, 2013, you need to elect your lay delegate and two lay alternates at another meeting prior to this date. This meeting could take place after one of your Sunday services. Once you have elected your lay delegate and two lay alternates, please complete the Lay Delegate Notification Form and **fax it to your synod office by Friday, March 8, 2013.** The Lay Delegate Notification Form is also available on the Joint Assembly website in a PDF fillable format. Look under the "For Delegates" section for the option "Delegate Information: ELCIC".

Please note that if your parish is going to be represented by a rostered minister, it is important that you still elect two alternate lay delegates just in case at a later date your rostered delegate is unable to attend. If you do not elect lay alternates and your rostered delegate is unable to attend, your parish will potentially be without representation at the 2013 National Convention.

No lay delegates or lay alternates will be accepted after the deadline date thereby potentially leaving your parish without representation at the 2013 National Convention.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Gloria McNabb, Convention Manager, at toll-free 1-888-786-6707 Extension 178 (In Winnipeg – 204-984-9178).

Note: In early February 2013, a registration package will be mailed to your congregation with further details on the Joint Assembly for your elected delegate.