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Memo

Date:	February 13, 2018
To:	Rostered Ministers, Council Chairpersons and Members of the Eastern Synod
From:	Rev. Wendell Grahlman, Eastern Synod Secretary
Subject:	Nomination and Election of Eastern Synod Delegates to 2019 ELCIC National Convention

In 2015, the National Church adopted a new format for national convention size and delegate selection. In this new model, each synod has the responsibility for determining how it will elect its delegates. For the National Convention in 2019, the Eastern Synod will have 54 delegates. All delegate costs will be the responsibility of the Eastern Synod.

During this year's Synod Assembly (June 21-24, 2018), 44 delegates will be elected: 17 active rostered, 24 lay, and 3 youth. The remaining ten delegates (5 lay and 5 rostered) will be elected by the Synod Council at its meeting in November. The complete [nomination policy](#) is on the synod website for your information.

This notice is the **call for nominations** for election at the Synod Assembly. Nominations will close on April 22, 2018, and biographical info for all eligible nominees will be posted on the Eastern Synod website by May 22. There will be no nominations from the floor during synod assembly. Eligible nominees shall be:

- rostered ministers, called or appointed to serve in a ministry of this church;
- lay members in good standing of a congregation of this church; and
- youth who are members in good standing of a congregation of this church and who will be between the ages of 16 and 25 inclusive on the first full day of the next national convention.

Only one nominee, with the exception of youth delegates, may be nominated from any given congregation.

Two forms are attached. Both are fillable pdf forms and can be shared electronically between persons.

1. An Endorsement Form must include endorsement of the nominee: by 10 persons (representing at least 3 Eastern Synod congregations); and by a motion by the congregation/council where the nominee holds membership.
2. A Biographical Form must be completed by the nominee. Please keep narrative answers brief; the information boxes are limited in the amount of text that can be entered. Note that your express consent is required via the checkbox to publish your information in the Bulletin of Reports and on the synod website.

Both forms must be returned by April 22, 2018 to the synod office as indicated below.

Your help in distributing this letter and the additional information in as many ways as you can would be greatly appreciated! A sample bulletin announcement follows:

The Eastern Synod will be electing delegates this June to the 2019 ELCIC National Convention. If you wish to nominate someone for the election ballot at the Synod Assembly, please have the Endorsement and Biographical Forms completed and returned to synod office by April 22.

Thank you in advance for your partnership and cooperation.

Please submit to:	Eastern Synod, ELCIC 2019 National Convention Nominations 74 Weber St W, Kitchener ON N2H 3Z3
Fax:	(519) 743-4291
Email:	wgrahlman@elcic.ca
Deadline for submission of nominees: April 22, 2018	



Nominations and Election of Eastern Synod Delegates to ELCIC National Convention

Background

In 2015, the National Church adopted a new governance structure that included provisions to reduce the size of national conventions. Each synod was tasked with the responsibility of determining how it would elect its delegates.

The total number of synodical delegates attending national conventions will be 150. The Eastern Synod share of this total is determined by the following:

- a) A base number of 10
- b) An additional number based on the Eastern Synod's share of ELCIC baptized membership

For the 2019 ELCIC National Convention, Eastern Synod representation must be allocated amongst lay, active rostered and youth delegates in the following proportions:

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| a) Active Rostered: | 22 |
| b) Lay: | 29 |
| c) Youth: | 3 |

The following proposal assumes that 10 delegates (5 lay and 5 rostered) will be elected by the Synod Council Officers at its first regularly scheduled meeting subsequent to the convention at which all other delegates are elected. Consideration shall be made to reflect proportionate geographical representation and gender balance.

POLICY

Section I Nominations for Delegates

1. 120 days in advance of a synod convention at which delegates to a national convention will be elected, the secretary of synod council shall call for nominations for lay, youth and rostered delegate positions. Nominations shall close 60 days prior to the opening of the convention at which the elections shall take place. There will be no nominations from the floor during the synod convention.
2. Eligible nominees shall be:
 - a) rostered ministers, called or appointed to serve in a ministry of this church;
 - b) lay members in good standing of a congregation of this church; and
 - c) youth who are members in good standing of a congregation of this church who will be between the ages of 16 and 25 inclusive on the first full day of the next national convention.
3. Only one nominee, with the exception of youth delegates, may be nominated from any given congregation.

4. Nominations will be accepted provided:
 - a) the nomination form is endorsed by 10 members of good standing, representing at least 3 Eastern Synod congregations;
 - b) the nominee is endorsed by the Congregational Council/Meeting of the congregation within which the nominee is a member; and
 - c) the completed nomination includes biographical information provided as per the prescribed form.
5. A list of all nominees and their biographies shall be posted on the Eastern Synod website no later than 30 days prior to the opening of the convention at which the elections shall take place.
6. The Synod's [Privacy Policy](#) is on the Eastern Synod website.

Section II Order of Elections

1. Nominees in each delegate category shall be elected by a single ballot, based on the highest number of votes of the prescribed number of delegates needing to be elected.
2. If there is a tie vote between nominees for the last delegate position needed, a second ballot will determine the final delegate(s) needed based on the highest number of votes received.
3. Should there be insufficient nominations in any category, those vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as outlined in Section III of this policy.

Section III Election of Additional Delegates

1. Synod Council, based on the recommendation of the Synod Council Officers, shall, at its next regularly scheduled meeting, elect 5 rostered delegates and 5 lay delegates, taking into consideration proportionate geographical representation and gender balance.

Section IV Replacement of Delegates

1. If an elected delegate(s) is unable to attend the national convention or becomes ineligible to attend, the Synod Council Officers shall appoint a replacement(s). Whenever possible, the replacement shall be the nominee who received the next greatest number of votes on the first ballot during the balloting process at the relevant synod convention.

Adopted: Eastern Synod Council - December 2015

Revised: Eastern Synod Officers – January 2018



**2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION NOMINATION FORM
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA**

EASTERN SYNOD NOMINEE - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Nominee Name: _____

Position Nominated for: **Rostered** **Lay** **Youth** (Must be between 16 and 25 as of July 1, 2019)

Eastern Synod Congregational Membership: _____

Congregation City: _____ **Congregation Province:** _____

Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention. (Text must fit within the box.)

Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC. (Text must fit within the box.)

Why are you interested in being a delegate? (Text must fit within the box.)

By checking this box, I am giving express consent for the information above to be available in the Bulletin of Reports and on the Eastern Synod website.

If elected as a delegate, I am willing to serve in this position. _____

(Signature)

Please provide the following information for office contact purposes only:

Mailing Address _____

City: _____ **Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Day Time Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA**

EASTERN SYNOD NOMINEE - ENDORSEMENT INFORMATION

Nominee Name: _____

Position Nominated for: **Rostered** **Lay** **Youth** (*I will be between 16 and 25 as of July 1, 2019*)

Congregational Membership: _____

City, Province: _____ **Synod:** Eastern

Nominated by: Motion of congregational council or congregational annual meeting of:

_____ held on _____

Congregation Name/Location **Date**

Council Chair (*please print*)

It is moved and seconded that _____ (Name of Nominee)

is endorsed as a member in good standing and therefore fulfills the requirement to be an eligible nominee for election as an Eastern Synod delegate to the 2019 ELCIC National Convention. Carried.

(*Sample Motion*)

AND

By the following ten persons all of whom are members in good standing, representing at least 3 Eastern Synod congregations.

	Name (please print)	Congregation/Location	Preferred Phone Number
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