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## Eastern Synod Assembly 2012

**14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention**

**July 5 - 8, 2012**

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## DELEGATE INFORMATION BULLETIN #2

Greetings! Included in this mailing are the final items of information related to your attendance at our forthcoming assembly. Please review this material, along with DELEGATE INFORMATION BULLETIN #1, in preparation for your time at *Assembly 2012*.

This mailing is being sent to all synodical pastors and to accredited lay delegates, visitors and guests whose registration forms have been submitted to the synod office.

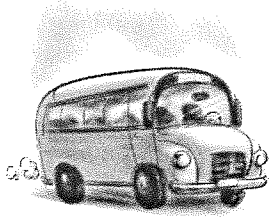
### 1. BULLETIN OF REPORTS:

The enclosed BULLETIN OF REPORTS is your primary working document for the Assembly; **please be sure to bring it with you, as there will be no additional copies provided.** Some additional items will be provided to you in a Supplement when you register at Wilfrid Laurier University

### 2. NEW DELEGATE ORIENTATION:

An orientation session for new delegates will be held at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 5, 2012 at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary – Room S201.

### 3. GROUND TRANSPORTATION:



The Local Arrangements Committee will arrange shuttle service for all delegates and registered visitors arriving at Pearson International Airport in Toronto. Delegates who arrive at Terminal 1 and 3 should go to the Ground Transportation Desk and ask for **Airways Transit**. Delegates arriving by Greyhound Bus or VIA will be met at the respective stations as indicated on your Registration Form.

### 4. MAPS:

Directions and a map showing the location of St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, (the site of the Ordination Service on Friday, July 6) and the Waterloo Motor Inn, Waterloo, (the site of the Eastern Synod Banquet on Saturday, July 7) will be available at the Hospitality Desk.

### 5. ORDINATION AND EASTERN SYNOD BANQUET TRANSPORTATION:

Bus transportation will be provided for those who sign up at the Hospitality Desk.

### 6. PARKING:

- Only registered delegates staying at Wilfrid Laurier University will be issued parking passes at the registration table.
- Parking for registered delegates and visitors staying off-site will be available in lots 3A (Conference Service lot) and in lot 32 (St. Michael's). Off-site delegates can stop at the Information Kiosk located at the main university entrance off of University Avenue to purchase a parking permit for \$7.00 per day (cash) - flat rate until 11:00pm. Upon purchasing their pass they will be directed to the appropriate parking lot. In addition, it is possible to purchase hourly or day parking in the "Pay and Display" lot 4 or 20 (\$7.00/day - cash or credit card).
- Parking charges only apply Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. After 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and anytime on weekends, there is no charge for parking and guests can park in any lot (except meters and Pay and Display lot 4 or 20). Parking on the street is available for 3 hours only and this is strictly enforced by the City of Waterloo.

### 7. WORSHIP NOTES FOR ASSEMBLY:

Please see the attachment for further details.

### 8. ACCOMMODATIONS:

See Delegate Bulletin # 1 for details. For those who wish to arrive earlier or want to stay longer at WLU, please arrange your own bookings through Laurier Conference Services: 1-519-884-0710, X3958.

**Reminder:** All residence rooms are supplied with a pillow, blanket, linens, towels, soap and a cup. (If you prefer very large towels, wash cloths, or pillows you will need to bring your own.)

**Please Note:** if you have arranged off-site accommodation, the recommended stipend paid by congregations is set at double occupancy rates - \$70.67 per person per night including taxes = \$212.01 for three nights.

**9. PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR:**

ELCIC Group Services is pleased to provide an educational session on the ELCIC benefits and pension plan with a focus on preparation for retirement and other transitions. This seminar will be of interest to all plan members, regardless of age or years of service.

*Presenter - Hildy Thiessen, ELCIC Group Services*

Date: Thursday July 5, 2012

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Location: Waterloo Lutheran Seminary – Room S202

**10. BIBLE STUDY:**

We are pleased to announce that Michael Harvey will be our Bible Study leader throughout the Assembly. In 2004, Michael Harvey gave up a high-flying job in the City of London to teach church leaders to see new possibilities, using an approach that quickly became established as Back to Church Sunday. Michael challenges churches of all sizes to double their congregation in a day - by daring to invite their friends. The results have been remarkable. The idea is for individuals in the pews to invite their friends with a simple question "Would you like to come to church with me and afterwards why don't we have Sunday lunch together?" The key to success, say the organizers, is the personal invitation and attention. "It takes a very brave person to walk into a church on their own nowadays," says Michael, "but God is still speaking to them. All they need is a gentle invitation." Plan to be inspired.

**11. TELEPHONE MESSAGES:**

Messages that are left at the on-site synod office at WLU during the day will be passed along to delegates. The number is 1-519-884-0710 ext. 4470. For emergency purposes only (24 hours a day), messages can be left with Rev. Guenter Dahle at (519) 897-7273.

**12. MEALS:**

See Delegate Bulletin # 1 for details.

**13. OFFERINGS:**

Offerings from the Assembly worship services will be designated as follows:

**Opening Service:** Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)

**Ordination Service:** Waterloo Lutheran Seminary

**Closing Service:** The Ministries of the Eastern Synod and the ELCIC

**14. VISITS TO KITCHENER/ WATERLOO AREA SITES:**

Looking for something to pleasantly fill your Sunday afternoon? At the Hospitality Desk,

you will discover materials directing you to local historic and scenic sites in the K/W area.

**14. RECREATION AND EXERCISE:**

Those staying at WLU will have access to the indoor swimming pool and exercise room in the Athletic Centre at a cost of approximately \$7.00 per day payable at the Athletic Centre reception area.

**15. COFFEE BREAKS:**

A word about Assembly breaks: Assembly Evaluations have indicated that delegates would like to have a selection of fresh fruit at the morning and afternoon breaks. Having these served by the caterer is very costly. We have arranged to only have coffee / tea and water during designated breaks. This will be available at the back of the meeting area. If you desire a snack during the day, we encourage you to bring something with you each day.

**16. SYNOD SUNDAY SERMON:**

Parish pastors – Bishop Michael Pryse will prepare a sermon for use in your congregation on that Sunday. It will be distributed via email to pastors by the end of June 2012.

**17. A FINAL NOTE:**

Please remember to pray that God might lead and guide us in our meetings and deliberations, our worship and growth times, and our fun and fellowship at *Assembly 2012*. May you have a safe and pleasant journey to Waterloo!

In Christ's Service,



Rev. Jeffrey B. Smith  
Assembly Manager

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Encl:      Worship Notes  
            Laurier Campus Map

**WORSHIP NOTES**

At Assembly 2012, we will be praying, singing, and preaching from the **Psalms** as we reflect upon our theme of what it means to be *A Covenant People in Mission for Others*. In addition, at the seminary in Keffer Chapel you will find an **art exhibit** and written **meditations** inspired by the Psalms that have been crafted by artists and authors from across the synod.

Luther wrote of the Psalms that they are not only addressed to God, but are also the voice of the gospel, God's good word addressed to God's faithful people. The Psalms will help us understand anew the dialogical relationship God offers in the covenant – a relationship where we open our hearts to listen deeply, and where we express boldly our laments and petitions along with our gratitude and praise, for the sake of the world.

**How long,  
O Lord?**

**Will you forget  
me forever?**

Psalm 27

Worship will be held in the Athletic Complex flowing in and out of our business sessions.

**PAPERLESS:** We are making every effort to be paperless regarding our worship materials, but at registration there will be a chance to request a paper copy of screen material should you need it.

**TAKE HOME RESOURCE:** We will be providing a cd take home resource that will include worship outlines and resources, and this material will also be available on-line.

**GLUTEN-FREE:** Please look for the sign up sheet at registration if you would prefer gluten free wafers for communion at opening and closing worship.

**CHOIR:** Join the choir for Ordination (Friday evening) under director Scott Knarr; rehearsals during Assembly days.  
Email Scott if you are interested: [scott.knarr@mzlc.ca](mailto:scott.knarr@mzlc.ca) .

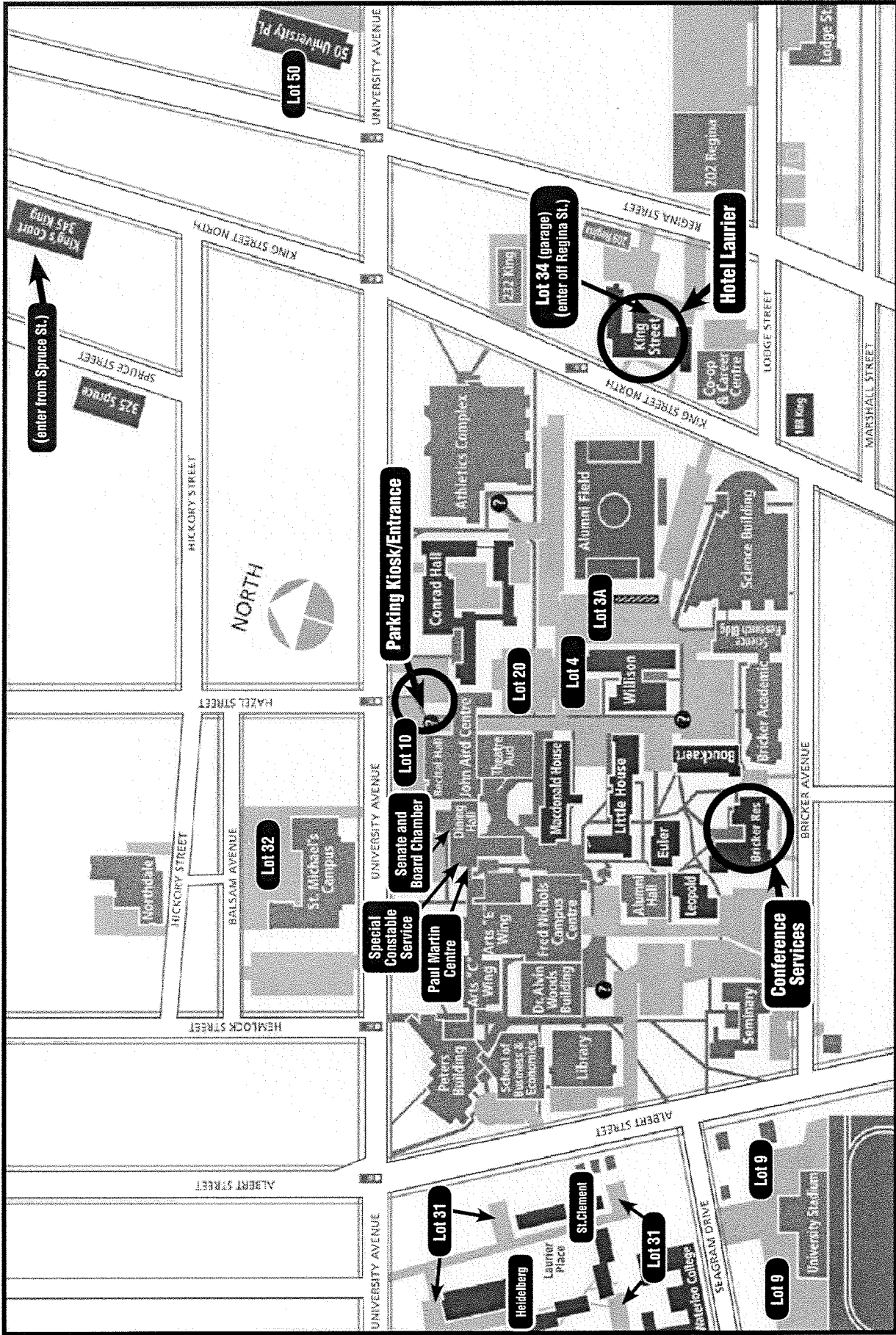
See you at Assembly!

Debbie Lou Ludolph,  
Director of Worship  
Ministries

**MAY GOD BE MERCIFUL TO US AND BLESS US;  
MAY THE LIGHT OF GOD'S FACE  
SHINE UPON US. PSALM 67**

Cry  
unto God  
with  
JOY  
all the  
earth!

Psalm 66



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## CONFERENCE SERVICES

Weekday parking is available in designated spots in lots: 3A, 31 and 34 (garage).  
 Weekend parking is available in all lots, except meters and Pay and Display lots 4, 10 and 20.

Failure to park in designated lots will result in a ticket and/or tow.