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Memo

Date:	February 2, 2024
To:	Rostered Ministers, Council Chairpersons and Members of the Eastern Synod
From:	Rev. Wendell Caron Grahlman, Eastern Synod Secretary
Subject:	Nomination and Election of Eastern Synod Delegates to 2025 ELCIC National Convention

In preparation for the 2025 ELCIC National Convention, the National Church allocates the number of each synod's delegates. For the National Convention in 2025, the Eastern Synod is allotted 51 delegates.

During this year's Synod Assembly (June 20-22, 2024), 41 delegates will be elected: 26 lay persons and 15 active rostered persons. 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 21, 2024, and biographical info for all eligible nominees will be posted on the Eastern Synod website by May 20. No nominations may be made after this time including during synod assembly. Eligible nominees shall be:

- rostered ministers, called or appointed to serve in a ministry of this church; and
- lay members in good standing of a congregation of this church.

According to the Administrative Bylaws of the ELCIC, the synod is to make reasonable efforts to elect or appoint one-fifth (1/5th) of the synod's delegates who are sixteen (16) to thirty (30) years of age as of the first day of the ELCIC convention. Therefore, our aim is to elect or appoint at least 10 delegates from this age category.

Only one nominee may be nominated from any given congregation. Please note: all delegate costs with respect to registration, travel, board and accommodation are covered by the Eastern Synod and National Church.

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 checkboxes: 1) to publish your information in the Bulletin of Reports and on the synod website, and 2) of your agreement to serve as a delegate if elected.

Both forms must be returned by April 21, 2024 to the synod office as indicated below.

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

The Eastern Synod will be electing delegates this June to the 2025 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 21.

Thank you in advance for your partnership and cooperation.

Please submit to:	Eastern Synod, ELCIC 2025 National Convention Nominations 74 Weber St W, Kitchener ON N2H 3Z3
Email:	wgrahlman@elcic.ca
Deadline for submission of nominees: April 21, 2024	