



## INFORMATION SHEET

Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod

# THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

**“In Mission With Others: Led by God’s Word”**

The following information is for delegates, youth assembly and visitors attending the Thirteenth Biennial MNO Synod Convention:

**DATE OF CONVENTION:** April 22 to 25, 2010

**CONVENTION SITE:** Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
637 Buckingham Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba

**ATTENDANCE:** The MNO Synod Constitution, Article VII, Section 10 states:  
*“All ordained ministers serving under call shall attend all conventions of the synod and the meetings of the conferences to which they belong.”*

and Article X, Section 6 states:

*“The eligible voting membership of conventions shall consist of:*

- a. One lay delegate from each congregation and, from congregations having more than 300 baptized members, one lay delegate for each additional 300 baptized members or major fraction thereof;*
- b. Ordained ministers on the roster of this synod.*
- c. Lay diaconal ministers on the roster of this synod.*
- d. Lay members of the Synod Council.*
- e. Members of the Synod Youth Assembly.”*

Part III, Section 2 of the MNO Synod By-Laws states:

- c. The youth assembly shall consist of fourteen youth from seven conferences. Each conference is eligible to appoint two youth as their representatives.*
- d. Youth shall be baptized members between the ages of 15 and 21 on the first full day of the convention.”*

**REGISTRATION FORM:** Your registration form is included in this mailing and is also available on the MNO Synod website at [www.mnosynod.org](http://www.mnosynod.org). Please complete and return your completed registration form to the MNO Synod office by **March 5, 2010** along with payment in full (if applicable) by cheque made payable to “MNO Synod.”. Inform the synod office before March 1 if your annual meeting to elect your lay delegate(s) occurs after March 1.

**REGISTRATION FEES:** Delegate Fee for Lay Delegates, and Rostered Ministers serving under call or appointment - **\$380**

No Fee for Rostered Ministers who are Retired (not serving under call or appointment), on disability or on leave from call, or are in special calls where the calling agency is not responsible for synod convention fees.

No Fee for Youth Assembly Delegates

Visitor Fee - **\$125** - please see "Visitors" section below.

Late Registration Additional Fee - **\$25.00**, if registration form and payment is received after March 5. If your annual congregational meeting to elect a lay delegate occurs after March 1, please inform the synod office before March 1 (late fee will be waived).

No refund of registration fees will be given after April 5.

Synod Bylaw, Part III, Section 1e states:

*"Each congregation or employing agency shall pay the registration fee of its delegate(s). In the case of a pastor serving a multiple-congregation parish, such expenses shall be borne by the congregations pro rata on the basis of baptized membership. Those pastors serving under a call issued by the Synod Council, and serving in agencies which do not allow funding of Synod Convention costs, may apply to the Synod Council for permission to attend at Synod expense."*

Those requesting to attend the convention at Synod expense must submit their request to synod council by March 1.

**CONVENTION PARTICIPATION:**

Thursday evening: Registration, light supper and opening worship service at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church followed by a reception. Attendance at the opening worship service (7:30 p.m.) & reception is open to all.

Friday: Business of the convention.

Saturday: Renewal Event.

Saturday Evening: Banquet at Centre Caboto.

Sunday: Closing of the Convention during Gloria Dei's Sunday morning worship service, followed with lunch (please indicate on your registration form whether or not you will be staying for lunch)

**BULLETIN OF REPORTS:**

The Bulletin of Reports, which includes the Convention Agenda, will be mailed by March 22<sup>nd</sup> to all those registered for the convention. **Please read the reports prior to attending the convention, and bring them with you to convention.**

**REGISTRATION PACKET:**

The packet will be given to you when you arrive for Convention, and will contain your Name Tag, Banquet Ticket, Voting Information and Ballots, any Amendments to the Bulletin of Reports, Evaluation Form, Travel Expense Voucher and various other items.

**MEALS:**

Meals will be served at the convention site, with the exception of the Saturday evening Banquet meal. **Your name tag is required to be shown at all mealtimes during convention.** Please indicate any special dietary needs on the registration form.

**BANQUET:**

The Convention Banquet will be held Saturday evening, April 24, at the Caboto Centre, 1055 Wilkes Avenue in Winnipeg. The banquet will feature dinner and entertainment.

Delegates and visitors registered for the convention will receive a complimentary banquet ticket in their Registration Packet. Extra tickets are available for purchase (prior to April 10<sup>th</sup>) at \$35.00 per ticket from the Synod office.

**RENEWAL EVENT:**

This event is part of the convention and will take place on Saturday at the convention site. Registered Delegates and Visitors are pre-registered for this event. It is also open to non-delegates for a fee of \$25 (includes lunch). Please watch for information on the Renewal Event in the MNO Synod newsletter: *Crossword*.

**TRAVEL:**

All delegates traveling by car from congregations or calls located outside of the Winnipeg Perimeter Highway will be entitled to travel compensation of 20 cents per kilometer for the driver plus 3 cents per kilometer for each passenger. The passengers(s) must be delegates to qualify.

Economy airfare to Winnipeg will be paid.

All travel will be paid on Synod territory only.

Delegates who wish to be compensated for travel, must complete a Travel Expense Voucher form available in your Registration Packet, and submit it to the synod office for reimbursement.

**ACCOMMODATIONS;**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Country Inn & Suites, 730 King Edward Street, Winnipeg. ***Reservations must be made through the Synod Office.***

Delegates traveling from congregations or calls outside of the Winnipeg Perimeter Highway are entitled to a paid hotel room (double occupancy). There is a charge of \$50 per night for delegates requesting a single occupancy room.

All other room charges will be your responsibility and must be paid as you check-out from the hotel.

Check out time is 11:00 a.m. - please allow enough time to check out before leaving for Sunday morning worship. A room will be made available to hold luggage until 2:00 p.m. for those attending Sunday morning worship.

The Country Inn & Suites offers a free continental breakfast for hotel guests.

**LOCAL COMMUTES:**

A bus is available to transport delegates who are staying at the hotel to and from the convention site, hotel and banquet. If you require this service, please indicate so on the registration form.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR  
OPENING WORSHIP:**

The MNO Synod Committee for Worship and the Arts will be looking for volunteers to participate in the Opening Worship Service at Gloria Dei on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. A sign up sheet will be sent to registered delegates & visitors with the Bulletin of Reports.

**EVALUATION FORM:**

We ask that you take the time to complete this form (which will be included in your Registration Packet) to help us in planning future conventions. A drop-off box for completed evaluations will be available at convention.

**VISITORS:**

Visitors are welcome to register for the Convention for a fee of \$125. The registration fee includes the Bulletin of Reports, other materials relating to the convention, all meals, complimentary Banquet Ticket, and the Saturday Renewal Event. The fee does not include travel, accommodations or local commutes.

Accommodations: Visitors may reserve a single room at \$100 per person per night or a double occupancy room at \$50 per person per night.

**DISPLAYS:**

All displays must relate to one of the Synod's standing committees or partnerships.

If you wish to set up display, please contact:

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**QUESTIONS?**

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