



June 25-28, 2009 the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) will meet together in Vancouver, BC for the Twelfth Biennial National Convention of the ELCIC. Building on our call to be a church *In Mission for Others*, the focus for the 2009 convention is *In Mission for Others: Signs of Hope*.

In Mission for Others: Signs of Hope is based on the following Biblical passages:

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

*'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.
No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket,
but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.
In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see
your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:14-16

The 2009 National Convention logo is comprised of two key visual elements – the dove and the olive branch. Both symbolize signs of peace, hope and of the presence of the Holy Spirit. The text and dove are displayed in such a way as to give a sense of forward movement – our response to our call to be *In Mission for Others as signs of hope and light for the world*.