



Job Description for Delegates to Assembly 2022

The 2022 ELCIC National Convention will take place in partnership with the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada using the title **Assembly 2022**. The theme is *Let There Be Greening* based on Revelation 22:1–2.

Delegates to Assembly are elected or appointed by Synods as rostered delegates or lay delegates.

- Synods are asked to make reasonable efforts to elect or appoint one-fifth (1/5) of such delegates who are sixteen (16) to thirty (30) years of age as of the first day of Assembly.
- Delegates thirty years of age and younger will be invited and encouraged to travel to Calgary a day early, in order to attend a learning and community-building gathering as part of the Assembly experience.

Delegates are expected to keep in mind the realities and concerns of their contexts—their congregation, area, synod, etc.—but at Assembly they are delegates of the National Church, having a prime interest in making decisions for the benefit of the whole church.

Delegates are expected to:

- Register and book travel through the ELCIC appointed travel agency (if applicable) in a timely manner.
- Read, in advance of Assembly, the *Bulletin of Reports*, noting any questions. A certain knowledge of the structure and governance of the church is an asset.
- Pray for the Assembly as you prepare to attend.
- Participate in any synodical delegate preparation sessions.
- Attend all of the business sessions of the Assembly, as well as other Assembly activities including worship. Opportunities to volunteer for assisting in worship will be identified during registration.
- Participate, as appropriate, in the discourse of Assembly, through active listening to presentations, reports, and debate on the floor, through respectful speaking in table groups or at the microphone during debate, through prayerful consideration before votes and elections.
- Look for opportunities to share your convention experience when you return home.
- Follow the work of the National Church following Assembly to see how the decisions of Assembly are being enacted. This may occur through reading *Canada Lutheran*, signing up for *ELCIC News* (www.elcic.ca/Communique/default.cfm) and following the ELCIC on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.
- Continue to pray for the National Church.

Some further considerations for delegates.

- The Assembly planners work with the Assembly locale to make the best possible arrangements for persons with dietary needs and mobility concerns. It is important to identify your needs before you arrive at the Assembly, recognizing that moving between sessions, meals and accommodation commonly involves moving some distance.
- Childcare support is available for those who have a young family and experience finding childcare as a barrier to attending the Convention/Assembly. Further information to be provided in the Delegate Registration Package.
- The ELCIC provides meals and accommodation for delegates attending Assembly and covers expenses for travel to and from Assembly. Delegates submit an *Assembly Expense Form* to claim incurred expenses.
- Travel by air or VIA Rail Canada is to be arranged through the ELCIC's travel agent.
- Airline seat selection, insurance and meal purchases are not covered by the Assembly. Assembly will cover the cost of the baggage fee for one suitcase checked-in each way. Assembly will cover the cost of transportation, via taxi or shuttle, between home and airport or train station. Delegates travelling from an airport that has an airport facility fee in effect are requested to pay the fee and to include this item in their expense claim along with the receipt.
- Delegates driving to Assembly may submit an expense claim for 20 cents per km for one delegate plus 3 cents per km for each additional delegate up to the equivalent cost of an air ticket based on the excursion rate approved for Assembly. Parking fees, gas, accommodations and meals along the way are not reimbursable. Further information to be provided in the Delegate Registration Package.
- Convention days are long and can be both physically and emotionally exhausting. Delegates need to come rested and prepared for the stamina that the intense days will require.

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