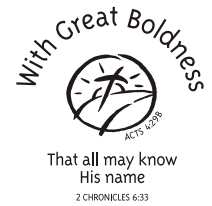


THE BULLETIN

Lutheran Church—Canada Sixth Convention



Volume 1 - No. 1

Thursday, 6 June 2002

SCHEDULE

Thursday

1:00 p.m. -
6:30 p.m. Registration

1:00 p.m. Resolutions Committee 2
(Kitchener Suite 2)

2:00 p.m. Board of Directors
(Gallery)

3:30 p.m. Resolutions Committees
1,3,4 (Kitchener Suites)

7:30 p.m. Convention Opening
Service
(Historic St. Paul's)

Friday

8:15 a.m. Devotion

8:30 a.m. Essay

9:30 a.m. Convention Business

12:00 p.m. District Delegates
Luncheon (Kitchener
Suites - by ticket only)

1:30 p.m. Board Forums

3:30 p.m. Board Forum (repeat)

5:00 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Convention Business

Welcome

Kitchener-Waterloo, site of the Sixth Convention of Lutheran Church-Canada, is a community steeped in Lutheran history and tradition. Throughout the 19th century, the area was a popular destination for Lutheran immigrants from Germany, so popular that until 1916 Kitchener was named Berlin in recognition of the its large German population.

Today, while Kitchener-Waterloo has become more culturally diverse, it continues to have a significant Lutheran presence. The community is home to seven Lutheran Church—Canada congregations, the head office of the East District of Lutheran Church—Canada, Lutheran Layman's League, Lutheran Bible Translators, Lutheran



Historic St. Paul's, site of convention opening and worship service.

Life, Lutheran Braille Workers and many other Lutheran organizations.

The Local Arrangements Committee and LCC staff have been working hard to bring together the elements of this convention. We hope your time in Kitchener-Waterloo will be

enjoyable as you attend to the church's business, consider a number of important issues and enjoy fellowship with each other. We also hope you will have an opportunity to explore Kitchener-Waterloo and experience the Lutheran heritage for yourself.

Opening Worship at Oldest Lutheran Church in Region

Tonight's worship service and convention opening will be held at Historic St. Paul's, 137 Queen Street South, Kitchener. Founded in 1834, it is Kitchener-Waterloo's oldest Lutheran Church. The current church building with its

distinctive spire was constructed in 1889. Worship begins at 7:30 p.m. Delegates are encouraged to arrive early to ensure a seat in the main sanctuary, as a large number of members from local churches are expected to attend. Delegates are asked to walk from the convention center to Historic St. Paul's. See the

map on page 2 for directions.

Newsletter Published Daily

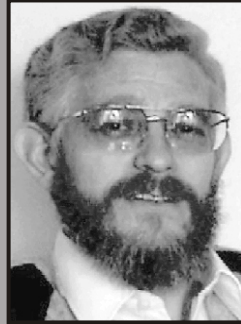
The Bulletin will be published daily during the convention. Each edition will contain reports on the previous day's events and important information about coming activities.

...So that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

2 Chronicles 6:33b

ESSAYIST

The Rev. Dr. Jorge E. Groh was born in Entre Rios, Argentina February 17, 1955.



He studied at Concordia Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and graduated in 1977. He then served a congregation in La Pampa, South

Argentina from 1978-1983. He did graduate studies in Fort Wayne, Indiana, receiving his Doctorate in 1989. From 1985-1990 Rev. Groh served Santa Trinidad, in Buenos Aires. From 1990 to 1999, he served at Concordia Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires as professor of Systematic Theology and Missions. He also served as president of the seminary from 1992-1994. At the same time he served as director/editor of "El Nuevo Luterano", the official magazine of the Lutheran church in Argentina.

Pastor Groh is married to Olga E. Preisz. They have three daughters, Jesica Anabella 23, Pamela Evangelina 22, and Analis Ambay 16.

In February 2000, Pastor Groh began serving the Spanish mission at St. Luke Lutheran Church Ottawa. He is a PhD candidate in philosophy at the Dominican University College in Ottawa. This year, he will be celebrating 25 years in the active ministry in the Lutheran Church.

THE BULLETIN Lutheran Church-Canada Sixth Convention

Published by Lutheran Church-Canada
Board for Communication Services

Senior Editor: Ian Adnams

Managing Editor: Stephen Klinck

Editor: Curtis Schafer

Reporters: Sarah Mann, Jonathon Sutherland, Paul Walrath, Elaine Stanfel, Henrietta Schafer, Curtis Schafer

Photographer: Chris Bruer / **Layout:** Andrew Sullivan

Donour Appreciation

The convention **carry bags and binders** are a gift from Lutheran Life, the church extension funds of the ABC, Central and East Districts and Lutheran Church-Canada Financial Ministries. We are most grateful for their generous support.

The **copy machines** in the convention office were made available to Lutheran Church-Canada through the kind generosity of IKON Business Systems, Kitchener office and Mr. Glen Coutts.

The **flowers** in the registration and refreshments area are a gift

from LWML-Canada, East District. Floral arrangements for the opening worship service and in the convention business sessions were created by Petals 'n' Pots.

The following businesses and friends of Lutheran Church-Canada have supported our convention **coffee breaks** with their donations:

- Erb & Erb Insurance
- Mr. Richard Meunier Q.C.
Of Miller Thomson
- MTD Products
- KPMG
- TD Canada Trust
- GFI Industries

We express our thanks!

First Aid

A nurse is available throughout the convention. See the room or stage manager or LAC members for more information.

Chaplain

The convention chaplain is Pastor Allan Scharlach, pastor of Historic St. Paul's. Please see the pastor if you have any prayer requests or other concerns.

Spouses Tour

Spouses who have registered for the tour of Waterloo Region will leave the hotel lobby at 9:45 a.m. Friday morning. Alice and

Werner Bromberg are your hosts. Please wear walking shoes and dress for comfort.

Meals

Restaurant 'Bistro 105' is open for all meals beginning at 7:00 a.m. this evening. There will be breakfast and lunch buffets on Friday, Saturday, and Monday.

Friday Lunch

Delegates will have the opportunity to meet with others from their districts during a noon luncheon. You will be issued tickets to participate in this event. Outside Kitchener Suites.

Sunday Worship Services

You are invited to join Kitchener-Waterloo area congregations for worship on Sunday. Please sign up for transportation to and from the service of your choice. Sign up sheets are located at the registration/information desk. Deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday.

Don't Miss The First Session

The business sessions begin at 8:00 a.m. with pre-session music by students from Christ Lutheran School, followed by an opening devotion with Pastor Rick Frey of St. Paul's, Elmira.

Office Information

Should someone need to get in touch with the convention office, the telephone number is 519-576-0861 and the fax number is 519-576-1935.

Events

There is currently no convention business scheduled for Sunday evening. However, there are activities planned for those interested in participating. More information will be available at registration.

Lutherwood Tour - sign-up information at registration / information desk 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Jazz Hymn Festival - by Peter Dent, a Vancouver-based pianist, composer and choral arranger. Historic St. Paul's, at 8 p.m. Admission is \$7.00

Open House at Lutheran Bible Translators - (next door to Historic St. Paul's) 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

LCC Missions - an evening with Rev. Roland Syens, Four Points Hotel, time and location TBA

East District Office - Open House 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Local Arrangements Committee

Your local arrangement committee consists of:

- Rev. Dr. Winger, Chairman
- Ron Steer / Rev. Allan Scharloch, Worship
- Mark Huehnergard, Logistics
- Alice Bromberg, Social Events/Hospitality
- Udi Scott, Registration
- Richard Trego / Bill Long, Exhibits
- Roy Schmidt, Transportation
- Curtis Schafer, Communications

Local arrangement people can be identified by their beige convention golf shirts.

WHERE DO I SIT?

The tables in the Grand Ballroom are colour-coded:

Blue Section

Lay and pastoral voting delegates only. You will only receive a ballot for elections if you are seated in the blue section.

Red Section

Advisory delegates

White Section

Official guests, registered visitors

Individual seats are available for drop-in visitors, exhibitors (those who did not register as Registered Visitors) and others.

WHAT IS WHERE?

Main Events:	2 nd floor
Office:	Viking Room C off bookstore & exhibit area
Bookstore & Exhibits:	Viking Rooms A/B and area surrounding
Business sessions:	Grand Ballroom
Washrooms:	Off ballroom lobby
Breakout Sessions:	1 st floor near pool and second floor Kitchener suites, left of ballroom lobby



Local Arrangements Committee Members (from left to right, Udi Scott, Roy Schmitt, Rev. Dr. Winger, Alice Bromberg, Bill Long, Ron Steer, Curtis Schafer, Mark Huehnergard, missing Dick Trego and Rev. Allan Scharlach)

How do you share the Good News?

PRESIDENT

RALPH E. MAYAN

Delegates from across the country will gather in Kitchener on June 6 for the opening of the Sixth triennial convention of Lutheran Church-Canada. They will gather to celebrate the unity Christ has given to His church and the blessings with which He has blessed our Synod. The delegates will also elect officers and other church leaders to serve on the various boards and commissions of the Synod. A variety of resolutions will be considered as we place before the church a vision for mission and ministry. All of this will be done under the theme, *With Great Boldness*. The theme is based upon a prayer recorded in Acts 4:26, "Now Lord, consider their

threats and enable Your servants to speak Your word with great boldness." The context is most interesting. Peter and John had been arrested for sharing the message of Jesus and proclaiming in Him the resurrection of the dead. After spending the night in prison, they appeared before the Sanhedrin, the very group that had condemned Jesus. The Sanhedrin was in a quandary as to what they should do with these men. They feared the crowds who heard the Apostles' message and witnessed their miraculous signs. They finally decided to release them, but gave them a severe reprimand and warning "not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus." Upon their release Peter and John gathered with the believers in Jerusalem and told them everything that had

happened. And then they prayed together. Remembering that God's people have always faced a hostile and persecuting world from the time of David to the present moment, they prayed that God would enable them, in the midst of it all, to speak His word with great boldness. God heard their prayer. Luke reports that the place in which they prayed began to shake and all who were present were filled with the Holy Spirit and they "spoke the Word of God boldly." As delegates gather from across the country in convention, they too will join in praying this prayer of the early Church. We know that Christ has called His church to proclaim the Good News of Salvation and that we face a world that is indifferent and often hostile to that message. And so we pray, "enable Your servants

to speak Your word with great boldness." I don't know if the convention hall is going to shake as did the room in Jerusalem, but I do know God will hear and answer our prayer, and He will fill His people with boldness as they hear His Word and receive the gifts He gives in the Holy Supper. And so it can be said of us, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and they "spoke the Word of God boldly." As you gather in worship in the coming Sundays and especially on Synod Sunday, June 9, please join in the prayer. Make it a prayer for your congregation, your district and for our beloved Synod and all your delegates gathered in Kitchener that we, His servants, may speak His Word with great boldness!

The CANADIAN
LUTHERAN May/June

Bookstore & Exhibit Listings

Augsburg-Fortress
Canadian Forces Chaplain Branch
Canadian Lutheran World Relief
Concordia Lutheran Mission Society
Concordia Lutheran Seminary - Edmonton, Alta
Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catherines, Ontario
Concordia University College of Alberta
Haiti Lutheran Mission Society of Canada
Hospitality Ministry, - Toronto
Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots
Lutheran Bible Translators
Lutheran Hour Ministries
Lutheran Life Insurance
Lutheran Schools
Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Canada
Lutherans for Life
Lutherwood CODA
LCC Worker Benefit Plans

Bookstore & Exhibit Hours

Thursday, June 6	2:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, June 7	7:00 a.m - 8:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m - 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 8	7:00 a.m - 8:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 9	5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Monday, June 10	7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

THE BULLETIN

Lutheran Church-Canada
Sixth Convention

Published by Lutheran Church-Canada

Board for Communication Services

Senior Editor: Ian Adnams

Managing Editor: Stephen Klinck

Editor: Curtis Schafer

Reporters: Sarah Mann, Jonathon Sutherland, Paul Walrath, Elaine Stanfel, Henrietta Schafer, Curtis Schafer

Photographer: Chris Bruer / **Layout:** Andrew Sullivan