



An Order of Blessing for Delegates to the 2023 Special Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

This order may be used one Sunday prior to the convention (June 25, 2023)

If a pastor/presider is a delegate, the assisting minister or other congregational leader leads the order.

Following the hymn of the day, the delegate(s) are called forward or recognized online.

LEADER: *Delegate name(s)*, you have been chosen as a delegate to the Special Convention at Assembly 2023 of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to be held in Calgary, Alberta June 28-July 2, and online. We give thanks that you will represent our synod and region at this important gathering of our church, and with our Anglican and Moravian brothers and sisters. We join with you in hopeful expectation that this time of prayer, consultation and decision-making will be a faithful witness to our church's mission and to the Christian faith we now confess together:

The Apostles' Creed follows.

LEADER: You join this gathering to serve the whole church. Will you seek the guidance of God as you join others in making decisions for the church? Will you bear the reconciliation of Christ as you work with others to determine the will of God for the future of the church? Will you share the Holy Spirit's joy in prayer and work together. If so, Please say, "Yes, and I pray that God will help and guide me."

DELEGATE(S): Yes, and I pray that God will help and guide me.

LEADER: People of God, will you support this delegate in prayer? And will you pray for the 2023 Special Convention of the ELCIC? Will you also pray for the Assembly, bringing together Lutherans, Anglicans, and Moravians from across our country? If so, please say, "We will."

CONGREGATION: We will.

Those present and online may extend their hands in blessing.

LEADER: *Delegate name(s)*, we bless you as you go in the name of God to serve the church and all the people of God in the prayer and work of this convention. The light of Christ shine in you. The spirit of Christ guide you. God bless you and all who gather in this work together.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

The prayers of the church follow. Intercessions for the National Convention, for Assembly, and for the leadership of our churches should be included.