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Dear friends,

The Eighteenth Convention of the Saskatchewan Synod –ELCIC takes place this coming June. The convention is in one way the 18th of a series. There will be business, there will be presentations, and there will be times of worship and learning. The business of the convention will include the report of the bishop, the report of synod council and its committees, and the election of synod council members. Convention will hear presentations from the national bishop, synod partners and stake-holders. Convention will gather for times of worship. And convention will be inspired by our keynote speaker Dr. Karoline Lewis.

In another way the convention is unique. For the first time we will not be meeting in person, but will gather virtually through the Zoom platform. Synods in the ELCA have a good deal of experience with virtual conventions. Virtual conventions of course lack the personal contact, and encouragement that comes from actually living together for the days of convention. But we are also hearing from our partners that often participation in the virtual conventions is wider than in person conventions—without the limitations brought by travel and accommodation expenses. Synod has contracted with Barndog Productions Inc., an IT company in Saskatoon, to assure the smooth delivery of a virtual convention for convention delegates. For anyone who would like to view the Convention proceedings as a guest, a webcast will be made available on our Synod website.

For delegates, watch for coming synod email on Registration and Meeting materials.

Peace on the journey,

Bishop Sid Haugen
Saskatchewan Synod ELCIC