



Registration Procedure

Step #1	<p>If you are flying to the convention – Book your Flight Arrive: October 19th and Depart October 22nd</p> <p>Air Canada Reservations: Reserve on-line use Link on our website or call 1-888-247-2262 Westjet Reservations: Reserve on-line use Link on our website or call 1-888-937-8538</p>						
 	<p>Step #2 Book your hotel for October 19, 20 & 21.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Holiday Inn West Kelowna 2569 Dobbin Road, West Kelowna, BC V4T 2J6</p> <p>Single Queen Bed-\$109.00 plus tax per night Two Queen Beds -\$119.00 plus tax per night</p> <p>To reserve a room call: 1-250-768-8879 Please state that you will be attending the CALC Convention so that you receive the convention rate. The hotel will honor this rate if you want to extend your stay before and/or after the convention. Breakfast: Add 10.00 to your room rate and get a voucher for \$20.00 for use in their dining room. Your room must be booked by September 20th to qualify for the convention rate.</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Best Western Plus Hotel Wine Country Hotel & Suites 3460 Carrington Road, West Kelowna, BC, V4T 3C1</p> <p>Single Queen Bed-\$99.00 plus tax per night Two Queen Beds -\$119.00 plus tax per night Single King Bed – \$109.00 plus tax per night</p> <p>To reserve a room call: 1-250-707-1637 Please state that you will be attending the CALC Convention so that you receive the convention rate. The hotel will honor this rate if you want to extend your stay before and/or after the convention. Breakfast: Hot breakfast included in room rate. Your room must be booked by September 20th to qualify for the convention rate.</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Holiday Inn West Kelowna 2569 Dobbin Road, West Kelowna, BC V4T 2J6</p> <p>Single Queen Bed-\$109.00 plus tax per night Two Queen Beds -\$119.00 plus tax per night</p> <p>To reserve a room call: 1-250-768-8879 Please state that you will be attending the CALC Convention so that you receive the convention rate. The hotel will honor this rate if you want to extend your stay before and/or after the convention. Breakfast: Add 10.00 to your room rate and get a voucher for \$20.00 for use in their dining room. Your room must be booked by September 20th to qualify for the convention rate.</p>	<p>Best Western Plus Hotel Wine Country Hotel & Suites 3460 Carrington Road, West Kelowna, BC, V4T 3C1</p> <p>Single Queen Bed-\$99.00 plus tax per night Two Queen Beds -\$119.00 plus tax per night Single King Bed – \$109.00 plus tax per night</p> <p>To reserve a room call: 1-250-707-1637 Please state that you will be attending the CALC Convention so that you receive the convention rate. The hotel will honor this rate if you want to extend your stay before and/or after the convention. Breakfast: Hot breakfast included in room rate. Your room must be booked by September 20th to qualify for the convention rate.</p>				
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Step #4	<p>Payment:</p> <p>Full Registration Fee: All events Friday and Saturday including banquet Full Convention.....\$120.00</p> <hr/> <p>Partial Registration Fees:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Friday Learning Event only</td> <td>\$40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday Business meeting & Speaker only</td> <td>\$40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Banquet only.....</td> <td>\$45.00</td> </tr> </table> <hr/> <p>Make Cheques Payable to: CALC</p> <p>Mail Payment to: Brenda Evjen, CALC Treasurer 4808 - 51 Avenue Stony Plain, AB, T7Z 1C4 Tel: (780) 963-8395 Email: treasurer@calc.ca</p>	Friday Learning Event only	\$40.00	Saturday Business meeting & Speaker only	\$40.00	Banquet only.....	\$45.00
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Convention Overview

CALC 2017 Annual General Convention Grace Lutheran Church – West Kelowna, BC October 20th to 22nd

Friday October 20th

Keynote Speaker Reverend John H.G. Rasmussen



Luther's Small Catechism

*Luther's Great Gift
To the Church*

Rev. Rasmussen is a permanent faculty member of the Institute of Lutheran Theology (ILT). He currently teaches Homiletics in ILT's Graduate program as well as Systematics, Confessions, Catechetics, and Homiletics in ILT's Pastoral Ministry Certificate (PMC) program.

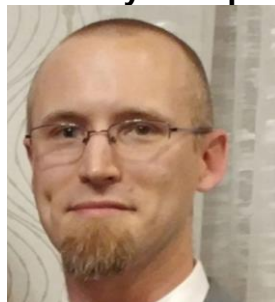
Rev. Rasmussen has served 39 years in the pastoral ministry, both in congregational ministry and as a chaplain in the United States Army during which he served two twelve-month combat deployments.

He served as Chair of the Doctrine and Church Relations Committee of the Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC) from 2001-2006. He is currently rostered with the ALC and with the Lutheran Church in North America (NALC).

Rev. Rasmussen earned his B.A. from Luther College in 1973, his M.Div. from Luther Theological Seminary in 1978, and his M.Th. from Luther Theological Seminary in 2007.

Saturday October 21st

Keynote Speaker Reverend Seth Flick



The Five Solas of the Reformation

*Sola Fide
Sola Scriptura
Sola Christus
Sola Gratia
Soli Deo Gloria*

Rev. Flick is a member of the faculty of the Institute of Lutheran Theology (ILT). He has taught Biblical Interpretation in ILT's Pastoral Ministry Certificate (PMC) program.

He currently serves as the Pastor of Discipleship for Divine Redeemer Church and School located in Heartland Wisconsin.

From July 2010 to July 2015 he served as Pastor of Outreach & Mission for Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Riverside California.

His passions include being Christ's servant as a husband and father, preaching, playing guitar, watching movies, and relationships building.

Rev. Flick is married to Melinda. They have four sons.

Rev. Flick earned his B.A. in Pastoral Ministry/Theology · Mequon, Wisconsin in 2003, his M.Div. from Concordia Seminary of St. Louis, Missouri, in 2011.

8:30-9:30 AM	Registration
9:30-10:30 AM	Keynote Address #1 – Rev. John Rasmussen
10:30-11:00 AM	Coffee Break
11:00 –12:30 PM	Keynote Address #2 – Rev. John Rasmussen
12:30-1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30-2:30 PM	Breakout Session #1
2:30-2:45 PM	Break
2:45-3:45 PM	Breakout Session #2

8:00-9:00 AM	Registration
9:00-10:30 AM	Opening/Business Session #1
10:30-11:00 AM	Coffee Break
11:00 – Noon	Business Session #2
Noon – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00-1:30 PM	Introductions & Greetings
1:30-2:30 PM	Keynote Address #1 – Rev. Seth Flick
2:30-3:00 PM	Coffee Break
3:00-4:30 PM	Keynote Address #2 – Rev. Seth Flick
4:30 PM	Unfinished business/Closing of convention

7:00 PM	Opening Worship/Graduation John Graham
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6:00-8:00 PM	Banquet and Program
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Sunday October 22nd

9:00 AM – Closing Worship – Early service	10:30 AM Closing Worship – Refreshments follow
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Confirmed Speakers for Breakout Sessions – Friday October 20th

<p>1. Q & A Session – Keynote Speaker: CALC accepts and confesses Luther’s Small Catechism as a brief and true statement of the doctrines of the Word of God, and requires of all its members, both congregations and individuals to subscribe to it. Rev. John Rasmussen’s Friday morning keynote address will reveal the many facets of Luther’s literary gemstone. This session will permit participants to ask Rev. Rasmussen questions.</p>	
<p>2. Institute of Lutheran Theology: The Institute of Lutheran Theology (ILT) is CALC’s seminary. ITL is training CALC students and pastors while they serve in CALC congregations. Presenters for ILT will include Rev. Dr. Dennis Bielfeldt, President, and Rev. Tim Swenson, Dean of Educational Ministries. They will present ILT’s mission, vision and programming and answer any questions participants may have concerning ILT and its programs.</p>	
<p>3. Rev Rick Bergh, Certified Thanatologist offers two breakout sessions. Grief: The Jesus Way: This workshop speaks to anyone who has ever wondered how to approach loss from a Christian perspective. With the legislation of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) in Canada, bold conversations from a Christian perspective that honor the sanctity of life to the very end need to take place. Writing the Final Chapter Together: Canada’s Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) Act, requires bold conversations from a Christian perspective that honor the sanctity of life to the very end. This workshop shares research on the three major reasons people chose to end their life early and how we can respond from a biblical point of view.</p>	
<p>4. Pastor John Tatapudi: Pastor John is the Pastor and CEO of Advent Messengers (AM) of India. AM is headquartered in the village of Jhansilingapur in Medak District in the State of Andhra Pradesh. They have a congregation and a church building in Jhansilingapur. They have a ministry to widows and children. They also reach out with Gospel to surrounding villages. They minister to some of India’s poorest people. He will present AM’s mission, vision and programming and answer any questions participants may have concerning AM and its programs.</p>	
<p>5. Pastor Rob Lewis. His presentation is entitled “The State of the Church in China.” He has traveled to China over the past 10 years and given oversight to World Mission Prayer League’s (WMPL) work there. He has kept pace with the changes in how religion is viewed, monitored and regulated in China. He will share the good news about areas where there is religious freedom. He will seek to balance religious freedoms with the reality that the Church in China is under observation and in some areas under great duress. Over the past 10 years Pastor Rob has served as WMPL’s Associate Director for East Asia (China, Mongolia, Buryatia).</p>	
<p>6. Tom Brook: Tom Brook serves as Legacy Planning and Major Gifts Advisor for Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR). Inspired by God’s love for humanity, CLWR challenges the causes and responds to the consequences of human suffering and poverty. Tom will present CLWR’s mission, vision and programming and answer any questions participants may have concerning CLWR and its programs.</p>	
<p>7. Pastor Ed Skutshek: God calls congregations to move inward (discipleship), upward (worship) and outward (evangelism & service). Pastor Ed Skutshek will present steps congregations can take in developing and implementing a five or ten year strategic plan that helps a congregation move inward, outward and upward.</p>	

Martin Luther's Small Catechism



This Catechism is printed in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, 1517-2017, by the Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations (CALC)

CALC's Board of Elders has commissioned the printing of 2,000 pocket sized (5.25 x 3.75 inches) Small Catechisms. The cover page is depicted to the left. The cover contains the following inscription: *"This Catechism is printed in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, 1517-2017, by the Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations (CALC)."* They are available at the cost of \$2.00 per catechism. Congregations have already purchased 1,160 copies. There are 840 copies left. They will be offered for purchase at the convention.

To purchase copies of the commemorative Small Catechism send an email, specifying the number to be purchased, to our President:

Send email to: president@calc.ca

Mail the request to:
CALC- Att: President,
1162 Hudson Road,
West Kelowna, BC, V1Z 1J3.

Commemorative T-Shirt

*Celebrating
500 Years of Reformation
1517--2017*



*2017 Annual General Convention
Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations
Grace Lutheran Church - West Kelowna, BC
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The black letters and the black portion of Luther's Rose will be printed in white. The background of the T-shirt will be maroon.

Email orders for T-Shirts to: president@calc.ca
Please specify the number of T-Shirts and the size of each.
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL



A commemorative T-Shirt has been designed for our 2017 Convention. The T-Shirt will be maroon in color with white lettering and graphics. All those who register for the full convention \$120.00 will receive a complimentary T-Shirt. Please note size on the registration form.

If you register for less than the full convention you can purchase a T-Shirt for \$10.00.

Additional T-Shirts can be ordered for \$10.00 each.

T-Shirts available in sizes from S to 5XL.

Nominations and Elections

The terms of the following members of the National Council expire at our Annual General Convention October 20-22, 2017. It is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to seek qualified nominees for these positions.

Pastor Ed Skutshek , President	Vivien Georgeson , Secretary	Everley Lutz , Trustee
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The delegates to CALC's 2016 National Convention made a motion for the appointment of a Nominating Committee for the 2017 Annual General Convention. The following were appointed by our National Council at our January 28th meeting:

Appointees from CALC's National Council:	Appointees from CALC's Membership:
Pastor Peeter Vanker, Elder, ON	Bernard Cheng, BC
Sherland Chhangur, Elder, ON	Pastor Harry Huff, ON
Tim Bauer, Trustee, AB	Pastor Manfred Schmidt, BC

Bylaw 5 of CALC's Bylaws provides:

1. At least four months prior to the General Convention, Member Congregations shall be notified of vacancies to be filled.
2. Each Member Congregation shall be encouraged to present to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee names and qualifications of consenting candidates for election.

Information on the vacant positions to be filled:

The President: The President has the following authority and responsibility:

- Serve as the spiritual leader of our Association.
- Represent CALC in relations with other church bodies and secular authorities.
- Uphold CALC's Constitution and Bylaws.
- Provide for the effective administration of our Association.
- Chair CALC's National Convention, meetings of the National Council and the Board of Elders.
- Intervene in conflict situations in congregations.

The Secretary: The Secretary has the following authority and responsibility:

- To give notice of meetings of the Association and BOE.
- To keep minutes of all meetings of CALC, National Council and Board of Elders.
- Have custody of all records (excluding the Treasurer's records).
- Have custody of the common seal of the Association.

The Board of Trustees: The Board of Trustees (BOT) has the following authority and responsibility:

- Purchase or otherwise acquire title to real estate.
- Borrow money (must be approved by congregations).
- Invest and manage investment funds of our Association. Prepare a budget and monitor spending.
- Review the financial condition, policies, practices, and operations of all components of this Association.
- Appoint auditors, prepare job descriptions and recommend remuneration for officers and other employees.

National Council normally meets twice a year (January & September) face to face at a meeting room in the Delta Hotel at the Calgary International Airport in Calgary, Alberta. The Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees meet separately during the National Council meeting. The meeting typically is held on a Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. CALC reimburses participants for the cost of travel to and from these meetings. CALC's executive (President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President) are required to attend our National Convention. Other National Council members may attend. Costs of travel to and from the convention and accommodations are reimbursed by CALC.

Nominating Procedures:

1. **YOU MUST FIRST OBTAIN THE NOMINEE'S PERMISSION TO FILE THE NOMINATION FORMS!** Scroll down to the box labeled "**Annual Convention Time.**" Left click your mouse on "**Nat. Council Nomination**" to be redirected to the nomination form. Please fill out the nomination form as directed and hit "**Submit.**"
2. Next left click your mouse on "**Nominee Bio**" to be redirected to the Bio form. Please fill out the Bio form as directed and hit "**Submit.**"

CALC 2017 Pastors' Retreat

October 18th & 19th

Suggested Retreat Schedule

Tuesday October 17 th	Wednesday October 18 th	Thursday October 19 th	Friday October 20 th
Pastors and spouses arrive by 5:30 PM. Rooms are assigned people settle in. We have dinner, opening worship in the lounge following dinner.	8:00 AM Breakfast	8:00 AM Breakfast	Breakfast at 8:00 AM participants vacate rooms and camp by 9:00 AM.
	9:00 AM Speaker and Coffee Break	9:30 AM Speaker & Worship	
	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	
	1:00 PM Speaker & Breaks	1:00 PM Free Time	
	5:30 PM Supper	5:30 PM Supper	
	6:30 PM Speaker	6:30 PM Free Time	
	7:30 PM Free Time		

Our keynote speaker's travel schedule requires that his presentation be given on Wednesday October 18th. For this reason we have allocated most of Wednesday to Pastor Scott Suskovic. On Thursday morning our own Pastor Rick Bergh, certified Thanatologist, will give a presentation, followed by worship. Thursday afternoon and evening will be free time.

Keynote Speakers:



This year's presenter is **Pastor Scott Suskovic**. In addition to serving as a member of a ministry team at Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, he is a published author and conference speaker. Topics to be covered.

- **Learned Behavior vs Spiritual Gift?** (Who are you modeling?)
- **Sermon Series vs. Lectionary**
- **Preparing Your Advent Sermons** (Looking at the Advent Text and preparing a four part series)
- **Crafting the Sermon: Driving the Point Home** (Words, Objects, Screens, Music, Devotions, Bulletin.
- **Traditional and Contemporary Worship.**
- **Help! I Don't Wear Untucked Plaid Shirts, I Don't Have a Tattoo, I Don't Have Facial Hair and I'm Over 50.** (Is There Any Hope For My Mainstream Denomination in a Post Modern World?)

Pastor Scott has served as senior pastor of Christ Lutheran since 1998. His primary role is preaching, teaching, visioning, and overseeing the staff. Scott grew up in Minnesota where he earned his Master's degree at Luther Seminary. He completed his Doctorate at Boston University. Outside of Christ Lutheran, Scott has served as Chair for the Senior Pastors' Conference of the ELCA and currently is on the board for The Smiles Foundation doing work in Romania and Augsburg/Fortress Publishing House. Pastor Scott is married to Gretchen and they have two adult children, Hannah and Nathan. He enjoys golf, sailing and travel.

Rev Rick Bergh, Certified Thanatologist will speak at the Pastor's Retreat on Thursday morning. In addition, he will offer two breakout sessions at our convention. **Grief: The Jesus Way:** This workshop speaks to anyone who has ever wondered how to approach loss from a Christian perspective. **Writing the Final Chapter Together:** Canada's Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) Act, requires bold conversations from a Christian perspective that honor the sanctity of life to the very end. This workshop shares research on the three major reasons people chose to end their life early and how we can respond from a biblical point of view.



Venue

Greenbay Bible Camp: 1449 Green Bay Rd, West Kelowna, BC, V4T 2B9



Cost: \$200.00 per Pastor

This registration fee includes: **Accommodations:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights. **Breakfast:** Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. **Lunch:** Wednesday & Thursday. **Supper:** Wednesday & Thursday. **Snacks:** Tuesday night, Wednesday & Thursday.

Single Occupancy: If you do not want to share a room, but want a single room, an additional fee of \$150.00 is required by the camp.

Spouses: Spouses are welcome. The registration fee for a spouse is \$200.00. The same meals and accommodations are provided for spouses.

Bedding: Participants driving to the 2017 Pastors' Retreat are asked to bring their own bedding. Bedding will be provided for those flying into the retreat.



Congregations are responsible for the cost of their pastor's travel to and from the Pastor's Retreat.

Go to CALC's website and register online for the Retreat: <http://www.calc.ca>
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