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> From the Office of the Secretary Rev. Paul Schallhorn

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Dear Fellow Redeemed in Christ:

As we prepare for the tenth convention of Lutheran Church—Canada to be held in 2017, the Committee of Convention Nominations has prepared the enclosed documents for your participation in the process of nomination future leaders for the Synod.

Any individual member of the church may recommend one or more persons for nominations to the following offices:

Board of Directors

To be elected: 1 lay person Central; 2 lay people ABC; 1 pastor at large

Commission on Adjudication

To be elected: 1 pastor ABC; 1 lay person Central; 1 lay person East One person must be a lawyer

Commission on Theology and Church Relations To be elected: 1 lay person

Board of Regents, Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton AB To be elected: 1 pastor; 2 lay/deacon (in total one from each district)

Board of Regents, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines ON To be elected: 1 pastor; 2 lay/deacon (in total one from each district)

It is not necessary for a congregation to vote on individuals recommended for nomination. A description of the major responsibilities and desirable qualifications for each position is attached.

You should note that not all candidates for elected office are nominated by this process. The exceptions are:

President: Each congregation will be sent an official nominating ballot. Candidates for office of the president must be nominated by a duly called meeting of the Voter's Assembly of the congregation. The five candidates who receive the

highest number of nominations will constitute the ballot at the convention. **Vice-president:** Each congregation will be sent an official nominating ballot. Candidates for office of the vice-president must be nominated by a duly called meetings of the Voter's Assembly of the congregation. The three candidates from each district who receive the highest number of nominations will constitute the ballot at the convention.

All other candidates will be nominated by the Committee on Convention Nominations which will select nominees and alternates from recommendations submitted on the enclosed forms. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the convention provided the candidate has given written consent.

The committee will need your prayerful recommendations as soon as possible. Please duplicate the form should you wish to recommend more individuals. Individuals may be recommended for as many positions as you desire.

To assist the committee in completing their work in an orderly manner, please ensure that all recommendations are returned to Lutheran Church – Canada office in Winnipeg *NO LATER THAN January 31, 2017.* Your cooperation and assistance in distributing the enclosures is greatly appreciated. I have also enclosed the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Committee on Convention Nominations. Should you have any questions concerning the process, please contact one of the committee members.

PLEASE NOTE: As you know, there will be structure changes proposed at convention. The recommendations for nominations requested in this letter are based on the current structure. As the restructuring planning continues to develop, there may be a need for recommendations for nominations for positions that may exist under the proposed new structure if passed at convention.

This letter constitutes the official notice of solicitation of names for nomination as outlined in the constitution and bylaws of Lutheran Church–Canada. May our gracious God bless you and guide you in your deliberations.

Think of God loving you,

Rev. Paul Schallhorn, secretary

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P.S. Please copy the *Recommendation for Nomination* form for wider distribution.