



July 4, 2021
6th Sunday after Pentecost

“Resurrection Lutheran Church exists to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior, in an open accepting fellowship, a loving caring community that reaches out to all people to serve Christ through worshipping, teaching, learning, sharing and giving of ourselves to meet the needs of this congregation, the community and the world, as the Holy Spirit moves us.”

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Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

GATHERING
ELW Setting 8

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* (ELW 654)

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

GREETING (ELW p. 184)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 188)

Let us pray together.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BAPTISM OF OWEN CONNOR JUDE PEARD

Parents: Jeffrey & Erin Peard

**Sponsors: Ryan Pannell, Sarah Jepson, Lindsay Pannell
& Tanya Panell**

PRESENTATION (ELW p. 227)

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I present *Owen Connor Jude Peard* for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people,
bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *his* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *him* in faith and prayer,
so that *your child* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,

care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your child* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *this child* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support *Owen* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (ELW p. 229)

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT (ELW p. 230)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM (ELW p. 230)

Owen Connor Jude Peard, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain *Owen Peard* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Owen Peard, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME (ELW p. 231)

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

WORD

Children's Chat

The children get closer to their devices for their Children's Chat time

Sunday School

Devices with children will be sent to the Sunday School breakout room.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD."

⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no

money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Spirit of Gentleness* (ELW 396)

Spirit of Gentleness



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need, especially the victims and families of the condo tower collapse in Florida and those displaced by the wildfires in Lytton, British Columbia. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for our Bishops Susan and Sid, all our bishops, pastors, diaconal ministers, our lay leaders and all in ministry, for Resurrection Lutheran Church and for all members of Christ's body around the world. Help us to continue your work through prayer, service and grace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 189)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING (ELW p. 190)

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 190)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING (ELW p. 192)

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *We All Are One in Mission* (ELW 576)

We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 192)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Special thanks to our musician Bonnie Semenoff, our Worship Assistant Don Meister, our Readers Judy Poellet and Eva-Marie Tote, David Kirton for technical support, and ???? for Zoom support.

Upcoming Commemorations

Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 11, 2021

Amos 7:7-15, Psalm 85, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

PRAYER LIST

The victims and families of the condo collapse in Surfside, Florida, the wildfire evacuees of Lytton, BC, Margaret Kondra (for healing), Edgar Buck on the passing of Olive Buck, Brenda Jensen's mother Lena Hale (for healing), Dorothy Banjac, Bernice Thiessen, Pastor Gordon Jensen's father, Jens Jensen, Kara and Carissa Zapf on the passing of their mother, Carol-Lynne, Bonnie Semenoff for healing after surgery, Karissa Beattie and her family on the passing of her mother Pat Kauk, Colleen Rickard and family on the passing of her granddaughter Edanna, Corinne's brother Allan Mehmel, Shirley Welk and family, Bernice Ogryzlo's children Tim and Stephanie and their families, Lorraine Cowan and family as they mourn the passing of Bill Cowan, Ruth Hilderman (Esther Cherland's sister), Shelby Fischer and family for healing, and Betty Becker (Sharon Breadner's sister).

To add or remove names from the list, please contact the church office or call Pastor Ali.

2021 Monthly Budget: **\$15,000**

June envelope & loose giving as of June 30th: **\$15,007.50**

Estimated PAR on July 20th: **\$7,297.75**

Chequing Account Balance July 2nd: **\$6,538.37**

Thank you for your generous giving especially during this extraordinary time!

HOLY COMMUNION: If you are wishing to receive Holy Communion, please contact the church office or Pr. Ali directly to make an appointment.

MESSAGE FROM THE REOPENING COMMITTEE: Resurrection is now open for in-person worship. Virtual worship via Zoom will continue to be available for those worshipping remotely.

Registration is required to attend in-person worship. Please register either through the Sign-Up Genius link on our website or by contacting Ryan Baker at the church office. Extra safety precautions will be in place in our church building including screening questionnaire, required masking, physical distancing, hand sanitization, and no congregation singing at this time.

Each member is encouraged to reflect on his/her own comfort level and personal circumstances when deciding on which format of worship is most appropriate. Things to consider for in-person service:

- Do you and your close contacts pass the screening test (on the church website)
- Have you been immunized against COVID-19 – this offers you protection from potential exposure

WWDWWD STUDY: Our last session of Why We Do What We Do (WWDWWD) Study was last Sunday June 27 at 9 AM.

We thank Pastor Gordon for journeying with us these past weeks.

We will observe a summer break and WWDWWD will resume on Sunday August 29, 2021 at 9:00am.

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN COMPOST PROJECT UPDATE: Finished and sifted compost is available in Bin #7 (north end) for anyone looking for material for filling pots or hanging baskets, or for top dressing on their lawn. Please help yourself. We could use some "GREENS" (N) grass clippings, kitchen scraps (*no meat or dairy*), weeds, coffee grounds, green plant material, etc. to mix with our "BROWNS". Please deposit in Bin #2.

SYNOD PANDEMIC GUIDELINES UPDATE FROM BISHOP SID HAUGEN After consultation with just under 100 faith community leaders on May 12, Pastor Ali and Bishop Sid met to discuss what Synod Guidelines might look like over the summer. It seems likely that Health Directives will be changing throughout the summer, so rather than looking at 'guidelines for summer' we will need to be updating synod guidelines step by step. So, at this time, rather than giving specific guidance, synod is providing guiding principles for the summer of 2021.

HELPING WOUNDED CHILDREN IN CAMEROON: The Saskatoon Cameroonian Association is raising funds for the victims of a school shooting in the town of Kumba,

Cameroon. The tragedy occurred on October 24, 2020, leaving seven children dead and at least 12 more injured during the shooting. All donations can be made through the church office and the funds will be remitted to the appropriate agencies. If you have any questions about this fundraising campaign, please contact Pastor. Ali, Linus Luki or Ryan.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stephen Davis and Karla Hillis who were married on June 26, 2021 at Christ Lutheran Church in Regina, SK. Pastors Ali Tote and Dennis Hendricksen officiated at their wedding. We pray for Stephen and Karla as they embark on their marriage journey and we wish them God's abundant blessings.

IN MEMORY OF OLIVE BUCK
(NOVEMBER 7, 1933 – JUNE 9, 2021)



We express the loss of our mom with great sadness. Olive passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 9, 2021 at the age of 88. She is survived by her sons Doug (Deanna) and Glen (Yolanda), daughter-in-law Anja and granddaughter Lina. Her son Keith predeceased her in 2016. Olive lived in Saskatoon for most of her life. She had a great sense of humor and always saw the upside of life with irony and wit. We will miss her and keep her precious soul in our hearts forever.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is seeking a person to serve in the part-time Administrative Assistant position. The position provides administration support to the Pastor, the Church Management Team, and other congregational committees. All interested applicants can contact Aaron Fornwald at 306-229-1974 or aaron.fornwald@shaw.ca.

2021 SK SYNOD CONVENTION REPORT

Pastor Ali and I attended the online Saskatchewan Synod convention as Resurrection's delegates on June 4 and 5. Keynote Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis, Homiletics professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN spoke on the topic, "Walking Together: On the Road to Emmaus (Lk 24.13-35)." She connected the journey on the road to Emmaus with our experience now after a year of pandemic: Jesus recognizes that Cleopas and the unnamed disciple need a chance to articulate their anxieties and grief and encourages to voice their fears. Likewise, as we begin to be fully vaccinated and look towards a changed future, we are invited to pause and reflect on the difficult times we have lived through.

Bishop Sid and Bishop Susan gave reports, both describing their 2018 trip to Argentina (our Synod Partner) as a highlight since the last convention. The presidents of Luther

College and Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon, and the Executive Director of CLWR all gave reports. Videos from CLWR and Indigenous Christian Fellowship in Regina were both interesting. (Other partner ministries submitted written reports.) CEO Gabe Lafond was present from LutherCare for the LutherCare Communities Corporation meeting, at which the convention voted in favour of a bylaw amendment that would open Associate Membership up to people of a “world religion if that person is committed to the Vision and Mission of LutherCare Communities.” (Previously, only members of Christian denominations were eligible.)

With respect to elections, the following candidates were elected: Lynda Erlandson (St. Paul, Radisson) and Rev. Doug Schmirler (retiring), to Synod Council; Mary Vetter (Bread of Life, Regina), and Rev. Stewart Miller (Bread of Life, Regina), to LTS Board of Governors. We learned that Saskatchewan will be allowed 31 delegates (12 rostered, 19 lay including 6 youth) at the July 2022 National Convention in Calgary.

The convention chairs and other participants agreed that, as with Sunday worship, it was good to have been able to go ahead with this convention over Zoom rather than to postpone it, but everyone is very much looking forward to going back to in-person gatherings in the future. (Me too... half the point of going to these things is networking with friends and colleagues during the breaks and evenings.)

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Giles