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Dear Delegate,

Greetings in the name of the Lord of the church who calls us to be in mission for others.

I am pleased that you are planning to attend our biennial BC Synod Convention on April 17 - 20, 2008, in the beautiful Okanagan Valley. The theme for our convention is **“IN MISSION FOR OTHERS: A PEOPLE CALLED.”** The convention is being hosted by Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church which is located at 2091 Gordon Drive in Kelowna.

I am looking forward to our convention. Dr. Christian Eberhart will be our keynote speaker. Dr. Christian Eberhart is an Associate Professor of New Testament Studies at our Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon. He is also the Director of the Cross Cultural/Globalization Program and Editor of Consensus: A Canadian Lutheran Journal of Theology.

The chaplain for the convention is Rev. Kathy Martin from King of Life Lutheran in Coquitlam.

Our convention is an opportunity to gather as the people of God and to recommit ourselves to be a people in mission for others. You will see from the Bulletin of Reports that we have an ambitious agenda. You are encouraged to read the Bulletin of Reports before the convention as these reports will not be read orally during the sessions.

I look forward to meeting you as we gather in Kelowna for **“IN MISSION FOR OTHERS: A PEOPLE CALLED.”**

Your Servant in Christ,

+ Bishop Gerhard Preibisch