



2022 Biennial Convention
DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH
June 11-14  **CLB**
Fergus Falls, MN

**2022 Circular Letter to the Congregations
Biennial Convention, the Church of the Lutheran Brethren**

April 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord. How *much* we are looking forward to gathering soon in convention as delegates and partners in mission! It has been four testing, trying, proving years since we last had this great privilege of joining together to consider and interact and advance God's mission entrusted to the Church of the Lutheran Brethren, and to fellowship together as His people.

"Disciple-Making Church" is the theme of the CLB Biennial Convention to be held in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, June 11-14. The Church of the Lutheran Brethren is a unique and vital part of the Bride of Christ. We have been entrusted as stewards of a great gift: an intersection of gospel truth by which we are saved and summoned to live and rest in gracious freedom; and a glad and expectant call to be joined to God's Mission in bringing that gospel of Christ to our neighbors, near and among the nations. Indeed, we are a people restful in grace and restless in mission. Together with all of you we follow Christ in one solitary calling: to be and make his disciples. The CLB has always been this. And in this new day of challenge and opportunity, I ask you to join me as we seek more to be, and renewed as, a *Disciple-Making Church*.

We are eager for you to join us, and expectant of what God will do among us! Saturday's "Day of Equipping" begins with the Opening Business Session of our Convention followed by a full day of teaching and training for men and women, pastors and lay people. Sunday is our sabbath "Day of Community". We invite all delegates to gather for an outdoor service (10:30) at the site of the recently purchased land for the future campus of Bethel Battle Lake. (Worship and prayer resources will be available as well as the prerecorded sermon. We invite all CLB congregations to join in our convention and mission partnership by sharing in this *CLB Sunday*.) Following lunch (12:00) and a prayer walk (1:30), our *CLB Jubilee* continues (2:30) with a Kubb tourney, other activities, food, and the time to connect with old friends and to meet new ones. A CLB Forge podcast is planned in Fergus Falls on Sunday evening.

Monday's "Day of Ownership" includes business sessions, discussion over the formation of a CLB position paper update on Human Sexuality, a CLB Mission Team Directors panel discussion regarding the new "Disciple-Making Church" mission advancement initiative, convention committees and reports, elections, and workshops. Tuesday morning's "Day of Resolve" will conclude our convention with business sessions including consideration of constitutional amendments. Our convention will close shortly after noon with prayer and the celebration of our Lord's Supper.

Please be in prayer for the small army of people working to prepare and provide for our convention, as well as for all those traveling. (Congregations seeking financial assistance to help supplement delegate travels costs may contact Finance Director LaWayne Rogness to apply for funds designated by the CLB Council of Directors.) Pray for the mission department directors and staffs, Saturday track presenters, WMCLB delegates also meeting in convention, workshop presenters, and the team leading us in worship. And, please be in prayer and expectancy for God's Word to be proclaimed to us through our convention speaking team of Chris Priestaf ("*Call to Follow*" - Sat eve), Paul Larson ("*Partner in Mission*" - Sun morn), Greg Anderson ("*Unleash New Leaders*" - Mon morn), and Brandon Pangman ("*Multiply New Disciples*" - Mon eve).

Grace and Peace to the Church,

Rev. Paul M. Larson
President, Church of the Lutheran Brethren

Convention Registration

- Please pre-register online <https://www.clba.org/bc22/> Pre-registration guarantees you are the first to hear about all things convention!
- Convention Lodging (plus all kinds of resources!)
- Delegate Check-in & Registration - Saturday 7:30 - 8:30am and Monday 7:30 – 8:30 am at Good Shepherd LBC

Delegates – Each member congregation is entitled to two delegates for the first fifty confessing members or fraction thereof: and thereafter, one additional delegate for each fifty confessing members or fraction thereof. Also, the Constitution stipulates that congregations seek to send delegations of at least 50% male delegates (Article III.C).

Credentials Letter Required from the Secretary of the Congregation to the Office of the President at oop@clba.org.

Convention Business Includes:

- Election of Synod President¹, Council of Directors Members², and Resolutions Committee members³
- Constitutional Amendments
- Convention Committee Reports

Convention Biennial Reports will be available online at www.clba.org/bc22/

¹ Council of Directors nominates Rev. Paul Larson and Dr. Ryan Nilsen

² Council of Directors members are nominated by Regions

³ Council of Directors nominates these members