



2021 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Multiple District 5** as demonstrated by the choice of this year's theme: *100 Years of Unity Through Diversity*. In 1921 the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions, Fargo Lions, Bismarck Lions, Aberdeen Lions, and the Rapid City Downtown Lions became the first clubs to be chartered in Multiple District 5. These clubs deserve special recognition along with clubs from Saskatchewan who will be celebrating their centennial as a constitutional area.

Throughout all of MD5, we are asking clubs to award 100 **Melvin Jones Fellowships** during the 2020-2021 Lions year. These Lions will receive special recognition during the Convention.

Various "live" events will be on tap as deemed appropriate and necessary but participation by registered Lions or guests will be solely from your home or other remote locations of your choosing and viewed on the **Zoom** platform. Eligible voters will be able to cast their votes using an electronic system. Training sessions, award and memorial ceremonies will partially be pre-recorded along with live question and answer time.

Perhaps the single greatest benefit of a virtual convention lies in the lower cost of attendance. There will be some costs associated with planning and presenting the 2021 convention but we have set an affordable **registration fee of \$25 per person**. Registration will be conducted through an online system that will take into account the Canadian/United States monetary exchange rate.

We encourage **ALL LIONS** in Multiple District 5 to register!!

Details for every part of the *100 Years of Unity Through Diversity* MD5 Convention, will be made clear as we proceed.

Do not for a minute think that we're forgetting to have FUN. Lions SERVE but we also know how to have FUN! Stay tuned!