



TODAY'S BUSINESS

LCMS South Wisconsin District 54th Convention June 7-9, 2015

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June 7, 2015

WELCOME

To all delegates, official guests, and visitors to the 2015 South Wisconsin District Convention. We pray that the Lord of the Church would bless you and your service to Him during these days as we honor His Name and pray that His kingdom may be advanced.

SCHEDULE

An up-to-date agenda for the convention has been printed on pages 3-4 of TODAY'S BUSINESS. Please refer to it for further information on the times of convention events and their locations.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Communications Center is located in Room F017 (southwest of the meeting room). If you are expecting a phone call or need to reach someone at the convention please come to the Communications Center so we can assist you. You may call (262) 243-3400 to reach the Communications Center or call the main number of Concordia University (262) 243-5700 and leave a message.

The convention staff and volunteers will be delivering messages to your assigned tables. If necessary, messages will be

displayed on the projection screen in the convention hall.

DUPLICATION SERVICES

The Communications Center is responsible for the duplication and distribution of **ALL** materials for the convention. Please stop by the office if you need something distributed or duplicated. A work order will be available at the center. ***No material may be distributed at the convention without authorization.***

The Information Technology Office of Concordia University has graciously provided computer and laser printing equipment. James Imaging, Wauwatosa, has provided the copier.. We thank them for their assistance.

WORSHIP FOLDER

Delegates have received a worship folder with their registration packet. The folder is for use at all the worship services of the convention. **Please remember to take it with you to the chapel for the opening and closing services.**

WELCOME CENTER

The Welcome Center in the Field House lobby is able to answer general questions about the convention, give directions, and assist in finding other delegates. They will also be able to assist you in finding your seat on the convention floor.

OUR HOST

We praise God for the fine facilities and helpful staff of Concordia University Wisconsin who have contributed greatly to the preparation for this convention. If you have facility needs that require attention, please let us know.

THANK YOU

Thanks to the South Wisconsin District Lutheran Church Extension Fund for the Convention backpacks. The backpacks are made available to voting and advisory delegates.

SPECIAL WELCOME

We extend greetings to Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Rev. Herbert C. Mueller, First Vice President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Rev. John Wohlrabe, Second Vice President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Dr. Andrew Bartelt, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Kevin Theriot, Alliance for Defending Freedom.

CONVENTION OFFERING

The offering gathered at the opening service of the convention will be distributed to the SOS Center (Milwaukee) and the Dominican Republic mission project.

EXHIBITORS' LIST

A listing of exhibitors has been printed on pages 5-6 of TODAY'S BUSINESS. Please take advantage of the opportunity to view their products.

HOST CONGREGATION

The host congregation for the closing communion service will be St. John Lutheran Church, Plymouth.

YOUR CONSIDERATION IS REQUESTED

Because many of the exhibit areas are in the same area as the convention floor, please be considerate of the delegates and speakers by keeping conversation to a minimum in the exhibit area while the convention is in session. You may visit outside!

AGENDA

June 7-9, 2015

Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon

All events take place in the Field House unless otherwise noted

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

12:30 - 3:45 p.m. Registration
4:00 p.m. Vespers and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed at Chapel of Christ
Triumphant
Sermon: Rev. Dr. John Wohlrabe, second vice-president of The Lutheran
Church—Missouri Synod

SESSION I – 6:30 to 9:15 p.m.

DINNER

6:30 - 6:35 p.m. Opening Prayer – Rev. Nathan Meador
6:35 - 6:40 p.m. Welcome and opening gavel – Rev. Dr. John C. Wille, SWD president
6:40 - 6:45 p.m. Welcome to CUW – Rev. Dr. Patrick Ferry
6:45 - 6:50 p.m. Convention committee – Quorum
6:50 - 7:00 p.m. Adoption of agenda and standing rules – Rev. Dr. John Wille
7:00 - 7:15 p.m. Floor nominations for various offices – Rev. Bryan Osladil
7:15 - 7:45 p.m. District President's report – Rev. Dr. John Wille
7:45 - 8:00 p.m. Committee on Constitutional Matters – Rev. David Totsky
(Introduction of new congregations, pastors, and delegates serving new
congregations since 2012)
8:00 - 8:05 p.m. Committee 5: Elections (slate for District President) – Rev. Donald Stein
8:05 - 8:15 p.m. Ballot for the District President
8:15 - 9:00 p.m. Synod report (Part One) – Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller
9:00 - 9:15 p.m. Daily Prayer: Close of the Day – Rev. Daniel Torkelson

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015

6:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast

SESSION II – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

7:45 a.m. Registration opens
8:00 - 8:20 a.m. Daily Prayer: Morning – Rev. David Paape
8:20 - 8:30 a.m. Approval of Minutes from Session I
8:30 - 8:50 a.m. Re-Circuiting Taskforce
8:50 - 9:00 a.m. Committee 6 – Miscellaneous
9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Re-Circuiting Taskforce
9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Bible study – Rev. Dr. Andrew Bartelt, Concordia Seminary St. Louis
10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Committee 2 – Administration and Constitutional Matters
10:15 - 10:25 a.m. Committee 4 – Missions
10:25 - 10:30 a.m. Committee 8 – Minutes and Report of the Board of Directors
10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Special Guest – Rev. Ted Krey, Latin America regional director
and lead missionary in the Dominican Republic
10:45 - 10:50 a.m. Greetings from Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne.
10:50 - 11:00 a.m. Re-Circuiting Taskforce
11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Essayist – Kevin Theriot, Alliance for Defending Freedom, First Amendment
11:30 - 11:45 a.m. Committee 5 – Elections (vice presidential ballot and ranking ballot)
11:45 - 11:55 a.m. Missions – Rev. Peter Kelm, SWD Mission Executive
11:55 - 12:00 p.m. Announcements

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SESSION III – 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

1:30 - 1:35 p.m.	Opening prayer – Rev. Nathan Meador
1:35 - 1:45 p.m.	Committee 5 – Elections
1:45 - 2:00 p.m.	Re-Circuiting Taskforce
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Essayist – Kevin Theriot, Alliance for Defending Freedom. Question and Answer
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Schools, youth and family ministry – Mark L'Heureux, SWD Education Executive
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Committee 4 – Missions
3:00 - 3:10 p.m.	Business manager – Herman Strozier, SWD Business Manager
3:10 - 3:20 p.m.	Committee 5 – Elections
3:20 - 3:35 p.m.	Committee 3 – Parish Education
3:35 - 3:40 p.m.	Committee 7 – Stewardship and Evangelism
3:40 - 3:50 p.m.	LCEF and Stewardship – Mrs. Diana Raasch, LCEF vice-president
3:50 - 4:00 p.m.	Rich Robertson, LCEF president
4:00 - 4:10 p.m.	Committee 6 – Miscellaneous
4:10 - 4:20 p.m.	Special Guest – Mr. James Sanft, Concordia Plan Services
4:20 - 4:30 p.m.	Committee 6 – Miscellaneous
4:30 - 4:40 p.m.	Committee 4 - Missions
4:40 - 4:45 p.m.	Special Guest – Ms. Judy Paulson, LWML president SWD
4:45 - 4:50 p.m.	Special Guest – Doxology
4:50 - 4:55 p.m.	Special Guest – Place of Refuge, Trish Kagebauer
4:55 - 5:00 p.m.	Special Guest – Sonya Parson, Rebecca's Garden of Hope
5:00 - 5:05 p.m.	Special Guest – Camp LUWISOMO
5:05 - 5:10 p.m.	Announcements
5:10 - 5:30 p.m.	Daily Prayer: Evening – Rev. Robert Zick

DINNER – *Gemütlichkeit!*

6:00 p.m. – Dinner reception / celebration of ministry at Trinity-Freistadt, Mequon 10729 W. Freistadt Rd., Mequon 53097

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

6:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast

SESSION IV – 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

8:00 - 8:20 a.m.	Daily Prayer: Morning - Rev. Mark Meier
8:20 - 8:25 a.m.	Approval of Minutes from Session II and III
8:25 - 9:00 a.m.	Bible study – Rev. Dr. Andrew Bartelt
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Committee 4 - Missions
9:15 - 10:00 a.m.	Synod report (part two) – Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison
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10:10 - 10:20 a.m.	Missions – Rev. Peter Kelm, SWD Mission Executive
10:20 - 10:30 a.m.	Committee 6 - Miscellaneous
10:30 - 10:40 a.m.	Unfinished business
10:40 - 10:50 a.m.	Announcements and closing gavel
10:50 - 11:00 a.m.	Closing prayer – Rev. Nathan Meador

SESSION V – 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Divine Service with Holy Communion, and the installation of officers
Preacher: Rev. Dr. John C. Wille (Chapel of Christ Triumphant)

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Map of Exhibitors

Available online and in printed copy.

- SPECIAL STANDING RULES -

- 1) The Chair shall see that the Agenda is followed as closely as possible.
- 2) During the final morning of the convention, the President shall have the privilege of calling up for action those resolutions which in his judgment must be acted upon before adjournment.
- 3) Resolutions that are not acted upon by the convention before adjournment die. The subject matter may be reintroduced to the next convention by an overture.
- 4) Minutes shall be distributed every next morning in *Today's Business*. The first item of business of the afternoon session shall be the formal approval of these minutes, with the exception of the final day's minutes, which shall be approved by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the convention. Only corrections to the minutes involving convention actions shall be offered from the floor for consideration. Editorial corrections addressing misspellings of names or faulty references or titles should be provided in writing to the Secretary for incorporation into the minutes.
- 5) Resolutions shall be prioritized by floor committees and normally shall be presented to the convention in numerical sequence.
- 6) The preface, preamble, rationale, and WHEREAS sections shall be regarded as integral parts of resolutions and therefore subject to the same consideration and adoption as the main motion.
- 7) Delegates wishing to address the convention, when recognized by the Chair, shall state their names and the name of the congregation or other entity they represent.
- 8) During debate, the two-minute rule for speaking to the motion shall apply to the floor committee and to all who speak from the floor. The two minute rule also will apply to all speaking from the floor for any reason, unless prior permission has been received from the Chair.
- 9) A delegate who speaks on an issue may not move to call the question at the close of his or her speech.
- 10) Whenever possible, amendments to proposed resolutions and substitute resolutions shall be submitted to *Today's Business* for publication prior to convention consideration of the resolutions to which they pertain. When this is not possible, as in the course of a discussion, a written copy of proposed amendments shall be provided to the Secretary prior to its being offered from the floor.
- 11) THE BEHNKEN RULE: If a substitute motion is offered and seconded, the presenter shall be offered two minutes to provide the rationale for offering it, after which the convention shall decide by majority vote without debate whether or not to consider the substitute. If the decision is in the affirmative and if the substitute motion is subsequently adopted, the original motion fails. If the substitute motion does not receive favorable action either to consider or to adopt, the original motion is again considered.
- 12) While any voting member may call the question at any time, the question shall be called by the Chair after every 10 minutes of debate on any motion. The Chair may also call for a vote on the close of debate (2/3 majority required) when in his judgment the assembly has heard sufficient speaking from both sides of the issue.
- 13) The use of pagers, cellular phones and any other sound-producing or voice-communicating devices shall not be permitted in the convention hall during sessions.
- 14) In order to maintain the integrity of the Convention and its delegates and the collegial spirit of the South Wisconsin District Convention, all delegates are asked to refrain from using *any* method of communicating with others that involves electronic technology. This includes cell phones (please turn OFF while on the convention floor, vibrate while in other areas of the convention); text messaging of any kind (SMS, IM, tweeting, etc.); e-mail; blogs; and any other computer based messaging system or device. An exception will be made to download official convention business from the district website when announced.

Unless covered by these Special Standing Rules, parliamentary procedure shall be governed by the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

**SWD President's Report to the 2015 District Convention
Part 1.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, God's people here in SWD:

Once a convention concludes and the delegates return home, it might be easy to forget what resolutions adopted at a convention. Not so! Convention resolutions oftentimes call for action to be taken; sometimes by the District President, by the Board of Directors, or someone else. Convention resolutions are an important aspect of our life together. If you recall, "*Life Together*" was our theme for the 2012 SWD Convention. Here is a brief snapshot of how the 2012 SWD Convention Resolutions have been addressed:

a. An update on RESOLUTION 3-03A, To Transfer Camp LuWiSoMo Property.

If you remember, this was one of the more lively debated resolutions that we had at the 2012 SWD Convention. At one point I didn't know if we were going to reach a decision on this resolution. But by God's grace we did; and I believe this is a good solution to a challenging situation.

Lots of very good news here! Camp LUWISOMO had a great summer last year (2014) under the leadership of Bill Durling. Campers were up. There was even a group of youth from the inner city of Milwaukee at the Camp. Several of us visited Camp a few weeks back and the place looks great! The dining hall is beautiful. They have a solid board of directors who have done their due diligence in a wonderful manner, and they have a good business plan in place. The Federal government has granted the 501(c) and the Camp has received "Recognized Service Organization" (RSO) status from the LCMS with my endorsement. They are busy visiting congregations and schools telling the LUWISOMO story.

The long and short of it is that Camp LUWISOMO's leadership completed everything required in SWD RESOLUTION 3-03A, To Transfer Camp LuWiSoMo Property. Near the end of January 1025 the camp debt was paid and the camp property was signed over to the new Camp LUWISOMO Corporation. It is now a stand-alone organization with its own board of directors. It is also an RSO of the LCMS.

I give thanks for the hard work of so many at the Camp who have worked so diligently to make this a reality. Congratulations! My hope and my prayer is that Camp LUWISOMO will continue to be a place for the people of SWD to treasure for many years to come!!

While this transfer of property had a negative effect on our SWD balance sheet to the tune of \$1.4million dollars, SWD remains financially strong.

b. Update on RESOLUTION 3-02, To Realign SWD Circuits

This taskforce, under the able leadership of Rev. John Berg from Trinity Sheboygan, has been hard at work their task of drafting a new alignment for circuits that will be presented to the 2015 Convention. A major aspect of their work has focused on a new circuit alignment for the metro Milwaukee circuits. All of which means that, if adopted, the urban areas of our SWD will be represented both on the circuit level and in our national conventions with delegates.

While it will be up to the convention to adopt the proposed changes, from my perspective the committee has done excellent work. It has not merely been redrawing circuit boundaries to create circuits with what might be defined as greater affinity in the metro area. They have had to struggle to comply with an LCMS bylaw which defines "electoral circuits as consisting of a minimum of seven congregations and a minimum of 1500 communicant members."

You will see from the agenda for this convention that the taskforce has several resolutions for you to consider.

c. RESOLUTION 4-02, To Encourage "Life Together" in the South Wisconsin District through the Unity of Practices Regarding the Lord's Supper [Today's Business #1, p.11; Overture 4-02, CW p. 45]

Two of resolved's from that resolution read:

- 1 • *RESOLVED*, that the South Wisconsin District in convention direct the District president through his
2 triennial visitation of the South Wisconsin District congregations, to explore specifically the practice of the
3 Lord's Supper in each place; and be it further
- 4 • *RESOLVED*, that he would encourage those faithfully practicing close(d) Communion to remain doing so,
5 while advising those with a different practice to reconsider their confession and practice for the sake of the
6 unity of the Synod and District.

7 As part of moving this resolution into forward, I have written a series of articles on the proper practice of Holy
8 Communion especially as it is lived out in whom is properly admitted to the Sacrament. Those articles leaned
9 heavily on church fathers because it is my conviction that on the basis of Holy Scripture they understood Holy
10 Communion and its proper boundaries very well. The subject proper Communion practices has been broached in a
11 recent edition of the "Changing Life" enews so that God's people know that resolutions matter. There has been a
12 pastors' conference on the topic, where pastoral exceptions were discussed. There has also been a KOINONIA
13 group that has met to discuss "*Close (d) Communion*". The topic has also been discussed with Pastor's Winkel
14 meetings as well as with individual pastors and congregational leadership. We remain committed to a proper
15 administration of the Holy Supper.

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17 **d. RESOLUTION 5-03, To Support the Deaf Ministry of South Wisconsin Area.**

18 Two of the resolved's read:

19 *RESOLVED*, that the South Wisconsin District recommit itself in affirming deaf ministry in the South Wisconsin
20 area; and be it further

21 *RESOLVED*, that the congregations of the South Wisconsin District be encouraged to support our deaf ministries in
22 the South Wisconsin area, including one of the largest deaf leadership training programs in the nation and reaching
23 internationally;

24 In keeping with this resolution SWD Deaf Ministry continues to receive a generous partnership grant from SWD,
25 and we continue to jointly own the Our Savior's building in Madison. While the closing of a church is a sad
26 experience, the closing of a congregation can also give another congregation a precious gift. Here it is my joy to
27 share with you that as St. Mark Milwaukee closed its doors for the last time in this past year, its members shared a
28 very generous portion of their proceeds with this precious ministry. We give thanks for all the Gospel work that is
29 being done to reach those who suffer from hearing loss. As you may know, this is close to home for me as my
30 youngest sister suffers from severe hearing loss.

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32 **e. Various Resolutions** were passed along to the LCMS for consideration at the 2013 National Convention. These
33 include:

- 34 • RESOLUTION 4-01, To Clarify Colloquy Application Prerequisites for Commissioned Ministry
- 35 • RESOLUTION 6-01, To Request that the Synod Direct the CTCR and the Seminaries to Evaluate
36 Transforming Churches Network
- 37 • RESOLUTION 6-02, To Retrain the Significance of Overtures and Resolutions Submitted by Individual
38 Congregations.

39 **f.** Another area of our work together is Calvary Chapel Madison. As you may remember, it was discussed on the
40 floor in Resolution 5-04.

41 Calvary Chapel Madison has a long history of serving the students attending UW Madison. However, due to an
42 unfavorable lease arrangement funding for the work at Calvary was in serious jeopardy. Among the many items
43 discussed included the sale of the building, the relocation of the chapel ministry to a totally different site. However,
44 the SWD Board of Directors, along with the district president, was committed to keeping the chapel open. After
45 much hard work a more favorable lease arrangement was reached between the University Bookstore and the SWD
46 Board of Directors. That agreement did eliminate some space which was used by Calvary, but from my perspective
47 it was a compromise well worth making. That has enabled us to renovate the Chapel and its offices to the tune of
48 around \$500,000.00.



Calvary now exists in partnership with Mount Olive Lutheran in Madison, with Rev. Jason Zobel and SMP Vicar Dan Anderson, along with Judy Tang who coordinates efforts at the "International Friendship Center".

If you would like to know more, the website is: <http://www.calvarymadison.org>

15 Part 2 of my report will be delivered at the convention.

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Rev Dr. John C. Wille
President of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS

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SWD CONGREGATIONAL CONSTITUTIONS
Date BOD Approved and Copies on File
Corrected and complete edition of Convention Workbook pages 45-49

<u>Location</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Copy in District Files</u>
Platteville	Apostles	1987	Nothing on File
Mequon	Beautiful Savior	2013	2013 copy on file
Milwaukee	Beautiful Savior	2007	1974, 1992, 2002 copies on file
Waukesha	Beautiful Savior	2008	1973, 1987, 2008 copies on file
Milwaukee	Benediction	1987	1970, 2001 copy on file
Milwaukee	Berea	1990	1996 copy on file
Kohler	Bethany	2005	1973, 1980, 2004 copies on file; 1995
Milwaukee	Bethany	1975	1973, 1996 copy on file
Milwaukee	Bethlehem	1997	1970, 1972, 1983, 1997 copies on file
Sheboygan	Bethlehem	1993	1980, 2004 copy on file
Sun Prairie	Bethlehem	2015	1972, 1996, 2010, 2015 copies on file
Wales	Bethlehem	2011	1980, 2011 copies on file
New Berlin	Blessed Savior	2001	1969, 1978, 1999, 2001 copies on file
Brookfield	Brookfield	1994	1994
Princeton	Calvary	2002	1991, 2002 copies on file
Madison	Calvary Chapel	2004	1983, 2004 copies on file
Milwaukee	Chapel of the Cross	2007	1983, 2007 copy on file
Mt. Pleasant	Chapel of the Cross	2014	1970, 1979, 2014 copies on file
Clinton	Christ	1985	1985 copy on file
Highland	Christ	2011	2011 copy on file
Sheboygan	Christ	2010	1999, 2010 copies on file
Weyauwega	Christ (West Bloomfield)	1990	1973, 1985, 1990 copies on file
Milwaukee	Christ Memorial	1990	1990 copy on file
Fitchburg	Christ Memorial (Madison)	2002	1981, 2002 copies on file
Waukesha	Christ the Life	1991	1991, 1997, 1999, 2003 copies on file
Racine	Christ The King	1971	1971, 1978 copies on file
Oregon	Community of Life	2007	2005, 2007 copy on file
Milwaukee	Covenant	1990	1974, 1980, 1990, 2001 copies on file
Hartland	Divine Redeemer	2015	1973, 1982, 2003, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015
Hartford	Divine Savior	2012	1974, 1997, 2011, 2021 copies on file
North Fond du Lac	Divine Savior	2015	1975, 1986, 2002, 2003, 2015 copies on file
Milwaukee	Divine Shepherd	1968	1968, 1994 copies on file
Milwaukee	Eglise Lutherieenne Internationale de Sion	2011	2011 copy on file
Elm Grove	Elm Grove	2006	1989, 2006 copy on file
Adell	Emmanuel	1972	No Bylaws
West Allis	Emmanuel (Deaf)		NOTHING ON FILE
Milwaukee	Emmaus	1972	1972, 1975 copies on file
Poy Sippi	Emmaus	2013	1988, 1993, 2001, 2013 copies on file
Germantown	Faith	2015	1963, 2015 copies on file

La Crosse	Faith	2010	1973, 1992, 2000, 2002, 2009, 2010 copies on file
Sturtevant	Faith	1998	1976, 1991, 1998 copies on file
Cedarburg	First Immanuel	2011	1999, 2001, 2008, 2011 copies on file; Endowment Fund
Lake Geneva	Gloria Dei	1996	1996 copy on file
East Troy	Good Shepherd	2012	1991 2007, 2012 copies on file
Oshkosh	Good Shepherd	1986	1970, 1976, 2002 copies on file; 1981
Pleasant Prairie	Good Shepherd	2009	1985, 2009 copies on file
Sheboygan	Good Shepherd	2005	1977, 1995 copies on file
Tomah	Good Shepherd	2004	1991, 2004 copies on file
Two Rivers	Good Shepherd	2001	1970, 1972, 1982 2001copies on file
Watertown	Good Shepherd	2009	1972, 2007, 2009 copy on file
Stoughton	Good Shepherd by the Lake	1986	1976 copy on file
Milwaukee	Gospel	1975	1975, 1993 copies on file
Elkhart Lake	Grace	2005	1972, 1992, 2005 copies on file
Haven	Grace	2008	1988, 2002, 2008 copies on file
Menomonee Falls	Grace	1991	1991 copy on file
Milwaukee	Grace	1989	1971, 1989, 2000 copies on file
Oak Creek	Grace	1992	1975, 1992, 1997 copies on file
Omro	Grace	1994	1971, 1985, 1994 copies on file
Racine	Grace	1974	1972, 1974, 1985 copies on file
Deerfield	Grace (Hancock)	1992	1992 copy on file
Grace and Truth	Oconomowoc	2010	2010 on file
Boscobel	Hickory Grove	1987	1987 copy on file
Milwaukee	Hmong Hope		NOTHING ON FILE
Oshkosh	Hmong Lutheran Outreach	1994	1994 copy in file
Racine	Holy Cross	2001	1979, 2001 copies on file
Delavan	Holy Cross (Deaf)		NOTHING ON FILE
Milwaukee	Holy Ghost	1972	1972, 2004 copies on file
Fond du Lac	Hope	2009	1993, 2009 copies on file
Milwaukee	Hope	1987	1970, 1985 copies on file; no 1987 copy on file
Twin Lakes	Hope	2015	2000, 2015 copies on file
Adams	Immanuel	2000	1983, 2000 copies in file
Brookfield	Immanuel	2007	1989, 1991, 1995 2007 copies on file
Burnett	Immanuel		1939
Hanover	Immanuel	2007	1996, 2007 copy on file
Madison	Immanuel	2007	1971, 1993, 2007 copies on file
Mount Morris	Immanuel	1975	1975 copy on file
Random Lake	Immanuel		NOTHING ON FILE
Reeseville	Immanuel	2006	1976, 2002 copies on file
Sheboygan	Immanuel	2012	1974, 1988, 2012 copies on file
Westfield	Immanuel	2010	1984, 1992, 2010 copies on file
Auroraville	Immanuel (Berlin)	1983	1983 copy on file

Mayville	Immanuel (Town of Theresa)	1989	1957, 1989 copies on file
Pleasant Prairie	Lamb of God	2010	1993, 2001, 2010 copies on file
Pewaukee	Lamb of God	1993	1980, 1993 copies on file
Madison	Living Christ	1980	NOTHING ON FILE
Ft. Atkinson	Living Savior	2011	2011 copy on file
Jackson	Living Word	1998	1998, 2001 copies on file
Sheboygan	Luther Memorial	1993	1993 copy on file
Shorewood	Luther Memorial Chapel	1974	1972, 1974, 2000 copies on file
Beloit	Messiah	2009	1972, 2000, 2009 copies on file
Kenosha	Messiah	1981	1969, 1981, 2001 copies on file
Ripon	Messiah	2014	1970, 1995, 2014 copies on file
Waunakee	Mission Hill	2006	1993, 2006 copy on file
Milwaukee	Mission of Christ	1974	1974 copy on file
Monona	Monona	2014	1977, 1998, 2014 copies on file
Janesville	Mt. Calvary	2007	1971, 1982, 1986, 2007 copies on file
Milwaukee	Mt. Calvary	2003	1970, 1989, 1992, 1998, 2003 copies on file
Madison	Mt. Olive	1989	1989 copy in file; 1991 Bylaws
Milwaukee	Mt. Olive	2012	1987, 1998, 2012 copies on file
Greenfield	Mt. Zion	1997	1994 copy on file
Neenah	New Hope	1986	1986 copy on file
Milwaukee	Oklahoma Ave.	2007	1982, 2001, 2007 copies on file
Greenfield	Our Father	1998	1982 copy on file
Delavan	Our Redeemer	1990	1990 copy on file
Sheboygan	Our Redeemer	2012	1973, 1985, 1995, 2007, 2012 copies on file
Wauwatosa	Our Redeemer	2011	1960, 1994, 2003, 2011 copies on file
Baraboo	Our Savior	1975	1975 copy on file
Burlington	Our Savior	2014	1972, 1982, 1994, 2001, 2014 copies on file
Janesville	Our Savior	2009	1970, 1977, 2009 copies on file
Sheboygan	Our Savior	2002	1973, 1974, 1981, 1998 copies on file
Whitefish Bay	Our Savior	2014	1994, 2005, 2014 copies on file
Greendale	Our Shepherd		NOTHING ON FILE
Beaver Dam	Peace	2014	1972, 1996, 2002, 2009, 2014 copies on file
Neenah	Peace	1983	1983 copy on file; (Newer undated copy on
Saukville	Peace	1978	1973, 1978 copies on file
Sussex	Peace	1981	1971, 1981 copies on file
Waupun	Pella	2004	1974, 1995, 2004 copies on file
Wauwatosa	Pilgrim	2014	1958, 1968, 1976, 1981, 2001, 2014 copies on
West Bend	Pilgrim	2010	1988, 1992, 2010 copies on file
Racine	Primera Iglesia Luterana	1979	1979 CPH guidelines on file, 2004 transl.
Racine	Prince of Peace	1979	1979 copy on file
West Salem	Prince of Peace	1998	1998 copy on file
Manitowoc	Redeemer	2006	1965, 1983, 1991, 1996, 2000, 2006 copies on
Racine	Redeemer	1991	1976, 1988, 1991, 2000 copies on file
Franklin	Risen Savior	2011	1991, 1994, 2011 copies on file

Onalaska	Shepherd of the Hills	2009	1980, 1990, 1994, 2009 copies on file
Pewaukee	Shepherd of the Hills	1993	1993, 2001 copies on file
Milwaukee	Sherman Park	2012	2012 copy on file
Madison	Silent (Deaf)	1979	1979 copy on file
West Bend	St. Andrew	1991	1991 copy on file
Brillion	St. Bartholomew	1993	1974, 1993 copies on file
Necedah	St. James	2009	1993, 2003, 2009 copies on file
Ashippun	St. John	1991	1991 copy on file
Beloit	St. John	2015	1988, 1999, 2008, 2015 copies on file
Berlin	St. John	2002	1977, 2002 copy on file
Edgerton	St. John	2012	1983, 2012 copies on file
Fredonia	St. John	1978	1978 copy on file
Glendale	St. John	2007	1981, 1993, 2007 copies on file
Loganville	St. John	2006	1979, 1991, 2006 copies on file
Mayville	St. John	1993	1975, 1980, 1993 copies on file
North Prairie	St. John	2010	1968, 1981, 1992, 2007, 2010 copies on file
Oxford	St. John	1996	1996 copy on file
Plymouth	St. John	1995	1971, 1995 copies on file
Port Washington	St. John	2000	2000 copy on file
Portage	St. John	2013	1996, 2013 copies on file
Racine	St. John	2005	1969, 1990, 2000 copies on file
Sherman Center	St. John	1994	1977, 1994 copies on file
Sullivan	St. John	1973	Newer undated copy in file
West Bend	St. John	2006	1968, 1978, 1990 copies on file
Quincy	St. John (Adams)	2003	2003 copy on file
Horicon	St. John (Browns Corner)	2014	1983, 1996, 2014 copies on file
Crystal Lake	St. John (Neshkoro)	1993	1993 copy on file
Kewaskum	St. John (New Fane)	2008	1991, 2008 copy on file
Chilton	St. Luke	1986	1986 copy on file
Lyndon Station	St. Luke	2002	2002 copy on file
Richland Center	St. Luke	2001	2001 copy on file
Belgium	St. Mark	2005	1989 copy on file
Milwaukee	St. Mark	2005	1972, 2003 copies on file
Chilton	St. Martin	2007	1978, 1993, 2007 copies on file
Milwaukee	St. Martini	1993	1988, 1990, 1993 copies on file*
Warrens	St. Matthew	2014	2012, 2014 copies on file
Boaz	St. Paul		NOTHING ON FILE
Brown Deer	St. Paul	2004	1975, 1994, 1998, 2001, 2004 copies on file
Cascade	St. Paul	1980	1980, 1999 copies on file
Grafton	St. Paul	1990	1972, 1988, 1990 copies on file; Cemetery Regulations
Hillpoint	St. Paul	1972	1972 copy on file
Janesville	St. Paul	1983	1974, 1983 copies on file
La Valle	St. Paul	1994	1994 copy on file
Madison	St. Paul	2014	1994, 2007, 2014 copies on file

Oconomowoc	St. Paul	2006	1975, 1979, 1991, 2001 copies on file
Sheboygan Falls	St. Paul	2003	1972, 1979, 1980, 1998, 2003 copies on file
Sheboygan	St. Paul	1977	1977 copy on file
Union Grove	St. Paul	1999	1989, 1999 copies on file
West Allis	St. Paul	2004	1973, 1985, 1979, 2004 copies on file
Wild Rose	St. Paul	1999	1999 copy on file
Westfield	St. Paul (Neshkoro)	1994	1994 copy on file
Necedah	St. Paul (Town of Miner)	2012	2012 copy on file
Arlington	St. Peter	1992	1992, 1996 copies on file; 1996 Endowment Fund
Hilbert	St. Peter	2005	1972 copy on file, 2005 Amendment
Lebanon	St. Peter		NOTHING ON FILE
Muscoda	St. Peter	2008	1975, 2008 copy on file
Reedsburg	St. Peter	2003	1973, 1987, 1996, 2003 copies on file
Waterford	St. Peter	2009	1969, 1974, 1995, 2009 copies on file
Milwaukee	St. Peter-Immanuel	1974	1973, 1988 copies on file
Horicon	St. Stephen	1991	1977, 1985, 1991 copies on file
Milwaukee	St. Stephen	1999	1996, 1999 copies on file
Adell	St. Stephen (Batavia)	1995	1972, 1979, 1995 copies on file
Concord	St. Stephen (Watertown)	1979	1979 copy on file
Waldo	St. Thomas	1990	1990 copy on file
Beloit	Trinity	2008	1979, 1992, 1998, 2008 copies on file
Howards Grove	Trinity	2004	1984, 2004 copies on file
Menasha	Trinity	2009	1994, 2008, 2009 copy on file
Milwaukee	Trinity	1991	1991 copy on file
Oshkosh	Trinity	2014	1974, 1985, 1990, 2014 copies on file
Packwaukee	Trinity	2009	1996, 2009 copies on file
Racine	Trinity	1986	1986 copy on file
Reeseville	Trinity	1978	1978 copy on file
Sheboygan	Trinity	1992	1962, 1972, 1977, 1981 copies on file
Wautoma	Trinity	2007	1987, 2007 copy on file
West Allis	Trinity	1993	1977, 1987, 1993 copies on file
Wilson	Trinity	2007	1962, 1981, 1984, 1990 1991, 1992, 1996, 2007 copies
Wisconsin Dells	Trinity	2012	1939, 1986, 1991, 2002, 2012 copies on file
Borth	Trinity (Berlin)	1976	1976 copy on file
Mequon	Trinity (Freistadt)	2010	1988, 1992, 2000, 2010 copies on file
Montello	Trinity (Mecan)		NOTHING ON FILE
Hilbert	Trinity (Rantoul /Potter)	1998	1986, 1998 copies on file
Sharon	Triune	1998	1979, 1998 copies on file
Dellwood	United In Christ	1994	1989, 1994 copies on file
Burnett	Zion	1966	1966 copy on file
Clyman	Zion	2014	1989, 2014 copies on file
Glenbeulah	Zion	1942	1942 copy on file
La Valle	Zion	1994	1994 copy on file

Menomonee Falls	Zion	2013	1946, 1991, 2013 copies on file
Neshkoro	Zion	1987	1968, 1987, 2000 copies on file
New Holstein	Zion	1990	1966, 1990 copies on file
Center	Zion (Evansville)	2010	1993, 2005, 2010 copies on file

Correction to bio on page 85 of *Convention Workbook*. Rev. Jeffrey Schubert received his MDiv in 1981.

Additional biographies for nominees (*Convention Workbook* pp. 77-88)



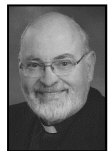
ANDREASON, Dennis

Age: 74; **Occupation:** Part time interim principal at St. Peter, Reedsburg; **Region:** W; **Education:** Concordia-Seward; **Degrees:** BA 1963; MA 1972; **Experience and activities—Congregation:** Hosanna Tabor in Redford, MI 1966-68; St. Peter, Arlington Heights, IL 1968-79; St. Peter, Reedsburg 1979-87; Immanuel, Waterloo, IA 1987-90; Zion, Denison, IA 1990-00; Immanuel, Memphis, TN 200-03; St. John, Portage 2003-04; Taught for 41 years, principal for 26 years and assistant principal for 4; **District/circuit:** Board of Directors in IDE and IDW; **Synod:** Operate a packing station in Reedsburg for Orphan Grain Train Ministries 2009-; **Community:** Kiwanis 2007-; Optimist Club in Iowa in 1990s; **Present congregation:** St. Peter, Reedsburg; **Hopes for the District:** I would hope that the SWD would continue to be a leader in mission right here in Wisconsin. I would hope that there would be continued support for Lutheran school growth in SWD. I would hope that SWD would continue to offer learning opportunities for professional church workers as well as for the many dedicated lay persons in our District.



EWERT, Mark

Age: 45; **Occupation:** Exec. VP, Treasurer & COO, Partners Mutual Insurance Co.; **Region:** CE; **Education:** UW-Whitewater; **Degrees:** BBA-Accounting 1992; MBA-Management 1993; **Experience and activities—Congregation:** Elm Grove Lutheran: President 2010-12; Vice President 2008-10; Chair-Board of Elders 2006-08; Member-Worship Dept. 2004-06. Member-Board of Directors 2004-06; Member-Church Council 2006-10; Chair-Church Council and Voter's Assembly (as President) 2010-12; Conducted Review of Church's Insurance Program 2013; Adult Choir 1984-; **Community:** Comm. member & fundraising coordinator, Boy Scout Troop 64 2010-; Cubmaster Cub Scout Pack 64 2008-10; Assist. Cubmaster, Cub Scout Pack 64 2005-08; Menomonee Falls Patio Players – actor, set building crew and general volunteer 2012-; **Present congregation:** Elm Grove Lutheran, Elm Grove; **Hopes for the District:** My hope for the SWD is to be as its logo says, a Bold Witness, as it assists and supports believers, schools and congregations as they carry out the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) in Wisconsin, the United States, and throughout the world. That the schools and churches of the District continue to teach the Law and Gospel and remain faithful to the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions. While supporting these activities the District remains fiscally responsible and good stewards of the real and personal property placed into the District's care.



FELDSCHER, Rev. Daniel

Age: 72; **Occupation:** Part time pastoral assistant at St. John, Racine; **Region:** SE; **Education:** Concordia Jr. College, Bronxville, NY; Concordia Sr. College, Ft. Wayne; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; **Degrees:** AA 1963; BA 1965; MDiv 1969; **Experience and activities—Congregation:** Pastor of Lutheran Chapel of the Cross, Racine 1969-11; Vacancy pastor at St. John, Racine 2012-13; Pastoral Assistant at St. John, Racine 2013-; **District/circuit:** Served as member of the District Adult Ed. Comm. 1980s or 1990s; LWML Zone Pastoral Advisor 2011-14; **Synod:** Delegate to three Synodical conventions; **Community:** RLHS Board of Directors, two separate terms; Family Service of Racine Board of Directors as member and president; on-call Chaplain at St. Luke's and St. Mary's Hospitals 1990-13; weekly Bible study at an assisted living facility in Racine 1999-; **Present congregation:** St. John, Racine; **Hopes for the District:** In today's world the Church faces great challenges but also tremendous opportunities. The world is becoming increasingly secular and even hostile to the Gospel. My hope and prayer for the SWD is that we continue to remain faithful to our Lutheran confessional position while at the same time doing all that we can to reach out to the people of today's world. A pastor once told me, "We exist for those who do not yet belong." That needs to be more than just a slogan. We need to make our congregations as welcoming as we can without sacrificing who we are as Lutherans. We need to continue to be engaged in acts of mercy which demonstrate to the people of our communities that we really do care about them. We need pastors who are willing to reach out to the stranger as well as to their members with the pastoral care that they need.



MILLER, Carrie

Age: 41; **Occupation:** School Administrator; **Region:** CE; **Education:** Mt. Mary University; MS Community Counseling; SLED Leadership Training; CUW; **Degrees:** BA Elementary Ed. 1996; **Experience and activities—Congregation:** Faithful participation in worship 1996-; Assistant with various aspects of congregational life including small group Bible study leader; giving children's messages; choir; Power Point; teacher/pastoral Call committees 1996-; Youth Director 1996-02; 4th Grade Teacher 199-02; Administrator 2002-; Ex-officio Mission & Ministry Council 2002-; Ex-officio Board of Ed 2002-; **District/circuit:** Superintendent's Cabinet 2003-05; **Synod:** Volunteering/assisting various CUW professors (mock interviews, presentations to students, etc.) 2009-; SLED Leadership Training 2003; Speaker at Black Ministry Convocation 2007; SLED Mentor 2013-14; **Community:** Volunteer with Camp Matz / Bethesda Lutheran Communities 2010-12; **Present congregation:** Mt. Calvary, Milwaukee; **Hopes for the District:** As an alumna of CUW and 19 years experience in educational ministry, I have a passion for Christian education and a vested interest in supporting the preparation of individuals for service to the church, community, and the world. This preparation takes shape beginning at our LCMS elementary and high schools and extends through the higher education system. I would like to advocate for CUW to continue to prepare students to meet the needs of congregations within the District. Having Concordia University, Mequon located in the South Wisconsin District is a tremendous asset and blessing. I would like to understand how the SWD and CUW currently support each other as well as identifying additional opportunities that may exist to strengthen and advance the work of each in effort to live out the Great Commission.

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PULLEY, Robert (Bob)

Age: 70; **Occupation:** Property Manager; **Region:** W; **Experience and activities—**
Congregation: Phone calls for startup of Good Shepherd; president of congregation
1991-94; Elder 1994-00; Elder 2002-10; Elder 2012-; Sunday school teacher, high
school level 2001-10; *Today's Light* Bible study leader 2001-; Saturday morning
Bible study 2003-; **District/Circuit:** Delegate to District Convention 1997, 2003;
making phone calls for the startup of Prince of Peace, West Salem and Holman;
Synod: Delegate to Synod Convention 1999; **Community:** Bible study at assisted
living home 2012-15; various parades in community over the years representing
Good Shepherd; **Present congregation:** Good Shepherd, Tomah; **Hopes for the**
District: The expansion of the number of new congregations, since we are to be
missionaries in our communities. The continuation and expansion of the ministry
with immigrants to our cities. The desire to see the District provide congregations
with information and programs to encourage the youth to seek church work as a
profession. To maintain financial responsibility of the District so more funds will be
used for the spreading of the Gospel. My prayer is that the true Word of God is
spread faithfully throughout the District in various means to seek the lost by the
District communicating the success stories that have occurred in various
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SCHOCKMAN, Rev. Jason

Age: 38; **Occupation:** Pastor; **Region:** W; **Education:** Bowling Green State U,
Concordia River Forest, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; **Degrees:** BA 2001; MDiv
2007; **Experience and activities—Congregation:** Youth Ministry at Redeemer
Lutheran, Wayzata, MN 2000-03; Vicar at St. Paul, Janesville; Evangelism and
Worship pastor at St. Paul, Janesville 2007-10; Pastor at Prince of Peace, Salem
2010-; **District/circuit:** SWD Pastors' Conf. Planning Comm. 2014-; SWD Koinonia
Project test group, closed communion 2014-; SWD Stewardship Task Force 2013-;
Circuit 18 Planning Group 2012-; **Community:** BOD Janesville Crisis Pregnancy
Hotline 2009-10; West Salem Bus. Assoc. member 2010-; Faster Pastor participant,
La Crosse County Speedway 2010 (1st), 2014, 2013 (1st), 2014 (2nd); West Salem
School District Long Range Facilities Planning Comm. 2011; **Present congregation:**
Prince of Peace, West Salem; **Hopes for the District:** It is my prayer that we could
continue to be held together by the gracious service of our Lord. His living and active
word alone is our hope for unity and our source of joy. As the Spirit has been given to
us and bears witness to Christ, we also will be witnesses. As our society changes and
shifts in no small ways, it is that Word which undergirds our confession of Christ that
will strengthen us to; rejoice in the forgiveness of sins, hold fast to that which is truly
life, and with endurance, remain faithful until the day of Savlation, when He will give
to us the crown of life.

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WILANT, Daniel

Age: 39; **Occupation:** Human Services, Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County; **Region:** CE; **Education:** Concordia University Chicago; Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne; UW-Milwaukee; **Degrees:** MDiv 2001; Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management 2005; **Experience and activities—**
Congregation: Lay worship assistant; **District/circuit:** Convention lay delegate 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015; lay delegate to circuit forums; **Synod:** Convention lay delegate 2013; **Community:** Vice-President Milwaukee Society, Polish National Alliance 2010-12; Financial Secretary Milwaukee Society, Polish National Alliance 2007-09; Board Secretary Garden District Neighborhood Association 2006-08; Executive Director Garden District Neighborhood Association 2004-06; **Present congregation:** Mt. Zion, Greenfield; **Hopes for the District:** My hope for the SWD is the SWD will stand for the truth as outlined in Holy Scripture. Stay faithful to the confessions of the Lutheran Church. Be uncompromising in its mission and ministry through Word and Sacrament. Assist in equipping its members to carry out their Christian vocation, no matter what their station in life is.

Updated Slate of Nominees (Committee on Convention Nominations)

The nominees slated by the Nominations Committee for the various positions to be filled by election are as follows:

Office of District Secretary – elect one pastor to a three year term
Rev. David Totsky, incumbent

Board of Directors—South Wisconsin District

The elected and voting members of the board of directors shall consist of sixteen voting members and shall be constituted as follows:

- a. The president of the District;
- b. The secretary of the District;
- c. Four ordained ministers (on the District roster, one from each region);
- d. Two commissioned ministers (on the District roster, each representing a different combination of regions); and
- e. Eight lay persons of the District (two from each region).

Two ordained ministers – elect one from each region to a six-year term

Southeast	Northeast
Rev. Daniel Feldscher	Rev. Darrel Bergelin, incumbent
Rev. Douglas Stowe	Rev. Joseph Fisher
Rev. Daniel Torkelson	

One commissioned minister – elect one to represent the combination of regions to a six-year term

West and Southeast

Doug Jacoby
Jonathan Pickelmann

Four lay persons – elect one for each position indicated to a six year term

Central East	Northeast	Southeast	West
Mark Ewert	Ronald Kabitzke	Greta Martin, incumbent	Robert Pulley
Dan Wilant	_____	_____	_____

Committee on Convention Nominations—District

Bylaw 1.47: “The Committee on Convention Nominations consisting of twelve (12) members—one ordained minister, one commissioned minister, and one lay person from each of the four regions—shall be elected by the District convention.”

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Three ordained ministers – elect one from each region to a six-year term

Central East	Southeast	Northeast
Rev. Adam Sorenson, incumbent	Rev. Dan Torkelson	Rev. Bryan Osladil, incumbent
Rev. Steven Voigt	Rev. Dan Feldscher	Rev. M. Doug Peters

One ordained minister – elect one to fill unexpired term of Rev. Dennis Schueler

West
Rev. Bryan Fritsch
Rev. Jason Schockman

Four commissioned ministers – elect one from each region to a six-year term

Central East	Northeast	West	Southeast
Jeff Fick	Craig Toerpe , incumbent	Dennis Andreasen	Jonathon Pickelmann
Duane Graf	Gene Ladendorf	Doug Jacoby	David Burgess

Three lay persons – elect one from each region to a six year term

Southeast	West	Northeast
Carolyn Blum	Bob Pulley	Ron Kabitzke, incumbent

Board of Regents—Concordia University Wisconsin

Notes from the 2010 Synod Handbook: Bylaw 3.10.5.2, “The Board of Regents of each college and university shall consist of no more than 17 voting members:

2. One ordained minister, one commissioned minister, and two lay persons shall be elected by the geographical district in which the institution is located.
5. ... members may serve a maximum of three consecutive three-year terms and must hold membership in a member congregation of the Synod.
6. Not more than two of the elected members shall be members of the same congregation.”

One ordained minister from the South Wisconsin District – elect to a three-year term

Rev. Nathan Meador, incumbent
Rev. John Berg
Rev. Larry Myers

One commissioned minister from the South Wisconsin District – elect to a three-year term

Dwayne Jobst
Carrie Miller

Two lay persons from the South Wisconsin District – elect to a three-year term

Position I	Position II
Robert Pieters	William Feld
Robert Denkert	Richard Laabs

LIST OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

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1 **OMNIBUS RESOLUTIONS**

2 **RESOLUTION A**

3 An overture may be placed in Omnibus A if the overture "is related to the responsibilities of such administrative
4 units" normally responsible for its business.

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6 **RESOLUTION B**

7 An overture may be placed in Omnibus B if "the District/Synod in convention has already spoken to certain
8 proposals addressed to this convention" and there "is no compelling reason to amplify or to revise previous
9 contention action(s)."

10 **OVERTURE 2-02 FEASIBILITY STUDY OF MERGING TWO SEMINARIES INTO ONE**

- 11 • Reason; Synod most recently addressed this concern in Resolution 6-01A at the Synod Convention in 2013.
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13 **RESOLUTION C**

14 An overture may be placed in Omnibus C if "the floor committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has
15 concluded, for various reasons, that certain overtures should be declined." The appropriate reason for declining the
16 overture should be included.

17 **OVERTURE 6-02 TO RESPECT THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLICAL RECORD OF THE**
18 **CONTINUOUS HISTORY AND AGE OF THE EARTH**

- 19 • Reason: Unsound rationale
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22 **RESOLUTION 2-01: TO COMMEND AND AFFIRM THE NEED**
23 **FOR TWO SEMINARIES**
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25 **WHEREAS**, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO has been training men for the Office of the Public Ministry in our
26 Lord's church since 1839 and as part of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since 1849; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN has been training men for the Office of the Public
29 Ministry since 1846 and as part of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since 1847; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, The Holy Spirit has used these two institutions for the greater good of the Kingdom of Grace; and
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33 **WHEREAS**, the seminaries are increasingly called upon to serve the global Lutheran church in theological
34 education and church worker formation; and
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36 **WHEREAS**, the seminaries exist as a seedbed for future pastors and theologians who will articulate, promote, and
37 defend the one True faith first delivered to the saints; therefore be it
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39 **RESOLVED**, that the South Wisconsin District give thanks for the service that these two institutions and their
40 faculties have provided for the church at home and at large; and be it finally
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42 **RESOLVED**, that our church body call upon the Lord of the Harvest in prayer to send forth laborers into His
43 harvest and implore Him to equip us with all things needful to carry out His work.
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45 Rev. William Kilps, chairman

Mrs. Carrie O'Donnell, secretary

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1 **RESOLUTION 2-02 TO MEMORIALIZE SYNOD TO RESTORE TO THE SYNOD PRESIDENT THE**
2 **AUTHORITY TO ACT IN A CASE OF DISCIPLINE SHOULD A DISTRICT PRESIDENT FAIL TO ACT**
3 **IN A MATTER OF ECCLESIAL SUPERVISION.**
4 **(Overture 2-03)**
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6 **WHEREAS**, termination or suspension of membership in the Synod is a serious matter involving both the doctrine
7 and life of members, and should only be taken as a final step, following advice, counsel, encouragement, and,
8 when necessary, admonition regarding teaching and/or practice; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, Synod Bylaws provide for the protection of members by including provisions for challenging the
11 decisions of ecclesiastical supervisors in these matters as well as provisions for restoration of membership that
12 has been suspended or terminated; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the lingering existence of unRESOLVED charges is also a great burden upon the church workers
15 concerned, their congregations, and the church at large, and for the health and wellbeing of all, proceedings to
16 resolve such matters should not unduly be delayed or prolonged; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, prior to the 2004 Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, there also existed a right of
19 appeal to the LCMS Praesidium in matters of ecclesial supervision involving such serious disciplinary action,
20 under former Bylaw 2.27.2(b) which stated:

21 b. If the District President declines to suspend the member or fails to act within 90 days after receipt of the
22 written complaint, the complainant may present the written complaint to the Praesidium of the Synod,
23 which consists of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Synod. If after investigation the Praesidium
24 concludes that the facts form a basis for expulsion of the member under Article XIII of the Constitution, the
25 Praesidium shall proceed in the same fashion as hereafter required of the District President. If the
26 Praesidium determines not to proceed, it shall in writing so inform the complainant and the involved
27 member, which shall terminate the matter.
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29 **WHEREAS**, in order to ensure fair and consistent treatment of all members of Synod in a Christian and fraternal
30 manner, and to ensure prompt resolution of disputes for the best interests of all concerned, it is appropriate that
31 this right of appeal be restored and granted to all parties; therefore, be it
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33 **RESOLVED** that the South Wisconsin District memorialize the 2016 Convention of The Lutheran Church—
34 Missouri Synod to restore to the LCMS Handbook in Bylaw 2.14:

35 If the District President declines to suspend the member or fails to act within 90 days after receipt of the
36 written complaint, the complainant may present the written complaint to the Praesidium of the Synod,
37 which consists of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Synod.

38 (a) If after investigation the Praesidium concludes that the facts form a basis for expulsion of the
39 member under Article XIII of the Constitution, the Praesidium shall proceed in the same fashion as
40 hereafter required of the District President.

41 (b) If the Praesidium determines not to proceed, it shall in writing so inform the complainant and the
42 involved member, which shall terminate the matter, and be it finally
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44 **RESOLVED**, that the Commission on Handbook make appropriate changes elsewhere in the bylaws.
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47 Rev. William Kilps, chairman

Mrs. Carrie O'Donnell, secretary

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2 **RESOLUTION 2-03 TO CHANGE NOMINATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-**
3 **PRESIDENT**

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5 **Whereas**, in past conventions there have been difficulties in obtaining a full slate of candidates for President and
6 Vice –President; and

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8 **Whereas**, floor nominations do not enhance the integrity of sufficient input from congregations and their respective
9 regions in nominating candidates; therefore, be it

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11 **Resolved**, that Bylaw 1.54 of the South Wisconsin District be changed as follows:

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13 **1.54 Candidates for President and Vice-President**

14 a. The candidates for the office of President shall be ~~the six men who receive the highest number of votes in the~~
15 ~~nominating ballot for that office~~ a maximum of five ordained ministers (or greater, in the case of ties) receiving the
16 highest number of votes on the nominating ballots of the congregations and agreeing to serve if elected. Only those
17 candidates for the office of President who have received at least five votes on the nominating ballots shall be listed
18 on the ballot of the district convention. All those receiving nominations shall be listed by the Secretary of the
19 District in the convention workbook together with the number of votes each received. Even if there is only one
20 candidate, the election must be by ballot. No nominations may be made on the floor of the convention unless no
21 candidate results from the nominating process, nor are write-in candidates permitted.

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23 b. The candidates for the office of vice-president shall be the ~~men who receive the three highest number of votes in~~
24 ~~the nominating ballot and ties for Vice President of that region~~ ordained ministers from each region receiving at
25 least two votes on the nominating ballots from the congregations in that region and agreeing to serve if elected.
26 They shall be listed on the ballot of the district convention. All those receiving nominations shall be listed by the
27 Secretary of the District in the convention workbook together with the number of votes each received. Even if there
28 is only one candidate, the election must be by ballot. No nominations may be made on the floor of the convention
29 unless no candidate results from the nominating process, nor are write-in candidates permitted.

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31 Rev William Kilps, chairman

Mrs. Carrie O'Donnell, secretary

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RESOLUTION 2-04 To Amend the South Wisconsin District Articles of Incorporation

Whereas the 2004 Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod passed Res. 4-11 “To Assure Uniformity in Articles of Incorporation of All Entities of the Synod”; and

Whereas the Commission on Constitutional Matters has worked on the development of a District Articles of Incorporation Template, and

Whereas the districts have been instructed that “The precise wording of suggested Articles VII a and IX a-c in the template are required by the 2004 Synod Res. 4-11 to be included in the Articles of Incorporation of all agencies of the synod. This required wording cannot be changed or omitted without specific action by a convention of the Synod or by the Synod’s Board of Directors,” therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Articles of Incorporation of the South Wisconsin District be brought into compliance with the Synod mandate by inserting the following between the current ARTICLE 11 and ARTICLE 12

ARTICLE 12

a. In the event this corporation is dissolved or its existence otherwise terminates or is terminated, after the payment of the debts of the corporation, all right, title, and interest in and to its property, whether tangible or intangible and whether real or personal, shall thereupon automatically vest in or be transferred to the Synod, and this corporation covenants and agrees to execute and deliver to the Synod such documents and instruments and to take such other and further actions as the Synod may deem reasonably necessary or desirable, in order to evidence and give full effect to the foregoing. This provision may not be altered or deleted without the approval of the Synod in convention or the Board of Directors of the Synod.

b. If, however, on the date of such proposed dissolution, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, a Missouri Corporation, or its successor, is no longer in existence, the assets of the corporation may be distributed to any other Section 501(C)(3) organization as designated by the board of directors.

ARTICLE 13

This corporation, as part of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, acknowledges its allegiance to the Synod and to the convention of the Synod. It submits to the authority of the Synod and the convention. It accedes, recognizes, and accepts the doctrine taught and practiced in the Synod (Art. II) and also the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and Bylaws of the Synod, as currently in effect and as may hereafter be amended from time to time.

a. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the organizational documents of this corporation and the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, or Bylaws of the Synod, as may hereafter be amended from time to time, the Articles, Constitution, or Bylaws of the Synod shall control and govern.

b. This provision may not be altered or deleted without the approval of the Synod in convention or the Board of Directors of the Synod.

c. Neither The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod nor The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Incorporated is responsible for the debts or other obligation of this corporation nor do they represent or endorse the fiscal solvency of this corporation.

And be it further,

RESOLVED that subsequent articles be renumbered.

1 **RESOLUTION 3-01 TO REAFFIRM EQUAL VOTING PRIVILEGES OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED**
2 **MEMBERS OF BOARDS OF REGENTS OF OUR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (Overture 3-01)**

3
4 **WHEREAS**, the universities and colleges of our Synod continue to be blessed by God and are growing in their
5 enrollment of student and faculty; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Effective boards of regents must exercise an increasing level of governance and leadership while
8 remaining faithful to the mission and needs of the LCMS; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the universities and colleges of our Synod which are located throughout our Synod can best
11 understand the unique opportunities and challenges that they face in their location; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, Synod in convention in 2007 (Resolution 5-04) carefully considered the composition of the boards of
14 regent of our colleges and universities and adopted the current composition of the boards of regents; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the qualifications for serving on the boards of regents is spelled out carefully in the bylaws of Synod
17 (3.10.5.2); and

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19 **WHEREAS**, All members of the board of regents are to be members of a congregation of the LCMS; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, The maximum number of members of the board of regents is seventeen with the majority of those
22 members to be elected by the district conventions and synod convention (four elected in national conventions,
23 four elected in the district convention, plus the president of the district in which the institution resides); and

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25 **WHEREAS**, the District President serving as a voting member of the board of regents is charged to represent the
26 Synod in his district (4.4.2)' and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the current board of regents members demonstrate commitment to the mission and purpose of the
29 respective institution, knowledge regarding the region in which the institution is located, commitment to
30 allocating time, talent, and treasure to the institution, assisting with the identification and encouragement of
31 donors, and maintaining the Lutheran heritage and confession of the institution; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, each board of regents is best able to assess its own unique needs and identify and appoint individuals
34 who best meet those needs; therefore be it

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36 **RESOLVED**, That the Synod in convention gives thanks for the service to those who are serving the church on the
37 various boards of regents of our colleges and universities; and be it finally

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39 **RESOLVED**, That the synod in convention reaffirm the current bylaws governing the election and responsibilities
40 of the boards of regent of our colleges and universities, which provide for equal voting privileges of elected and
41 appointed regents.

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43 Rev. Randolph H. Raasch, chairman

Mr. Joe Olson, Secretary

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45 **RESOLUTION 3-02 TO ENCOURAGE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS TO MAINTAIN A LUTHERAN**
46 **IDENTITY**

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48 **WHEREAS**, Lutheran education has historically been a hallmark of our Lutheran ministry and mission; and

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50 **WHEREAS**, our culture continues to become increasingly secular and hostile to Christianity;

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52 **WHEREAS**, our Lutheran schools continue to be a strong outreach of our synod; and

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54 **WHEREAS**, in 2013-2014, there were 2,255 LCMS schools, with only 720 accredited by NLSA; therefore be it

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56 **RESOLVED**, that district in convention encourage Lutheran schools to maintain their distinctive and strong
57 Lutheran identity.

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59 Rev. Randolph H. Raasch, Chairman

Mr. Joe Olson, Secretary

**RESOLUTION 3-03 TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RETIREMENT ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM FOR PARISH PASTORS**

WHEREAS, an increasing percentage of LCMS pastors are over 55 years old; and

WHEREAS, an increasing percentage of South Wisconsin District pastors are over 55 years old; and

WHEREAS, the transition into retirement for the pastor and his wife can be challenging; and

WHEREAS, the PALS program provides assistance to pastors and wives entering pastoral ministry, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that synod explore the creation of a program to assist pastors and their wives as they transition into retirement.

Rev. Randolph H. Raasch, chairman

Mr. Joe Olson, Secretary

RESOLUTION 3-04 TO COMMEND MR. MARK L'HEUREUX

WHEREAS, Mr. Mark L'Heureux faithfully served our Lord and His church for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mark L'Heureux has demonstrated a bold commitment to serve our SWD for the past 5 years in the area of schools, youth and family ministries; and

WHEREAS, God has used Mr. Mark L'Heureux's faithfulness and zeal for the Gospel to support our congregations, early childhood programs, grade schools, middle schools, high schools, and Concordia University Wisconsin in their quest to provide quality Christian education to our congregations and communities; and

WHEREAS, God has used Mr. Mark L'Heureux's love for the lost to support our South Wisconsin District's educational mission work in Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, his service to the SWD has been exemplary, characterized by thoughtfulness, prayer, conscientiousness and humility; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District commend his service to the Church at its 2015 Convention; and be it

RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District encourage him in his call to serve Christ Lutheran of Lincoln, Nebraska; and finally be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates express, by a standing ovation, their gratitude and good wishes for the future as he continues to serve the Lord and His Church.

Rev. Randolph H. Raasch, Chairman

Mr. Joe Olson, Secretary

RESOLUTION 3-05 TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUING PASTORAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the parish pastor is the shepherd of flock entrusted with the spiritual welfare of God's people; and

WHEREAS, the cultural climate continues to move more distant from the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, pastors are lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, the faith of all Christians must be strengthened by continuing study of the Word; and

WHEREAS, the pastor requires continuing care and strengthening of body, mind and soul;

WHEREAS, the synod is blessed by the ministry of such entities as "Grace Place," "Pastoral Leadership Institute," "Doxology," "Shepherd's Canyon," and many others, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pastors be encouraged by congregation and district to be engaged in continuing education; and be it

RESOLVED, that the congregations be encouraged to remove obstacles and provide resources of time and finance for their pastor's continuing education; and finally be it

RESOLVED, that the synod, with the assistance of our seminary and universities, develop a program to provide pastors with continuing education.

Rev. Randolph H. Raasch, Chairman

Mr. Joe Olson, Secretary

RESOLUTION 5-01 TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS TO EMPHASIZE BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP ON A YEAR-LONG BASIS

WHEREAS God's Word clearly teaches that everything we have been given is the Lord's (Psalm 24:1) and we are simply the managers or stewards of His blessings (Lk. 12:48) and

WHEREAS Jesus our Lord specifically addresses the management of His blessings in one-third of the Gospel (e.g. Mt. 25: 14-30) and

WHEREAS we are graciously called to faithfully use the blessings He has entrusted to us including our time, talents, and treasures in our lives and

WHEREAS there is joy in sharing the blessings God has given to us for the sake of His kingdom and

WHEREAS resources are available from Lutheran Church Extension Fund and the South Wisconsin District Task Force on Stewardship, including but not limited to, "The Joy of Generosity" to assist congregations in their spiritual growth in this most important aspect of Biblical teaching, therefore be it

RESOLVED that our congregations make Biblical stewardship a high priority as part of our mission to proclaim the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen and make use of resources available this to accomplish this.

Rev. Mark Wenzel, chairman

Jed Frank, secretary

RESOLUTION 6-01 TO SUPPORT THE LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
(Overture 6-01)

WHEREAS, St. Paul urges that “petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people.” (1 Timothy 2:1); and

WHEREAS, The LCMS Board of Directors has approved the establishment of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C. in order to inform the synod of executive, legislative and judicial issues that may impact the life of the church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 54th Convention of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS encourages congregations to pray for, support, and use the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty.

Rev. Joseph Fisher, chairman

Dr. Stephen Saunders, secretary

RESOLUTION 6-02 TO UTILIZE AND SUPPORT THE LCMS DISABILITY
MINISTRY TASK FORCE
(Overture 6-03)

WHEREAS, Our Lord ministered to the needs of all people and directs his followers to “go and make disciples of all nations,” (Matthew 28); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that congregations are encouraged to familiarize themselves with, utilize and support the LCMS Disability Ministry Task Force and the materials that they provide.

Rev. Joseph Fisher, chairman

Dr. Stephen Saunders, secretary

RESOLUTION 6-03 TO CALL THE REV. DR. MATTHEW BECKER TO REPENTANCE,
IMPLORE THE REV. PAUL LINNEMANN TO EXERCISE ECCLESIASTICAL SUPERVISION,
AND THANK AND ENCOURAGE PRESIDENT MATTHEW HARRISON

(Overtures 6-04 and 6-05)

Rationale

At the recent North Dakota District Convention, Synod President Matthew Harrison was questioned about the status of the Rev. Dr. Matthew Becker, a rostered and ordained member of the Synod and a professor at Valparaiso University. President Harrison reported to that convention that the results of a complaint filed against Dr. Becker have left him remaining in good standing as a member of the Synod. This was confirmed by Dr. Becker:

“The matter of the case against my teaching was terminated by three LCMS circuit counselors from the Great Northwest (whose identities are unknown to me), who acted at the behest of the NOW District President. After reviewing all of the available evidence, they concluded that it is perfectly acceptable for an LCMS pastor to make a public argument in favor of the ordination of women to the pastoral office and that such a public argument is not grounds for expulsion from the roster of pastors in the LCMS”. <http://www.alpb.org/forum/index.php?topic=5768.0> – accessed 1-30-2015

Some days later, President Harrison posted the following to the “Witness, Mercy and Life Together” blog on the Synod’s website, not referring to the Becker Case specifically, but speaking in general,

“When a public teacher on the roster of Synod can without consequence publicly advocate the ordination of women (even participate vested in the installation of an ELCA clergy person), homosexuality, the errancy of the Bible, the historical-critical method, open communion, communion with the Reformed, evolution, and more, then the public confession of the Synod is meaningless. I am saying that if my Synod does not change its inability to call such a person to repentance and remove such a teacher where there is no repentance, then we are liars and our confession is meaningless. I do not want to belong to such a synod, much less lead it. I have no intention of walking away from my vocation. I shall rather use it and, by the grace of God, use all the energy I have to call this Synod to fidelity to correct this situation.”

<http://wmltblog.org/2015/01/regarding-a-recent-decision-of-a-panel-not-to-proceed-with-charges-regarding-a-public-false-teacher-in-the-lcms/> - accessed 1-30-2015

1 Dr. Becker filed an official dissent regarding the synod's practice of restricting the office of pastor only to men
2 and from the synod's position of interpreting the first two chapters of Genesis to mean that God created the
3 universe over the course of six twenty four hour days, and that the natural law of evolution must be rejected.
4 The Commission on Theology and Church Relations responded to Dr. Becker's dissent which not only exposed
5 his false teaching on those subjects, but also revealed his rejection of the inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures. The
6 Commission wrote,

7 "Dr. Becker's dissent does not provide a sufficient scriptural or confessional basis to support his claim
8 that the doctrinal position of the Synod is in need of revision on the issue of the ordination of women
9 to the pastoral office or on the issue of creation and evolution. The theological basis for the CTCR's
10 determination is the evidence provided in Dr. Becker's essays that he is operating on the basis of an
11 understanding of the authority and interpretation of Scripture that is at odds with the Lutheran
12 Confessions (see, for example, the Preface to The Book of Concord; FC Ep Summary, 2; FC SD
13 Summary, 9, 20; Ap XXIII, 71; Ap VII, 27; Ap XII, 106, etc.) and the scripturally and
14 confessionally-based position of the Synod as set forth in the Brief Statement (see paragraphs 1-3) and
15 A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles (see especially "The Infallibility of Scripture"
16 and "Historical Methods of Interpretation"). Statements such as the following in Dr.
17 Becker's essays reflect a view of and approach to Scripture that are clearly incompatible with the
18 Synod's doctrinal position on the authority and interpretation of Holy Scripture",
19 <http://www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=1676> - accessed 1-30-2015

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21 the Commission quoted Dr. Becker and then responded,

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23 "Of course a "figurative" interpretation of Genesis 1-9 (not to mention the many other passages in
24 Scripture that speak of God as creator, of the world as God's creation, and of the new creation) does
25 entail a revision of the traditional "creationist" manner of articulating the doctrines of creation,
26 anthropology, and sin, and many Christians are deeply uncomfortable with such a prospect. This
27 "discomfort" is at least as great as the discomfort many 16th-Century Christians must have felt in
28 view of the revision to traditional teaching that the Copernican Theory entailed. As then, however, so
29 also now: such modification would not necessarily undermine an orthodox understanding of creation,
30 human beings, sin, and grace. For example, scientific data about the reality of physical death in the
31 animal and plant kingdoms prior to origin of human beings (e.g., fossils of animals that lived long
32 before the origin of human beings) must lead those who interpret the Bible in light of scientific
33 knowledge to restate the nature of God's good creation prior to the advent of human sin (e.g., such a
34 good creation must have included the reality of death prior to the existence of human beings) and the
35 character of the historical origin of sin (e.g., the advent of sin is to be traced to the first hominids who
36 disobeyed God's will but not necessarily to their having eaten from a tree in an actual place called the
37 Garden of Eden several thousand years ago). (*SLM*, 12)

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39 Statements such as these by Dr. Becker speak for themselves in conveying his understanding of the authority
40 and interpretation of the Scriptures. As noted above, this understanding is clearly incompatible with the
41 Synod's doctrinal position on the authority and interpretation of Scripture. For this reason, the Commission
42 affirms once again its determination that Dr. Becker has not provided sufficient basis for his claim that the
43 position of the Synod is in need of revision, and expresses once again its conviction that Dr. Becker is in
44 dissent from the position of the Synod not only on the specific issues of the ordination of women to the pastoral
45 office and the issues of creation and evolution, but also on the more foundational position of the Synod on
46 which these positions are based: namely, the authority, infallibility, and faithful interpretation of the Holy
47 Scriptures themselves.

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49 The CTCR therefore appeals to Dr. Matthew Becker, by the mercies of God, to reconsider his dissent and to
50 reexamine, on the basis of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, his positions on the authority of Scripture
51 and the two issues concerning which he has expressed dissent, even as the Synod expects him to honor and
52 uphold the doctrinal positions of the Synod." <http://www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=1676> -
53 accessed 1-30-2015

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55 While the CTCR appealed to Dr. Becker by the mercies of God to reconsider his positions on the basis of
56 Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, it is clear that he has not done so. In addition to those matters, Dr.
57 Becker contends that the Lutheran Confessions themselves contain theological ambiguity and error, to wit, the

1 Athanasian Creed. As stated by comments on his blog in discussion with two pastors of the Southern Illinois
2 District,

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4 **"The Rev. BT Ball** February 9, 2013 at 5:28PM
5 Dr. Becker-

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7 "Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and
8 undefiled will without doubt perish eternally...This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it
9 faithfully and firmly cannot be saved."

10 Do you confess that to be true or not?

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13 Pastor Benjamin Ball
14 St. Paul, Hamel, IL

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16 **Matthew L. Becker** February 9, 2013 at 8:09PM

17 Pr. Ball,
18 The Athanasian Creed errs when it implies that one is saved by a mental work of believing this creed's
19 humanly-devised dogmatic statements "faithfully and firmly."

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21 No Eastern Orthodox Christian will accept all of the formulations within this historic western creed. Many
22 statements in it need careful clarification. Its conclusion is simply incorrect. The Athanasian Creed muddles
23 the gospel at precisely this point.

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25 **Pr. H. R.** February 9, 2013 at 8:45 PM

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27 Dr. Becker,

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29 Members of our Synod agree to accept the Athanasian Creed "without reservation" (Art. II of our
30 Constitution). We are pretty up front about that and have been for a long time. Perhaps it came up at your
31 ordination. If it didn't (for example, if you wrote your own ordination vows and didn't use the ones in the
32 TLH or LW Agenda), it certainly did when you signed the Constitution.

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34 I understand that you have deeply held convictions that run contrary to this Confession of the faith. But I
35 struggle to understand why you continue to put yourself forward as a representative of our Synod when you
36 so clearly do not hold to our Confession on so many weighty issues. It is not as though you are struggling
37 with one or two peripheral issues, unsure of where you stand, or sure the Synod has erred in its stance on
38 life insurance or gambling. You just flat out [sic] deny what we require our ministers to swear to at their
39 ordination.

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41 I'll give you this: it's bold.

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43 +HRC

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45 **Matthew L. Becker** February 9, 2013 at 10:35 PM

46 HRC,

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48 I was ordained on July 14, 1989. In that service I was asked the following question, among several:

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50 Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds...as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and
51 do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

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53 I answered affirmatively. The three creeds (only one of which is truly ecumenical) are faithful testimonies
54 to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, that is, the doctrinal truth of the Scriptures. I reject the errors that the
55 three creeds condemn.

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1 They are faithful witnesses to the doctrinal truth of the Scriptures, but they are not without theological
2 ambiguity and error.

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4 Our ordination vow is strictly limited to the doctrinal teaching of the Holy Scriptures, that is, the doctrine of
5 the gospel and all its articles. THAT doctrine of the gospel, the doctrine of faith, is contrary to the kind of
6 legalistic approach to dogma and confessional writings that you and Pr. Ball and other LCMS pastors seem
7 to be asserting.

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9 Pastors who serve churches of the Augsburg Confession are not bound to many items that are taught or
10 asserted in the confessional writings. This includes the concluding paragraph of the Athanasian Creed. That
11 paragraph, literally understood, is contrary to the doctrine of the gospel.

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13 Our quia vow is to teach in accordance with the doctrinal content of the Holy Scriptures, as that content is
14 exhibited in the historic confessions.

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16 I continue to preach and teach in accordance with my ordination vow, and I ask God to help me."
17 <http://matthewlbecker.blogspot.com/2013/02/one-more-response-to-hrc.html> - accessed 1-30-2015

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19 Dr. Becker has stated regarding homosexuality,

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21 “• I too affirm the authority of the Scriptures, but the seven biblical texts that are frequently cited on the
22 issue of homosexuality are not directly pertinent to the 21st-century discussion because some of them
23 condemn specifically homosexual rape, deal with questions of “clean and unclean” that are not normative in
24 the Christian community, do not take into account issues like “sexual orientation,” and presuppose that all
25 would agree with a particular interpretation of what “nature” teaches.

26 • Both heterosexual and homosexual persons are expected to express sexual intimacy within publicly
27 accountable, lifelong, and monogamous relationships. This has long been the expectation for heterosexual
28 couples, and therefore is an appropriate expectation for homosexual couples as well.

29 • I recognize that the unity of the church is based on one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, and that within
30 this unity, faithful members may disagree on individual items of theology and Christian ethics.”

31 <http://gottesdienstonline.blogspot.com/2010/12/useful-discussion.html> - accessed 1-30-2015

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33 Synod Bylaw 4.4.5 states, “Each district president, in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod, shall
34 supervise the doctrine, the life, and the official administration on the part of the ordained or
35 commissioned ministers who are members through his district or are subject to his ecclesiastical supervision”.
36 As such, the President of the Northwest District of the LCMS, the Rev. Paul Linnemann, is charged with the
37 ecclesiastical supervision of Dr. Becker. While Dr. Becker’s public teaching, writing and dissent are publicly
38 known, there is no public evidence that President Linnemann has exhorted Dr. Becker to repentance for his
39 false doctrines. Dr. Becker, an Ordained member of the Synod, has publicly advocated for the ordination of
40 women to the Pastoral Ministry. He has participated in the installation of an ELCA clergy person. He has taught
41 that committed homosexual relationships are not sinful. He rejects the inerrancy of the Bible. He does not
42 affirm the creation account in the Scriptures as a historical event. President Linnemann as the ecclesiastical
43 supervisor of Dr. Becker is to assist the Synod at large with fulfilling its first objective which is to “Conserve
44 and promote the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3–6; 1 Cor. 1:10).

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46 **WHEREAS:** The Rev. Dr. Matthew Becker, an Ordained member of the Synod, has publicly advocated for the
47 ordination of women to the Pastoral Ministry. He has participated in the installation of an ELCA clergy person.
48 He has taught that committed homosexual relationships are not sinful. He rejects the inerrancy of the Bible. He
49 does not affirm the creation account in the Scriptures as a historical event, and

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51 **WHEREAS:** Dr. Becker is a member of the Northwest District of the LCMS under the ecclesiastical supervision of
52 the Rev. Paul Linnemann, and

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54 **WHEREAS:** It is the President of the Synod’s duty to see to it that all District Presidents “act in accordance with the
55 Synod's Constitution, to admonish all who in any way depart from it, and, if such admonition is not heeded, to
56 report such cases to the Synod”, (Article XI.B.2) and

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1 **WHEREAS:** The President of the Synod “has and always shall have the power to advise, admonish, and reprove.
2 He shall conscientiously use all means at his command to promote and maintain unity of doctrine and practice in
3 all the districts of the Synod”, (Article XI.B.3) and
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5 **WHEREAS:** We confess, “All this has been said regarding secret sins. But where the sin is quite public so that the
6 judge and everybody know it, you can without any sin avoid him and let him go, because he has brought himself
7 into disgrace, and you may also publicly testify concerning him. For when a matter is public in the light of day,
8 there can be no slandering or false judging or testifying; as, when we now reprove the Pope with his doctrine,
9 which is publicly set forth in books and proclaimed in all the world. For where the sin is public, the reproof also
10 must be public, that every one may learn to guard against it.” (Large Catechism, 8th Commandment, para.284),
11 and
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13 **WHEREAS:** Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (St. Luke
14 5:32). Therefore, let it be
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16 **RESOLVED:** That those with public knowledge of the Rev. Dr. Matthew Becker’s false and divisive doctrines call
17 him to repentance, and
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19 **RESOLVED:** That in faithfulness to God’s Word and in Christian love the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS
20 in convention call the Rev. Dr. Matthew Becker to repentance of his false and divisive doctrines and that this be
21 communicated to him through the South Wisconsin District Secretary, and let it be further
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23 **RESOLVED:** That the South Wisconsin District implore the Rev. Paul Linnemann, President of the Northwest
24 District, to exercise ecclesiastical supervision of Dr. Becker, if he is not already doing so, seek Dr. Becker’s
25 repentance for false teaching, and lacking such repentance, begin the process of Dr. Becker’s expulsion from the
26 Synod in accordance with the Synod’s Constitution and Bylaws, and that this be communicated to the Rev.
27 Linnemann by the South Wisconsin District President, and let it be further
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29 **RESOLVED:** That the South Wisconsin District encourage President Matthew Harrison to exhort President
30 Linnemann to do his duty for the sake of our common confession of faith and our walking together as members
31 of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and be it further
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33 **RESOLVED:** That the President of the South Wisconsin District, on behalf of the South Wisconsin District, thank
34 President Matthew Harrison and commend him for his faithful leadership of the Synod, and give him such
35 encouragement, and be it finally
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37 **RESOLVED:** That the Convention Chaplain lead the Convention in prayer for a godly resolution to these matters.
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39 Rev. Joseph Fischer, chairman Dr. Stephen Saunders, secretary
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41 **RESOLUTION 6-04 TO UTILIZE THE TRAINING REGARDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CREATED**
42 **BY THE LCMS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE TASK (DVCA) FORCE**
43

44 **WHEREAS,** a Task Force on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse (DVCA) was formed to respond to 2007
45 convention Res. 6-06; and
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47 **WHEREAS,** the DVCA Task Force has its mission to provide materials and trained individuals to assist LCMS
48 districts, congregations, and schools in addressing abuse and ministering to the spiritual needs of those affected by
49 abuse; therefore be it
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51 **RESOLVED,** that pastors and congregations of the SWD be encouraged to, utilize and support the work of the
52 DVCA and the training materials created by DVCA Task Force.
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54 Rev. Joseph Fisher, chairman Dr. Stephen Saunders, secretary
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1 **Final Circuit Realignment (As of May 29, 2015)**
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Circuit 1

Greendale Our Shepherd (420)
Greenfield Mt. Zion (204)
Our Father (702)
Milwaukee Chapel of the Cross (163)
Grace (100)
Oak Creek Grace (555)
Franklin Risen Savior (324)

Circuit 2

Milwaukee Divine Shepherd (193)
Mt. Calvary (301)
Wauwatosa Our Redeemer (1582)
Pilgrim (192)
West Allis St. Paul (1422)
Trinity (192)
Emmanuel Deaf (75)

Circuit 3

Milwaukee Berea (282)
Beautiful Savior (179)
Hmong Hope (@ Berea)
Mt. Olive (979)
Oklahoma Avenue (211)
Sherman Park (124)
St. Martini
St. Stephen (108)

Circuit 4

Cedarburg First Immanuel (2621)
Milwaukee Bethany (68)
Covenant (395)
Emmaus (66)
Gospel (50)
International Lutheran Church
of Zion
Holy Ghost (64)
Hope (63)
Mission of Christ (57)

Circuit 5

Brookfield Immanuel (1299)
Brookfield Brookfield (1331)
Elm Grove Elm Grove (801)
Menomonee Falls Zion (292)
New Berlin Blessed Savior (682)
Pewaukee Lamb of God (123)
Pewaukee Shepherd of the Hills (815)
Sussex Peace (379)
Waukesha Beautiful Savior (561)
Christ the Life

Circuit 6

Brown Deer St. Paul's (338)
Glendale St. John's (593)
Milwaukee Benediction (353)
Christ Memorial (183)
St. Peter-Immanuel (619)
Trinity (190)
Shorewood Luther Memorial (254)
Whitefish Bay Our Savior (185)

Circuit 7

Germantown Faith (386)
Grafton St. Paul (2219)
Jackson Living Word (155)
Mequon Beautiful Savior (293)
Trinity (1028)
Menomonee Falls Grace (1998)
West Bend St. John's (1632)

Circuit 8

Burnett Immanuel (94)
Zion (178)
Horicon St. John (189)
St. Stephen (924)
Mayville Immanuel (335)
St. John (921)
Waupun Pella (572)

Circuit 9

Belgium St. Mark (162)
Batavia St. Stephen (139)
Fredonia St. John (378)
Kewaskum St. John (522)
Pt Washington St. John (352)
Random Lake Immanuel (315)
West Bend Pilgrim (480)
St. Andrew (377)

Circuit 10

Sheboygan Bethlehem (1533)
Christ (177)
Good Shepherd (375)
Immanuel (463)
Our Savior (681)
Town Wilson Trinity (193)
Waldo St. Thomas (71)

Circuit 11

Haven Grace (137)
Howard's Grove Trinity (471)
Kohler Bethany (266)
Sheboygan Luther Memorial (112)
Our Redeemer (296)
St. Paul (914)
Trinity (1239)

Circuit 12

Adell Emmanuel (192)
Elkhart Lake Grace (182)
Glenbeulah Zion (380)
Cascade St. Paul (308)
Plymouth St. John (1666)
Sheboygan Falls St. Paul (2104)
Sherman Center St. John (444)

Circuit 13

Brillion St. Bart (315)
Chilton St. Martin (481)
St. Luke (115)
Hilbert St. Peter (228)
New Holstein Zion (380)
Potter Trinity (500)
Manitowoc Redeemer (749)
Two Rivers Good Shepherd (187)

Circuit 14

Fond du Lac Hope (1224)
Menasha Trinity (592)
Neenah New Hope (724)
Peace (532)
North Fond du Lac Divine Savior (198)
Oshkosh Good Shepherd (372)
Hmong Lutheran Outreach (52)
Trinity (762)

Circuit 15

Auroraville Immanuel (100)
Berlin St. John (550)
Borth Trinity (27)
Omro Grace (582)
Poy Sippi Emmaus (234)
Ripon Messiah (339)
Weyauwega Christ (301)
Wild Rose Immanuel (?)

Circuit 16

Hancock Grace (60)
Montello Trinity (26)
Neshkoro St. John (28)
Zion (223)
Oxford St. John (245)
Packwaukee Trinity (152)
Princeton Calvary (140)
Wautoma Trinity (172)
Westfield Immanuel (442)
St. Paul (36)
St. Paul (82)

Circuit 17

Adams Immanuel (277)
Dellwood United in Christ (112)
LaCrosse Faith (143)
Lyndon Station St. Luke (70)
Neecedah St. James (221)
New Miner St. Paul (80)
Onalaska Shepherd of the Hills (456)
Quincy St. John (73)
Tomah Good Shepherd (307)
Warrens St. Matthew (312)
West Salem Prince of Peace (180)

Circuit 18

Boscobel Hickory Grove (50)
Highland Christ (66)
Hillpoint St. Paul (173)
LaValle St. Paul (93)
Zion (112)
Loganville St. John (60)
Muscoda St. Peter (79)
Platteville Apostles (18)
Reedsburg St. Peter (1060)
Richland Center St. Luke (42)

Circuit 19

Arlington St. Peter (478)
Baraboo Our Savior (108)
Madison Immanuel (250)
Our Savior (Deaf) (85)
St. Paul (259)
Portage St. John (1558)
Sun Prairie Bethlehem (603)
Waunakee Mission Hill (Mission Start)
Wisconsin Dells Trinity (437)

Circuit 20

Madison Calvary (29)
Christ Memorial (502)
Living Christ (300)
Mt. Olive ((431)
Monona Monona (184)
Oregon Community of Life (71)
Stoughton Good Shepherd (284)

Circuit 21

Hartland Divine Redeemer (1523)
North Prairie St. John (371)
Oconomowoc Grace & Truth (27)
St. John (269)
St. Paul (985)
Sullivan St. John (208)
Wales Bethlehem (427)

Circuit 22

Beaver Dam Peace (492)
Clyman Zion (199)
Hartford Divine Savior (603)
Lebanon St. Peter (327)
Reeseville Immanuel (1060)
Trinity (128)
Watertown Good Shepherd (769)

Circuit 23

Center Zion (158)
Edgerton St. John (474)
Fort Atkinson Living Savior (57)
Hanover Immanuel (25)
Janesville Mt. Calvary (454)
St. Paul (1876)
Our Savior (104)

Circuit 24

Beloit Messiah (371)
St. John (550)
Trinity (394)
Clinton Christ (205)
Delavan Holy Cross (Deaf) (79)
Our Redeemer (1320)
East Troy Good Shepherd (400)
Lake Geneva Gloria Dei (43)
Sharon Triune (33)

Circuit 25

Burlington Our Savior (409)
Kenosha Messiah (187)
Pleasant Prairie Good Shepherd (142)
Racine Chapel of the Cross (195)
Twin Lakes Hope (100)
Union Grove St. Paul (491)
Waterford St. Peter (655)

Circuit 26

Racine Christ the King (67)
Grace (431)
Holy Cross (64)
Primera Iglesia (30)
Prince of Peace (348)
Redeemer (45)
St. John (650)
Trinity (974)
Sturtevant Faith (293)

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2 **TS-01 TO REALIGN THE SWD CENTRAL EAST REGIONAL CIRCUITS**
3

4 WHEREAS, In recent years the South Wisconsin District has requested exceptions at Synod conventions due to
5 circuits not meeting the requirements of Synod bylaw 3.12; and
6

7 WHEREAS, The SWD board of directors, at the recommendation of the District president appointed a task force to
8 study the current circuit alignment and bring a recommendation to the 54th convention of the SWD; and
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10 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod bylaws define circuits as consisting of a minimum of seven
11 congregations and 1500 communicant members; and
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13 WHEREAS, The proposal, if implemented will bring congregations into the same circuits who are in closer
14 geographical proximities to each other and in similar ministry contexts; and
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16 WHEREAS, This realignment will also continue to help some congregations to continue their involvement with
17 cross cultural ministry; and
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19 WHEREAS, The Circuit Realignment Task Force has extensively researched the proposal for realignment and has
20 sought widespread support, therefore be it
21

22 RESOLVED, that the 54th Convention of the SWD accept and enact the proposed Circuit Realignment of the Central
23 East Region of the SWD.
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25 Rev. John Berg, chairman
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27 **TS-02 TO REALIGN THE SWD SOUTH EAST REGIONAL CIRCUITS**
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29 WHEREAS, In recent years the South Wisconsin District has requested exceptions at Synod conventions due to
30 circuits not meeting the requirements of Synod bylaw 3.12; and
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32 WHEREAS, The SWD board of directors, at the recommendation of the district president appointed a task force to
33 study the current circuit alignment and bring a recommendation to the 54th convention of the SWD; and
34

35 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod bylaws define circuits as consisting of a minimum of seven
36 congregations and 1500 communicant members; and
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38 WHEREAS, This realignment will also continue to help some congregations to continue their involvement with
39 cross cultural ministry; and
40

41 WHEREAS, The Circuit Realignment Task Force has extensively researched the proposal for realignment and has
42 sought widespread support, therefore be it
43

44 RESOLVED, that the 54th Convention of the SWD accept and enact the proposed Circuit Realignment of the South
45 East Region of the SWD.
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47 Rev. John Berg, chairman
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TS-03 TO REALIGN THE SWD WEST REGIONAL CIRCUITS

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3 WHEREAS, In recent years the South Wisconsin District has requested exceptions at Synod conventions due to
4 circuits not meeting the requirements of Synod bylaw 3.12; and
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6 WHEREAS, The SWD board of directors, at the recommendation of the district president appointed a task force to
7 study the current circuit alignment and bring a recommendation to the 54th convention of the SWD; and
8

9 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod bylaws define circuits as consisting of a minimum of seven
10 congregations and 1500 communicant members; and
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12 WHEREAS, The proposal, if implemented will bring congregations into the same circuits who are in closer
13 geographical proximities to each other and in similar ministry contexts; and
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15 WHEREAS, This realignment will also continue to help some congregations to continue their involvement with
16 cross cultural ministry; and
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18 WHEREAS, The Circuit Realignment Task Force has extensively researched the proposal for realignment and has
19 sought widespread support, therefore be it
20

21 RESOLVED, that the 54th Convention of the SWD accepts and enact the proposed Circuit Realignment of the West
22 Region of the SWD.
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24 Rev. John Berg, chairman
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TS-04 TO REALIGN THE SWD NORTH EAST REGIONAL CIRCUITS

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28 WHEREAS, In recent years the South Wisconsin District has requested exceptions at Synod conventions due to
29 circuits not meeting the requirements of Synod bylaw 3.12; and
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31 WHEREAS, The SWD board of directors, at the recommendation of the district president appointed a task force to
32 study the current circuit alignment and bring a recommendation to the 54th convention of the SWD; and
33

34 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod bylaws define circuits as consisting of a minimum of seven
35 congregations and 1500 communicant members; and
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37 WHEREAS, The proposal, if implemented will bring congregations into the same circuits who are in closer
38 geographical proximities to each other and in similar ministry contexts; and
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40 WHEREAS, This realignment will also continue to help some congregations to continue their involvement with
41 cross cultural ministry; and
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43 WHEREAS, The Circuit Realignment Task Force has extensively researched the proposal for realignment and has
44 sought widespread support, therefore be it
45

46 RESOLVED, that the 54th Convention of the SWD accept and enact the proposed Circuit Realignment of the North
47 East Region of the SWD
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49 Rev. John Berg, chairman
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