



TODAY'S BUSINESS

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

Monday – Issue #2

June 8, 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 today's convention sessions has been printed on pages 47-48 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.

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.

SOS CENTER

The SOS Center will be distributing packets of information to delegates on Monday. They will distribute one packet per congregation. Thank you.

PARKING SHUTTLE

Because of a variety of activities on campus (including a Chinooks baseball game Monday evening) delegates and guests driving to campus (especially those who are staying in campus housing) are asked to park in the parking structure on the northwest corner of the campus. Your cooperation is appreciated. A shuttle will be available after the Monday session to assist you if needed.

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

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
10:00 - 10:10 a.m.	Re-Circuiting Taskforce
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)

LUNCH

1 **Additional Biographies From Floor Nominations**



4 **BUDD, William**

5 **Age:** 68; **Occupation:** Retired, U.S. Army, Cabinetmaker/Exhibit Specialist; **Region:** W; **Education:**
6 Journeyman Cabinetmaker, 1975, Four year Cabinetmaker Apprenticeship Program, Los Angeles,
7 CA.; **Experience and activities--Congregation:** Congregation Vice President 2007, Congregation
8 President 2008-2010, Head Elder 2011-2012, Chairman Worship Committee 2010-2012; **Community:**
9 Mentor La Crescent High School Robotics Program 2014-2015; Rotary International Youth Exchange
10 Officer 2015, Volunteer La Crescent Bike Shop; **Present congregation:** Shepherd of the Hills,
11 Onalaska; **Hopes for the District:** My vision for the South Wisconsin District would be a continued
12 and steady growth of witness for Christ in our sister churches, in our communities and throughout the
13 state of Wisconsin. It is important the South Wisconsin District be mindful of the vast diversity of
14 cultures, beliefs and ethnicities within our district. We will need to reach out to gather accurate
15 information of the family dynamics that make up our neighbors. What are the social supports that are
16 working, and what is lacking to help these families come to worship in our Missouri Synod churches.
17 We need leaders who don't settle for meager ideas, rather strive to serve others with mindfulness and
18 excellence. Trusting in our Savior each and every step of the way will help us reach our goal of
 bringing as many souls as we can to know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In Him be the glory!

19 **ZIMMERMANN, David**

20 **Age:** 60; **Occupation:** Business Owner; **Region:** NE; **Education:** UW Madison, Business major in
21 Accounting and Management, 1977; **Experience and activities—Congregation:** Board of Elders
22 (current), Usher (current), Principal call committee (2014), Worship committee (2008); **Community:**
23 Sheboygan Noon Rotary (current), Rotary Board of Directors (2008-11), Sheboygan Lutheran High
24 School Board (2005-2011?), Neat Repeats Thrift Store (benefits LHS) founding member, LHS
25 Investment Committee (current), Sheboygan Chamber Business Assistance committee (current);
26 **Present congregation:** St. John, Plymouth; **Hopes for the district:** My hopes for the SWD would
27 be:

- 28 • Faithfully promote and spread the true gospel of Jesus Christ
- 29 • Be an active and important voice for the Body of Christ in a world that is hostile to all
30 faithful Christians
- 31 • Serve the member congregations of the SWD to help them to become better and stronger
32 in carrying out their mission to promote and spread the gospel
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The 54th Convention of the
South Wisconsin District of
The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod
June 7-9, 2015

SESSION 1

CALL TO ORDER:

The 54th Convention of the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod was called to order in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit by the South Wisconsin District President, the Reverend Dr. John C. Wille at 6:30 p.m. with the Secretary and Assistant Secretary present.

Convention Chair, the Reverend Nathan Meador opened with prayer.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

The Reverend Dr. Patrick Ferry welcomed the SWD Convention to the facilities of Concordia University Wisconsin. He informed the assembly briefly about the Concordia Promise program.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE – Quorum

The Reverend Nathan Meador, Convention Planning Committee Chair, addressed the assembly. He reported the presence of 143 pastoral delegates and 143 lay delegates for a total of 286 voting delegates and declared a quorum.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND STANDING RULES

President Wille directed the Assembly to the Convention Agenda, page 3ff of Today's Business #1. Motion made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

The chair pointed delegates' attention to the standing rules on p7. Motion made and seconded to adopt the standing rules as printed. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE 1: NOMINATIONS

The Reverend Bryan Osladil directed the delegates' attention to Convention Workbook p 73 and following:
Floor nominations were requested for the office of District President.

Secretary Totsky noted that in the publication of the *Workbook* the name of Rev. William Kilps was inadvertently omitted. Rev. Kilps declined the nomination and spot on the ballot.

Motion made and seconded to add the name of the Rev David Paape. Motion carried

Floor nominations were requested for W Region Vice President -- none

Floor nominations were requested for SE Region Vice President -- none

Floor nominations were requested for Secretary -- none

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, CE ordained – none

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, SE ordained – none

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, W ordained – none

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, CE Lay

Motion to add Dean Sievert

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, NE Lay

Motion to add David Zimmerman.

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, SE Lay

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, W Lay

Nomination to add William Budd

Floor nominations for CCN – District, CE ordained -- none

Floor nominations for CCN – District, SE ordained -- none

Floor nominations for CCN – District, W ordained -- none

Floor nominations for CCN – District, W Commissioned -- none

Floor nominations for CCN – District, SE lay

Floor nominations for CCN – District, W lay

Floor nominations for CCN – District, NE lay

Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Motion carried.

President Wille led that assembly through an overview of the voting system. A series of practice questions were utilized.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Part I was distributed in *Today's Business I*. A printed copy of the "President's Report Part II" will be included in Monday or Tuesday's *Today's Business*.

This is our time

- to be distinctly Lutheran
- to honor our vocations
- to embrace our communities
- to plant new congregations

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS (*introduction of new congregations, pastors, and delegates serving new congregations since 2012*)

The Reverend David Totsky, CCM Chair, introduced the new congregations to the District since the 2012 Convention -- Sherman Park, Milwaukee, and St. Matthew, Warrens

President Wille relinquished the chair to 2nd Vice President Daniel Torkelson.

COMMITTEE 5: ELECTIONS (presidential ballot)

Rev. Donald Stein of the Elections Floor Committee, was introduced to the assembly, and he explained the election balloting procedure. The slate for President was presented.

Ballot 1

Rev David Paape	67	25.5%	
Rev Dr. John Wille	196	74.5%	(elected)

President Wille resumed the chair and thanked the delegates.

SYNODICAL REPORT (part one)

1st Vice President Herbert Mueller addressed the Convention.

Six Mission priorities identified by LCMS

1. Plant, sustain and revitalize distinctively Lutheran Missions
2. Support and expand theological education
3. Human care
4. Collaborate with embers and partners
5. Nurture and care for church workers
6. Emphasize Christian education at all levels

He led the Assembly through a study of Matthew 16:13-26.

A video of the Synod's work of Witness, Mercy, and Life Together was shown.

He spoke about forthcoming emphases which will focus on mission/outreach and congregational revitalization

A Simple Way
Preach the Word

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Room key 217 A needs to be returned to Robin.

DAILY PRAYER: CLOSE OF THE DAY – The Rev. Nathan Meador led the assembly in Daily Prayer: Close of Day. The Rev. Daniel Torkelson gave the message.

Recess until 8:00 a.m. Monday

1 **Resolution 5-04: To Encourage Congregations to Emphasize Biblical Stewardship Teaching as a Biblical and**
2 **Theological Task**
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4 **Whereas** God's Word establishes that human beings were created for the purpose of serving
5 as stewards of God's creation (Gen 1:26-28; Gen 2:15) and
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7 **Whereas** ever since our first parents failed in that stewardship (Gen 3) humanity has struggled with this
8 pre-fall vocation because of the sin in our lives and
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10 **Whereas** our Lord Jesus Christ, in the redemption of all creation in His perfect love and service to the
11 Father at the cross and in the empty tomb reconciled the world to Himself (2 Cor 5:17-21) and
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13 **Whereas** the Holy Spirit's call through the Gospel has restored us by grace through faith by our baptism
14 into Jesus Christ to this vocation of steward and
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16 **Whereas** the Old Adam continually struggles with stewardship because of sin and is in need of a daily
17 call to contrition and repentance through the regular proclamation of God's Word and the right
18 administration of the Holy Sacraments and
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20 **Whereas** stewardship is a matter of sanctification and therefore an integral part of the teaching of the
21 whole counsel of God and
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23 **Whereas** the proclamation of the Gospel in its widest sense includes the correct teaching of stewardship
24 from a Biblical and Theological perspective so that God's people might know the joy of living in
25 faithful service to the Lord who is extravagantly generous to us in Jesus Christ and
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27 **Resolved** that the pastors and congregations be reminded that the teaching of Biblical stewardship is an
28 essential part of our shared mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen
29 and coming again, and are strongly encouraged to embrace the uniquely Biblical and theological
30 task of the formation of individual stewards in the congregation as part of the life of mercy to
31 which we are all called.
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33 Rev. Mark Wenzel, chair

Jed Frank, secretary

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

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4 **Whereas**, in past conventions there have been difficulties in obtaining a full slate of candidates for President and
5 Vice –President; and
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7 **Whereas**, floor nominations do not enhance the integrity of sufficient input from congregations and their respective
8 regions in nominating candidates; therefore, be it
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10 **Resolved**, that Bylaw 1.54 of the South Wisconsin District be changed as follows:
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12 **1.54 Candidates for President and Vice-President**

13 a. The candidates for the office of President shall be ~~the six men who receive the highest number of votes~~
14 ~~in the nominating ballot for that office~~ a maximum of five ordained ministers (or greater, in the case of ties)
15 receiving the highest number of votes on the nominating ballots of the congregations and agreeing to serve
16 if elected. Only those candidates for the office of President who have received at least five votes on the
17 nominating ballots shall be listed on the ballot of the district convention. All those receiving nominations
18 shall be listed by the Secretary of the District in the convention workbook together with the number of
19 votes each received. The election must be by ballot. No nominations may be made on the floor of the
20 convention unless only one candidate results from the congregation nominating process, nor are write-in
21 candidates permitted on the convention ballot.
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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~~
24 ~~votes in the nominating ballot and ties for Vice President of that region~~ ordained ministers from each
25 region receiving at least two votes on the nominating ballots from the congregations in that region and
26 agreeing to serve if elected. They shall be listed on the ballot of the district convention. All those
27 receiving nominations shall be listed by the Secretary of the District in the convention workbook together
28 with the number of votes each received. The election must be by ballot. If only one candidate results from
29 the congregation nominating process, the applicable region(s) must meet in caucus to determine a second
30 candidate. Write-in candidates are not permitted on the convention ballot.
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35 Rev. William Kilps, chairman

Mrs. Carrie O'Donnell, secretary

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