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## MINUTES

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Convention of the  
South Wisconsin District of  
The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod  
June 7-9, 2009

### SESSION 4

#### OPENING DEVOTIONS – Hispanic missions

Rev. Pedro Lopez, accompanied by his mariachi group, led the opening devotion based on Romans 10:39.

#### MINUTES

The minutes from sessions 2 and 3 were distributed in *Today's Business*. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

#### BIBLE STUDY/REFLECTIONS

Rev. Matthew Harrison presented his bible study under the theme, "With Unveiled Faces: Reflecting the Lord's Glory."

Rev. Harrison reminded the delegates that today we need courage to proclaim Christ. As Christians under the Cross we will not always have smooth sailing. There will be troubles and problems. The world has gone mad. And at times these trials and tribulation arise even within the church.

In the midst of it all, we must not lose heart. Jesus always reaches out with compassion.

We have a clear mission – Go, preach have compassion and touch.

Luther: three things needed for courage– Repentance, the clear word of God, and sacred vocation.

We need to repent, and in that repentance there is forgiveness, full and free

The word of God is clear and simple

We all have a sacred vocation – where God has placed us as His people  
farsei – take courage

#### CPH

Gretchen Jameson was introduced to the assembly. She reminded the assembly that CPH exists to serve the congregations. Ms. Jameson explained the "Stock the Library" Rev Bob Butler, Zion LaValle was selected to receive the "Stock the Library" gift following the devastation of the flood waters last year.

#### COMMITTEE #3 ADMINISTRATION

Rev. Torkelson was introduced to the assembly.

Res 3-07 Time to Study Recommendations by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance (Today's Business #1, p. 12) was presented. Committee moved adoption.

Yes 209 79.5 %

No 54 20.5 %

Motion Carried

Res 3-08 To Retain the Present District Structure of Synod (Today's Business #1, p. 13) was presented. Committee moved adoption.

Yes 134 50.8

No 130 49.2

Motion Carried

Res 3-03A Representation of Congregations to District and National Conventions (Today's Business #3b, p. 50) was presented. Committee moved adoption.

Discussion was ended due to time constraints.

Point of Privilege: Rev Martino Sander addressed the assembly expressing concern in regard to the increasing tendency in the church to appeal to secular, non-ecclesial tastes or societal desires. He

1 sees this especially evident in the worship of the church, and it causes him and others great  
2 concern.

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4 LUTHERAN RADIO CHURCH SERVICE

5 Todd Boettcher was introduced to the assembly. He presented a brief history of the Lutheran Radio Church  
6 service and its relocation from WTMJ to WJYI. He also informed the body of the newly launched web site –  
7 [www.lutheranrcs.com](http://www.lutheranrcs.com) – and the need for continued support

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9 LWML

10 Jan Dankwardt, SWD LWML president, was introduced to the assembly and extended greetings on behalf of  
11 the 1000's of women of the SWD LWML.

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13 DEAF MINISTRIES

14 Rev. Rodney Rynearson was introduced to the assembly. He expressed his thanks for the support extended  
15 by the SWD the recent past years

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17 CAMP LUWiSoMo

18 Mr. Terry Schmeckpeper, Executive Director of Camp LuWiSoMo, was introduced to the assembly. He  
19 extended greetings to the body on behalf of the Camp. He offered a brief history of the Camp and spoke of  
20 the programs offered. Theme for this year is "Imperfectly Prefect"

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22 LLL

23 Mr. David Martin, President SWD LLL, was introduced to the assembly. He extended greetings to the  
24 assembly and recounted the activities and

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26 HMONG MISSIONS

27 Rev Yia Vang was introduced to the assembly. He updated the body on the work that is being carried on  
28 among the Hmong here and elsewhere.

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30 THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

31 Rev. Dr. Harald Tomesch was introduced to the assembly. He presented an explanation of the format of the  
32 SMP Program and the various partnerships involved in this program.

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34 DOXOLOGY

35 Dr. Beverly Yahnke and Rev. Dr. Harold Senkbeil were presented to the assembly. They extended greetings  
36 from Doxology: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel. It exists to help the pastor to grow in  
37 the ability to counsel and offer pastoral care as well as spiritual care for their flocks and selves. The  
38 presented an outline of the program of study involved, and encouraged participation.

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40 COMMITTEE #4 CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES

41 The Rev. Peter Schmidt was introduced to the assembly.

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43 Res 4-01A To Confess the Truth About Homosexuality (*Today's Business* #3c, p. 51) was presented. The  
44 committee moved adoption.

45 Amendment by Common Consent include verse 11 in addition 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.

46 Yes 256 98.1 %

47 No 5 1.9 %

48 Motion Carried

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50 The Committee work completed, the committee was thanked for their work.

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52 COMMITTEE #5 MISSIONS

53 Rev Donald Hougard was introduced to the assembly.

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55 5-02 Change Transforming Congregations Network to Rejuvenating Congregations by common consent

56 5-01A To adopt the "50 in 5" goal of 50 new Mission starts in five years (*Today's Business* #3a, p. 39) was

1 presented. The committee moved adoption.

2 Yes 248 94.3 %

3 No 15 5.7 %

4 Motion Carried

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6 Res 5-04 To Encourage the Congregations of the South Wisconsin District to Work with the Synod and  
7 District as they Explore New Missions Opportunities (*Today's Business #1*, p. 16) was presented. The  
8 committee moved adoption.

9 Yes 159 62.4 %

10 No 96 37.7 %

11 Motion Carried

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13 The Committee work completed, the committee was thanked for their work.

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15 ASIA MISSIONS, LCMS WORLD MISSION

16 Rev. David Birner was re-introduced to the assembly. He spoke of the work being conducted in Asia,  
17 especially in China. Educational ministries offer a tremendous opportunity in this area. He encouraged  
18 partnership in the English opportunities in Macau and throughout Asia.

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20 A PLACE OF REFUGE

21 Ms. Trish Kagerbauer was introduced to the assembly. She spoke about the up-coming Life Walk and  
22 thanked individuals for their participation. She encouraged the delegates to invite her to come and share the  
23 ministry of A Place of Refuge

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25 METRO MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY [MMLMS]

26 George Lessmann, Jr., executive Director of MMLMS, was introduced to the assembly. He spoke of the  
27 partnership between the MMLMS and the congregations of the Metro area in carrying out the Great  
28 Commission within the Inner City of Milwaukee. He highlighted current ministries being supported, and the  
29 outreach initiatives being funded through the Siebert Lutheran Foundation. Further info may be found at  
30 [www.mmlms.org](http://www.mmlms.org).

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32 MISSION ADVOCATE

33 Charles Kiehl was introduced to the assembly. He spoke of charitable opportunities available to SWD  
34 members to support District Missions. He assured the delegation that every dollar donated will be used  
35 directly for missions. He introduced the Barnabas Fund and its use and purpose. Currently there is a 2 for 1  
36 match for all donations for this fund. Any questions please contact Mr. Kiehl. He solicited the prayers of  
37 the assembly for their on-going prayers for Missions.

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39 COMMITTEES 1 AND 2 – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

40 Revs. Zick and Bergelin led the assembly through the voting for the following offices:

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42 Camp LuWiSoMo Board of Directors

43 NE (Lay)

44 Janey Heckendorf 130 57.8 % elected

45 Bradley Jentsch 95 42.2 %

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47 W (lay)

48 Don Herried 100 45.3 %

49 Craig Hillman 121 54.8 % elected

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51 CE (lay)

52 Paulina Hortman elected

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54 SE (Ordained)

55 Randall Poppe 143 59.3 % elected

56 William Wagner 98 40.7 %

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3 F. Peter Brinkman 69 30.1 %  
4 Paul Munding 160 69.9 % elected

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6 CE (ordained)  
7 Jon Leider 108 45.2 %  
8 Tyge Zucker 131 54.8 % elected

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10 At-Large (Commissioned)  
11 Karl Roeske 119 52.9 % elected  
12 Dennis Vierk 106 47.1 %

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14 At Large (any)  
15 Angela Baumann 123 51.5 % elected  
16 Ryan Jones 116 48.5 %

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18 Ratification of Circuit Counselor elections  
19 Motion was made and seconded to ratify the Circuit Counselor elections. Motion Carried  
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21 The Committees' work completed, the committees were thanked for their work.  
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23 COMMITTEE 6: MISCELLANEOUS

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25 Res 6-04 To commend Concordia University Wisconsin (*Today's Business #1*, p. 18) was presented. The  
26 Committee moved adoption.  
27 Motion Carried Unanimous)

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29 Res 6-05 To Thank Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Mequon (*Today's Business #1*, p. 19) was  
30 presented. The Committee moved adoption.  
31 Motion Carried

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33 Res 6-06 To Encourage Congregations to Celebrate an SWD Sunday (*Today's Business #1*, p. 19) was  
34 presented. The Committee moved adoption.  
35 Motion Carried

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37 6-07 To Extend Thanks to Each of Our Speakers (*Today's Business #1*, p. 19) was presented. The  
38 Committee moved adoption.  
39 Motion Carried

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41 6-08 To Thank the Lord Our God For His Servants (*Today's Business #3c*, p. 51) was presented. The  
42 committee moved adoption.  
43 Motion Carried

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45 To ratify Circuit Realignment of Circuits 11, 12, and 14 to meet synod bylaw requirements for electoral  
46 circuits. The Committee moved adoption.  
47 Yes 238 97%  
48 No 7 3%  
49 Motion Carried

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51 The Committee's work completed, the committee was thanked for their work.

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53 The South Wisconsin District Staff was introduced to the assembly. Thanks were extended for the staff's hard  
54 work and a standing ovation was received.

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56 The Interpreters for the deaf delegates were recognized and thanks were extended for their service.

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A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried

CLOSING PRAYER

Convention Chaplain Cal Seban led the assembly in the closing prayer.

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