



TODAY'S BUSINESS

LCMS South Wisconsin District 52nd Convention June 7-9, 2009

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THANK YOU

To all delegates, official guests, and visitors to the 2009 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.

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Located in the Field House lobby, staff are 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.

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Several computers are available in the Communications Center (Room F017) for use in checking your e-mail. Stop by anytime during convention sessions.

CLOSING SERVICE

The Convention closing service at 1:00 p.m. will be a Divine Service with Holy Communion. Newly elected officers of the District will be installed. President Kieschnick will be the preacher. Dr. Kenneth Kosche, recently retired Professor of Music, Concordia University—Wisconsin, will be the organist.

HELP NEEDED

We are in great need of able-bodied help to lend support for 2-3 hours to take down equipment following the close of the convention on Tuesday. Please sign up in the Communications Center.

BUS TO CAMP LUWISOMO

Bus to Camp LuWiSoMo, Wild Rose, WI for Family Day on Saturday, August 15 arranged by Pilgrim Lutheran, West Bend

Deluxe motor coach on Pilgrim parking lot departs at 10:00 a.m. Arrives by noon for the Brakebush chicken barbecue (\$6.50). Picnic supper available for purchase later. Chapel service in the evening followed by fireworks concluding about 10:00 p.m. when bus returns to Pilgrim about midnight. Cost including driver's tip is \$16.00 per seat.

The bus may be a convenience for some in the eastern part of the District and is available to all interested in supporting our SWDistrict-sponsored camp and their friends.

Bus reservations will be firm when check to Pilgrim Lutheran Church noted "Bus to LuWiSoMo" is received at 462 Meadowbrook Dr. West Bend 53090 but for convenience, checks may be left with personnel at the Camp LuWiSoMo exhibit during the convention. Tentative interest in bus reservations may be indicated by signing a list at the exhibit but checks should be received by Saturday, July 25.

Directions to Pilgrim, West Bend, and further information: e-mail gracebraeger@cedarseniors.org or phone Pilgrim church office 262-334-0375. For those nearer Waldo and Adell, the bus starts from Personalized Tours between Waldo and Adell at 9:15 a.m. and may be boarded there.

METRO MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY \$1000 GRANT

The Metro Milwaukee Lutheran Mission Society is looking for new, creative and innovative outreach ideas to add to our 2010 Siebert Outreach Initiative Project. Please pick up a form at the MMLMS display booth to win a \$1000 grant giveaway. Complete directions available at the booth.

UGANDA AND EAST AFRICAN MISSION CELEBRATION

On **Thursday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m., Missionary Salam Solomon Ayagri, a Lutheran evangelistic pastor who has worked as a missionary in Uganda for the past 9 years** and his wife, Georgina, will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church (13445 Hampton Road, Brookfield, WI) to share the story of His work in Western Uganda with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's partner, the Lutheran Church Mission of Uganda. Immanuel assisted in the building of 4 church buildings, support for mission work, help for an orphanage, and distribution of mosquito nets, and is currently providing stipend support for a recent graduate from the Lutheran Seminary in South Africa.

Also sharing in this Mission Education evening, will be **Claude and Rhoda Houge**, who are The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's area facilitator for LCMS World Mission in East Africa, and a Kenyan co-worker, (and friend of Salam and Georgina) Catherine Wangari.

Pastor Ayagri will be preaching at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistadt on Saturday, June 13th, Sunday, June 14th and Monday, June 15th. He will preach at Immanuel Lutheran Church, on Sunday, June 21st and Monday, June 22nd.

1 RESOLUTION 5-01A

2 TO ADOPT THE "50 IN 5" GOAL OF 50 NEW MISSION STARTS IN FIVE YEARS

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4 WHEREAS, our Lord Jesus Christ has sent His church to make disciples of all nations; and
5 WHEREAS, our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has embarked on an ambitious mission movement,
6 *Ablaze!*, to reach 100 million people by the year 2017; and
7 WHEREAS, our District President John Wille has presented a goal of 50 new mission starts in five years, based
8 on five mission priority principles: 1) focus the Gospel on the unchurched; 2) be locally supported
9 and supervised; 3) partner with other congregations, the District and Synod for additional support
10 and accountability structure; 4) not require high financial investment of any one entity; and 5) be
11 self-supporting within 3 to 5 years; therefore be it
12 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in Convention adopt the 50 in five goal of 50 new mission starts
13 in five years, along with the five mission priority principles; and be it further
14 RESOLVED, that the congregations of our District be encouraged to both look for mission opportunities in their
15 area and ways that they can partner with other congregations to support mission starts in other
16 areas of the District; and be it further
17 RESOLVED, that each circuit of the S. Wisconsin District be challenged to establish one new mission start
18 within the next eighteen months, and be it further;
19 RESOLVED, that the congregations of our District work with the mission executive to implement this program;
20 and be it finally
21 RESOLVED, that we entrust this goal of 50 new mission plants in five years to God's gracious guidance and
22 wisdom.

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24 Rev. Donald Hougard, Chairman

Robert Gunerman, Secretary

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MINUTES

The 52nd Convention of the
South Wisconsin District of
The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod
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SESSION 2

The assembly reconvened at 8:00 a.m.

OPENING DEVOTIONS – African Immigrant Missions

Rev Christian Ikanih, assisted by a choir of African Immigrant, led the assembly in the morning devotion, under the theme “Where Do We Go?” He encouraged the District to persevere in reaching out to the diverse population which God has brought to us even, or especially, in the midst of the troubles and trials in our world today. This is the opportune time to show Christ and the Gospel to the world.

MINUTES

The minutes of Session 1(Today's Business #2, p. 30-36) were presented for approval. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

BIBLE STUDY/REFLECTIONS

Rev. Dr. Norbert C. Oesch presented the bible study, “The Glory of our Ministry,” based on 2 Corinthians 3. (Convention Workbook p. 123) He noted that in the ministry disillusionments happen, both to church workers and lay members

St. Paul's Solution for disillusionment (2 Cor 3:7-11)

The Old Covenant was glorious as it came from the presence of God, and from His mouth. But it has a problem – it 1) brought death, 2) was a ministry of condemnation, and 3)it fades away.

The New Covenant is the Ministry of the Gospel – a ministry of the Spirit, a ministry that brings righteousness, and is of a surpassing glory.

We have a ministry from the spirit, alive and giving life. We have a ministry that brings righteousness. We have a ministry that lasts.

An update on voting delegate registrations was offered. Total voting delegate count is 310.

COMMITTEE 1 AND 2: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Chaplain Cal Seban was called upon to offer a prayer before the elections.

Revs. Zick and Bergelin led the assembly in the election of the following offices

Secretary

Todd Peperkorn	62	22.9 %	
David Totsky	209	77.1 %	elected

District Board of Directors

NE (ordained)			
Darrel Bergelin	146	54.5 %	elected
Ronald Pedersen	122	45.5 %	

Ballot 1

Ballot 2

SE (ordained)				
Rev. Daniel Hinrichs	48	17.3 %	removed	
Rev. Todd Peperkorn	135	48.7 %	164	59 % elected
Rev. Thomas Wink	94	33.9 %	114	41 %
W (ordained) [3 yrs to fill vacancy]				

1 Rev. Steve Billings 113 41.9 %
2 Rev. Thomas Reeder, Jr 157 58.2 % elected
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4 LCMS WORLD MISSION

5 Rev. David Birner, LCMS World Mission, addressed the assembly. In these unprecedented times God offers
6 us unprecedented opportunities. As a denomination the LCMS has always exhibited a heart for missions. 50
7 years after its formation the LCMS reached out internationally beginning work in India. Currently 15 church
8 bodies throughout the world exist as a result of LCMS mission endeavours.
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10 He further spoke of the Ablaze! Focus to reach 100 million people by the 500th anniversary of the
11 Reformation (2017). Work is being done nationally (church plants and rejuvenation), in Africa (Human care),
12 in Asia (Education), in Eurasia (Reconnecting to their Christian heritage), and in Latin America (capacity
13 building).
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15 He encouraged the delegates to participate in short-term mission projects and encourage their congregations to
16 do likewise.
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18 COMMITTEE 4: CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES

19 Rev. Peter Schmidt, chair of the Congregational Services Floor Committee, was introduced to the assembly.
20 He explained an inconsistency between RES 4-01 in Today's Business #1, page 13, and Workbook, p. 54. He
21 explained the committee will be meeting to address this issue and will bring 4-01 forward at a later time.
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23 RES 4-02 To Encourage Use of Stewardship Resources Developed Within Synod (Today's Business #1, p.14)
24 was presented. The Committee moved adoption.
25 Motion Carried
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27 Res 4-03 To Clarify the District's Salary Guidelines, Today's Business #1, page 15) was presented. The
28 Committee moved adoption.

29 Yes 255 95.2 %
30 No 13 4.9 %

31 Motion Carried
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33 HUMAN CARE AND OLDER ADULT

34 Mr. Jim Farrelly was introduced to the assembly. He spoke of the need for intentionality in human care
35 ministry

36 The assembly rose and sang the Doxology
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38 COMMITTEE 3: ADMINISTRATION

39 Rev Daniel Torkelson, chair of the Administration Floor Committee, was introduced to the
40 assembly.
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42 Res 3-01 To Approve Bylaw Changes Presented by the SWD Committee on Constitutional Matters (Today's
43 Business #1, p, 9 and Workbook, page 14) was presented. Committee moved adoption.

44 Yes 250 95.1 %
45 No 13 4.9 %

46 Motion carried
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48 BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON SYNOD STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE [BRTFSSG]

49 Rev. Robert Greene was introduced to the assembly. The presentation began with a video presentation by
50 President Kieschnick.
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52 Rev Greene begin with a brief history of the BRTFSSG work. The remainder of the presentation was
53 centered around 20 proposals in 5 areas. The proposal can be found at the BRTFSSG website at
54 www.lcms.org./lcmsfuture
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1 Questions were raised regarding the format of the presentation. It was noted from the floor that responses
2 and/or reactions to points raised by the BRTFSSG would be better addressed at the time at which they are
3 presented.
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5 A request was made from the floor for a break for three minutes to stretch and “clear their minds” at the halfway
6 point of BRTFSSG presentation. Requested granted
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8 Presentation resumed.
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10 Discussion:

11 The point of the history of the LCMS and the resolutions passed, voting status, etc
12 Concern was addressed regarding the regionalization and concern regarding election of diverse individuals to
13 national offices

14 The question was raised about the process by which the study has taken place. What kind of input was asked
15 of the congregations. Response: 250+ interviews were conducted, input was sought.

16 Concern was expressed regarding change in representation by one ordained, one lay in synod polity
17 /governance

18 Opinion was expressed that Church and Ministry ought to serve as the process

19 Concern was expressed regarding term limits

20 What would be a special “doctrinal” resolution? Response: The Convention could decide.

21 Concern was expressed about wider certification process – too possible to be abused. Response the process
22 would be worked out by Seminaries and COP

23 Congregational representation concerns addressed – could metro areas usurp rural? Response: It’s not
24 accurate to say large congregation would control the Synod

25 Lay or Commissioned votes? – why removed vote from lay.

26 Concern regarding name change – a name is important, and what you make of it. To change the synod name
27 now would be of questionable value.

28 How can a candidate having gone through the entire educational process be certified? Response: Criteria
29 would be developed by the COP and Seminaries

30 Doctrinal resolutions – 2/3 majority would safeguard the doctrinal position of the synod.

31 Certification collaboration – isn’t this already being done? Response: No

32 What is going to be done with the results of the BRTFSSG survey? Response: DP will get District results, in
33 the end compilation of ALL DISTRICTS will be made available online.

34 The name of the synod is well recognized worldwide and should be retained.

35 Certification process proposed will initiate more red tape

36 What cost is entailed in a name change? Response: has not yet been determined

37 Will this be presented as a “package” or in part? Response: most likely in parts

38 Will this need to be adopted by 2/3 of the congregations? Response: yes

39 Request for full funding model for seminaries was suggested. Response double support for
40 district and synod

41 Seminaries are doing a good job in certification process.
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43 President Kieschnick spoke to the assembly

44 Every three years presidents, *etc.* are evaluated via election process

45 Almost universal support has been expressed for commissioned minister suffrage, process has not been
46 reached.

47 2/3 vote is very important for doctrinal statements as well as a 2/3 affirmative vote of congregations

48 lack of consistency between district review committees is prevalent, seminaries, in addition, may make
49 exceptions to District recommendations
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51 Floor Discussion resumed

52 Concern expressed regarding what would happen to program boards and entities with collaboration and
53 efficiency?

54 Appointment of Circuit Counselors – What is the rationale? Response: Circuit counselors are officers of the
55 District, not of congregations. Current process does not universally work.

56 Dislike of Bureaucracy was noted, do not forget laity is free through the love of truth

1 Question regarding amendment of Synod BOD composition – fewer pastors because this is not a theological
2 position? Response the BOD is the legal, financial, accounting responsibility. Reduction of clergy is
3 not proposed.
4 No reason to change synod name – what would be perception and reaction of laity?
5 There appears to be a disconnect between theology and process
6 Churches do not have structural problems but theological problems. Structure is not the
7 answer.
8 BRTFSGG states it requests greater participation but want fewer conventions and less delegate representation.
9 Response in the whole every congregation would have a vote for president, encourage resolution
10 coming from district
11 How would delegates be chosen? District in convention would determine process
12 Do not remove lay by adding commissioned
13 The time frame for congregational submission of overtures.
14 When there is not a turnover in leadership/delegates there is a dictatorship. Response: they would stand for
15 election
16 Representation based on size would be divisive
17 Consideration of name change would be beneficial for outreach
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20 COMMITTEE 3: ADMINISTRATION

21 Res 3-02 To Align Synod Structure with *Church and Ministry* (Today's Business #1, p. 10) was presented.
22 Committee moved adoption.
23 Yes 236 84.6%
24 No 43 15.4%
25 Motion carried
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27 Res 3-03 Representation of Congregations to District and National Convention (Today's Business #1, p. 10-
28 11) was presented. Committee moved adoption.
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30 Recess for lunch until 1:30 p.m.
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SESSION 3

The Convention reconvened at 1:37 p.m.

Updated voting delegate registrations – 317 voting delegates.

Rev. Jeff Schubert, Divine Redeemer, Hartland offered the opening prayer.

SYNODICAL REPORT (part two)

Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick presented the second part of his report in which he fielded questions previously submitted in writing by delegates.

Why was Houston chosen for 2007 and 2010? Costs savings were significant in Houston

Why doesn't Synod express its position regarding moral issues in the national media?

President Kieschnick has repeatedly issued statements to the national media outlets on the issues of abortion, homosexuality, and same-sex marriage. It is the decision of these outlets to determine what if anything they will disseminate. Through LCMS e-news these statements are available to anyone who desires them.

How will the up-coming ELCA convention and statements and/or actions regarding homosexual clergy affect the LCMS

ELCA sees the biblical passages regarding homosexuality as addressing the promiscuity of the homosexual and not homosexuality *per se*. The LCMS must continue to address and support those who are faithful within the ELCA. He states that the only difference he sees between the LCMS and the Word Alone network is the issue of women's ordination.

What can we do to promote the efforts of Matthew Harrison and LCMS Human Care and World Relief? Will it remain unaffected with the shake up?

The communication issue within the Synod is huge. It is extremely difficult to get information from St. Louis to the homes of LCMS members

Can Ablaze! Monies be used to assist retired veterans of the cross?

No. Ablaze! Funds are mandated and limited by action of the convention. CPS have monies available for veterans of the cross. Applications are available from

Is Allah a false god?

Yes

Is synod going to support Issues, *Etc.*

No

In wrap-up he explained the funding process under which the synod functions. \$19 million from Districts, \$62 million from individuals, foundations, endowments, *etc.*

COMMITTEES 1 AND 2: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Revs. Bergelin and Zick led the assembly in the process for the following elections

Board of Directors

SE/W Commissioned

Michael Oldenburg	148	54%	elected
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Karl Sattler	126	46 %	
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W (Lay)

Jay Jaehnke	160	58.8 %	elected
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Robert Pulley	112	41.2 %	
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W (lay) 3yr

1	Marshall Gruening	101	36.5 %			
2	Timothy Mielcarek	176	63.5 %	elected		
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4	NE (lay)			Ballot 1	Ballot 2	
5	Myron Buss	79	27.9 %	removed		
6	David Eberhardt	111	39.2 %	151	53.7 %	elected
7	Judith Paulson	93	32.9 %	130	46.3 %	

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9	CE (Lay)					
10	Mark K. Bahr	132	45.8 %			
11	John Powers	156	54.2 %	elected		

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13	SE (lay)					
14	Linda Ault	137	48.2 %			
15	Greta Martin	147	51.8 %	elected		

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17 Committee on Convention Nominations

18	SE (ordained)					
19	Thomas Chryst	187	64 %	elected		
20	Daniel Feldscher	105	36 %			

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22	NE (Ordained)					
23	Joseph Fisher	134	45.9 %			
24	Bryan Osladil	157	54.1 %	elected		

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26	NE (Commisioned)					
27	Robert Eberhart	165	59.6 %	elected		
28	Jeff Wegner	112	40.4 %			

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30 MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

31 The Rev. Daniel McMiller spoke of the diversity of ethnicities, cultures around us. We need to be cognizant
32 of the nuanced diversity around us and partner in reaching out to all. He emphasized use of recognized best
33 practices and protocols and encourages partnerships.

34 Rejuvenation of existing congregations, a two-year process, is taking place in SWD
35 39 men are in alternative route programs with a focus on missions

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37 BIBLE STUDY/REFLECTIONS

38 The Rev. Matthew Harrison, LCMS World Relief and Human Care Executive Director, led the
39 assembly in a Bible study of 2nd Corinthians 3. Mark's gospel reveals how people got Jesus wrong. Yet the
40 Father, the unclean spirit, Peter and the Disciples, and the Centurion at the Cross got Him right.

41 The veil of the law is torn away and we see Jesus. Preaching Christ is the mission of the Church. As
42 long as we are in this world though we will face opposition and sin. But the church will abide against the
43 gates of hell and prevail.

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45 LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

46 Mr. Tim Ditloff introduced Merle Freitag to the assembly. Gen. Freitag informed the assembly of the
47 relationships and work we have accomplished worldwide – in Kenya, Latvia, and Shanghai. He updated the
48 delegates on LCEF operations, LCEF finances, and services offered.

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50 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

51 Rev Daniel McMiller introduced the Rev. Ted Krey who informed the assembly of the work currently taking
52 place in the Dominican Report – preaching stations, educational programs, and training of those who care for
53 the handicapped/disabled and other missionary endeavors.

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56 COMMITTEE #3 ADMINISTRATION

57 The Rev Torkelson was again introduced to the assembly.

1 Res 3-05 To Keep the Name The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (*Today's Business #1*, p. 11) was
2 presented. The committee moved adoption.

3 Yes 207 79%

4 No 55 21%

5 Motion Carried

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7 Res 3-06 Election of Circuit Counselors was presented. The committee moved adoption

8 Yes 226 86.9%

9 No 34 13.1

10 Motion Carried

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12 BUSINESS MANAGER

13 Debra Novak reported on the annual audit conducted by Vrakas/Blum. It was recommended that every 5-10
14 years a financial audit of congregational documents. In non-audit years a financial review should be
15 conducted. Information can be found in the *Treasurer's Manual*.

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17 She further reported on the financial statements contained in the *Convention Workbook*, pgs 63-69.

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19 PEOPLE OF THE BOOK LUTHERAN OUTREACH

20 The Rev. Daniel McMiller introduced the Rev. Gary Rohwer of People of the Book Lutheran Outreach who
21 emphasized the need for us to reach out to Muslims, Hindus, and Sikhs with the message of the Gospel.
22 POBLO plants churches led by individuals who are familiar with and understand the culture and then turn
23 them over to the local District.

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25 He noted that friendliness, hospitality and human care go a long way to open the door to reach out to
26 individuals of other cultures. He offered the assistance of POBLO in educational endeavors and assistance in
27 training in Muslim outreach. He appealed for the establishment of a team of 8 who would assist and help him
28 to see that he has the items he needs. If personally interested or offering suggested names for the ministry
29 support team contact the Rev McMiller or POBLO

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31 COMMITTEE #6 MISCELLANEOUS

32 The Rev. Dean Zemple, chair of Miscellaneous Floor Committee was introduced to the assembly.

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34 Res 6-01 To provide Guidance and Direction for the District Committee on Convention Nominations
35 (*Today's Business #1*, p. 17) was presented. Committee moved adoption.

36 Yes 199 82.2 %

37 No 43 17.8 %

38 Motion Carried

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40 Res 6-02 To Commend Arleen Johnson (*Today's Business #1*, p. 18) was presented. Committee moved
41 adoption.

42 Motion Carried

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44 Res 6-03 To Commend James Farrelly (*Today's Business #1*, p. 18) was presented. Committee moved
45 adoption.

46 Motion Carried

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48 STEWARDSHIP

49 Mr. Tim Dittloff was introduced to the assembly. He recounted the Stewardship Learning Communities and
50 presented the theme for the up-coming year, "Expanding Stewardship Horizons for today and tomorrow," the
51 Consecrated Stewards program. He invited the assembly to a stewardship presentation July 14th at the District
52 Office with a tailgate party and pick-up game.

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54 He introduced Mr. Ron Smith, SWD Gift Planning Service and Mr. Chuck Kiehl, SWD Mission Advocate.

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56 COMMITTEE #5 MISSIONS

57 Rev Donald Hougard, chairman of the Missions Floor Committee, was introduced to the assembly.

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2 Res 5-02 To Commend the "Transforming Church Network" as a Resource for Our Congregations (*Today's*
3 *Business #1*, p. 15-16) was presented. Committee moved adoption

4 Yes 216 92.7%

5 No 17 7.3 %

6 Motion Carried

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8 Res 5-03A To Support the South Wisconsin District Partnership in the Dominican Republic (*Today's Business*
9 *#2*, p. 29) was presented. Committee moved adoption.

10 Yes 238 97.9 %

11 No 5 2.1 %

12 Motion Carried

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14 Res 5-05 To Encourage Support of Our District and Synodical Missionaries (*Today's Business #1*, p. 17) was
15 presented. Committee moved adoption

16 Yes 228 93.1 %

17 No 17 6.9 %

18 Motion Carried

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20 MISSION MOMENT – Inner City/African American Missions

21 The Rev Daniel McMiller introduced Vicar Dennis Harmon to the assembly. Vicar Harmon spoke of the
22 opportunities and needs of the Milwaukee metro area.

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24 COMMITTEE 2: ELECTIONS

25 Revs. Bergelin and Zick led the assembly in the process for the following elections:

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27 Committee on Convention Nominations – SWD

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29 CE (Commissioned) – 3 yr

30 Sherry Scheid 117 48.6 %

31 Dennis Wallinger 124 51.5 % elected

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33 SE (Commissioned)

34 Joshua Douglas 99 41.6 %

35 Dennis Vierk 139 58.4 % elected

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37 NE (Lay)

38 Jeff Behrens 72 29.4 % 103 41.1 %

39 Philip Gohr 70 28.6 % removed

40 Ronald Kabitzke 103 42% 146 58.6 % elected

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42 CE (lay)

43 Michael Milbrath 131 54.1 % elected

44 Timothy Warnke 111 45.9 %

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46 SE (lay)

47 Mark Droegemueller 103 41.2 %

48 Christa Hegland 147 58.8% elected

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50 CUW Board of Regents

51 Ordained

52 William Otto 157 58.8 % elected

53 John Berg 110 41.2 %

54 Commissioned

55 Mark M. Bahr 191 74 % elected

56 James Braun 67 26 %

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1 Lay

2 Susan Groth 175 68.6 % elected
3 Joshua Schroeder 80 31.4 %

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5 Lay

6 Robert Seefeld 148 58 % elected
7 William Zick 107 42 %

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9 TIME OF GRACE MINISTRY

10 Rev. Mark Jeske was introduced to the assembly and spoke about the Time of Grace Ministry.

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12 BETHESDA LUTHERAN HOMES

13 Dr. John Bauer was introduced to the assembly. He informed the assembly that the Bethesda will, as a result
14 of a merger, change its name to Bethesda Lutheran Communities. He spoke of the services offered by
15 Bethesda, beyond those offered "out in Watertown." He noted the resources offered by Bethesda for
16 congregational use interested or engaged in ministry with the disabled..

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18 LCMS BOARD FOR PASTORAL EDUCATION

19 President Kieschnick spoke about the "What a Way" initiative and shared the BPE video.

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21 SCHOOLS, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

22 Mr. Gary Janetzke was introduced to the assembly. He informed the assembly that Milwaukee Lutheran High
23 School had three military academy appointments this year, all three from Lutheran Elementary schools. SWD
24 has the 5th largest number of schools in the synod, 35 of which are accredited or in process of acquiring
25 national accreditation. Last year 92 baptisms can be attributed to Lutheran School ministry.

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27 He further informed the group about the SSAC Strengthening School and Congregations program, as well as
28 the upcoming National youth gathering, and Youth Leadership Core program at LuWiSoMo 11/13-15/2009

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30 BIBLE STUDY/REFLECTIONS

31 Rev. Dr. Norbert C. Oesch directed delegates to p 122 in the *Convention Workbook*

32 Boldness in Ministry

33 We can be bold in ministry because ministry never loses its effect, power or validity, because of the
34 power it brings to our ministry without Christ the people's minds are dull and there is a veil over their hearts.
35 This ministry of the new covenant brings freedom from Satan, from the dread of dying and facing an angry
36 God, from guilt of past sins, from feelings of worthlessness, from fear and dread of the future. We are free
37 because the Spirit lives within us.

38 We are continuously being transformed into the reflection of the Lord. ALL of us are transformed. The
39 presence of God is within us and we've been given a new self. Our transformation is continuous by the power
40 of God's Spirit so we can reflect Christ to others.

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42 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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45 Recess until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday
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1 **RESOLUTION 3-03 A**

2 **REPRESENTATION OF CONGREGATIONS TO DISTRICT AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

3 Overture 3-04 [CW p. 28], Overture 3-12 [CW p. 31] and Overture 3-05 [CW p.28]

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5 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance (BRTFSSG) has submitted
6 "Walking Together – The LCMS Future" *Proposals and Possibilities for Consideration and*
7 *Discussion* to each congregation of the Synod, and

8 WHEREAS, the BRTFSSG has stated that these "proposals/possibilities are not final by any means," and
9 therefore seek the input of the local member congregations of Synod, and

10 WHEREAS, some proposals/possibilities submitted for consideration by the BRTFSSG favor unequal
11 representation of congregations to district conventions and Circuit Forums, dependent on the
12 number of members within a congregation, and

13 WHEREAS, Ministers of Religion – Ordained and Commissioned and congregations of Synod, but not
14 individual congregational members, are members of Synod as stated in the Handbook of the
15 LCMS, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention memorialize the 2010 Convention of Synod to
17 assure that each congregation or parish be represented by one Minister of Religion - Ordained and
18 one lay delegate at conventions of Districts and Synod, and be it finally

19 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention request the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod
20 Structure and Governance to develop an appropriate and meaningful plan to assure a system (i.e.
21 one vote for each 100 Commissioned Ministers) for Ministers of Religion – Commissioned to be
22 voting delegates at conventions of Districts and the Synod.
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25 Rev. Daniel Torkelson, Chairman

Gene Ladendorf, Secretary

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28 **RATIFICATION OF CIRCUIT COUNSELORS (2009-12)**
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<u>Circuit #</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Counselor</u>
30 1	Metro South Shore	Rev. Timothy May
31 2	Metro South	Rev. William Palmer
32 3	Metro Southwest	Rev. Eric Skovgaard
33 4	Metro West	Rev. Paul Peckman
34 5	Metro Northwest	Rev. Richard Raabe
35 6	Metro North	Rev. Donald Hougard
36 7	Metro North Shore	Rev. Michael Henrichs
37 8	Ozaukee/Washington	Rev. Robert Donaldson
38 9	Horicon	Rev. Steven Thomas
39 10	West Bend/Random Lake	Rev. Christopher Seifferlein
40 11	Sheboygan South	Rev. Frederick Jabs
41 12	Sheboygan Central	Rev. Alan Kubow
42 13	Sheboygan North	Rev. Bryan Osladil
43 14	Plymouth	Rev. Wayne Huebner
44 15	Winnebago	Rev. Marvin Alborn
45 16	Berlin	Rev. Richard Bartholomew
46 17	Marquette	Rev. Dale Bahls
47 18	La Crosse	Rev. Paul Munding
48 19	Southwest	Rev. Paul Crolus
49 20	Madison North	Rev. Marion Hendrickson
50 21	Madison South	Rev. William Pekari
51 22	Oconomowoc	Rev. Dean Zemple
52 23	Watertown	Rev. Ricky Schroeder
53 24	Janesville	Rev. Paul Garchow
54 25	Beloit	Rev. William Wagner
55 26	Kenosha	Rev. James Keuch
56 27	Racine	Rev. Thomas Chryst

1 **RESOLUTION 6-08 TO THANK THE LORD OUR GOD FOR HIS SERVANTS**

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3 WHEREAS, Vice Presidents Fred Bischoff, Jeff Meyer, and Larry Myers are completing their terms of
4 service to the South Wisconsin District, and

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6 WHEREAS, they have faithfully served their Lord and His Church, therefore be it

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8 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention assembled give thank to the Lord of the
9 Church for the service of these men, and be it finally

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11 RESOLVED, that the delegates express, by a standing ovation, their gratitude and good wishes for the
12 future as they continue to serve the church.

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15 Rev. Dean Zemple, Chairman

Rev. Jon van Sliedrecht, Secretary