



TODAY'S BUSINESS

LCMS South Wisconsin District 53rd Convention June 10-12, 2012

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WELCOME

To all delegates, official guests, and visitors to the 2012 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. Digital Office Solutions, Wauwatosa, has provided the copier. If you would like information about the copier, please stop by the Caspian Technologies, Digital Office Solutions booth 39. 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.

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 tote bags. The tote bags 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, and Dr. Lawrence Rast, president of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

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.

CONVENTION OFFERING

The offering gathered at the opening service of the convention will be distributed to the Lutheran Malaria Initiative and Lutheran Deaf Mission Society.

HOST CONGREGATION

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

HELP NEEDED

We are in 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.

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 10-12, 2012

Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon

All events take place in the Field House unless otherwise noted

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2012

- 12:30 - 3:45 p.m. Registration
4:00 - 5:15 p.m. Opening memorial worship service
(Chapel of Christ Triumphant)
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president,
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



DINNER

SESSION I – 6:30 to 9:15 p.m.

- 6:30 - 6:35 p.m. Prayer – Rev. Nathan Meador
6:35 - 6:45 p.m. Welcome and opening gavel – President John C. Wille
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 – President John Wille
7:00 - 7:15 p.m. Floor nominations for various offices
7:15 - 7:45 p.m. District president's report – Rev. Dr. John Wille
7:45 - 7:55 p.m. Committee on constitutional matters (introduction of new congregations, pastors,
and delegates serving new congregations since 2009) – Rev. David Totsky
7:55 - 8:05 p.m. Committee 1: Nominations (slate for District president) – Rev. Thomas Chryst
8:05 - 8:15 p.m. Committee 2: Elections (ballot for District president) – Rev. Eric Skovgaard
8:15 - 9:00 p.m. Synod report (part one) – Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison
9:00 - 9:05 p.m. Announcements
9:05 - 9:15 p.m. Closing devotion – Rev. Nathan Meador

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012

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

SESSION II – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- 8:00 - 8:20 a.m. Opening devotion – Rev. Randy Raasch, SWD first vice president
8:20 - 8:30 a.m. Minutes of Sunday's session
8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Synod report (part two) – Rev. Herbert Mueller, LCMS first vice president
9:15 - 9:30 a.m. Committee 1 and 2: Nominations and Elections (vice presidential ballot)
9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Bible study – Rev. Daniel Paavola, Concordia University Wisconsin
10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Committee 3: Administration
10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Committee 4: Congregational services
10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Special guest – Rev. Ted Krey, Latin America regional director and
lead missionary in the Dominican Republic
11:00 - 11:10 a.m. Missions, evangelism and human care
11:10 - 11:15 a.m. Partnership in theological education – Dr. Harald Tomesch
11:15 - 11:30 a.m. Committee 5: Missions
11:30 - 11:45 a.m. Special guest – Martha Mitkos, Lutheran Malaria Initiative
11:45 - 11:55 a.m. SWD mission moment 1: Hispanic ministry
11:55 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Prayer – Rev. Randy Raasch

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SESSION III – 1:30 to 5:20 p.m.

1:30 - 1:35 p.m.	Opening prayer – Rev. Daniel Torkelson, SWD second vice president
1:35 - 1:45 p.m.	Committees 1 and 2: Nominations and Elections
1:45 - 1:50 p.m.	Mission advocate – Bob Mason
1:50 - 2:00 p.m.	Committee 3: Administration
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.	Life Forgiven, Life Together – Dr. Larry Rast, president, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Schools, youth and family ministry – Mark L'Heureux, SWD education executive
3:00 - 3:05 p.m.	Mission moment 2: Karenni ministry
3:05 - 3:20 p.m.	Business manager – Herman Strozier
3:20 - 3:30 p.m.	Committees 1 and 2: Nominations and Elections
3:30 - 3:40 p.m.	Committee 3: Administration
3:40 - 3:50 p.m.	LCEF and stewardship – Tim Dittloff
3:50 - 4:00 p.m.	Rich Robertson, LCEF president
4:00 - 4:10 p.m.	Strategic mission partnership – People of the Book Lutheran Outreach
4:10 - 4:20 p.m.	Wittenberg Project
4:20 - 4:30 p.m.	Committee 6: Miscellaneous
4:30 - 4:40 p.m.	Committee 5: Missions
4:40 - 4:50 p.m.	Mission moment 3: Campus ministry
4:50 - 5:00 p.m.	Committees 1 and 2: Nominations and Elections
5:00 - 5:05 p.m.	Bethesda Lutheran Communities
5:05 - 5:10 p.m.	Announcements
5:10 - 5:20 p.m.	Closing devotion – Rev. Daniel Torkelson
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.	Closing worship choir practice, in Chapel choir room

DINNER – Gemütlichkeit!

*6:30 p.m. – Dinner reception / tour / celebration of ministry at Trinity-Freistadt, Mequon
10729 W. Freistadt Rd., Mequon 53097*

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012

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

SESSION IV – 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

8:00 - 8:20 a.m.	Opening devotion – Rev. David Paape, SWD third vice president
8:20 - 8:25 a.m.	Minutes
8:25 - 8:55 a.m.	Bible study – Dr. Daniel Paavola
8:55 - 9:00 a.m.	A Place of Refuge
9:00 - 9:10 a.m.	Committee 3: Administration
9:10 - 9:15 a.m.	Camp LuWiSoMo
9:15 - 9:45 a.m.	Life Forgiven, Life Together – Dr. Larry Rast
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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. David Paape
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Choir and brass rehearsal, Chapel

SESSION V – 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

11:30 a.m. Closing worship with Holy Communion with installation of newly elected
SWD officers – Preacher: Rev. Dr. John C. Wille (Chapel of Christ Triumphant)

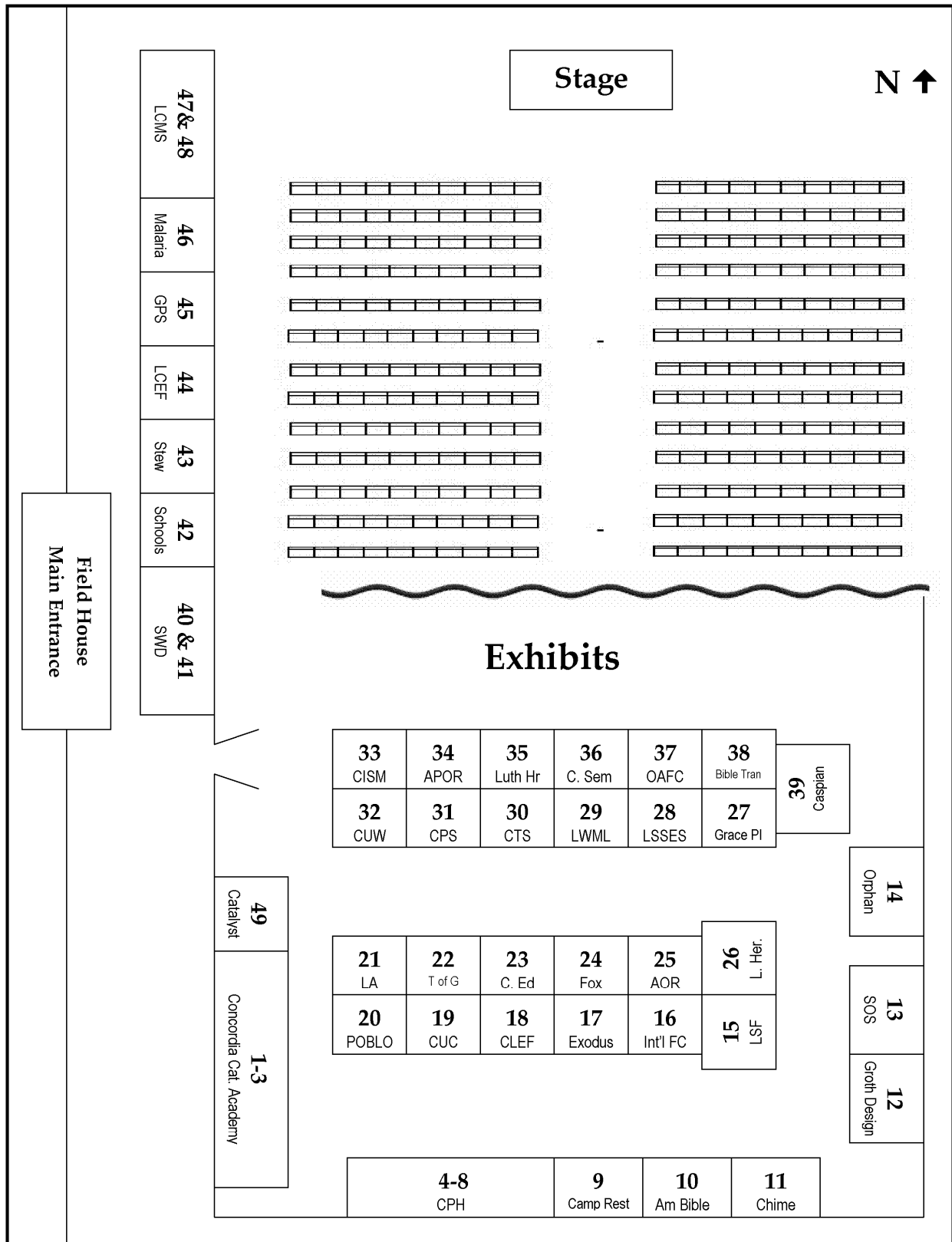
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Life Forgiven . . . Life Together

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14	Orphan Grain Train	1-3	Concordia Catechetical Academy
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19	Concordia University Chicago	19	Concordia University Chicago
20	People of the Book Lutheran Outreach	32	Concordia University Wisconsin
21	Luther Academy	18	Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation
22	Time of Grace Ministry	23	Creation Education Association
23	Creation Education Association	33	Critical Incident Stress Management Team
24	Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau	17	Exodus XX – Lutherans for Life
25	Ambassadors of Reconciliation	24	Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau
26	Lutheran Heritage Foundation	45	Gift Planning Services, LLC
27	Grace Place Lutheran Wellness Ministries	27	Grace Place Lutheran Wellness Ministries
28	Lutheran Special School & Education Services	12	Groth Design Group
29	Lutheran Women's Missionary League	16	International Friendship Center
30	Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	21	Luther Academy
31	Concordia Plan Services	38	Lutheran Bible Translators
32	Concordia University Wisconsin	44	Lutheran Church Extension Fund
33	Critical Incident Stress Management Team	47-48	The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
34	A Place of Refuge Ministries	26	Lutheran Heritage Foundation
35	Lutheran Hour Ministries	35	Lutheran Hour Ministries
36	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	46	Lutheran Malaria Initiative
37	Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ	28	Lutheran Special School & Education Services
38	Lutheran Bible Translators	15	Lutheran Student Fellowship: UWM Campus Ministry
39	Caspian Technologies	29	Lutheran Women's Missionary League
40-41	South Wisconsin District Missions	37	Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ
42	South Wisconsin District School Ministry	14	Orphan Grain Train
43	South Wisconsin District Stewardship Ministry	20	People of the Book Lutheran Outreach
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- 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*.

1 **OMNIBUS RESOLUTIONS – None**

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3 **RESOLUTION A**

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

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7 **RESOLUTION B**

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

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12 **RESOLUTION C**

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

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17 **RESOLUTION 3-01**

18 **TO APPROVE BYLAW CHANGES PRESENTED BY THE SWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

19 Overture 3-01 [CW p. 13]

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21 **RESOLVED,** that the following bylaw changes be approved by the 2012 convention.

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23 **Proposed changes to the SWD bylaws**

Rationale

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27 **~~1.34 Ex-Officio Positions~~**

28 ~~———— The first Vice President shall act as the Chairman, and the second Vice-~~
29 ~~———— President as the Vice Chairman of the District Board of Directors~~

The vice-presidents are advisory to the president. Placing these individuals, who are subordinate to and supervised by the district president, in this position could create an uncomfortable and awkward situation for both.

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31 **1.354 Duties and Relation to the President**

32 They shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to them by the
33 President and as may be prescribed in the District Bylaws.

Subsequent articles would be renumbered to reflect this deletion.

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38 **1.41 Membership and Officers of the Board**

39 a. The elected and voting members of the Board of Directors shall
40 consist of sixteen (16) voting members and shall be constituted as
41 follows:

- 42 1. The President of the District;
- 43 2. The Secretary of the District;
- 44 3. Four (4) ordained ministers on the District roster (one from each
45 region;
- 46 4. Two commissioned ministers on the District roster, each
47 representing a different region;
- 48 5. Eight lay persons of the District (two from each region).

49 **b. The Board of Directors shall elect the chair and vice-chair from
50 its membership.**

- 51 **1. The election of chair and vice-chair shall take place at the first
52 meeting of the Board of Directors following the District
53 convention.**
- 54 **2. The term of office for these positions shall be three years.**
- 55 **3. Election for these positions shall be written ballot.**

56 **b. c. The ~~Vice Presidents~~, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer are**

Election of the chair and vice chair would remove conflict of interest between president, in ecclesial supervisory position, and VP's who would be in supervisory governance position. This change would lead the district to parallel the practice of the LCMS board of directors in Synod bylaw 3.3.4.4.b

Vice-presidents are advisory to the president.

advisory members to the Board of Directors.

- e. **d.** Representation on the board is limited to not more than one voting member from any congregation.
- d. e. Vice presidents, District** personnel and others may attend the Board of Directors' meeting as requested by the board or District President.

Rev. Paul Mundinger, chair

Rev. Mark Wenzel, secretary

**RESOLUTION 3-02
TO REALIGN SWD CIRCUITS**

Overture 3-02 [CW p. 14]

- WHEREAS, Synod bylaws define electoral circuits as consisting of a minimum of seven congregations and a minimum of 1500 communicant members; and
- WHEREAS, in recent years the South Wisconsin District has requested exceptions for representation at Synod conventions due to circuits not meeting the minimum requirements of Synod bylaw 3.1.2; and
- WHEREAS, for example, Circuit 6 is currently one congregation short of the minimum; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the SWD board of directors, at the recommendation of the District president, establish a task force consisting of at least seven individuals (pastor, commissioned workers, and laity); and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that this task force bring its recommendation before the 2015 SWD convention for approval.

Rev. Paul Mundinger, chair

Rev. Mark Wenzel, secretary

**RESOLUTION 3-03
TO TRANSFER CAMP LUWISOMO PROPERTY**

Overture 3-03 [CW p. 14] and Unpublished Overture 3-03B

- WHEREAS, Camp LuWiSoMo has been operating under the control and ownership of the South Wisconsin District; and
- WHEREAS, the South Wisconsin District currently owns approximately 420 acres of property currently utilized by Camp LuWiSoMo; and
- WHEREAS, this property was originally donated by the Lutheran Layman's League to the South Wisconsin District for the specific purpose to operate a youth camp; and
- WHEREAS, the Lutheran Layman's League originally stipulated that if the camp property was sold, the District would be responsible to pay a financial sum back to the Lutheran Layman's League; and
- WHEREAS, the South Wisconsin District's legal opinion has determined this payment is no longer required; and
- WHEREAS, Camp LuWiSoMo currently has plans to set up a separate tax exempt entity without District control and the new corporation will have a structure with a new board of directors that will govern the operations; and
- WHEREAS, the South Wisconsin District has experienced operational concerns and financial losses for the camp; and
- WHEREAS, the District convention of 1997 directed the District as follows: "Support for the Camp will be included in the budget of the SWD..."; and
- WHEREAS, the South Wisconsin District board has indicated a desire to discontinue budgeted support of the camp and has shown interest in dissolving the outdoor ministry operations if financial goals are not met. Therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the entire Camp LuWiSoMo property – all assets and liabilities be turned over to the new Camp LuWiSoMo Corporation when corporate filings and tax exempt filings are completed; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that prior to the transfer of the property, Camp LuWiSoMo shall have been received as a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the Camp LuWiSoMo Corporation be responsible for the costs of transferring ownership to the new camp corporation, including title insurance and the Wisconsin transfer tax; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, that at closing of transfer to the new camp corporation, the camp corporation shall pay to the SWD
2 the outstanding loan indebtedness related to the camp, owed by SWD to LCEF; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, that all restricted funds related to Camp LuWiSoMo, unless redirected or released by the donors,
4 shall be utilized only for the restricted purposes and shall not be utilized for payment in the
5 transfer of the property; and be it finally
6 RESOLVED, that the transfer of the property from the District to the new Camp Corporation shall be completed
7 prior to January 31, 2015. Prior to such transfer the camp operations shall remain under the
8 direction and control of the SWD board of directors.

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10 Rev. Paul Mundinger, chair

Rev. Mark Wenzel, secretary

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13 **RESOLUTION 4-01**
14 **TO CLARIFY COLLOQUY APPLICATION PREREQUISITES FOR COMMISSIONED MINISTRY**
15 Overture 4-01 [CW p. 45]

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17 WHEREAS, the 2007 *Handbook* specified that “Qualified applicants are competent workers in the field for
18 which they seek colloquy; therefore, colloquy does not provide basic preparation for the field of
19 service” (bylaw 3.8.3.5[b]) and also specified educational requirements for each category of
20 commissioned ministry to demonstrate such competency (bylaws 3.8.3.5-3.8.3.5.10.1); and
21 WHEREAS, the 2010 convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod removed these detailed
22 requirements from the *Handbook*, resulting in the 2010 *Handbook* specifying that the Colloquy
23 Committee for Commissioned Ministry “shall oversee for each category of commissioned ministry
24 at each college and university of the Synod the prerequisite for colloquy application, required
25 courses of study, and internship expectations” (bylaw 3.10.3.2(a)); and
26 WHEREAS, the current Policy Manual – Colloquy for Ministers of Religion-Commissioned in The Lutheran
27 Church—Missouri Synod states that “Exceptions to prerequisites for eligibility for colloquy shall
28 be determined by the Synod Colloquy Committee for Commissioned Ministry on an individual
29 basis” (94.1.3); and
30 WHEREAS, it is now possible for a commissioned ministry applicant to be approved for colloquy without
31 already having the educational requirements that provide competency in a specific category of
32 commissioned ministry; therefore be it
33 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention memorialize the Synod to change Synod bylaw
34 3.10.3 (b) to read as follows: “Qualified applicants are those who are competent workers in the
35 field for which they seek colloquy. Colloquy does not provide basic preparation for the field of
36 service. Applicants must meet all of the requirements to be licensed or certified in the vocation the
37 applicant seeks.”

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39 Rev. William Kilps, chair

Jenny Wolff, secretary

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42 **RESOLUTION 4-02**
43 **TO ENCOURAGE “LIFE TOGETHER” IN THE SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT**
44 **THROUGH THE UNITY OF PRACTICES REGARDING THE LORD’S SUPPER**
45 Overture 4-02 [CW p. 45]

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47 WHEREAS, the Lord commands the blessing of life forevermore when brothers dwell in unity (Psalm 133);
48 and
49 WHEREAS, Christ unites Himself to us through His Word and Sacraments, as the Augsburg Confession states:
50 “The Church is the congregation of saints [Psalm 149:1] in which the Gospel is purely taught and
51 the Sacraments are correctly administered. For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree
52 about the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments” (AC VII); and
53 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention has continually affirmed her confession and
54 practice on close(d) Communion, as defined and encouraged even as recently as 2007 (res 3-09),
55 and has also encouraged those in error to return to this biblical confession; and
56 WHEREAS, our life together is in Christ’s Body rightly administered throughout the South Wisconsin District;
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1 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the District president to “exercise supervision over the doctrine, life, and
2 administration of office of the ordained and commissioned ministers of their district and acquaint
3 themselves with the religious conditions of the congregations of their district” (Synod
4 Constitution, Art. XII-7), as well as “arrange in advance for an official visit to each congregation
5 of his district at least once every three years” (Synod bylaw, 4.4.4[a]); therefore be it
6 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention
7 reaffirm its confession and unity concerning practices regarding the Lord’s Supper, namely
8 close(d) Communion, in the spirit of “Life Together”; and be it further
9 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention direct the District president through his triennial
10 visitation of the South Wisconsin District congregations, to explore specifically the practice of the
11 Lord’s Supper in each place; and be it further
12 RESOLVED that he would encourage those faithfully practicing close(d) Communion to remain doing so, while
13 advising those with a different practice to reconsider their confession and practice for the sake of
14 the unity of the Synod and District; and be it further
15 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District president provide a summary of his findings regarding unity in
16 confession and practice of the Lord’s Supper in South Wisconsin District congregations at the
17 2015 South Wisconsin District convention; and be it finally
18 RESOLVED that the South Wisconsin District petition the seminaries to provide a study guide for
19 congregations on the orthodox practice of close(d) Communion in our Synod.

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21 Rev. William Kilps, chair Jenny Wolff, secretary
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24 **RESOLUTION 5-01**
25 **TO APPOINT A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR THE SUPPORT OF DISTRICT**
26 **MISSIONS**

27 Overture 5-01 [CW p. 66]
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29 WHEREAS, our Lord calls and sends workers into His harvest field to preach the gospel of Christ (Eph. 4:11); and
30 WHEREAS, our Lord uses congregations to call these workers (Acts 13:1-3); and
31 WHEREAS, the Lord tells us that the worker deserves his wages (Luke 10:7); and
32 WHEREAS, our congregations have organized into a Synod, specifically so ministries can be accomplished more
33 effectively in association with other member congregations of the Synod (bylaw 1.1.1[b]); and
34 WHEREAS, it is a function of our District to work together in to carry on the activities of the Synod, including
35 local missions (Synod bylaw 4.1.1, District Constitution article 3 [4]); and
36 WHEREAS, fewer undesignated dollars are currently going to District missions for a variety of reasons; and
37 WHEREAS, there are several important ministries that can never be self-supporting, such as inner city, deaf,
38 prison, campus and camp ministries; and
39 WHEREAS, this has led to
40 a) missionaries of our District spending far more time as fundraisers and less time preaching the
41 gospel
42 b) “high profile” ministries receive an influx of support, while lower profile and struggling
43 ministries are neglected
44 c) many urban missionaries are working on very little or no salary
45 d) ministries with a multitude of needs are unable to serve those needs because the worker needs
46 to take a full-time job; and
47 WHEREAS, the direct support that many congregations give can cause a spirit of division in which District
48 missions are looked at as “their” ministries, rather than “our” ministries; therefore be it
49 RESOLVED that the President of the South Wisconsin District appoint a task force to develop a process by which
50 current and future missions of the District can apply and receive adequate financial support for
51 their ministries.

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53 Rev. Don Hougard, chair Rev. Jeffery Schubert, secretary
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1 **RESOLUTION 5-02**

2 **TO CONTINUE DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION**

3 Unpublished Overture 5-06

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5 WHEREAS, the South Wisconsin District became a partner with Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services in
6 2008 to reach out to people with disabilities in the Dominican Republic; and
7 WHEREAS, the South Wisconsin District in convention approved a resolution in 2009 to affirm our partnership
8 in the Dominican Republic mission; and
9 WHEREAS, the congregations of our District have enthusiastically given their financial support to this mission;
10 and
11 WHEREAS, several members of our District have been on the ground in the Dominican Republic to assist with
12 this mission including the District president and staff, Brian and Jeannette Keller, several
13 Lutheran school teachers, and other mission teams of pastors and lay people; and
14 WHEREAS, the partnership in this mission has been a good example of our life together; and
15 WHEREAS, the blessings that God has given to this mission have been overwhelming; therefore be it
16 RESOLVED, that we continue this partnership with LCMS World Mission, Bethesda Lutheran Communities,
17 the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil, Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Buenos Aires, and
18 other LCMS partners; and be it further
19 RESOLVED, that our congregations are encouraged to support this mission with our prayers, gifts, and talents,
20 and be it further
21 RESOLVED, that our District staff continue to share information on this mission with the congregations of our
22 District; and be it further
23 RESOLVED, that we thank and encourage LCMS Regional Director for Latin America Rev. Ted Krey and his
24 team in Palmar Arriba, LCMS Missionary Danelle Putnam, Missionary Rev. Walter Ries from
25 Brazil, Rev. Willie Gaspar of the DR, and Seminarian Adrian Solis for all of their efforts and
26 faithfulness to the gospel as they carry out this work; and be it further
27 RESOLVED, that we thank God for prospering the work of our weak trembling hands to His glory in this
28 mission.

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30 Rev. Don Hougard, chair

Rev. Jeffery Schubert, secretary

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33 **RESOLUTION 5-03**

34 **TO SUPPORT THE DEAF MINISTRY OF SOUTH WISCONSIN AREA**

35 Overture 5-02 [CW p. 67] and Overture 5-03 [CW p. 67]

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37 WHEREAS, our Lord summons us to love the Lord our God, not only with our heart and soul, but also with our
38 mind (Matthew 22:37); and
39 WHEREAS, Doctor Martin Luther's insights into the gospel were revealed to him through his diligent study of
40 the Holy Scriptures, and he wished to convey this gospel to all people in a language they can
41 understand; and
42 WHEREAS, the LCMS has historically been one of the leaders in sharing the gospel, teaching, and training in a
43 way deaf people can understand using American Sign Language; and
44 WHEREAS, South Wisconsin is the second oldest deaf ministry of the LCMS with a history of reaching the
45 lost, equipping the saints, and nurturing leaders for the Church and for the world for over 100
46 years; and
47 WHEREAS, the deaf ministry in the South Wisconsin area has a long history of ministering to deaf people with
48 American Sign Language and sharing the gospel in a way deaf people can understand from
49 Milwaukee to Green Bay to Madison to La Crosse to Delavan to Rockford and many surrounding
50 areas; and
51 WHEREAS, the LCMS community in South Wisconsin remains supportive of outreach to deaf people and their
52 families in accord with our Lord's command and promise in Matthew 28; therefore be it
53 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District recommit itself in affirming deaf ministry in the South
54 Wisconsin area; and be it further
55 RESOLVED, that the congregations of the South Wisconsin District be encouraged to support our deaf
56 ministries in the South Wisconsin area, including one of the largest deaf leadership training
57 programs in the nation and reaching internationally; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, that every congregation of the South Wisconsin District be encouraged to support deaf ministry in
2 the South Wisconsin area with annual financial gifts over and above their regular giving to the
3 District and Synod; and be it further
4 RESOLVED, that the SWD express its gratitude to the members of the congregations of Our Savior Deaf
5 Lutheran in Madison, Emmanuel Deaf Lutheran in Milwaukee (West Allis), and Holy Cross in
6 Delavan for their leadership in reaching out to with the gospel; and be it finally
7 RESOLVED, that we implore God's blessing upon all our efforts to reach the deaf people and their families with
8 a gospel-centered, mission-driven, future-focused ministry that will give Him glory and serve to
9 extend His church.

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11 Rev. Don Hougard, chair

Rev. Jeffery Schubert, secretary

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14 **RESOLUTION 5-04**
15 **TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHAPEL, MADISON**
16 Overture 5-04 [CW p. 68] and Overture 5-05 [CW p. 69]

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18 WHEREAS, our Lord summons us to love the Lord our God, not only with our heart and soul, but also with our
19 mind (Matthew 22:37); and
20 WHEREAS, Doctor Martin Luther's insights into the gospel were revealed to him through his diligent study of
21 the Holy Scriptures, sifting and winnowing the issues of his day within his calling as professor of
22 theology at the University of Wittenberg; and
23 WHEREAS, Lutherans have historically valued and supported the vocations that come by rigorous academic
24 study as significant avenue for living in faith toward God and in love toward neighbor; and
25 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin—Madison is the university of choice among many of the brightest
26 and best of Wisconsin's students, as well as students from across the United States, and from
27 around the world; and
28 WHEREAS, Calvary Lutheran Chapel is the oldest campus ministry of the LCMS with a most distinguished
29 history of equipping and nurturing leaders for the Church and for the world for over 90 years; and
30 WHEREAS, our forefathers had the long-sighted vision of ministry in the heart of the University of
31 Wisconsin—Madison campus; and
32 WHEREAS, occupying the location at State and Lake Streets, the potential is great for Calvary's ministry to
33 continue to serve many students, faculty and the international community for years to come; and
34 WHEREAS, the LCMS community in Madison remains highly supportive and cooperative of Calvary's
35 ministry; therefore be it
36 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District affirms Calvary's invaluable ministry to the students of the
37 University of Wisconsin; and be it further
38 RESOLVED, that the congregations of the SWD be encouraged to support all of our campus ministries, by
39 providing names and contact information to Calvary and to the other campus ministries, to help
40 these students feed their faith while on campus; and be it further
41 RESOLVED, that every congregation of the South Wisconsin District be encouraged to join with the
42 congregations of Circuit 20 and 21 in supporting the ministry of Calvary Chapel with annual
43 financial gifts over and above their regular giving to District and Synod; and be it further
44 RESOLVED, that the SWD express its gratitude to the congregation of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Madison, to
45 Rev. Jason Zobel and to the departing Vicar Ben Ahlersmeyer for temporarily directing the
46 ministry to Calvary, and to Rev. Bob Degner, retired, for all his time serving in the interim; and be
47 it finally
48 RESOLVED, that we implore God's blessing upon all our efforts to reach the University of Wisconsin—
49 Madison with a gospel-centered, mission-driven, future-focused ministry that will give Him glory,
50 will serve His people, and will honor His Church.

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52 Rev. Don Hougard, chair

Rev. Jeffery Schubert, secretary

1 **RESOLUTION 6-01**

2 **TO REQUEST THAT THE SYNOD DIRECT THE CTCR AND THE SEMINARIES TO EVALUATE**
3 **TRANSFORMING CHURCHES NETWORK**

4 Overture 6-01 [CW p. 61]

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- 6 WHEREAS, the Transforming Churches Network (TCN) is listed on the Synod's Web site as a "Recognized
7 Service Organization"; and
- 8 WHEREAS, TCN is concerned for the health of existing LCMS congregations and appears to determine a
9 congregation's health on numerical measurements, but not on its adherence to the teaching of the
10 Scriptures or the Lutheran Confessions; and
- 11 WHEREAS, TCN advocates changing the main emphasis of a pastor's duties from "being the lead caretaker of
12 the existing congregation to the lead missionary to lost people in the community" (Pastor Survey,"
13 TCN, question 7 at <http://portal.tcnbackup.com/Portals/0/5%20Pastor%20survey.pdf>); and
- 14 WHEREAS, TCN initially asks pastors to respond to this statement, "If we do not achieve the 5% growth goal
15 in the next 24 months, and 5% growth annually thereafter, I will put my name out for another call"
16 ("Pastor Survey," question 8d); and
- 17 WHEREAS, TCN also asks congregation leaders to determine if "The leaders of this church hope to initiate a
18 style of worship service that appeals to unreached people" ("Leader's Survey," TCN, question 3e,
19 <http://portal.tcnbackup.com/Portals/0/6%20Leaders%20Survey.pdf>); and
- 20 WHEREAS, the Holy Spirit alone is responsible for converting people to saving faith by His Word and
21 Sacraments, when and where He pleases (Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 10:17; Act 2:38); and
- 22 WHEREAS, Jesus says, "If you abide in My word, you are my disciples indeed" (Jn. 8:31, NKJV); and
- 23 WHEREAS, we as Christians are called to be in this world but not of it (Jn.15:18-19; 17:11, 14-17; Col. 2:6-8;
24 James 4:4; 1 Jn. 2:16-17; 4:4-6); therefore be it
- 25 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District memorialize the LCMS at the 2013 convention to direct the
26 CTCR, Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, and Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne to
27 give a theological evaluation of the premise, methods, and materials of Transforming Churches
28 Network; and be it finally
- 29 RESOLVED, that the results of this theological evaluation be published and disseminated according to the usual
30 procedure utilized by the evaluating body or bodies.

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32 Rev. Wayne Huebner, chair

Nathan Kilps, secretary

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35 **RESOLUTION 6-02**

36 **TO RETAIN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OVERTURES AND RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY**
37 **INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONS**

38 Overture 6-02 [CW p. 62]

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- 40 WHEREAS, there are several ways in which to submit overtures and resolutions to the Synod and its Districts;
41 and
- 42 WHEREAS, since the 2010 convention of the Synod lesser significance has been given to overtures and
43 resolutions submitted by individual congregations; therefore be it
- 44 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District memorialize the 2013 convention of the Synod not to give
45 greater weight to overtures and resolutions submitted by a circuit forum or other gatherings of
46 Synod versus those submitted by individual congregations.

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48 Rev. Wayne Huebner, chair

Nathan Kilps, secretary

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1 **RESOLUTION 6-03**

2 **TO RECOGNIZE AND EMBRACE DIVERSITY**

3 Unpublished Overture 6-03

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- 5 WHEREAS, God in his wisdom has made each of us unique and by the power of the Holy Spirit has given us
6 gifts according to His will and for the good of all (1 Cor. 12); and
- 7 WHEREAS, congregations, as members of the LCMS, are placed in specific locations to communicate the
8 gospel to those in those locations; and
- 9 WHEREAS, congregations are diverse in terms of the races, languages, ethnic backgrounds, ages, economic
10 statuses, and educational backgrounds of their members; and
- 11 WHEREAS, congregations are using methods, styles, and programs to communicate the gospel appropriately;
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, Holy Scripture tells us that there is diversity in gifts (1 Cor 12:4-7), but does not call for
14 uniformity in styles, methods, and programs (1 Cor 12:27-30); and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Lutheran Confessions do not require uniformity in styles, methods, or programs (AC 7, 2-3);
16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, our Synod has been blessed since its founding by unity in the common confession of faith we
18 share; therefore be it
- 19 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District encourage the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ in
20 diverse and appropriate ways; and be it further
- 21 RESOLVED, that the congregations of the South Wisconsin District welcome diverse members of varying races,
22 languages, ethnic backgrounds, ages, economic statuses, and educational backgrounds; and be it
23 further
- 24 RESOLVED, that the pastors, congregations, and members of the congregations of the South Wisconsin District
25 ask the Lord to forgive them for not embracing diversity for the sake of the gospel and for
26 compromising the gospel for the sake of diversity; and be it finally
- 27 RESOLVED, that the pastors, congregations, and members of the congregations of the South Wisconsin District
28 receive the forgiveness our gracious God offers in our Lord Jesus Christ in order that we may be
29 united around the gospel as we embrace the diversity among us.

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31 Rev. Wayne Huebner, chair

Nathan Kilps, secretary

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF THOSE NOMINATED

(NOT LISTED IN CONVENTION WORKBOOK)

BENNING, Rev. Mark

Age: 58 **Occupation:** Pastor **Region:** W **Education:** Concordia, Ft. Wayne, IN **Degrees:** MDiv 1982
Experience and activities—Congregation: Grace, Fallon, MT 1982-85; Mt. Calvary, Colstrip, MT
1984-94; Holy Cross, Spokane, WA 1994-2007; Good Shepherd, Tomah 2007-; **District/circuit:**
MT District youth committee 1982-85; Indian ministry committee chair 1985-90; circuit counselor
1994; Circuit counselor NOW District 2006-07; LWML zone pastoral advisor 2010-; vacancy pastor
for St. James, Necedah 2010; **Synod:** Pastoral delegate, 1986 LCMS convention; vicarage supervisor
2002-06; LLL regional pastoral advisor 2002-04; pastoral delegate, 2010 LCMS convention;
Community: Spokane Lutheran school board pastoral advisor 1994-2004; Camp Lutherhaven
board, Inland Northwest Lutheran Outdoor Ministries 2000-06; **Present congregation:** Good
Shepherd, Tomah



BOECK, Jr., Rev. Richard

Age: 60 **Occupation:** Pastor **Region:** CE **Education:** Concordia, Ft. Wayne, IN; Concordia, St.
Louis, MO **Degrees:** MDiv 1978, STM 1985 **Experience and activities—Congregation:** Vicar,
Redeemer, Margarita, Canal Zone, Panama 1976-77; Trinity and Zion, Plentywood, MT and
Fortuna, ND 1978-80; asst. to pastor, Trinity, Worde, IL 1980-81; United States Navy chaplain -
MCRD, San Diego, CA; USS Halsey (CG23), San Diego, CA; naval hospital, Orlando, FL 1981-86;
Peace, Des Moines, IA 1986-91; Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, US Navy 1990-91 (Guam
and Okinawa); mission pastor, Gloria Dei, Lake Geneva 1992-94; vacancy pastor, Shepherd of the
Ridge, Milwaukee 1996-98; vacancy pastor, St. John, Horicon 2010-11; St. John, Horicon 2011-;
District/circuit: Founder, Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative, Inc. (LUMIN) 2001-05; secretary,
SWD Hispanic ministry task force 2002-04; SWD critical incident stress management team (Katrina
Assessment Team); mentor EIIT students 2004; **Community:** Varsity football, varsity girls'
basketball and varsity track announcer, Milwaukee Lutheran High School 2000-10; MLHS booster
club president 2000-07; Naval Academy information program officer 2001-; member, Military
Academy congressional nomination boards for Congresswoman Gwen Moore (2003-05) and Senator
Herb Kohl 2005-; **Present congregation:** St. John, Horicon; **Hopes for the District:** I was born and
raised in the SWD and have seen many changes take place over the years. What has not changed is
the faithfulness of the pastors, teachers and other professional and volunteer church leaders and
workers to the Word of God, the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, and the spreading of the
gospel. It was such men and women who taught me the Word and led me to study for the pastoral
office. I continue to see that same effort from dedicated men and women in our SWD that I am
certain that this District will continue to reach out with courage, joy, determination, and the solid
preaching and teaching of the Word to make disciples of "all the nations" which our Lord Jesus
Christ is placing at our doorstep in Southern Wisconsin. I pray that in another 32 years, another
pastor, teacher, or other professional or volunteer church worker will speak the same thoughts as I
share with you today. That will speak volumes about our continuing commitment to engaging the
world, starting right here, for Jesus.



SCHEID, Sherry

Age: 57 **Occupation:** Assistant principal **Region:** CE **Education:** Concordia University Wisconsin;
Concordia, Seward, NE **Degrees:** BS 1976 **Experience and activities—Congregation:** Junior choir
director, 2007-; senior choir member, 1997-; member of Master Singers 2003-04; Cub Scout and
Boy Scout committee member (treasurer) 1986-99; Cub Scout softball coach and manager 1990-95;
Girl Scout troop leader 1987-91; soup suppers for Advent and Lent 1988-2003; Cantate Circle
(LWML) 2004-; PTL secretary 1986-88; **District/circuit:** LWML convention manual chair and
committee for 2008 convention; **Community:** Volunteer with Lutheran Brotherhood board activities
1990s; **Present congregation:** Mt. Olive, Milwaukee; **Hopes for the District:** I pray that the South
Wisconsin District would be leaders in bringing the people of our communities to strong
relationships with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that our congregations would strengthen
and grow, always keeping our doctrines pure and strictly biblical.

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