



TODAY'S BUSINESS

LCMS South Wisconsin District 55th Convention June 10-12, 2018

Tuesday – Issue #3

June 12, 2018

SCHEDULE

An up-to-date agenda for the last sessions of the convention has been printed on page 68 of TODAY'S BUSINESS. Please refer to it for further information on the times of convention events and their locations.

DIVINE SERVICE AND INSTALLATION

Closing Divine Service is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel of Christ Triumphant. The newly elected officers of the South Wisconsin District will be installed. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR WORSHIP FOLDER.** The host congregation is Trinity, Sheboygan.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

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.***

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.

CONVENTION OFFERING

The offering gathered at the closing service will be distributed to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. Checks should be made payable to South Wisconsin District LCMS and include on the memo line either Dominican Republic or Trinity.

NAME TAG RETURN

Please return your name tag holders in the receptacles provided at the hospitality table or outside the exits of the field house. Thank you.

THANK YOU

The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth now and forevermore.

**Agenda for the 55th Convention of the South Wisconsin District,
The Lutheran-Church Missouri Synod
June 10-12, 2018**

Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon

Please note: All events take place in the Field House unless otherwise noted.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018

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. Mark Meier, 4th Vice President SWD
8:20 - 8:30 a.m. Approval of Minutes from Session II and III
8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Director of Lutheran Ctr for Religious Liberty in Washington
9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Committee 5: Elections
9:15 - 9:30 a.m. Committee 7 – Stewardship and Evangelism
9:30 - 9:45 a.m. Committee 6 - Miscellaneous
9:45 - 10:00 a.m. Committee 8 – Minutes and Report of the Board of Directors
10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Ted Krey, Latin America Regional Director & Lead Missionary in the Dominican Republic
10:30 - 10:35 a.m. Special Guest: Lutheran Hour Ministries – Keith Peterson
10:35 - 10:45 a.m. Unfinished Business
10:45 - 10:50 a.m. Announcements
10:50 - 11:00 a.m. Closing gavel and closing prayer

SESSION V – 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Closing worship with Holy Communion, including the installation of newly elected SWD officers – Preacher: Rev. Dr. John C. Wille (Chapel of Christ Triumphant)

1 **RESOLUTION 3-01A**

2 **To Affirm the Biblical Teaching of Sexuality, Marriage, and Family**

3 Overture 3-01 [CW, p. 33]

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5 WHEREAS, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He
6 created them" (Gen.1:27), which is the foundational truth for all teaching about Sexuality,
7 Marriage, and Family (Matt. 19:4-6); and

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9 WHEREAS, the earthly relationship between husband and wife is to be a reflection of Christ's relationship to
10 His bride, the Church (Gen. 2:18-25; Eph. 5:21-33); and

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12 WHEREAS, God's gift of sex is to be used only within the marriage covenant between one man and one
13 women for the purposes of creating new human life where God wills (Gen. 1:27-28), celebrating
14 the unconditional love, and commitment between husband and wife (Song of Songs; Matt. 19:4-6)
15 and the restraining of lust (1 Cor. 7:9); and

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17 WHEREAS, Holy Scripture is clear that all sexual activity outside of the marriage covenant (e.g., fornication,
18 adultery, sexual co-habitation, polygamy, pornography, pedophilia, prostitution, same-sex
19 intercourse, and all sexual lust) is condemned by God (Lev. 18 & 20; Matt. 19:4-12; Rom. 1:26-
20 32; 1 Cor. 6; 1 Thess. 4:1-8); and

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22 WHEREAS, the Holy Scriptures teach us that Christ Jesus has borne all the sins of the body upon Himself so
23 that the Church might proclaim the compassionate and forgiving Lord to all who struggle with
24 every sin of the body and mind, and bear witness by her actions of the Lord's grace and mercy;
25 and

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27 WHEREAS, there are organizations (e.g. PFLAG, QSA, GLAAD, and many others), that proclaim a false
28 message of acceptance of sin, while not providing true comfort and correction for the sinner; and

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30 WHEREAS, these organizations have sought and received acceptance and support in education campuses even
31 within the LCMS; therefore, be it

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33 RESOLVED that the South Wisconsin District assembled in Convention, June 10-12, 2018, boldly confess the
34 biblical position of proclaiming the Law to unrepentant sinners and the Gospel to all sinners who
35 do repent; and be it further

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37 RESOLVED, that all congregations, schools, universities, and seminaries in the LCMS be encouraged to be
38 faithful in their care for all sinners, never condoning intentionally or unintentionally any sexual
39 sins, but rather providing conversation, comfort, and sound biblical encouragement to all who
40 struggle with sexual sins; and finally, be it

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42 RESOLVED, that all pastors, churches, schools, and university within the South Wisconsin District encourage
43 all Christians to pray for and work faithfully with those struggling with homosexual and all other
44 sinful sexual desires, according to apostolic exhortation: "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any
45 trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest
46 you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:1-2)
47 and "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be
48 deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor
49 thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of
50 God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were
51 justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

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MINUTES

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SESSION 2

CALL TO ORDER:

The Reverend Dr. John C. Wille called the assembly to order at 8:00 a.m.

DAILY PRAYER: MORNING

The Rev. Daniel Torkelson led the assembly in Daily Prayer: Morning.

QUORUM REPORT

Rev. Totsky reported that as of 8:00 a.m. June 11, there were 142 voting ordained and 137 voting lay delegates for a total of 279 voting delegates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion and second to approve the minutes of Session 1. **Motion carried.**

Since the convention was 5 minutes ahead of schedule, a point of privilege was requested and granted to show a video about the work of Rev. Richard Wokema in Nigeria was shown.

SYNOD REPORT (PART 2).

The Rev. Dr. John C. Wohlrabe, synod 4th vice president, presented a video about the mission and ministry of The Lutheran—Church Missouri Synod. Following the video, a question and answer session was conducted.

COMMITTEE 5: ELECTIONS

CE VICE PRESIDENT

David Paape	149	57.3%	ELECTED
Eric Skovgaard	111	42.7%	

NE VICE PRESIDENT

	<u>Ballot 1</u>		<u>Ballot 2</u>		<u>Ballot 3</u>		<u>Ballot 4</u>		
John Berg	55	21.4%	60	24.2%	63	24.3%	81	31.2%	
Joseph Fisher	29	11.3%	23	9.2%	X				
William Kilps	36	14%	36	14.5%	39	15.1%	36	13.8%	
Nathan Meador	35	13.6%	29	11.7%	28	10.8%	X		
Christopher Seifferlein	15	5.8%	X						
Robert Zick	87	33.9%	100	40.3%	129	49.8%	143	55%	Elected

W VICE PRESIDENT

	<u>Ballot 1</u>	
Charles Brandt	136	53.5 %
Paul Munding	119	46.7 %

SE VICE PRESIDENT

Daniel Torkelson		
Yes	234	89.3 %
No	28	10.7 %

<u>RANKING</u>	<u>Ballot 1</u>		<u>Ballot 2</u>		<u>Ballot 3</u>		
Brandt	37	14.3	X				
Paape	61	23.6	72	27.6 %	95	36.7 %	
Torkelson	99	38.2	122	46.7 %	164	63.3 %	1st VP
Zick	62	23.9	67	25.7 %	X		

Balloting for 2nd Vice President

	<u>Ballot 1</u>		<u>Ballot 2</u>		
Brandt	40	15.3%	X		
Paape	109	41.8%	112	42.9%	
Zick	112	42.9%	149	57.1%	2nd VP

Balloting for 3rd and 4th Vice Presidents

Brandt	75	28.3%			4th VP
Paape	190	71.7 %			3rd VP

COMMITTEE 2 – ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Committee Chair, Rev Billings, pointed delegates' attention to Res 2-02, *Today's Business*, p. 22-26.

Motion and second to adopt.

YES	222	91.4%
NO	21	8.6%

Motion carried

BIBLE STUDY

The Rev. Joel Fritsche was introduced to the assembly and led them through the morning bible study.

COMMITTEE 4 – MISSIONS

The Rev. Dennis Roser and his committee were introduced to the Assembly. He addressed the delegates' attention to:

Res 4-01, p. 34 in the first edition of *Today's Business*. A motion was made and seconded to adopt.

Motion carried.

Res 4-02, *Today's Business*, p. 34, (an change was made to substitute "finally" in place of "further" in line 46) A motion was made and seconded to adopt.

Yes	231	98.3%
No	4	1.7%

Motion Carried

Res 4-03 *Today's Business*, p. 35. A motion was made and seconded to adopt.

Yes	228	91.8%
No	20	8.1%

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE 6 -- MISCELLANEOUS

The Rev. William Kilps was introduced to the assembly. He directed the delegates' attention to *Today's Business*, p. 37, Res 6-01. Motion and second to adopt.

A friendly amendment added "sequential" in line 44, p. 37, between "normal" and "days"

A motion was made to call the question

Yes	206	79.5 %
No	53	20.5 %

1 **Motion to call question carried**

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3 Yes 231 89.5%

4 No 27 10.5%

5 **Motion carried**

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7 Res 6-02, *Today's Business*, p. 38. Motion made and seconded to adopt.

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9 Substitute motion offered.

10 Orders of the day called

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12 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

13 The Rev. Ted Krey, Latin America regional director and lead missionary in the Dominican Republic,
14 addressed the assembly

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16 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

17 The Rev. Dr. Edwin Suelflow, president emeritus of the SWD, was introduced to the Assembly and was
18 presented with a plaque in recognition of 70 years in the Office of the Holy Ministry. Dr. Suelflow
19 addressed the convention. The Rev. Peter Bender, Peace, Sussex, (Suelflow's pastor) led the delegates in
20 prayer of thanksgiving for Suelflow's years of faithful service and in honor of the Sueflows' 70 wedding
21 anniversary. The delegates rose and sang the common doxology.

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23 GREETING FROM CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FT. WAYNE

24 The Rev, James Fundum extended greetings to the convention and conveyed the greetings of the Rev. Dr.
25 Lawrence Rast, president of CTS. He highlighted the work of the seminary in preparing men and women
26 for service in the church as pastors and deaconesses.

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28 SWD BUSINESS MANAGER

29 Mr. Strozier addressed the delegates regarding the results of the annual audit. The audit received an
30 unqualified opinion from the CPA firm. He stressed the need for congregations to conduct annual
31 financial reviews. He further spoke about the financial state/activities of the district and changes since the
32 last convention.

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34 He directed the assembly's attention to his report on p. 42f and following in the *Workbook*, and several
35 congregational financial reports which were included in the registration materials.

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37 SPECIAL GUEST: OFFICE ON INTERNATIONAL MISSION (OIM)

38 The Rev. Daniel McMiller thanked the Convention for their continued support. He asked the delegates to
39 continue their support, especially through prayer. He especially highlighted the on-going work of the
40 OIM in Africa, Asia

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42 Recess until 1:30 p.m.

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SESSION 3

CALL TO ORDER:

The Reverend Dr. John C. Wille called the assembly to order at 1:33 p.m.

Opening Prayer by Rev. John Berg, Convention Committee Chair

It was agreed to simply read the resolveds of resolutions from here on out.

COMMITTEE 7 – ELECTIONS

Election of Circuit Visitors

Yes	225	96.2%
No	9	3.8%

Secretary

Bryan Osladil	57	25.8%
David Totsky	164	74.2%

BOD CE Ordained

Rev. M. Douglas Peters	85	36.6%
Rev. Mark Wangerin	147	63.4%

BOD W Ordained

Rev. Greg Hovland	97	41.3%
Rev. David Jensen	138	58.7%

BOD CE/NE Commissioned

Bradley Jentsch	143	61.6%
Jan Ladendorf	62	26.7%
Jay Lindsey	27	11.6%

BOD W/SE Commissioned

Robert Lunak

Yes	239	94.1%
No	15	5.9%

BOD CE Lay

Kristin Kolell	124	53.2%
Jonathan Lorenz	109	46.8%

BOD NE Lay

Myron Buss	150	62.8%
Allen Knoetzki	54	22.6%
Ron Vorpahl	35	14.6%

1 BOD SE Lay
2 Sarah Billings 149 61.3%
3 George Neuberger 94 38.7%

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5 BOD W Lay
6 Jeffrey Kuglitsch
7 Yes 238 92.6%
8 No 19 7.4%

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10 SWD MISSION EXEC

11 The Rev Jonah Burakowski was introduced to the assembly. He introduced the Rev Joel Brandt, pastor to
12 the soon to be chartered congregation (Reformation Sunday, 2018), Cross Lutheran Church, Middleton.

13 He highlighted:

14 Distinctly Lutheran – Re: Vitality, Every One His Witness, Lutheran Young Adult Corps
15 Planting 3 new congregations – one with convertible vicar, one ethnic SMP, and one with
16 missionary at large

17 Honoring Christ-centered vocation – Dominican Republic Mission trip, partnership grants

18 Embrace Communities – Walking in the Truth

19 Port Arthur, TX Mission Trips
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21 COMMITTEE 4 – MISSIONS

22 The delegates were directed to p. 35-36 of *Today's Business*, Res 4-04. Motion and second to adopt.

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24 Motion to call question

25 Yes 206 78.3%

26 No 57 21.7%

27 **Motion carried**

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29 Yes 192 73%

30 No 71 27%

31 **Motion carried**
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33 GREETINGS FROM CONCORDIA SEMINARY

34 The Rev Andrew Bartelt brought greetings from Concordia Seminary and its president, the Rev. Dr. Dale
35 Meyer,
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37 BIBLE STUDY

38 The Rev. Joel Fritsche led the delegates through the afternoon bible study.
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40 COMMITTEE 2 – ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTION MATTER

41 Res 2-03, *Today's Business*, p. 27-28. Motion and second to adopt.

42 Yes 176 71.8%

43 No 69 28.2%

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45 SWD EDUCATION EXEC

46 Dr. Christopher Cody was introduced to the Convention. He directed the delegates' attention to his report
47 in the Convention Workbook, He highlighted

48 Lutheran School Ministry Certificates,

49 Certificate for Lutheran Early Childhood Teaching.

50 Possibility of three new schools in 3-5 years

51 Tremendous outreach potential

52 Principal shortage – 40% retired between 2015-2020

1 28% of teachers in LCMS schools are ACTIVE rostered
2 26% of US children have traumatic event before age 4
3 Future Lutheran Administrators – Midwest Educators
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5 COMMITTEE 3 – EDUCATION

6 Delegates' attention was directed to *Today's Business*, p. 32, Res 3-02.
7 Motion and second to adopt.

8 **Motion carried**

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10 Res 3-03,
11 Motion and second to adopt.

12 **Motion carried**

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14 COMMITTEE 7 – STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELISM

15 Res 7-01, *Today's Business*, p. 41.

16 Motion and second to adopt

17 **Motion carried**

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19 Res 7-02 *Today's Business*, p. 41-42

20 Motion and second to adopt

21 **Motion carried**

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23 Res 7-03 *Today's Business*, p. 42

24 Motion and second to adopt

25 Yes 221 90.2%

26 No 24 9.8%

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28 Res 7-04 *Today's Business*, p. 43

29 Motion and second to adopt

30 Yes 210 86.4%

31 No 33 13.6%

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33 Res 7-05 *Today's Business*, p. 43

34 Motion and second to adopt

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36 Committee accepted a friendly amendment to add:

37 "Resolved that the South Wisconsin District In its Pastoral Conference use Every One His Witness for an
38 upcoming Pastoral Conference; and be it further"
39 as the second last resolved.

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41 **Motion Carried**

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43 LCEF AND STEWARDSHIP

44 Diana Raasch spoke to the delegates about the services and offerings of LCEF

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46 SPECIAL GUEST – Bart Day, LCEF President

47 Day addressed the Convention concerning opportunities offered and benefits to the church through the
48 work of LCEF

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50 COMMITTEE 6

51 Res 6-02 Withdrawn

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1 Res 6-02A, Monday's *Today's Business*, p. 65

2 Motion and second to adopt

3 Yes 206 91.2%

4 No 20 8.9%

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6 COMMITTEE 3

7 3-04 *Today's Business*, p. 33

8 Motion and second to adopt

9 Yes 211 94.6%

10 No 12 5.4%

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12 3-01, *Today's Business*, p. 3

13 Motion and second to adopt

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15 Motion to amend ln 43 to strike "homosexual and all other" to read; struggling with all sexual desires

16 Yes 96 39.5%

17 No 147 60.5%

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19 SPECIAL GUEST – Mr. James Sanft, Concordia Plan Services

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21 SPECIAL GUEST – Rev Dwayne Lueck, North Wisconsin District

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23 SPECIAL GUEST – Dr, Beverly Yahnke, DOXOLOGY

24 Dr. Yahnke spoke about the DOXOLOGY program and the multiple benefits of the program for the
25 pastor, pastor's family, and congregation. She encouraged participation of pastor and congregations.

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27 SPECIAL GUEST – Mrs. Barbara Kaun, SWD LWML President

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29 SPECIAL GUEST – Richard Laabs, LUMIN

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31 SPECIAL GUEST – A Place of Refuge, Rev David Paape

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33 CLOSING DEVOTION

34 The Rev David Paape led the closing devotion leading the delegates in Daily Prayer: Early Evening.

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36 Recess until 8:00 am Tuesday.

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