SCHEDULE

An up-to-date agenda for the remaining sessions of the convention has been printed on pages 4-5 of TODAY’S BUSINESS. Please refer to it for further information on the times of convention events and their locations.

DUPPLICATION SERVICES

The Communications Center is located in Room F017 (southwest of the meeting room). 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.

WORSHIP FOLDER

Delegates have received a worship folder with their registration packet. The folder is for use at all the worship services of the convention. Please remember to take it with you to the chapel for the opening and closing services.

WELCOME / HOSPITALITY CENTER

The Welcome / Hospitality 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.

Creative Imaging Products, who has been servicing southeast Wisconsin since 1989, has graciously provided for our printing and duplication services. We thank them for their assistance and invite you to stop by their exhibit (Booth #37).
CONVENTION OFFERINGS

The offerings gathered at the opening and closing services of the convention will be designated for future church and school plants in the South Wisconsin District. Checks should be made payable to South Wisconsin District LCMS and include on the memo line church/school plants.

SPECIAL WELCOME

We extend greetings to Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; Rev. Dr. John C. Wohlrabe, Fourth Vice President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulse, Concordia Theological Seminary; Rev. David Fleming, Executive Director for Spiritual Care DOXOLOGY; Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy, English District President; Rev. James Baneck, Executive Director of Pastoral Education of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; Rev. Jonah Burakowski, Missionary Pastor & Associate Regional Director For Latin America & the Caribbean in the Dominican Republic; Rev. Bart Day, Lutheran Church Extension Fund President; Mr. James Sanft, Concordia Plan Services; Mr. Christian Boehlke, Office of International Missions of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUR CONSIDERATION IS REQUESTED

Because the exhibit areas are near 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!

HOST CONGREGATION

The host congregation for the closing communion service will be St. Peter Lutheran Church, Lebanon.

THANK YOU!

This evening’s gemütlichkeit is sponsored in-part by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). We thank them for their support and continued partnership.
CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE WORKBOOK

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Agenda for the 56th Convention of the South Wisconsin District, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
June 12-14, 2022
Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon

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

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022

SESSION II – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

7:45 a.m. Registration reopens – Friends of Concordia Room
8:00 - 8:20 a.m. Opening devotion – Rev. Daniel Torkelson, 1st Vice President SWD
8:20 - 8:30 a.m. Approval of Minutes from Session I
8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Synod report (part two) – Rev. Dr. John C. Wohlrabe, 4th Vice President LCMS
9:00 - 9:20 a.m. Committee 5 – Elections (vice presidential ballot and ranking ballot)
9:20 - 9:30 a.m. Committee 2 – Administration and Constitutional Matters
9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Essayist – Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulse, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN
10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Committee 4 – Missions
10:15 - 10:20 a.m. Committee 9 – Minutes and Report of the Board of Directors – Rev. Bryan Osland
10:20 - 10:40 a.m. Special Guest: James Banek, LCMS Executive Director of Pastoral Education
10:40 - 10:55 a.m. Committee 6 – Miscellaneous
10:55 - 11:10 a.m. Special Guest: Rev. Jonah Burakowski, Missionary Pastor, and Associate Regional Director For Latin America and the Caribbean in the Dominican Republic
11:10-11:20 a.m. Committee 5 – Elections
11:20 - 11:30 a.m. Greeting from the Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN
11:30 - 11:40 a.m. Greeting from the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
11:40 - 11:50 a.m. SWD Business Manager – Mr. Paul Reske
11:50 - 12:00 p.m. Special Guest: Office of International Mission- Mr. Christian Boehlke
12:00 p.m. Announcements and prayer – Rev. David Fleming, Exec. Director for Spiritual Care

DOXOLOGY

LUNCH

SESSION III – 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

1:30 - 1:35 p.m. Opening prayer – Rev. Lance O’Donnell
1:35 - 2:05 p.m. SWD Mission Executive Assistant to the President – Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador
2:05 - 2:15 p.m. Committee 4 – Missions
2:15 - 2:45 p.m. Essayist – Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulse, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN
2:45 - 3:15 p.m. SWD Education Executive Assistant to the President – Dr. Christopher Cody
3:15 - 3:25 p.m. Committee 3 – Parish Education
3:25 - 3:40 p.m. Committee 6 – Miscellaneous
3:40 - 3:50 p.m. Committee 2 – Administration and Constitutional Matters
3:50 - 4:00 p.m. Committee 7 – Stewardship and Evangelism
4:00 - 4:10 p.m. LCEF – Mrs. Diana Raasch, LCEF Vice-President
4:10 - 4:20 p.m. Special Guest: Rev. Bart Day, LCEF President
4:20 - 4:30 p.m. Special Guest: Mr. James Sanft, Concordia Plan Services
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4:45 - 4:50 p.m. Special Guest: LCMS Foundation, Mr. Craig Toerpe
4:50 - 4:55 p.m. Special Guest: Camp LuWiSoMo, Mr. Dan Frieburger
4:55 - 5:00 p.m. Announcements
5:00 - 5:15 p.m. Closing devotion – Rev. David Paape, 3rd Vice President SWD

DINNER – Gemütlichkeit!
**TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022**

**SESSION IV – 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

- 8:00 - 8:20 a.m. Opening devotion – Rev. Charlie Brandt, 4th Vice President SWD
- 8:20 - 8:30 a.m. Approval of Minutes from Session II and III
- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Essayist – Rev. Jeffrey Pulse, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN
- 9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Committee 5 – Elections
- 9:15 - 9:20 a.m. Special Guest: A Place of Refuge – Rev. David Paape
- 9:20 - 10:35 a.m. Unfinished Business
- 10:35 - 10:40 a.m. Announcements
- 10:40 - 10:45 a.m. Closing gavel and prayer

**SESSION V – 11:00 - 12:30 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)
SESSION 1

WELCOME AND OPENING GAVEL

The 56th Regular Convention of the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod was called to order in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit by the South Wisconsin District President, the Reverend Dr. John C. Wille at 6:15 p.m. with the Secretary, the Rev. Bryan Osladil, and Assistant Secretary, the Rev. Christian Gugel, present.

OPENING PRAYER

The Reverend David Fleming, Executive Director for Spiritual Care - Doxology, opened with prayer.

Welcome to CUW

Dr. William Cario welcomed the SWD Convention to the facilities of Concordia University Wisconsin.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE – Quorum

The Reverend Bryan Osladil reported that as of 6:15 p.m. this evening there were 115 voting pastoral delegates and 135 voting lay delegates for a total of 250 voting delegates and declared a quorum.

Rev. Peter Bender was granted a point of privilege to read a letter from Rev. Dr. Gregory Schulz. (letter is attached at the end of the minutes)

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

After familiarization with the electronic voting system, the motion carried to move ahead with the agenda.

ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES

President Wille directed the delegates’ attention to the standing rules on p. 18 of the first edition of Today’s Business (Sunday issue). Motion made and seconded to adopt the standing rules as printed. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF CONVENTION AGENDA

President Wille directed the delegates’ attention to Today’s Business, p. 5-7. Motion and second to adopt the agenda. Motion carried
COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
The Rev. Christian Gugel directed the assembly’s attention to Convention Workbook, p. 87-92 for a list of congregations and the status of the congregations’ constitutions. He encouraged the delegates to review the list to see the status of their congregation’s constitution and act accordingly.

COMMITTEE 1: NOMINATIONS
The Reverend Bryan Osladil directed the delegates’ attention to Convention Workbook p 112 and following, along with Today’s Business, Sunday issue p. 4:

- Floor nominations were requested for W Region Vice President – none
- Floor nominations were requested for SE Region Vice President –
  - Rev. Joshua Conradt was nominated. Moved. Second. Carried.
- Floor nominations were requested for NE Region Vice President – none
- Floor nominations were requested for Board of Directors, W Ordained – none
- Floor nominations were requested for Board of Directors, W lay – none
- Floor nominations were requested for Board of Directors, W lay (3 yr term) – none
- Floor nominations were requested for CCN – District, NE Commissioned – none
- Floor nominations were requested for CCN – District, SE Commissioned – none
- Floor nominations were requested for CCN – District, W Commissioned (3 yr term) –
  - Kyle Motzkes (corrected in area of service – was listed as being in Southeast)
  - Motion. Second. Carried.
- Floor nominations were requested for CCN – District, W Lay – none
- Floor nominations were requested for CCN – District, NE Lay – none
  - Blaine Henkel
  - It was noted that Philip Frusti was added by the committee on nominations in place of Dawn Walker (who has accepted a call outside the district).
- A floor nomination was requested for CUW Board of Regents – Ordained –
  - Rev. Randolph Raasch was nominated. Moved. Second. Carried
- A floor nomination was requested for CUW Board of Regents – Lay –
  - Scott Schweitzer was nominated. Moved. Second. Carried
  - Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Part 1 was distributed in Today’s Business 1. A printed copy of the “President’s Report Part II” will be included in Monday’s Today’s Business.

COMMITTEE 5: ELECTIONS (presidential ballot)
President Wille relinquished the chair to 1st vice-president, the Rev. Daniel Torkelson. The Rev. M. Douglas Peters, chairman of the Elections Floor Committee, was introduced to the assembly.
The slate for president was presented.

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President Wille resumed the chair and thanked the delegates.
SYNODICAL REPORT (part one)

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, was introduced to the assembly.

He also spoke about:

COVID – blessings and challenges

Synod finances – giving to Synod from individuals and congregations is up (over 1 million dollars last year). 963 Soldiers of the Cross Grants distributed.

Doxology “Take Heart” retreats

7-03 Task Force CUS Lutheran Identity and Mission

Church Relations and a number of church bodies interested in partnering with the LCMS

Religious freedom in Finland

Dominican Seminary Education Himnario Luterano developed for all Spanish speaking congregations

Taiwan Seminary being started at this time.

Africa – working with 15 seminaries

Life network

Lutheran Emergency Response Teams (LERT) – 5,000 in database, 20,000 people trained

1 John 3 Million Dollar Life Match

19,000 Every One His Witness workbooks sold

19,000 registrations for Youth Gathering

Child Protection Program

Best financial shape in last 30+ years

$3.5 million per year to seminaries

Set Apart to Serve – Church Work Recruitment

$2 million Church Planting grant made available to the church (to be used by congregations in the local area).


Recess until 8:00 a.m. Monday
LETTER FROM REV. DR. GREGORY SCHULTZ

12 June 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

I have asked my friend and brother in the office of the ministry, Pr Peter Bender, to convey this brief message to you on my behalf since I am not allowed to attend our district convention.

While sending you my prayers and regards for a faithful and God-pleasing District Convention, may I remind you of our Lord's words in the traditional Psalm for Holy Trinity Sunday, Psalm 29:10-11,

10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
11 the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
12 May the LORD give strength to his people!
13 May the LORD bless His people with peace!

The reference to our Lord enthroned above the flood is at once an announcement of the Trinity's vast power to create us and to preserve us, together with the Spirit's presence above the flood of creation, and a testament to His universal judgement in the Word of Law and Gospel.

You will be discussing many important issues related to our beloved Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor. I am praying for faithfulness for all of us. The threats of Critical Race Theory and Woke ideology upon our historic confession of faith in the Gospel of Christ are real. Many have alerted us to these threats. I pray that we will take them seriously and not sweep them under the rug. Your decisions at this convention are an important part of God’s plan to preserve His Church and university in a God-less culture and for the proclamation of the Gospel for those who do not yet know Christ.

Ultimately, the issues that you will grapple with are not about me or my position at Concordia. They are about truth, faithfulness to the Word of God, and a clear and uncompromising confession of faith in Christ Jesus as the Savior of all humanity.

At the service of Prayer and Preaching for Repentance and Confessional Faithfulness this past February, we prayed for faithfulness, true repentance, and mercy for us all. This remains my prayer today for you, our Synod, and our beloved Concordia.

In the love of Christ,

Rev Dr Gregory Schulz
RESOLUTION 2-03A
Overture L2-04 [CW, p. 84]

To Bring Accountability to Concordia Board of Regents

Note: This corrects an error in the Sunday, June 12, 2022, Today’s Business, page 18.

Whereas, our Concordia Universities have long been and continue to be precious gifts to the world and to the Church, especially when they clearly confess Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior according to Holy Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions, and

Whereas the Board of Regents at each of our Concordias is vital to offering to its students, the world, and the Church a clear confession of what we in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod believe, teach, and confess, and

Whereas, while each of our Concordias has expanded its academic offerings to include other God pleasing vocations, and at the same time our Concordias continue to be the primary training ground in preparing future ordained and commissioned ministers for the LCMS, and

Whereas, while each Concordia University Board of Regents is to hold its members accountable, which at times has proved problematic, and there is currently no mechanism in the LCMS Bylaws for the Church at Large to deal with Regents, including laity, who fail to faithfully adhere to the bylaws, and,

Whereas, neither the Synod President nor the geographic district president in whose district the Concordia resides has any authority over the laity, therefore

Be it resolved that, The South Wisconsin District in convention appeal to the LCMS 2023 Convention to request that the Commission on Handbook draft a series of bylaws so that the geographic district president in whose district the specific Concordia resides, and/or the Synod President, may, after futile admonition, appeal to the LCMS Board of Directors for relief.

Be it further resolved that once completed the LCMS Commission on Handbook forward these new bylaws to the LCMS Board of Directors for approval and implementation.
RESOLUTION 2-05A
Overture L2-07
To Memorialize the LCMS Commission on Handbook to Revise the Number of Voters for the Election of Presidents of Concordia University System Schools

Note: This corrects an error in the Sunday, June 12, 2022, Today’s Business, page 20.

Whereas the schools of the Concordia University System (CUS) are auxiliaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and were originally developed by the congregations of the Synod for the training of church workers to assist the spread of the Gospel,

Whereas the Presidents of our CUS schools hold a primary level of importance in providing vision and oversight under the broad assignment of Synod, and,

Whereas, the current selection of Presidents of schools of the CUS is strictly tasked to the schools’ Boards of Regents who are specifically tasked in Bylaw 3.10.6 to do their business (including the selection of Presidents) "subject to the general policies set by the Synod, including those established by the Concordia University System," and whose duty is defined in 3.10.6.1 as "defining and fulfilling the mission of the institution within the broad assignment of Synod," and,

Whereas recent changes to the makeup of CUS Boards of Regents call for the appointment of members based on certain skill sets (i.e. financial, legal, etc.) which, while necessary and good, have in the past proven also to politicize and distract certain Boards from their duty to be mindful of the “broad assignment of the Synod,” namely teaching the Word faithfully and proclaiming the Gospel, and,

Whereas, the election of our Seminary presidents, outlined in Bylaw 3.10.5.6.2 (h) prescribes an election process requiring four (4) votes (Regents, Elected Regent District President, President of Synod, and Chairman of Synod Board of Directors), thus offering greater Synod inclusion in the election process, and,

Whereas, this election process serves as a good template for greater mindfulness of the Synod’s mission in the CUS Presidential election process as well, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the South Wisconsin District in convention appeal to the LCMS 2023 Convention to request that the Commission on Handbook draft a series of bylaws so that the election process of Concordia University Presidents follow the pattern of Seminary President elections, and be it further

RESOLVED that once completed the LCMS Commission on Handbook forward these new bylaws to the LCMS Board of Directors for approval and implementation.

RESOLVED that upon ratification this resolution be passed on to the 68th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in July 2023 in Milwaukee for deliberation by the entire Synod.
AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 4-01

Line 42, add:
“WHEREAS we have not been perfect. In far too many ways we have failed to embrace all of God’s children in Christ, and”

Line 46 add:
“RESOLVED that we repent of the ways that we have been unwelcoming or brought division with those who are different from us in some way or turned our back on those in need, and be it further”

Rev. Don Hougard, Benediction, Milwaukee
RESOLUTION 6-07

To Express Thanks

WHEREAS the 56th Convention of the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has met June 12 – 14, 2022 at Concordia University Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Convention Committee has put many hours of preparation for this convention event, and Concordia University Wisconsin has served as a gracious host for the convention; and

WHEREAS Synod President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison proclaimed God’s Word of truth for us in the opening worship service and District President Rev. Dr. John Wille will proclaim God’s Word of truth for us in the closing worship service, and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulse has led us in the study of God’s Word; and

WHEREAS, James Baneck, Executive Director of Pastoral Education, and Rev. Jonah Burakowski, Missionary and Associate Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Dominican Republic, and Christian Boehlke of the Office of International Mission, and Rev. David Fleming of Doxology, and Rev. Bart Day of LCEF, James Sanft of Concordia Plan Services, Cinda Poppe of the LWML SWD, and Craig Toerpe of LCMS Foundation, and Dan Freiburger of Camp LuWiSoMo, shared information about the work of their various entities they represent; and

WHEREAS our District Staff Rev. Nathan Meador, Karen Rayner, Paul Reske, Dr. Chris Cody, Robin Mueller, and Diana Raasch faithfully and tirelessly serve us both daily and at this convention; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Robert Zick, Rev. Daniel Torkelson, Rev. David Fleming, Rev. Lance O’Donnell, Rev. David Paape, Rev. Charlie Brandt, shared God’s Word with devotions and prayers; and

WHEREAS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison and 4th Vice President Rev. Dr. John Wohlraabe gave the Synod report; and

WHEREAS some servants of the church are completing their terms of service in their offices; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention express their thanks to the Lord of the Church for these servants and their labor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we thank Concordia University Wisconsin and others for their hospitality and ask the Lord’s blessings upon them and their continued faithful service to His Church; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we go forth confessing Christ.

RESOLUTION 6-08

To Exhort Those in Authority to Identify and Eliminate Social Justice (Woke) Ideology

WHEREAS social justice, or woke, ideology has become pervasive in American culture, particularly at institutions of higher education, and

WHEREAS social justice, or woke, ideology is premised upon and seeks solutions to racial or social discrimination and injustice that are shaped by a communistic or Marxist worldview, such as critical race theory, D. I. E. (diversity, inclusion, and equity) initiatives, and other social justice activism (see especially What Does this Mean? Responding to Social Justice and Critical Race Theory by the Minnesota South District President, Rev. Dr. Lucas C. Woodford), and

WHEREAS social justice, or woke, ideology has been observed to be promoted within the Concordia University System (see especially President Harrison’s May 9, 2022 letter to the CUWAA Board of Regents),

WHEREAS the Concordia University System has been a great blessing to the Synod and is a treasure that ought to be protected and preserved for our posterity, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Synod President, District Presidents whose oversight involves a Concordia, and the Concordia University System Board identify and eliminate the promotion of social justice, or woke, ideology from the Concordia University System, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention refer this matter to the 2023 LCMS National Convention in Milwaukee for consideration and adoption.

Late Overture 2-08

To Amend Bylaw 1.24.a. to Limit Terms of the Office for District President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer

Whereas, the Lord gifts all people with many and diverse gifts, and

Whereas, Paul acknowledges this truth in 1 Cor. 12:28-31 with reference specifically to the Office of the Holy Ministry, where it is written, “…and God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts” [ESV], and

Whereas, the Lord has gifted the Church with many faithful men who possess the gifts of leadership and administration, and

Whereas, we are discouraged from trusting in human princes—precisely because of their humanity—rather than in God who alone saves and endows all pastors with these various gifts, as it is written in Psalm 146:3, “Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation [ESV], and

Whereas, all elected offices in the world and in the church, including the elected offices of the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are often very stressful and take their toll on any and all who hold them, and

Whereas, we should always be concerned for the physical, emotional, and spiritual welfare of all who hold office in our District, that they not become negatively impacted by their work and are encouraged to return to their lives after service, healthy at all levels, and

Whereas, one of the benefits of term limitation is that it focuses the office holder by helping him to see what limits there are to his time and the authority of his office, and

Whereas, the Synod and District have already seen the wisdom of limiting the tenure of circuit visitors and board and commission members; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Bylaw 1.24a, be amended as follows: PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING
1.24.a. The offices of President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer of the District shall be without limitation as to re-election limited to four consecutive terms or 15 years lifetime in one particular office.

and be it further RESOLVED, that this amendment take immediate effect, meaning that the count of consecutive terms begin with the convention at which the amendment is adopted.

Passed unanimously by the SWD Circuit 21 Forum on February 21, 2021.
Late Overture 2-09

To Amend Synod Bylaw 3.2.4.1 to Limit Terms of Office for President, First Vice-President, Regional Vice-Presidents, and Secretary

Whereas, the Lord gifts all people with many and diverse gifts, and

Whereas, Paul acknowledges this truth in 1 Cor. 12:28-31 with reference specifically to the Office of the Holy Ministry, where it is written, “...and God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts” [ESV], and

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Whereas, one of the benefits of term limitation is that it focuses the office holder by helping him to see what limits there are to his time and the authority of his office, and

Whereas, the Synod has already seen the wisdom of limiting the tenure of board and commission members; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Synod Bylaw 3.2.4.1 be amended as follows:

PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING

3.2.4.1 AS TO REELECTION, THE offices of President, the first Vice-President, regional vice-presidents, and Secretary shall be without limitation as to reelection be LIMITED TO FOUR CONSECUTIVE TERMS OR A MAXIMUM OF 15 YEARS LIFETIME IN ONE PARTICULAR OFFICE.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this amendment take immediate effect, meaning that the count of consecutive terms begin with the convention at which the amendment is adopted.

and be it further RESOLVED, that this proposed amendment be forwarded by the South Wisconsin District to Synod for consideration at the next Synod convention.

Passed unanimously by the SWD Circuit 21 Forum on February 21, 2021.
# TO RESPECTFULLY DECLINE OVERTURES

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF THOSE NOMINATED

CONRADT, Rev. Joshua
District/Circuit: Circuit Visitor (2015-2021); LWML Zone Counselor (2014-2018)  Synod: n/a  Community: n/a  Present Congregation: St. Peter Lutheran Church, Waterford  Hopes for the District: It is my hope that the Lord would continue to use the South Wisconsin District to confess Christ for the next generations. It is my hope that the churches that comprise the SWD would rightly teach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments (AC VII); and that they would rightly call pastors to carry out the Office of the Holy Ministry. It is my hope that her pastors would uphold the Scriptures and Confessions as they swore in the ordination vows. It is my hope that our churches would walk together, united in our conviction of faith in Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection on behalf of the world. It is my hope that the district would encourage her parishioners to fill themselves with prayer and the Word of God, remember their baptism daily, in repentance confess their sins and hear Christ’s Holy Absolution with joy, and receive often Christ’s body and blood which was given and shed for the forgiveness of sins.

FRUSTI, Dr. Philip

HENKEL, Blaine
Age: 65  Occupation: Master Cabinet Maker  Region/Circuit: NE-14  Education: UW-Oshkosh (BS, 1980)  Experience and activities—Congregation: Active member for past 40 years. President of congregation for past 8 years to present. Served in multiple capacities.  District/Circuit: Lay delegate to SWD Convention 2 times  Synod: n/a  Community: n/a  Present Congregation: Trinity, Menasha, WI  Hopes for the District: To maintain and hold tight to the Word of God. To reach out and develop growth and strength of the churches and schools.
RAASCH, Rev. Randolph

Age: 65 Occupation: Senior Pastor of First Immanuel Lutheran, Cedarburg
Present congregation: First Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cedarburg Hopes for the District: In a culture that so desperately needs Jesus, I am glad that our district is extending its efforts in developing mission starts and connecting larger congregations with smaller congregations for support and direction. I also find that one of the most engaging doors of evangelism to our culture is that of education. Whether it is Early Childhood Education; preschools; grade schools; high schools or universities, people of our culture are coming to our Lutheran schools for quality education in a morally sound environment. In so doing they are immersed with the love and truth of Jesus through our teachers and our Christian curriculum. If elected to the CUW Board of Regents it will be my joy and privilege to support the development of students in body, mind and spirit for work in the Church and the world. As a graduate of CUW and CUAA, and having taught theology at CUW, my personal desire for these institutions is to assure they continue as strong Lutheran beacons of the Word in a dark world.

SCHWEITZER, Scott:

Age: 49 Occupation: Supervisor, Software Quality Assurance Region/Circuit: SE-26 Education: CUW (BA, 2015); MATC (Associate IT, 1999) Experience and activities—Congregation: Board of Elders (2000-present, including Chair and Vice Chair) District/Circuit: Bugenhagen Conference host Synod: n/a Community:
Volunteering and/or donating to a variety of organizations and causes, examples include Feeding America, Veteran's Outreach of Wisconsin, etc. Present congregation: St John Lutheran Church, Racine Hopes for the District: My hope is for the SWD, in particular CUW, to remain faithful and in accord with the beliefs, teachings, and confessions of the LCMS. I would look to strengthen where things are already solid, and work to correct where things have begun to falter. In its own words, CUW strives to have its students "Live Uncommon", that should apply even more to itself. CUW cannot be allowed to follow the "common" path which other institutions of higher learning are heading down. CUW must remain focused on educating students and reinforcing those things which are core to the LCMS. Practices, teachings, faculty, and administrators which run contrary to the LCMS should be corrected. CUW exists as part of the LCMS, and students and parents should know what to expect when they choose to pay a significant sum to attend.