



LCMS—South Wisconsin District 54th Convention

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Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon

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Officers, Board of Directors, Staff

The first number in parentheses indicates the year the current term expires. The second number (for board and committee members and circuit counselors) indicates how many times the person is eligible for reelection to the same position.

■ OFFICERS

President	Rev. John Wille (2018)
First Vice-President, Central East Region	Rev. Daniel Torkelson (2018)
Second Vice-President, Southeast Region	Rev. David Paape (2018)
Third Vice-President, Northeast Region	Rev. Robert Zick (2018)
Fourth Vice-President, West Region	Rev. Mark Meier (2018)
Secretary	Rev. David Totsky (2018)
Treasurer	Ralph Klevenow

■ BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ordained Ministers

Rev. Darrel Bergelin, Northeast (2021 – 0)
 Rev. David Jensen, West (2018 – 1)
 Rev. Douglas Stowe, Southeast (2021 - 1)
 Rev. Mark Wangerin, Central East (2018 – 1)

Commissioned Ministers

Brad Jentsch, Central East & Northeast (2018 – 1)
 Jonathon Pickelmann, Southeast & West (2021 – 1)

Laypersons

William Budd, West (2021 – 1)
 Myron Buss, Northeast (2018 – 1)
 Alan Beyer, Southeast (2018 – 1)
 Ronald Kabitzke, Northeast (2021 – 1)
 Edward Koss, West (2018 – 1)
 Greta Martin, Southeast (2021 – 0)
 Bryan Seider, Central East (2018 – 0)
 Dean Sievert, Central East (2021 – 1)

■ DISTRICT EXECUTIVE STAFF AS OF JUNE 2015

Diana Raasch, First Immanuel, Cedarburg	Stewardship, Lutheran Church Extension Fund vice president
Mark L'Heureux, Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa	Superintendent of schools, youth and family
Herman Strozier, Mission of Christ, Milwaukee	Business manager
Peter Kelm, First Immanuel, Cedarburg	Missions, evangelism, human care and older adult

■ DISTRICT SUPPORT STAFF

Robin Mueller	Schools, youth and family
Maryann Ostrenga	Accounting
Peg Raabe	Missions, human care and older adult
Karen Rayner	President's office
Barb Slak	Lutheran Church Extension Fund, stewardship

Nominations Committee & Circuit Counselors

■ COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION NOMINATIONS — DISTRICT

Ordained Ministers

Rev. Bryan Osladil, Northeast (2021 – 0)
 Rev. Daniel Torkelson, Southeast (2021– 1)
 Rev. Jason Schockman, West (2021 – 1)
 Rev. Adam Sorenson, Central East (2021 – 1)

Laypersons

Carolyn Blum, Southeast (2021 – 1)
 Ronald Kabitzke, Northeast (2021 – 1)
 Michael Milbrath, Central East (2018 – 1)
 Robert Pulley, West (2021-1)

Commissioned Ministers

David Burgess, Southeast (2021 – 1)
 Duane Graf, Central East (2021 – 1)
 Douglas Jacoby, West (2021-1)
 Gene Ladendorf, Northeast (2021 – 1)

Advisory

Rev. David Totsky, secretary

■ CIRCUIT VISITORS

Central East Region

1	Metro South Shore	Rev. Karl Fabrizius (2018 – 2)
2	Metro South	Rev. William Palmer (2018 – 2)
3	Metro Southwest	Rev. Richard Raabe (2018 – 2)
4	Metro West	Rev. Steve Voigt (2018 – 2)
5	Metro Northwest	Rev. Eric Skovgaard (2018 – 2)
6	Metro North	Rev. Kenneth Wieting (2018 – 2)
7	Ozaukee/Washington	Rev. Philip Hillenbrand (2018 – 2)

Northeast Region

8	Horicon	Rev. Daniel Seehafer (2018 – 1)
9	West Bend/Random Lake	Rev. Joseph Fisher (2018 – 2)
10	Sheboygan South	Rev. Christian Gugel (2018 – 2)
11	Sheboygan Central	Rev. Bryan Osladil (2018 – 2)
12	Sheboygan North	Rev. Peter Peitsch (2018 – 2)
13	Manitowoc	Rev. J. Patrick Niles (2018 – 2)
14	Winnebago	Rev. Marvin Ahlborn (2018 – 1)

West Region

15	Berlin	Rev. Richard Bartholomew (2018 – 1)
16	Marquette	Rev. Gary Schultz (2018– 2)
17	La Crosse	Rev. Philip Enderle (2018 – 2)
18	Southwest	Rev. Thomas Reeder (2018 – 2)
19	Madison North	Rev. Christopher Amen (2018 – 2)
20	Madison South	Rev. Jason Zobel (2018 – 2)
21	Oconomowoc	Rev. Thomas Wink (2018 – 2)

Southeast Region

22	Watertown	Rev. Mark Wenzel (2018 – 0)
23	Janesville	Rev. Carl Seeger (2018 – 0)
24	Beloit	Rev. Ed May (2018 – 0)
25	Kenosha	Rev. Joshua Conratt (2018 – 2)
26	Racine	Rev. Neil Carlson (2018 –2)

Convention Committees

GENERAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

O – Rev. Nathan Meador, Chair

Registration

C – Mark L'Heureux
L – Robin Mueller

Hospitality

C – Roger Laesch
C – Gene Ladendorf

Technology

L – Todd Boettcher

Communications

O – Rev. Mark E. Wangerin

Housing and campus

L – Jeff Bandurski

Worship

C – Stephen Rosebrock

Exhibits

L – Bob Mason
L – Barb Slak

Publicity/Graphics

L – Peg Raabe

Advisory

L – Maryann Ostrenga
L – Karen Rayner

Finance and site coordinator

L – Herman Strozier

FLOOR COMMITTEES

1. NOMINATIONS

O - Rev. Bryan Osladil, Our Redeemer, Sheboygan, Chair
O - Rev. Adam Sorenson, Mt. Olive, Milwaukee
O - Rev. Dennis Schueler, Trinity, Wisconsin Dells
O - Rev. Daniel Torkelson, St. John, North Prairie
C - Dennis Vierk, St. Paul, Janesville
C - Gene Ladendorf, Trinity Freistadt, Mequon
C - Craig Thoepe, St. John, West Bend
L - Christa Hegland, Lamb of God, Pleasant Prairie
L - Ronald Kabitzke, Pilgrim, West Bend
L - Michael Milbrath, Beautiful Savior, Milwaukee

2. ADMINISTRATION & ONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

O - Rev. William Kilps, Good Shepherd, Two Rivers, Chair
O - Rev. Erick Skovgaard, Elm Grove, Elm Grove
O - Jack Gilbert, St. John, Racine
L - Carrie O'Donnell, St. Paul, Oconomowoc

3. PARISH EDUCATION

O - Rev. Randy Raasch, First Immanuel, Cedarburg, Chair
O - Rev. Jeffery Schubert, Divine Redeemer, Hartland
C - Dr. Christopher Cody, Mt. Olive, Milwaukee
L - Joel Olson, Our Savior, Whitefish Bay

4. MISSIONS

O - Rev. Daniel Torkelson, St. John, North Prairie, Chair
O - Rev. Timothy Sims, Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee
O - Rev. Philip Enderle, St. Matthew, Warren
C - Jon Pickelmann, St. Paul, Oconomowoc
L - Kathy Klatt, Brookfield, Brookfield
L - Johnnie Fields, Mission of Christ, Milwaukee

5. STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELISM

O - Rev. Mark Wenzel, Peace, Beaver, Dam, Chair
O - Rev. Jason Zobel, Mt. Olive, Madison
O - Rev. Charlie Brandt, Bethlehem, Sun Prairie
L - Daryl Winston, Mission of Christ, Milwaukee
L - Jed Frank, First Immanuel, Cedarburg
L - Kyle Her, Hmong Hope, Milwaukee
L - Malcom Morgan, Sherman Park, Milwaukee

6. MISCELLANEOUS

O - Rev. Joseph Fisher, Pilgrim, West Bend, chair
O - Rev. Kenneth Wieting, Luther Memorial, Shorewood
O - Rev. David Ramirez, St. Paul, Union Grove
L - Jeff Behrens, Bethlehem, Sheboygan
L - Stephen Saunders, Our Father, Franklin
L - Phil Gohr, St. John, Mayville

7. ELECTIONS

O - Rev. Douglas Stowe, Divine Savior, Hartford, chair
O - Rev. Don Stein, Shepherd of the Hill, Onalaska
L - Paul Reske, Mt. Olive, Milwaukee
L - Myron Buss, Good Shepherd, Sheboygan

8. MINUTES & REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

O - Rev. Chris Gugel, Good Shepherd, Sheboygan, Chair
O - Rev. David Totsky, Sherman Park, Milwaukee
L - Brian Seider, Zion, Menomonee Falls, Board Chair

Congregations by Circuit

METRO SOUTH SHORE ■ CIRCUIT 1

Franklin	Risen Savior
Greendale	Our Shepherd
Greenfield	Mt Zion
	Our Father
Milwaukee	Chapel of the Cross
	Grace
Oak Creek	Grace

METRO SOUTH ■ CIRCUIT 2

Milwaukee	Divine Shepherd
	Oklahoma Avenue
	St. Stephen
Wauwatosa	Our Redeemer
	Pilgrim
West Allis	Emmanuel (Deaf)
	St. Paul
	Trinity

METRO SOUTHWEST ■ CIRCUIT 3

Milwaukee	Berea
	Beautiful Savior
	Hmong Hope
	Mt. Calvary
	Mt. Olive
	Sherman Park
	St. Martini

METRO WEST ■ CIRCUIT 4

Cedarburg	First Immanuel
Milwaukee	Bethany
	Covenant
	Emmaus
	Gospel
	Zion International
	Holy Ghost
	Hope
	Mission of Christ

METRO NORTHWEST ■ CIRCUIT 5

Brookfield	Brookfield
	Immanuel
Elm Grove	Elm Grove
Menomonee Falls	Zion
New Berlin	Blessed Savior
Pewaukee	Lamb of God
Sussex	Peace
Waukesha	Beautiful Savior
	Christ the Life

METRO NORTH ■ CIRCUIT 6

Brown Deer	St. Paul
Glendale	St. John
Milwaukee	Benediction
	Christ Memorial
	St. Peter - Immanuel
	Trinity
Shorewood	Luther Memorial
Whitefish Bay	Our Savior

OZAUKEE/WASHINGTON ■ CIRCUIT 7

Germantown	Faith
Grafton	St. Paul
Jackson	Living Word
Mequon	Beautiful Savior
	Trinity-Freistadt
Menomonee Falls	Grace
West Bend	St. John

HORICON ■ CIRCUIT 8

Burnett	Immanuel
	Zion
Horicon	St. John
	St. Stephen
Mayville	Immanuel
	St. John
Waupun	Pella

WEST BEND/RANDOM LAKE ■ CIRCUIT 9

Belgium	St. Mark
Batavia	St. Stephen
Fredonia	St. John
Kewaskum/New Fane	St. John
Pt. Washington	St. John
Random Lake	Immanuel
West Bend	Pilgrim
	St. Andrew

SHEBOYGAN SOUTH ■ CIRCUIT 10

Sheboygan	Bethlehem
	Christ
	Good Shepherd
	Immanuel
	Our Savior
Town Wilson	Trinity
Waldo	St. Thomas

SHEBOYGAN CENTRAL ■ CIRCUIT 11

Haven	Grace
Howards Grove	Trinity
Kohler	Bethany
Sheboygan	Luther Memorial
	Our Redeemer
	St. Paul
	Trinity

SHEBOYGAN NORTH ■ CIRCUIT 12

Adell	Emmanuel
Elkhart Lake	Grace
Glenbeulah	Zion
Cascade	St. Paul
Plymouth	St. John
Random Lake	St. John
Sheboygan Falls	St. Paul

MANITOWOC ■ CIRCUIT 13

Brillion	St. Bartholomew
Chilton	St. Martin
	St. Luke
Hilbert	St. Peter
New Holstein	Zion
Potter/Hilbert	Trinity
Manitowoc	Redeemer
Two Rivers	Good Shepherd

WINNEBAGO ■ CIRCUIT 14

Fond du Lac	Hope
Menasha	Trinity
Neenah	New Hope
	Peace
N. Fond du Lac	Divine Shepherd
Oshkosh	Good Shepherd
	Hmong Outreach
	Trinity

BERLIN ■ CIRCUIT 15

Auroraville	Immanuel
Berlin	St. John
Borth	Trinity
Omro	Grace
Poy Sippi	Emmaus
Ripon	Messiah
Weyauwega	Christ
Wild Rose	Immanuel

MARQUETTE ■ CIRCUIT 16

Hancock	Grace
Montello	Trinity
Neshkoro	St John
	Zion
Oxford	St. John
Packwaukee	Trinity
Princeton	Calvary
Wautoma	Trinity
Westfield	Immanuel
	St. Paul
Wild Rose	St. Paul

LA CROSSE ■ CIRCUIT 17

Adams	Immanuel
Dellwood	United in Christ
La Crosse	Faith
Necedah	St. James
New Miner	St. Paul
Onalaska	Shepherd of the Hills
Quincy	St. John
Tomah	Good Shepherd
Warren	St. Matthew
West Salem	Prince of Peace

SOUTHWEST ■ CIRCUIT 18

Boscobel	Hickory Grove
Highland	Christ
Hillpoint	St. Paul
La Valle	St. Paul
	Zion
Loganville	St. John
Muscoda	St. Peter
Platteville	Apostles
Reedsburg	St. Peter
Richland Center	St. Luke

MADISON NORTH ■ CIRCUIT 19

Arlington	St. Peter
Baraboo	Our Savior
Lyndon Station	St. Luke
Madison	Immanuel
	Our Savior (Deaf)
	St. Paul
Portage	St. John
Wisconsin Dells	Trinity

MADISON SOUTH ■ CIRCUIT 20

Madison	Calvary
	Christ Memorial
	Living Christ
	Mt. Olive
Monona	Monona
Oregon	Community of Life
Stoughton	Good Shepherd
Sun Prairie	Bethlehem
Wauwaukee	Mission Hill (Mission Start)

OCONOMOWOC ■ CIRCUIT 21

Hartland	Divine Redeemer
North Prairie	St. John
Oconomowoc	Grace & Truth
	St. John
	St. Paul
Pewaukee	Shepherd of the Hills
Sullivan	St. John
Wales	Bethlehem

WATERTOWN ■ CIRCUIT 22

Beaver Dam	Peace
Clyman	Zion
Hartford	Divine Savior
Lebanon	St. Peter
Reeseville	Immanuel
	Trinity
Watertown	Good Shepherd
	St. Stephen

JANESVILLE ■ CIRCUIT 23

Center	Zion
Edgerton	St. John
Fort Atkinson	Living Savior
Hanover	Immanuel
Janesville	Mt. Calvary
	Our Savior
	St. Paul

BELOIT ■ CIRCUIT 24

Beloit	Messiah
	St. John
	Trinity
Clinton	Christ
Delavan	Holy Cross (Deaf)
	Our Redeemer
East Troy	Good Shepherd
Lake Geneva	Gloria Dei
Sharon	Triune

KENOSHA ■ CIRCUIT 25

Burlington	Our Savior
Kenosha	Messiah
Pleasant Prairie	Good Shepherd
	Lamb of God
Racine	Chapel of the Cross
Twin Lakes	Hope
Union Grove	St. Paul
Waterford	St. Peter

RACINE ■ CIRCUIT 26

Racine	Christ the King
	Grace
	Holy Cross
	Primera Iglesia
	Prince of Peace
	Redeemer
	St. John
	Trinity
Sturtevant	Faith



Minutes

The 54th Convention of the
South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod
June 7-9, 2015

SESSION 1**CALL TO ORDER:**

The 54th 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 6:30 p.m. with the Secretary and Assistant Secretary present.

Convention Chair, the Reverend Nathan Meador opened with prayer.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

The Reverend Dr. Patrick Ferry welcomed the SWD Convention to the facilities of Concordia University Wisconsin. He informed the assembly briefly about the Concordia Promise program.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE – Quorum

The Reverend Nathan Meador, Convention Planning Committee Chair, addressed the assembly. He reported the presence of 143 pastoral delegates and 143 lay delegates for a total of 286 voting delegates and declared a quorum.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND STANDING RULES

President Wille directed the Assembly to the Convention Agenda, page 3ff of Today's Business #1. Motion made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

The chair pointed delegates' attention to the standing rules on p7. Motion made and seconded to adopt the standing rules as printed. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE 1: NOMINATIONS

The Reverend Bryan Osladil directed the delegates' attention to Convention Workbook p 73 and following: Floor nominations were requested for the office of District President.

Secretary Totsky noted that in the publication of the *Workbook* the name of Rev. William Kilps was inadvertently omitted. Rev. Kilps declined the nomination and spot on the ballot.

Motion made and seconded to add the name of the Rev David Paape. Motion carried

Floor nominations were requested for W Region Vice President -- none

Floor nominations were requested for SE Region Vice President -- none

Floor nominations were requested for Secretary -- none

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, CE ordained – none

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, SE ordained – none

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, W ordained – none

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, CE Lay

Motion to add Dean Sievert

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, NE Lay

Motion to add David Zimmerman

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, SE Lay

Floor nominations for Board of Directors, W Lay

Nomination to add William Budd

Floor nominations for CCN – District, CE ordained -- none

Floor nominations for CCN – District, SE ordained -- none

Floor nominations for CCN – District, W ordained -- none

Floor nominations for CCN – District, W Commissioned -- none

Floor nominations for CCN – District, SE lay

Floor nominations for CCN – District, W lay

Floor nominations for CCN – District, NE lay

Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Motion carried.

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

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 or Tuesday's *Today's Business*.

This is our time

- to be distinctly Lutheran
- to honor our vocations
- to embrace our communities
- to plant new congregations

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS (*introduction of new congregations, pastors, and delegates serving new congregations since 2012*)

The Reverend David Totsky, CCM Chair, introduced the new congregations to the District since the 2012 Convention -- Sherman Park, Milwaukee, and St. Matthew, Warrens

President Wille relinquished the chair to 2nd Vice President Daniel Torkelson.

COMMITTEE 5: ELECTIONS (presidential ballot)

Rev. Donald Stein of the Elections Floor Committee, was introduced to the assembly, and he explained the election balloting procedure. The slate for President was presented.

	<u>Ballot 1</u>		
Rev David Paape	67	25.5%	
Rev Dr. John Wille	196	74.5%	(elected)

President Wille resumed the chair and thanked the delegates.

SYNODICAL REPORT (part one)

1st Vice President Herbert Mueller addressed the Convention.

Six Mission priorities identified by LCMS

1. Plant, sustain and revitalize distinctively Lutheran Missions
2. Support and expand theological education
3. Human care
4. Collaborate with embers and partners
5. Nurture and care for church workers
6. Emphasize Christian education at all levels

He led the Assembly through a study of Matthew 16:13-26.

A video of the Synod's work of Witness, Mercy, and Life Together was shown.

He spoke about forthcoming emphases which will focus on mission/outreach and congregational revitalization

A Simple Way
Preach the Word

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Room key 217 A needs to be returned to Robin.

DAILY PRAYER: CLOSE OF THE DAY – The Rev. Nathan Meador led the assembly in Daily Prayer: Close of Day. The Rev. Daniel Torkelson gave the message.

Recess until 8:00 a.m. Monday

SESSION 2CALL TO ORDER:

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

DAILY PRAYER: MORNING

The Prayer Office was led by Convention Chaplain, the Rev. Nathan Meador, with 1st Vice President, the Reverend

David Paape, offering the message.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RE-CIRCUITING TASK FORCE.

The Reverend John Berg was introduced to the assembly. He addressed the delegates' attention to Sunday's *Today's Business*, p. 34-38. The Rev. Berg gave the background to the assignment given them by the 2012 District Convention and President Wille. The role and function of circuits as defined by the *Handbook* and historic practice in the Synod was presented.

TS -01 TO REALIGN THE SWD CENTRAL EAST REGIONAL CIRCUITS

Motion and Second to adopt TS -01

Motion and second to read only "Resolved"s from henceforth for the Task Force resolutions.

Yes 91% No 9%

Motion passed

Moved and second to amend the motion to place Shepherd of the Hills, Pewaukee, in Circuit 21 (its current circuit).

Question was raised as to whether this change would result in either circuit being out of compliance with the *Bylaws*. – No, both circuits would be in compliance

Yes 204 (82.6%) No 43 (17.4%)

Amendment passed

Question was raised as to why Mt. Calvary, Milwaukee was placed in Circuit 2 on the south side of Milwaukee instead of circuit 3 on the north side

Motion and second to amend the amended motion to move Mt Calvary, Milwaukee to Circuit 3 and St. Stephen, Milwaukee and Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee to Circuit 2.

Yes 235 (91.4%) No 22 (8.6%)

Amendment passed

Yes 242 (93.4%) No 17 (6.6%)

Amended motion passed

COMMITTEE 6: MISCELLANEOUS

RES 6-01 TO SUPPORT THE LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Motion and second to adopt Res 6-01

Motion and second to read only "Resolved"s of all resolutions be read henceforth for all motions, understanding that the "whereas"s are vital parts of the resolutions presented.

Yes 245 (96.8%) No 8 (3.2%)

Motion passed

RES. 6-02 TO UTILIZE AND SUPPORT THE LCMS DISABILITY MINISTRY TASK FORCE

Motion and second to adopt Res 6-02

Yes 242 (96.8%) No 8 (3.2%)

Motion passed

QUORUM REPORT

There are 152 voting ordained and 152 lay delegates for a total 304 present. Quorum is present.

RE-CIRCUITING TASK FORCE.

RES TS-02 TO REALIGN THE SWD SOUTH EAST REGIONAL CIRCUITS

Motion and second to adopt Res TS-02

Yes 246 (97.6%) No 6 (2.4%)

Motion passed

RES TS-03 TO REALIGN THE SWD WEST REGIONAL CIRCUITS

Motion and second to move Lyndon Station from Circuit 17 to Circuit 19 and move Sun Prairie from Circuit 19 to Circuit 20

Yes 207 (82.5%) No 44 (17.5%)

Amendment passed

Yes 234 (93.6%) No 16 (6.4%)

Amended motion passed

RES TS-04 TO REALIGN THE SWD NORTH EAST REGIONAL CIRCUITS

Motion and second to adopt Res TS-04

Yes 241 (93.4%) No 17 (6.6%)

Motion passed

BIBLE STUDY

The Reverend Dr. Andrew Bartelt, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, was introduced to the Assembly. He pointed the Assembly to his handout and led the body in a study of Micah 6 under the theme, “Walk Humbly with Your God.”

COMMITTEE 2: ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS**RES 2-01 TO COMMEND AND AFFIRM THE NEED FOR TWO SEMINARIES**

Motion and second to adopt

Yes 198 86.1% No 32 13.9%

Motion passed

RES 2-04 TO AMEND THE SWD ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Motion and second to adopt

Yes 220 (91.7%) No 20 (8.3%)

Motion passed

RES 2-02 TO MEMORIALIZE SYNOD TO RESTORE TO THE SYNOD PRESIDUM THE AUTHORITY TO ACT IN A CASE OF DISCIPLINE SHOULD A DISTRICT PRESIDENT FAIL TO ACT IN A MATTER OF ECCLESIAL SUPERVISION

Motion and second to adopt

Friendly amendment in second whereas, replace “ecclesiastical” with “ecclesial”

Yes 223 (88.5%) No 29 (11.5%)

Motion passed

COMMITTEE 4 –MISSIONS**4-06 TO CONTINUE THE SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC LUTHERAN MISSION**

Motion and second to adopt

Yes 234 (95.5%) No 11 (4.5%)

Motion passed

4-02 TO ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION AMONG THE CONGREGATIONS OF SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT IN THE PLANTING OF NEW CONGREGATIONS

Motion and second to accept

Yes 244 (96.2%) No 8 (3.2%)

Motion passed

4-05 TO ENCOURAGE PARTNERSHIPS IN REACHING THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITIES WITH THE GOSPEL

Motion and second to accept

Yes 244 (95.3%) No 12 (4.7%)

Motion passed

COMMITTEE 8: MINUTES AND THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Motion and second to approve the minutes of the BOD for the last Triennium

Yes 231 (97.1%) No 7 (2.9%)

Motion passed

The Rev. Ted Krey, Latin America Regional Director and lead missionary in the Dominican Republic, addressed the assembly. He introduced the Reverend David Preus who will be serving as a missionary.

President Wille called the Orders of the Day.

MR. KEVIN THERIOT, SENIOR COUNSEL, ALLIANCE FOR DEFENDING FREEDOM

Mr Kevin Theriot, Alliance for Defending Freedom Senior Counsel, was introduced to the Assembly and addressed the subject “Protecting Your Ministry” from society’s threats to the Church through

- Same-sex “marriage”
- Pulpit Restrictions
- Employment Discrimination Laws
- Public Accommodation Laws

He stated that government has no jurisdiction over “ecclesiastical matters”

- Government
- Doctrine
- membership
- employment issues

He emphasized that each congregation should establish

- Statement of faith
- Religious Employment Criteria
- Facility use Policy
- Formal Membership Policy
- Statement of Religious faith regarding marriage

Booklet available at AllianceDefendingFreedom.org/church

QUORUM REPORT

Currently there are 156 ordained and 153 lay for a total of 309

COMMITTEE 5 : ELECTIONS

CE VICE PRESIDENT

	<u>Ballot 1</u>		<u>Ballot 2</u>		<u>Ballot 3</u>		<u>Ballot 4</u>		
Peter Bender	61	24%	69	25.6%	63	25.3%			
Donald Hougard	17	6.8%	12	4.6%					
Larry Myers	14	5.6%							
David Paape	94	37.6%	107	41.2%	111	44.6%	152	59.8%	ELECTED
Randolph Raasch	64	25	72	27.7	75	30.1%	102	40.2%	

NE VICE PRESIDENT

	<u>Ballot 1</u>		<u>Ballot 2</u>		
Darrell Bergelin	40	16.1%	31	12%	
William Kilps	74	29.8%	74	28.7%	
M Douglas Peters	13	5.2%			
Robert Zick	121	48.8%	153	59.3%	ELECTED

W VICE PRESIDENT

	Ballot 1			
Mark Meier	165	(64%)		ELECTED
Jason Zobel	95	(36%)		

SE VICE PRESIDENT

	Ballot 1			
Daniel Torkelson	198	(74.4%)		ELECTED
Jeffery Schubert	68	(25.6%)		

RANKING

	Ballot 1		Ballot 2		Ballot 3		
Meier	24	8.9%					
Paape	105	39%	119	46.5%	134	49.3%	
Torkelson	97	36.1%	110	43%	138	50.7%	1st VP
Zick	43	16%	27	10.5%			
Meier	40	14.9%					
Paape	159	59.1%					2nd VP
Zick	70	26%					
Meier	94	35.7%					4th VP
Zick	169	64.3%					3rd VP

SESSION 3

CALL TO ORDER:

The Reverend Dr. John C. Wille called the assembly to order at 1:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Meador

COMMITTEE 7 -- ELECTIONS

Secretary

David Totsky						
Yes	203	97.1%	No	6	3.9%	Elected

BOD SE Ordained

Rev. Daniel Feldscher	97	46.6%			
Rev. Doug Stowe	111	53.4%			Elected

BOD NE Ordained

Rev. Darrell Bergelin	127	58.3%			Elected
Rev. Joseph Fisher	91	41.7%			

BOD W/SE Commissioned

Doug Jacoby	89	47.6%			
Jonathon Pickelmann	98	52.4%			Elected

BOD CE Lay

Mark Ewert	70	36.8%		86	41.3%	
Dean Sievert	84	44.2%		122	58.7%	Elected
Daniel Wilant			36	18.8%		

BOD NE Lay

Ron Kabitzke	106	50.7%			Elected
David Zimmermann	103	49.3%			

BOD SE Lay

Greta Martin						
Yes	216	91.1%	No	21	8.9%	Elected

BOD W Lay
 William Budd 102 53.1% **Elected**
 Robert Pulley 90 46.9%

CCN CE Ordained
 Rev. Adam Sorenson 127 54% **Elected**
 Rev. Steve Voight 108 46%

CCN SE Ordained
 Rev. Dan Feldscher 103 41.2%
 Rev. Daniel Torkelson 147 58.8% **Elected**

CCN NE Ordained
 Rev. Bryan Osladil 137 57.8% **Elected**
 Rev. M Doug Peters 100 42.2%

CCN W Ordained
 Bryan Fritsch 107 49.3%
 Jason Schockman 110 50.7% **Elected**

LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARITIES, accompanied by their comfort dogs, were introduced to the Assembly and extended greetings.

THE REV JOHN DREYER, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, extended greetings to the assembly and highlighted the matter of student debt.

KEVIN THERIOT Q & A

Why is a congregation's Constitution/Bylaws which subscribe to certain statements, not sufficient? If the documents state the specific documents and state the subscription to those documents they can be adequate,

Should the statement of faith come from the top or from the local level? Preferably from the top but the local level must be the source for "facilities use policies" *etc.*

Questions regarding same-sex "marriages" and when and/or if pastors should serve as agents of the state were asked. Additional questions regarding facilities use were raised.

Synod resources on these social issues can be found at LCMS.org/freetobefaitful.

SCHOOLS, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY – Mr. Mark L'Heureux

Mr. L'Heureux reported that 2/3 of SWD schools are Accredited. Divine Redeemer, Hartland and St. Paul, Grafton have attained the highest level of accreditation.

Mr. L'Heureux was recognized and thanked for his years of service. A Prayer of thanks was offered by Chaplain Meador as Mr. L'Heureux transitions to a new call in Nebraska.

COMMITTEE 4 – MISSIONS

RES 4-03 TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THEIR POLICIES AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE BIBLE'S TEACHING ON MARRIAGE

Motion and second to adopt

Yes 233 97.5% No 62.5

Motion passed

RES 4-04 TO AFFIRM RESOLUTION 2-07A ["TO EMPHASIZE THE BIBLICAL TEACHING OF SEXUALITY, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY"] PASSED AT THE 2013 LCMS CONVENTION

Motion and second to adopt

Yes 236 97.9% No 5 2.1%

Motion passed

RES 4-01 TO IDENTIFY AND RESPOND TO THE INCURSIONS AGAINST RELIGIONS FREEDOMS IN THE UNITED STATES
BY THE RADICAL ELEMENTS OF ISLAM

Motion and second to adopt

Amend “Islamic faith” to “Islamic religion” accepted as a friendly amendment

Yes 228 91.6% No 21 8.4%

Motion passed

HERMAN STROZIER – SWD BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Strozier

- Pointed delegates to his report in the *Workbook*.
- encouraged congregations to have audits performed
- stated that the District has increased its contribution to Synod
- pointed delegates attention to the financial reports in Monday’s
- reminded delegates to share the congregational Intentions Report in the Binder and share it with their congregations

COMMITTEE 7 – ELECTIONS

CCN Commissioned CE

Jeff Fick	97	49.5%		
Duane Graf	99	50.5%	ELECTED	

CCN Commissioned NE

Craig Toerpe	90	42.7%		
Gene Ladendorf	121	57.3%	ELECTED	

CCN Commissioned

Dennis Andreaon	70	34.1%		
Doug Jacoby	135	65.9%	ELECTED	

CCN Commissioned SE

Dave Burgess	111	50%	126	52.1%	ELECTED
Jonathon Pickelmann	111	50%	116	47.9%	

CCN SE Lay

Carolyn Blum					
Yes	221	91.3%	No	21	8.7%
			ELECTED		

CCN W Lay

Bob Pulley					
Yes	226	95.8%	No	10	4.2%
			ELECTED		

CCN NE Lay

Ronald Kabitzke					
Yes	214	91.8%	No	19	8.2%
			ELECTED		

CUW BOR ordained

Rev. John Berg	98	39.5%	149	60.8%	ELECTED
Rev. Nathan Meador	73	29.4%			
Rev. Larry Myers	77	31%	96	39.2%	

CUW Commissioned

Dwayne Jobst	134	58.5%	ELECTED	
Carrie Miller	95	41.5%		

CUW Lay

Robert Denkert	124	57.1%	ELECTED	
Robert Peters	93	42.9%		

CUW Lay

William Feld	91	41%
Richard Laabs	131	59%

ELECTEDCOMMITTEE 3 – PARISH EDUCATION

RES 3-04 TO COMMEND MARK L'HEUREUX

Motion and second to adopt

Yes	225	93.4%	No	16	6.6%
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Motion passed

RES 3-03 TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RETIREMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PARISH PASTORS

Add to the final resolved The SWD in Convention encourage the Synod to explore . . .

Motion and second to adopt

Yes	222	91%	No	22	9%
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Motion passed

RES 3-01 BOARD OF REGENTS OF OUR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Motion and second to adopt

Add to the final resolved The SWD in Convention encourage the Synod to reaffirm . . .

Yes	209	88.9%	No	26	11.1%
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Motion passed

RES 3-02 TO ENCOURAGE LUTHERAN SCHOOL TO MAINTAIN A LUTHERAN IDENTITY

Motion and second to adopt

Yes	229	93.5%	No	16	6.5%
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Motion passedCOMMITTEE 5 STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELISM

Res 5-04 TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS TO EMPHASIZE BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP TEACHING AS A BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL TASK

Motion and second to adopt

Yes	229	93.9%	No	15	6.1%
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Motion passed

5-01A TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS TO EMPHASIZE ANNUAL BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

Motion and second to adopt

Yes	162	66.4%	No	82	33.6%
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Motion passed

MRS. DIANA RAASCH – LCEF DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Raasch spoke to the assembly about a variety of stewardship and financial opportunities available through LCEF. She then introduced Mr. Rich Robertson, LCEF President who addressed the assembly.

COMMITTEE 6 – MISCELLANEOUS

RES 6-03 TO CALL THE REV. DR. MATTHEW BECKER TO REPENTANCE, IMPLORE THE REV. PAUL LINNEMANN TO

EXERCISE ECCLESIASTICAL SUPERVISION AND THANK AND ENCOURAGE PRESIDENT MATTHEW HARRISON

First resolved should end “and be it further”

Motion and second to adopt

Yes	209	88.6%	No	27	11.4%
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Motion passed

Chaplain Meador led the Assembly in prayer.

MR. JAMES SANFT, CONCORDIA PLAN SERVICES, was introduced to the Assembly. He extended greetings on behalf of the Concordia Plans. He addressed the Assembly about the healthcare system and expenses therein as well as means to reduce costs for all involved.

MRS. JUDY PAULSON, SWD LWML President was introduced to the Assembly. She extended greetings on behalf of the women of the SWD. She noted the varieties of groups within the LWML and the varieties of ways women may participate in the organization. She encouraged those congregations without societies to consider starting one.

REV. MARTINHO SANDER extended greetings from DOXOLOGY.

MRS. TRISH KAGERBAUER, A Place of Refuge, addressed the Convention about the work of A Place of Refuge Ministry.

SONYA PARSON, Rebecca's Garden of Hope, a tutoring and mentoring program, spoke about the needs of young families and children. Rebecca's Garden of Hope is a ministry carried out through the SOS Center, to establish relationships with families in your neighborhood to enable outreach.

HARLEY ROKENBRODT, Camp LuWiSoMo, spoke to the delegates about the work being carried on by Camp LuWiSoMo.

DAILY PRAYER: EARLY EVENING – Rev Nathan Meador led the assembly in the Prayer Office with Rev Zick offering the message.

Recess until Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

SESSION 4

CALL TO ORDER:

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

DAILY PRAYER: MORNING

The Prayer Office was led by the Rev. Steven Rosebrock and Convention Chaplain, the Rev Nathan Meador, with 4th Vice President, the Reverend Mark R. Meier, Sr., offering the message.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion and second to approve the minutes of Session 2 and 3 as corrected. Motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF CIRCUIT VISITOR ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Motion and second to ratify the Circuit Visitor elections/appointment

Yes 222 96.9% No 7 3.1%

Motion passed

BIBLE STUDY

The Reverend Dr. Andrew Bartelt led the Assembly in a Bible Study on “Mercy” in the First Testament.” Following his handout, he focused on the various words used in the Old Testament which may be translated or expresses the idea of “mercy.”

Vocabulary:

1. Chen – “favor” (mercy?)
2. Chesed – covenant love
3. Rechen – pity

SYNOD REPORT (PART 2)

President Matthew Harrison was introduced to the Assembly.

He spoke of the opportunities the Synod is seeing worldwide.

- With the abandonment of the biblical position there is a decline in church bodies worldwide.
- A dozen African church bodies are seeking our assistance in educational areas.
- The Synod is in talks with Mekane Yesu asking for educational assistance, which is being responded to by our seminaries.

- The debt which Synod had, due to internal borrowing, when Pres. Harrison took office has been repaid
- The goal for career missionaries established by the 2013 has almost been met.
- Encouraged delegates to include Synod among those “Special” ministries which their congregation supports
- Only about 6% of unrestricted revenues are utilized for administration
- In the last 40 years, there has been an 18% decline in baptized membership
 - The church is suffering/declining most quickly in areas where the society is highly secular
- 1/3 of Americans under 30 have no religious background
- Millennials are the least religious in 6 generations
 - Birth rate is declining
 - Educational debt is increasing
- LCMS is one of the most white denominations in America (ELCA even more so)

He encouraged us to engage actively in Witness, Mercy, and Life Together

Q & A

What have we learned from others worldwide that we can use here?

Demographics have a definite impact. There are children everywhere. Africa has an office of evangelist, lesser, non-pastoral responsibility office.

Fastest declining church is ELCA. What is the state of or relationship with the ELCA? With WELS?

ELCA down 27%. They’ve closed 1000 congregations since their inception. We really have no relationship with the ELCA at all. We do work with them in externals

We’ve been talking with the WELS. They’ve reached out to us. Meet annually and discuss theological issues and positions.

Can you shed some light on Prof Kloha’s paper about a “plastic text”?

He has met with Prof Kloha to discuss the issue and revisions have been made. He is satisfied with the results.

Can you respond to Resolutions regarding CCM opinion about missionary calls?

An email response was sent out yesterday. The bylaw doesn’t apply to Lutheran Hour, RSO, only limited application to Mission Societies. If the District/congregation wants to call, Synod can work with them to extend call. The Synod just wants consistency in doctrine and practice. If the CCM opinion is rejected, the Bylaw still stands.

President Harrison was thanked for his testimony before the Senate.

Our congregations are declining! What must we do?

There is not one county in the US where the number of Christians has increased. We are here to reach out. Improve preaching, increase visitation. Number of congregations, 6200, has been stable. Congregations are just getting smaller. Problem he sees is an attitude of thanklessness toward Synod. However, open communion is not the answer. Maintain the *ordo*.

President Harrison was thanked for his support of Black Ministry

It has been made easier for new congregations to join. We have to set goals in starting non-Anglo congregations. There is now “silver bullet.”

President Harrison was commended for his position and speaking about birth control. Since God instituted the Church as congregations, why can’t they send people as missionaries when an RSO can?

The congregation has all the rights and privileges. It’s more a matter of doing things decently and in good order. The CCM opinion now allows “dual calls” between congregation and Synod through the Mission office.

COMMITTEE 2: ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTION

RES 2-03A TO CHANGE NOMINATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Motion and second to adopt

To close debate

Yes 156 66.4% No 79 33.4%

Motion failed

Call the Question

Yes 219 88.8% No 25 10.2%

Motion passed

Yes 156 65.3% No 83 34.7%

Motion passed

COMMITTEE 3 – PARISH EDUCATION

RES 3-05 TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUING PASTORAL EDUCATION

Motion and second to adopt

Friendly amendment to change final resolved

RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention encourage the synod, with the assistance of our seminary and universities, to develop a program to provide pastors with continuing education at annual pastors' conferences at additional times and places.

Yes 233 94.7% No 13 5.3 %

Motion passed

COMMITTEE 5 – STEWARDSHIP

RES 5-02 FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS TO GROW IN THEIR PERSONAL STEWARDSHIP

Motion and second to adopt

Change from “Biblical Model” to “Biblical Principles”

Yes 206 85.8% No 34 14.2 %

Motion passed

RES 5-03 TO ESTABLISH AND FUND A CONGREGATION ENDOWMENT

Motion and second to adopt

Yes 195 79.9% No 49 20.1 %

Motion passed

VIDEO PRESENTATION

The video on Student Indebtedness from Concordia Theological Seminary was shown.

COMMITTEE 6 – MISCELLANEOUS

RES 6-04 TO UTILIZE THE TRAINING REGARDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CREATED BY THE LCMS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE TASK (DVCA) FORCE

Motion and second to adopt

Motion passed

RES 6-05 TO EXPRESS THANKS

Motion and second to adopt

Motion passed

President Wille introduced the Missionaries serving in the District and asked them to present themselves on the stage.

President Wille introduced the District Staff and Convention Committee. He expressed thanks for their hard work. Announcements

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Meador

Motion and Second to adjourn

Task Force on Realignment

TS-01 TO REALIGN THE SWD CENTRAL EAST REGIONAL CIRCUITS

(TB #1, p. 37)

- WHEREAS, In recent years the South Wisconsin District has requested exceptions at Synod conventions due to circuits not meeting the requirements of Synod bylaw 3.12; and
- WHEREAS, The SWD board of directors, at the recommendation of the District president appointed a task force to study the current circuit alignment and bring a recommendation to the 54th convention of the SWD; and
- WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod bylaws define circuits as consisting of a minimum of seven congregations and 1500 communicant members; and
- WHEREAS, The proposal, if implemented will keep the same number of Circuits in the SWD District and bring a greater voting representation from the central city congregations of Milwaukee; and
- WHEREAS, The proposal, if implemented will bring congregations into the same circuits who are in closer geographical proximities to each other and in similar ministry contexts; and
- WHEREAS, This realignment will also continue to help some congregations to continue their involvement with cross cultural ministry; and
- WHEREAS, The Circuit Realignment Task Force has extensively researched the proposal for realignment and has sought widespread support, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the 54th Convention of the SWD accept and enact the proposed Circuit Realignment of the Central East Region of the SWD.

Action: Adopted Session 2

TS-02 TO REALIGN THE SWD SOUTH EAST REGIONAL CIRCUITS
(TB #1, p. 37)

- WHEREAS, In recent years the South Wisconsin District has requested exceptions at Synod conventions due to circuits not meeting the requirements of Synod bylaw 3.12; and
- WHEREAS, The SWD board of directors, at the recommendation of the district president appointed a task force to study the current circuit alignment and bring a recommendation to the 54th convention of the SWD; and
- WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod bylaws define circuits as consisting of a minimum of seven congregations and 1500 communicant members; and
- WHEREAS, The proposal, if implemented will bring congregations into the same circuits who are in closer geographical proximities to each other and in similar ministry contexts; and
- WHEREAS, This realignment will also continue to help some congregations to continue their involvement with cross cultural ministry; and
- WHEREAS, The Circuit Realignment Task Force has extensively researched the proposal for realignment and has sought widespread support, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the 54th Convention of the SWD accept and enact the proposed Circuit Realignment of the South East Region of the SWD.

Action: Adopted Session 2

TS-03 TO REALIGN THE SWD WEST REGIONAL CIRCUITS
(TB #1, p. 38)

- WHEREAS, In recent years the South Wisconsin District has requested exceptions at Synod conventions due to circuits not meeting the requirements of Synod bylaw 3.12; and
- WHEREAS, The SWD board of directors, at the recommendation of the district president appointed a task force to study the current circuit alignment and bring a recommendation to the 54th convention of the SWD; and
- WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod bylaws define circuits as consisting of a minimum of seven congregations and 1500 communicant members; and
- WHEREAS, The proposal, if implemented will give keep the same number of Circuits in the SWD District and bring a greater voting representation from the central city congregations of Milwaukee; and
- WHEREAS, The proposal, if implemented will bring congregations into the same circuits who are in closer geographical proximities to each other and in similar ministry contexts; and
- WHEREAS, This realignment will also continue to help some congregations to continue their involvement with cross cultural ministry; and
- WHEREAS, The Circuit Realignment Task Force has extensively researched the proposal for realignment and has sought widespread support, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the 54th Convention of the SWD accepts and enact the proposed Circuit Realignment of the West Region of the SWD.

Action: Adopted Session 2

TS-04 TO REALIGN THE SWD NORTH EAST REGIONAL CIRCUITS*(TB #1, p. 38)*

- WHEREAS, In recent years the South Wisconsin District has requested exceptions at Synod conventions due to circuits not meeting the requirements of Synod bylaw 3.12; and
- WHEREAS, The SWD board of directors, at the recommendation of the district president appointed a task force to study the current circuit alignment and bring a recommendation to the 54th convention of the SWD; and
- WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod bylaws define circuits as consisting of a minimum of seven congregations and 1500 communicant members; and
- WHEREAS, The proposal, if implemented will give keep the same number of Circuits in the SWD District and bring a greater voting representation from the central city congregations of Milwaukee; and
- WHEREAS, The proposal, if implemented will bring congregations into the same circuits who are in closer geographical proximities to each other and in similar ministry contexts; and
- WHEREAS, This realignment will also continue to help some congregations to continue their involvement with cross cultural ministry; and
- WHEREAS, The Circuit Realignment Task Force has extensively researched the proposal for realignment and has sought widespread support, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the 54th Convention of the SWD accept and enact the proposed Circuit Realignment of the North East Region of the SWD

Adopted: Session 2Circuit 1

Greendale Our Shepherd (420)
 Greenfield Mt. Zion (204)
 Our Father (702)
 Milwaukee Chapel of the Cross (163)
 Grace (100)
 Oak Creek Grace (555)
 Franklin Risen Savior (324)

Circuit 2

Milwaukee Divine Shepherd (193)
 Oklahoma Avenue (211)
 St. Stephen (108)
 Wauwatosa Our Redeemer (1582)
 Pilgrim (192)
 West Allis St. Paul (1422)
 Trinity (192)
 Emmanuel Deaf (75)

Circuit 3

Milwaukee Berea (282)
 Beautiful Savior (179)
 Hmong Hope (@ Berea)
 Mt. Calvary (301)
 Mt. Olive (979)
 Sherman Park (124)
 St. Martini

Circuit 4

Cedarburg First Immanuel (2621)
 Milwaukee Bethany (68)
 Covenant (395)
 Emmaus (66)
 Gospel (50)
 International Lutheran Church
 of Zion
 Holy Ghost (64)
 Hope (63)
 Mission of Christ (57)

Circuit 5

Brookfield Immanuel (1299)
 Brookfield Brookfield (1331)
 Elm Grove Elm Grove (801)
 Menomonee Falls Zion (292)
 New Berlin Blessed Savior (682)
 Pewaukee Lamb of God (123)
 Sussex Peace (379)
 Waukesha Beautiful Savior (561)
 Christ the Life

Circuit 6

Brown Deer St. Paul's (338)
 Glendale St. John's (593)
 Milwaukee Benediction (353)
 Christ Memorial (183)
 St. Peter-Immanuel (619)
 Trinity (190)
 Shorewood Luther Memorial (254)
 Whitefish Bay Our Savior (185)

Circuit 7

Germantown Faith (386)
 Grafton St. Paul (2219)
 Jackson Living Word (155)
 Mequon Beautiful Savior (293)
 Trinity (1028)
 Menomonee Falls Grace (1998)
 West Bend St. John's (1632)

Circuit 8

Burnett Immanuel (94)
 Zion (178)
 Horicon St. John (189)
 St. Stephen (924)
 Mayville Immanuel (335)
 St. John (921)
 Waupun Pella (572)

Circuit 9

Belgium St. Mark (162)
 Batavia St. Stephen (139)
 Fredonia St. John (378)
 Kewaskum St. John (522)
 Pt Washington St. John (352)
 Random Lake Immanuel (315)
 West Bend Pilgrim (480)
 St. Andrew (377)

Circuit 10

Sheboygan Bethlehem (1533)
 Christ (177)
 Good Shepherd (375)
 Immanuel (463)
 Our Savior (681)
 Town Wilson Trinity (193)
 Waldo St. Thomas (71)

Circuit 11

Haven Grace (137)
 Howard's Grove Trinity (471)
 Kohler Bethany (266)
 Sheboygan Luther Memorial (112)
 Our Redeemer (296)
 St. Paul (914)
 Trinity (1239)

Circuit 12

Adell Emmanuel (192)
 Elkhart Lake Grace (182)
 Glenbeulah Zion (380)
 Cascade St. Paul (308)
 Plymouth St. John (1666)
 Sheboygan Falls St. Paul (2104)
 Sherman Center St. John (444)

Circuit 13

Brillion St. Bart (315)
 Chilton St. Martin (481)
 St. Luke (115)
 Hilbert St. Peter (228)
 New Holstein Zion (380)
 Potter Trinity (500)
 Manitowoc Redeemer (749)
 Two Rivers Good Shepherd (187)

Circuit 14

Fond du Lac Hope (1224)
 Menasha Trinity (592)
 Neenah New Hope (724)
 Peace (532)
 North Fond du Lac Divine Savior (198)
 Oshkosh Good Shepherd (372)
 Hmong Lutheran Outreach (52)
 Trinity (762)

Circuit 15

Auroraville Immanuel (100)
 Berlin St. John (550)
 Borth Trinity (27)
 Omro Grace (582)
 Poy Sippi Emmaus (234)
 Ripon Messiah (339)
 Weyauwega Christ (301)
 Wild Rose Immanuel (?)

Circuit 16

Hancock Grace (60)
 Montello Trinity (26)
 Neshkoro St. John (28)
 Zion (223)
 Oxford St. John (245)
 Packwaukee Trinity (152)
 Princeton Calvary (140)
 Wautoma Trinity (172)
 Westfield Immanuel (442)
 St. Paul (36)
 Wild Rose St. Paul (82)

Circuit 17

Adams Immanuel (277)
 Dellwood United in Christ (112)
 LaCrosse Faith (143)
 Neceedah St. James (221)
 New Miner St. Paul (80)
 Onalaska Shepherd of the Hills (456)
 Quincy St. John (73)
 Tomah Good Shepherd (307)
 Warrens St. Matthew (312)
 West Salem Prince of Peace (180)

Circuit 18

Boscobel Hickory Grove (50)
 Highland Christ (66)
 Hillpoint St. Paul (173)
 LaValle St. Paul (93)
 Zion (112)
 Loganville St. John (60)
 Muscoda St. Peter (79)
 Platteville Apostles (18)
 Reedsburg St. Peter (1060)
 Richland Center St. Luke (42)

Circuit 19

Arlington St. Peter (478)
 Baraboo Our Savior (108)
 Lyndon Station St. Luke (70)
 Madison Immanuel (250)
 Our Savior (Deaf) (85)
 St. Paul (259)
 Portage St. John (1558)
 Waunakee Mission Hill (Mission Start)
 Wisconsin Dells Trinity (437)

Circuit 20

Madison Calvary (29)
 Christ Memorial (502)
 Living Christ (300)
 Mt. Olive ((431)
 Monona Monona (184)
 Oregon Community of Life (71)
 Stoughton Good Shepherd (284)
 Sun Prairie Bethlehem (603)

Circuit 21

Hartland Divine Redeemer (1523)
 North Prairie St. John (371)
 Oconomowoc Grace & Truth (27)
 St. John (269)
 St. Paul (985)
 Pewaukee Shepherd of the Hills (815)
 Sullivan St. John (208)
 Wales Bethlehem (427)

Circuit 22

Beaver Dam Peace (492)
 Clyman Zion (199)
 Hartford Divine Savior (603)
 Lebanon St. Peter (327)
 Reeseville Immanuel (1060)
 Trinity (128)
 Watertown Good Shepherd (769)

Circuit 23

Center Zion (158)
 Edgerton St. John (474)
 Fort Atkinson Living Savior (57)
 Hanover Immanuel (25)
 Janesville Mt. Calvary (454)
 St. Paul (1876)
 Our Savior (104)

Circuit 24

Beloit Messiah (371)
 St. John (550)
 Trinity (394)
 Christ (205)
 Clinton Holy Cross (Deaf) (79)
 Delavan Our Redeemer (1320)
 East Troy Good Shepherd (400)
 Lake Geneva Gloria Dei (43)
 Sharon Triune (33)

Circuit 25

Burlington Our Savior (409)
 Kenosha Messiah (187)
 Pleasant Prairie Good Shepherd (142)
 Racine Chapel of the Cross (195)
 Hope (100)
 Twin Lakes St. Paul (491)
 Union Grove St. Peter (655)
 Waterford

Circuit 26

Racine Christ the King (67)
 Grace (431)
 Holy Cross (64)
 Primera Iglesia (30)
 Prince of Peace (348)
 Redeemer (45)
 St. John (650)
 Trinity (974)
 Faith (293)

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Report of the District President

Rev. John C. Wille, president
South Wisconsin District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

**District President's Address to the 2015 South Wisconsin District Convention
Part 2.**

(Please see Today's Business #1, pg. 8, 9 & 10 for Part 1.)

Rev. Dr. John C. Wille

Brothers and sisters in Christ. fellow church workers; ordained and commissioned.

I Peter 2:9-12 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

People of South Wisconsin, you are a chosen race that Peter is talking about. You are a royal priesthood called to serve our Lord. You are a holy nation set apart for His purpose. We are sojourners in this world, or as the King James says we are a "peculiar people".

Some of you are lay delegates representing your congregation. Others are pastors who stand before the altar to forgive sin and to administer the sacraments. As a pastor you stand in the pulpit to proclaim God's Word to God's people. Pastors and priests your congregation is important, whether you have 40 who attend divine service or 1000. Whether you have a membership of 3,000 or less than a 100, your pulpit and your altar are the place where our Lord comes to bless you. Do you remember our Lord's words to the Children of Israel? *In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. Exodus 20:24*

Each of you, pastoral delegate or lay delegate, represent a congregation of our church. This is your convention.

A synod or district convention can mean different things to different people. Not long ago a brother asked me what I was doing. My reply: working on the SWD Convention agenda. He came back: I am sorry. I said; No, from my perspective conventions are fun. Conventions provide an opportunity for God's people, members of our church body like you to come together, to learn about what we do together as the people of God in this entity called the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, to express your will on a variety of issues. Resolutions, if you will. Plus, a convention provides opportunity for discussion about items that are a common concern for us all.

C.F.W. Walther says this about conventions: "God forbid that we ever get to the point where we merely put on a big show and then have a convention in which we discuss all sorts of peripheral piffle about ceremonies, rules, and insignificant trifles [armselige Lappalien]. Instead of that, may we always concentrate on the study of doctrine." [Walther, C.F.W. (2014-01-18). Walther's Works: Church

Fellowship (Kindle Locations 8052-8054). Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.]

CFW Walther: “A convention is essentially an assembly of congregational representatives. So lay delegates must be present. Therefore a convention must deal with subjects that will be of interest to pastors as well as laypeople, to laypeople as well as pastors, subjects that will be of benefit to everyone present.” [Walther, C.F.W. (2014-01-18). Walther's Works: Church Fellowship (Kindle Locations 8103-8105). Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.]

For those reasons during this 54th convention of the SWD-LCMS we will discuss a variety of topics. There will be the resolutions, presently 25 or so, that deal with how our church functions. Some are motherhood and apple pie resolutions that will engender little conversation. On others we may hear a lively debate. It is important to remember that even in the heat of debate our decisions should be measured simply by what is best for our church and its witness to this increasingly anti-Christian world.

However, before we move on, a couple of items:

- 1) First and foremost, I have the privilege of sharing with you that as of the end of April 2015 SWD is debt-free. If you remember back in 2006 when I was first elected, we discovered that SWD carried an indebtedness of \$5.5million capitol indebtedness and we were nearly \$1million in operational indebtedness. Due to your generosity and the watchful eye a great many, those debts have now all been paid off. That means we can now move forward into mission and church planting, not weighted by the ball and chain of debt.
- 2) Next summer, July 9-14, 2016, our delegates who attend the National Convention of the LCMS will not have to travel all that far. The LCMS ill be held downtown Milwaukee at the Wisconsin Center. The last Milwaukee convention was in 1971. It will entail some work. We have been asked to supply several hundred volunteers to help make this an enjoyable event, but we will also have the opportunity to showcase all that we do here together in South Wisconsin.
- 3) Wittenberg and the Old Latin School. At the encouragement of President Harrison along with a couple other district presidents I attended the dedication of the Old Latin School. Thanks to the generosity of a great many people and congregations, many of which are right here in SWD, we now have a presence in the birthplace of Reformation. The sad part is that only 15% of the population in Wittenberg claims to be Christian. There is work to be done there. On behalf of the project I thank those of you, congregations and individuals whose generosity has helped to make this dream a reality.
- 4) As you may recall, a little more than a year ago I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. A good friend said, “Knowing you, I am sure that you would prefer to keep this to yourself.” And he was right. I thank each of your for your prayers, for your support and your friendship during this journey. Surgery was done at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. I can tell you that, though I have ministered to a great many people with cancer, you cannot really know what it is like until you have walked in the shoes. The good is news is that my doctor continues to report that I continue to be cancer free. My encouragement to you is that if you are a man over 50, have your PSA checked regularly.

Now to the matters before us at this convention:

As you can see from the agenda, several presentations scheduled. Rev. Dr. Andrew Bartelt, a son of SWD and professor at Concordia Seminary St. Louis, will lead a study of our convention theme, *Micah 6:8*,

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Also on the agenda is Pastor Ted Krey, regional director for Latin America and lead missionary for the Dominican Republic. Really great things are happening in the Dominican as Pastor Krey and his fellow missionaries, ordained, commissioned and lay, reach out with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. As you may know, SWD is one of the partners in the effort to plant a Lutheran church-body in the Dominican Republic. In connection with that Pastor David Preus will also be present. It is my understanding that Pastor Preus will head up theological education at the Palmar Arriba seminary. The goal is to create a self-sufficient, confessional Lutheran church body in the DR that will be a blessing for the region. And you...we are part of that effort.

That brings me to the question: How many of you have been to the DR for a mission trip? Workers are needed especially as we set our sights on a new church and school building in Licey. If you and/or your congregation are interested in leading or joining a mission trip to the DR, Most Ministries helps to coordinate those. If you would like to know more, let's talk.

You will be greeted by a variety of people from the Synod level to local ministries, ranging from Lutheran Church Extension Fund, Rich Robertson, and Jim Sanft from Concordia Health Plans, to Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller, 1st Vice-President of the LCMS, as well as a question and answer time with Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, president of our LCMS who is a fairly good theologian.

Our SWD missionaries will be introduced to you. We had hoped that Rev. Peter Kelm, our SWD mission executive, would be here to do that. However, Peter underwent cancer surgery about six weeks ago and is now undergoing an extended course of chemotherapy. Please continue to keep Peter, his wife, Angie, and their family in your prayers. Be bold to ask for our Lord's gracious healing hand. Peter has been a great blessing to our mission effort, a faithful and good pastor, as well as my good friend. The Lord Jesus who healed the leper and who gave strength to the paralytic will have mercy here as He fulfills the words of David's *Psalm 138: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.*

Because of what is happening in our culture we have also invited Mr. Kevin Theroit to be with us. Kevin is lawyer from the non-profit Alliance For Defending Freedom. He will speak to us about our First Amendment rights. Rights which are systematically being taken away from us. Tim Goeglein who was in the "W" Bush administration, said this in a presentation at the 2015 March for Life: "The millennials are the first generation in American history that are measurably losing their rights." And we with them.

To that point President Harrison stated in a recent letter to pastors,

In just a few weeks, the Supreme Court is expected to rule on the legality of same-sex marriage in America and roll out the implications of that ruling for individual states. I expect the ruling to create an alleged constitutional right to same-sex marriage, contrary to God's created orders, natural law and the inerrant Scriptures. This will be the earnest beginning of a very long struggle for faithful Christians who will, more and more, be driven from participation in the culture. We shall come to know and understand parts of the Word of God like never before. "But our citizenship is in heaven,

and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Phil. 3:20).

Brothers, the battle has already been won. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has already defeated the foe. Satan surrendered at Golgotha. It is finished.

But what do we do? If the Supreme Court rules that same-sex marriage is legal in every state or must be recognized in every state, what is our response?

What is our response? Ought we to cower away behind our stained glass? Do we sit in our pews hoping that they won't find us? Do we become chameleons, compromising our confession so that people don't know what we believe? The old Lutheran phrase comes to mind; “We believe, teach and confess.” We stand firmly on the truths of Holy Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions. As our convention theme states, that we are called to **“walk humbly with your God.”**

What is our response? In good times and especially in times like this where our culture is snowballing away toward destruction, this is our time to stand with the church of every generation and confess that “Christ is Lord”.

Herman Sasse, that great Lutheran theologian in pre-World War 2 German writes: “The most powerful nations of the world have been laid waste because of their lies. History knows of no more unsettling sight than the judgment rendered upon the people of an advanced culture who have rejected the truth and are swallowed upon in a sea of lies.”

As we see and experience those words being fulfilled in this generation of mankind, our calling is singular. As we move farther and farther into the unchurched, anti-Christian culture in which we find ourselves, my hope and prayer is that we understand our unique position in this culture. We have the Gospel of our Lord Jesus with more clarity than any other church body. This is our time to "Confess Christ for the next generation." This is our time to confess Christ Jesus in this present generation. This is the time and the culture into which our Lord has intentionally placed us.

We may long for the churched world of the past, but that is not our present reality. But, be not dismayed, we are not orphans any more than the original twelve were in the Book of Acts. This is our time to come together as brothers and sisters in the church to make a difference. Notice I did not use the word congregation, but church. Both are essential. Individual congregations and church at large.

This is our God-given time to proclaim and confess the saving name of Christ Jesus. This is our time to honor our vocation as the people of God in our various life stations. This is our time to embrace our communities with the Gospel. This is our time to plant new Lutheran congregations. This is our time to teach our children and grandchildren who Jesus is and what He does for us.

My hope and prayer is that that simple phrase, **“Confessing Christ for the Next Generation,”** will be the focus of everything that we do over the next three years.

- 1. This is our time to be distinctly Lutheran.**
- 2. This is our time to honor our vocations.**
- 3. This is our time to embrace our communities.**
- 4. This is our time to plant new congregations.**

The first aspect of unpacking that statement comes with the words,

1) This is our time to be distinctly Lutheran.

A couple of times when I talked about being “distinctly Lutheran” the question pops up “What does that mean?” It’s a good Lutheran question. The answer is both easy and complex.

“Distinctly Lutheran” we have a unique set of beliefs that set us apart from other Christians and even from other Lutherans, at least on this side of eternity. We are a church of Word and Sacrament. We are Lutheran Christians with a unique set of confessions. We cling to *sola scriptura, sola gratia, sola fide*.

“Distinctly Lutheran” we stand with Martin Luther, not because of who he was but rather because of what he believed, taught and confessed. Martin Luther himself writes:

“It is true that you should not say by body and soul: ‘I am a Lutheran or a Papist,’ for none died for you nor is your master— rather, Christ alone. And you should confess yourself to be a Christian. But if you believe that Luther’s doctrine is evangelical and the pope’s unevangelical, you must not cast Luther aside; otherwise you will cast aside his doctrine, which you regard as that of Christ. So you must say, ‘Luther may be a scoundrel or a saint [Bube oder Heiliger], for that I do not care; yet the doctrine is not his but that of Christ Himself.’ For you see that the tyrants have in mind not [merely] to kill Luther but to destroy his doctrine. It is on account of his doctrine that they attack you and ask you whether you are a Lutheran. Here surely you must not reply evasively, but you must freely confess Christ, whether He be preached by Luther, Claus, or George. The person you may ignore, but the doctrine you must confess. [Walther, CFW (2012-12-01). *The Church and The Office of The Ministry* (Kindle Locations 3676-3683). Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.]

I am not ashamed of being a Lutheran Christian, nor should you be. Being a Lutheran is about justification by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus, the Christ.

“Distinctly Lutheran” we proclaim Law and Gospel, sin and grace like no other church. We understand and live in repentance. The “95 Theses” of Dr. Martin Luther begin with this statement: “When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent’ (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.”

The Small Catechism defines repentances this way: “Repentant believers are those who feel sorry for their sin (contrition) and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior (faith).”

“Distinctly Lutheran” we are a Christological church. Article IV of the Augsburg Confession, the article on which the church stands or falls, states:

Of Justification. 1] Also they teach that men cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works, but are freely justified for 2] Christ’s sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor, and that their sins are forgiven for Christ’s sake, who, by His death, has made satisfaction for our sins. 3] This faith God imputes for righteousness in His sight. Rom. 3 and 4.

“Distinctly Lutheran” is a matter of confession. We are a “confessional church”. We are bound by a quia subscription to the Lutheran Confessions. “Because” the Lutheran Confessions are in accord with Holy Scripture we subscribe to them. “Because” the Lutheran Confessions confess the truths of Holy Scripture we bring our doctrine and our practice into alignment with the Confessions in the Book of Concord. “Consequently, the Confessions are so necessary, not because Holy Scripture is insufficient, but

on the contrary because so many people appeal to Holy Scripture and claim it, but in a distorted sense.” [Walther, C.F.W. (2014-01-18). *Walther's Works: Church Fellowship* (Kindle Locations 6386-6388). Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.]

One of the moving scenes throughout all of history is that of the stout German monk standing before emperor saying, “Since your Majesty and your lordships desire a simple reply, I will answer without horns and without teeth. Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason...my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me.” Such conviction and boldness continues to be our heritage.

“Distinctly Lutheran” we are a liturgical church. It is part of our history. Liturgical; our seasons of the church year are built around the life of Christ. Liturgical; our worship services follow an “ordo”; invoking the name of the Triune God, “Confession and Absolution”. Repentance. The Word of God, read and expounded, confession of faith, and the Sacraments. Liturgy is part of our confession. The old Latin saying is true: *lex orandi lex credendi* (the law of what is to be prayed is the law of what is to be believed).

To be sure, in that there is a certain amount of Christian freedom. Part of this is the Formula of Concord states: 31] "Thus [According to this doctrine] the churches will not condemn one another because of dissimilarity of ceremonies when, in Christian liberty, one has less or more of them, provided they are otherwise agreed with one another in the doctrine and all its articles, also in the right use of the holy Sacraments, according to the well-known saying: *Dissonantia ieiunii non dissolvit consonantiam fidei*; “Disagreement in fasting does not destroy agreement in the faith.”

“Distinctly Lutheran” It is as Dr. James Baneck states in his address to the North Dakota District Convention 2015: “The liturgy is meant to do a number of things. First of all, it places us in the right relationship with God, primarily God coming to His people with His gifts of Word and Sacrament, thus Divine Service. God needs nothing that we would offer Him, but we are beggars in need of everything that God offers and gives us, that is, forgiveness of sins, His holy Word, the preached Word, His blessed meal, just to name a few.”

“Distinctly Lutheran” we understand that church is larger than merely our local congregation. We are church together. Unlike the Reformed we are interdependent; one church sharing a common confession, self-governing congregations confessing the same faith. Perfect? Far from it. But by the grace of God we are church together, forgiven and forgiving.

“Distinctly Lutheran” there is much more to consider. It is more than merely a core value. It is our identity. It is our confession. It is what “we believe, teach and confess” with so many generations before us; and hopefully with so many more generations after us.

2. This is our time to honor our vocations.

When our children are little we ask them, “What are you going to be when you grow up?” And what are we when we grow up? I am a Lutheran Christian. I am a son. I am a spouse. I am a parent. I am a citizen. I am a pastor, a district president. I am a member of the church. I am a neighbor. I am a friend. We are office workers and factory workers. We are students and teachers. We are self-employed. We are salesmen or soldiers. We are professionals or administrators. We are healthcare workers. We are husbands and wives. We are parents and children.

Each of those vocations is part of what we have been called to be as a child of God. Vocation is a uniquely Lutheran doctrine. Two quotes from the Reformer:

- What else is all our work to God—whether in the fields, in the garden, in the city, in the house, in war, or in government—but just such a child’s performance, by which He wants to give His gifts in the fields, at home, and everywhere else? These are the masks of God, behind which He wants to remain concealed and do all things. [*Luther’s Works vol. 14 CPH*]
- If you ask a lowly housemaid why she washes dishes or milks the cow, she can say: “I know that what I do is pleasing to God, for I have God’s word and command.” This is a great blessing and a precious treasure of which no one is worthy. A prince should thank God for being able to do work of this kind. It is true that in his position he can also do what God wants, namely, punish the wicked. But when can he perform such a service properly? How rarely it happens! But in this station everything is ordained in such a way that if they do what they are ordered to do, all this is pleasing to God. God does not consider how small the works are; He considers the heart which serves Him with such small works. [*Luther’s works, vol. 30*]

Baptized our highest vocation is that of being a child of God in every station of life where we find ourselves. Our life is a matter of honoring our calling as the people in this time. We do what we do because we are the people of God. We think what we think because we are the people of God. Being the people belonging to God affects the way that we sit in a classroom and the way in which we take a test. Being the people of God affects the way that we behave when we are out with friends or in front of a computer screen. We are that people belonging to God because through the blood of our Lord Jesus God himself has made us his own. We belong to Him because He has laid claim to us in the precious water of Holy Baptism. He had made us His own to represent Him wherever we are.

Gene Vieth writes this in his book: [Your Christian Vocation in All of Life: God at Work](#).

Furthermore, it is in vocation that evangelism can most effectively happen. How can non-Christians be reached with the Gospel? By definition, they are unlikely to come to church. Perhaps an evangelist might knock on their doors, but these days they may never let him in. But in the workplace, non-Christians and Christians work together and get to know each other. Occasions for witnessing and inviting a colleague to church come up in natural ways—over the water cooler or during a coffee break, discussing a disaster like the World Trade Center attack or a failing marriage, or in times of joy such as the birth of a child. Christians penetrating their world in vocations have access to more nonbelievers than a pastor does. [Veith Jr., Gene Edward (2002-03-22). *God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Life* (Kindle Locations 813-818). Crossway. Kindle Edition.]

This is our time learn more about what vocation means for us in our daily lives. This is our time to honor our vocation as the people of God. This is our time to be the people of God in every vocation, in every situation. St. Paul writes to the Philippians

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

3. This is our time to embrace our communities:

As you may have heard me say previously, Wisconsin is not the monolithic culture that it may have been

in the past. Where the district office is located in Milwaukee, I am a minority; and there is nothing wrong with that. The demographic of South Wisconsin is changing. There are African Americans. There are African immigrants from the Congo and from Nigeria. There are Hispanic immigrants on the south-side, and in your community. The fastest growing demographic group in Wisconsin is Asian; people from Korea around to the subcontinent of Asia.

That brings me to a story that was recently shared with us by Pastor Don Hougard. It's a story about the impact that we as LCMS Lutherans have had on various immigrant families. Pastor Hougard writes in an email:

You probably don't always get a lot of good news, so here is a little.

Every other month we have a praise and worship evening with a lot of Hmong food and a big variety of music. I never quite know what will happen, but it's always good. Tonight the 4 women, who are at each end of the picture, were the hit of the evening. They have been attending our ESL and GED preparation classes. Five people in the class including these 4 women will graduate from the MATC program next Friday and receive their high school diploma. They practiced their short speeches with us this evening. The two women in the middle are Kou and the MATC teacher.

These 4 women were raised Christian in Laos, but were brought here by non-Christian husbands. According to Hmong tradition the woman has to accept the religion of the husband. They expressed how wonderful it was to sing Christian hymns at the Vang home and to pray with them because it has been so long, since they were allowed to express their Christian faith. We are praying for their husbands that they might also come to know Christ. It's interesting for me that at every one of these praise and worship evenings I have prayer requests for parents, that they might come to know our Savior.

We really do appreciate the support for Moua from the district. It is a great blessing. Both he and his wife are extremely hard workers in a ministry that is very difficult.

On another front today, Ken Wieting and Micah Wildauer tried for the last year to get a young woman and her family from Bethlehem to attend Benediction, since she moved in the area, but she was very shy. Yesterday her fridge broke, and what a blessing, I was able to secure one for her. They ice was broken, and I look forward to seeing them in worship and the kids in Sunday school.

As Chris Ikanih says, "God is good, all the time."

Notice how the church at various locations is working together for the sake of Christ to reach out with the Gospel? We are the instruments which our God is using to touch the lives of many immigrants here in SWD. Sometimes it is through mercy ministries that help immigrants acclimate to their new world. Sometimes it is through food shelves or ESL classes. Sometimes it is through education. Like our ancestors the modern immigrants want their children to have a good education.

St. Martini on Milwaukee's south side is an example of that. Hundreds of Latino children enrolled in their LUMIN school. The catechism is being used. Children are being baptized. Families are attending worship. Pastor Alfonso Prada has an excellent ministry at St. Martini Church and School. Excellent ministry is also happening among the Latinos at Oklahoma Avenue with Pastor Tim Sims, and at Grace with recently ordained Pastor German Novelli.

What is the demographic of your community? Have you taken a close look at your community lately? Do you see the cross-culture opportunities? Do we know them? Do we talk with them? Do we understand the urgency of this opportunity which our Lord is placing before us? Do we see the people that Jesus saw? Do we touch the people that Jesus touched? Do we show kindness to the people that Jesus befriended?

The outcast like the Samaritans? Those who are rejected by society like the woman at Jacob's well. Poor and needy. People that make us uncomfortable like unclean lepers. People like Zacchaeus and Mary Magdalene. People like Nicodemus and the Roman centurion. Friends, foes, and strangers. People all around us who don't yet know Jesus as Savior. People who have never experienced the comfort of forgiveness. People who have stood at the edge of a grave not knowing the promise of resurrection.

People who live where we live, in our communities and neighborhoods. They are really not that far away. For example, we think of Sheboygan as a place of German-Russian descendants. It is. But brothers from the Sheboygan congregations have shared that 10% of the Sheboygan county pop is Hispanic, and another 10% is Asian, mostly Hmong.

Who are the immigrants in your community? LCEF can help you with a demographic. This is our time to recognize the new immigrants and look for ways to share the Gospel with them, caring for the whole person.

4. This is our time to plant new congregations.

Over the past few years several of our SWD congregations have closed their doors. The closing of a church is a sad journey, but sometimes a necessary journey. But we dare not merely close congregations. There are so many who haven't heard the words of the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus. This is our time to plant new congregations. Time for us to work together to plant new churches where we have little or no LCMS witness. Time for pastors and congregations to work together with circuits and our South Wisconsin District to sow the seed, to lay the foundation; to plant a new generation of LCMS congregations.

The world in which we live desperately needs the Gospel, the good news of forgiveness and life for the sake of Christ Jesus. Look around, we find ourselves in a culture where up has become down, where wrong has become right, where the gross sins formerly scorned by society are now not only accepted but paraded for all to see. To exacerbate that situation, we live in a society where the church, our Christ-centered confession of faith, our Law and Gospel methodology, our Christian morality are increasingly challenged, and even despised. In this kind of world it bears upon us as church to proclaim and to confess. Our Lord's words in Luke 12 come to mind, *"What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs."*

In his 1879 Essay to the Iowa District, titled "Duties of an Evangelical Lutheran Synod", CFW Walther states:

[Luther] It is a shameful thought if a congregation says, "We have our church and school now, so let others worry about [their churches and schools]!" No, God demands that we assist others in getting churches and schools. A Christian and also a congregation are plants that have grown from the seed sown by other Christians and congregations. Therefore this congregation and every individual Christian is to be a seed from which new Christians and congregations can ever again grow. That is

why the apostle says so emphatically, “The Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother” (Galatians 4: 26). Just as surely as we are now members of the Church, so surely we should also be fruitful mothers; and if we are unfruitful mothers, that is, if we do not produce spiritual children or fail to do those things whereby such children can be produced, then we are not obeying our calling, and God will not say, “You pious and faithful servant,” but rather, “You unfaithful servant!” God grant that we never need to hear Him say those words to us! [Walther, C.F.W. (2014-01-18). *Walther's Works: Church Fellowship* (Kindle Locations 8757-8765). Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.]

This is our time to plant new congregations. To quote words from a sermon which I wrote for the closing of Bethlehem Lutheran Milwaukee...

It is time for us to set our sights on a new church-planting season here in SWD. If we truly believe the message we cling to, it is time for us to plant new congregations. That is what gave rise to this congregation back in 1888, when this was the far west side of Milwaukee ...when these blocks of houses were merely fields. It is time for us to renew that passion ...to revive that zeal...time for us to do and to be what confessional Lutherans do best. We proclaim the Christ. We preach the Gospel. We teach the Gospel. We share forgiveness. We rejoice in our Lord's precious Sacraments. We sing the Gospel, and we live it. It is time for us to assault the gates of hell with the Gospel. It is our heritage. It is our calling. It is time for us to plant...time to sow the seed...and God Himself will grant the increase.

Throughout history Lutherans have planted new congregations wherever they have been. Your congregation may have been planted by Lutheran immigrants a couple generations ago, or by missionaries sent from far away mission societies like those organized by the likes of Rev. Wilhelm Loehe from Germany. Others were planted by missionaries sent out by the church at large in other generations. Each of us is reaping the blessings of the generosity of faithful generations before us.

What will the next generation or the generation after that say about us? This is our time. Now. Our time to be generous with our Lord's precious gifts. Our time to plant new congregations. This is our time for us to work together to plant new churches where we have little or no LCMS witness. Time for pastors and people, congregations to work together with circuits and our South Wisconsin District to sow the seed, to lay the foundations; to plant a new generation of LCMS congregations here in SWD and beyond.

Yet this is also a very different time compared to the last several generations. The words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 1 are being lived out before us: *“They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.”*

Anti-Christian sentiment is afoot. Worship attendance is declining. Indifference has set in. We are living in a culture that has accepted Satan's lie. Sin is no longer that serious; it is merely a choice to live differently, a choice to live according to one's own selfish desires, and death merely is the end. To that Herman Sasse comments: “Where man denies that he and others are dying, the terrible dissolution [of his culture] is held up as a glorious ascent, and decline is viewed as an advance, the likes of which has never been experienced.”

What are we to do? At times like this a confessional Lutheran church like our LCMS ought not to be paralyzed by mushy indifference. A confessional Lutheran church we are called to care about people both in the church and out of the church, about their families, about their body and their soul, about their eternal well-being. A confessional Lutheran church we are not one to wring our hands in despair. It is

time to confess, humbly and yet boldly.

A confessional Lutheran church we ought never be so ashamed as to water down our message for the sake of being more palatable to a self-absorbed, self-motivated culture. We are Lutheran Christians. As St. Paul tells the Corinthians: *“We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God” 1 Corinthians 1:23-24.*

We have an obligation to be the people of God in this time where our Lord has placed us. It may not be the easiest of times; but this is our time by God’s grace. The question remains: what are we going to do with the time that our Lord has allotted us to be His people in this world. The Apostle Paul has an answer for us to consider when he writes this to Timothy:

I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Timothy 1:6ff

My hope and prayer is that that simple phrase...“Confessing Christ for the Next Generation,” be the focus of everything that we do over the next three years. This is our time to be distinctly Lutheran, honoring our confession of God and His Word. This is our time to honor our vocation as the people of God in our various life stations. This is our time to embrace our communities with the Gospel. This is our time to plant new Lutheran congregations.

This is our time to teach our children and grandchildren who Jesus is for us and for them, and what He does for us and for them.

As we do so, let our attitude dovetail with the words of the Prophet Micah: *“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”*

May our gracious Lord bless us as we serve Him and proclaim His saving name and everything that happens at this convention!

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

To His glory!


Addendum:

“Patres fuerunt lumina, non numina, indices, non iudices, ministri, non magistri” (the fathers were lights and not gods, teachers and not judges, servants and not masters). [Walther, C.F.W. (2014-01-18). *Walther's Works: Church Fellowship* (Kindle Locations 3599-3601). Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.]

Respectfully, Rev. Dr. John C. Wille

Convention Essay: "Protecting Your Ministry"


Attorney Kevin Theriot, Alliance for Defending Freedom, First Amendment



Protecting Your Ministry

Kevin Theriot - ADF Senior Counsel


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The Church Autonomy Doctrine

Government has no jurisdiction over "ecclesiastical matters."

- Government
- Doctrine
- Membership
- Employment decisions



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The Church Under Attack

- Same-sex "Marriage"
- Pulpit Restrictions
- Employment Discrimination Laws
- Public Accommodation Laws




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Proactive Checklist

1. Statement of Faith
2. Religious Employment Criteria
3. Facility Use Policy
4. Formal Membership Policy
5. Statement of Religious Belief Regarding Marriage


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"There can be a conflict between religious liberty and sexual liberty, but in almost all cases the sexual liberty should win..."
Chai Feldblum, Commissioner, EEOC

"Far too many women are denied access to reproductive health care.... And deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed."
Hillary Clinton


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Statement of Faith

- Clear evidence of beliefs if questioned
- Generally not second guessed
- Broad and detailed as possible
- Marriage, gender, sexuality
- Life - beginning and end
- Code of conduct
- Final authoritative interpreter of Scripture

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Religious Employment Criteria

Federal Employment Law - Title VII

- No discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or age.
- Religious discrimination allowed
- Ministerial Exception - *Hosanna-Tabor v. EEOC* (2012)


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Facility Use Policy

- Statement of religious purpose of facility
- Written application
 - Only uses consistent with Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct permitted
 - Must be Approved/Denied
- Facility use guidelines
- Liability insurance
- Fee under market

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Religious Employment Criteria

State and Local Employment Laws

- Similar to federal, but some states and municipalities add in “sexual orientation” or “gender identity.”
- Religious and Ministerial Exceptions still apply

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Membership

Guinn v. Church of Christ (Okla. 1989)

Formal agreement including:

- Membership Procedure
- Church Discipline
- Disassociation from Membership
- Mediation
- Signature

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Job Descriptions

- Employees and volunteers
- Sign Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct
- Mediation
- If minister, say so (teachers, IT, food bank)
- How position furthers religious mission
- Responsibilities and Duties
- Apply Consistently

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Statement of Beliefs Regarding Marriage

- Why?
 - Same-sex “marriage”
 - Domestic partnerships
 - Civil Unions
- Challenges can arise in:
 - Employment
 - Facility rental
 - Classes, events, retreats designed for married couples




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*"All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do **nothing**." - Edmund Burke*


"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Matt. 10:16

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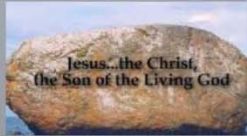
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Convention Bible Studies: "On This Rock"

Rev. Dr. Andrew Bartelt, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

ON THIS ROCK

Matthew 16:13-28



13. When Jesus came into the area of Ceasarea Philippi, He began (*hrwta*) to ask His disciples saying: "Who are men saying the Son of Man is?"



- *hrwta* – imperfect tense, began to ask – ongoing questioning (while they were going he was asking)
- Son of Man – "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed" (Daniel 7:13-14)

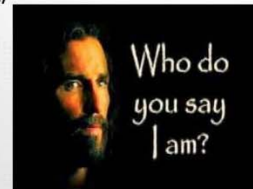


14. They said, "Some John the Baptist, others Elijah, or Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."



- The age old questions with age old answers
- Anything but who He really is – God in the flesh

15. He says to them: "But who do you say that I am?"



- This is the question everyone must answer.
- What do you say about Jesus?

16. Simon Peter, answering, said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."



- In Ceasarea Philippi, all the pagan deities were made of stone
- This is quite a confession that Peter made.
- The Son of Man as prophesied in Daniel 7:13-14 is also the Son of the Living God!
- What it really meant Peter did not yet know, as would become obvious shortly.

17. Jesus, answering, said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of John, because flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father, who is in the heavens,"

- "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12-13).
- "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).



18. And I say to you, you are Peter (**petros**) and on this (**tauth**) rock (**petra**) I will build my church (**ekklhsian**), and the gates of hell (**adou**) shall not prevail against her."



- ON THIS ROCK is the 2016 synodical convention theme. On this rock – repent, confess, renew.
- What is "this rock"? How could it possibly be Peter in view of what follows where Jesus rebukes Peter?
- The grammar and the context point to it being the confession Peter made.
- But the confession must have confessors: people who bring the confession before the world.
- Jesus will build his church! What are the implications? How does he build it?
- Hades – death, the place of the dead, hell. Consider 1 Peter 3:18-19: "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison..."

19. I give to you (**soi**) the keys of the kingdom of heaven, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in the heavens (**twn ouranois**), and whatever you loose on the earth shall be loosed in the heavens (**tois ouranois**).



- You is singular here – so here the keys are given to Peter (probably on behalf of the apostles). But it's not just Peter.
- "And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld'" (John 20:22-23).
- "...tell it to the church... Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt. 18:17-18).
- How can Jesus give the office of the keys to His church and the ministers of the church? He is the risen Lord!
- "Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous" (Rom. 5:18-19).
- "All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18-19).

20. Then He strictly charged His disciples to tell no one He is the Christ.



- Why would Jesus do that?
- He had not yet finished what He, as the Christ, had come to do.

21. From then Jesus began to show His disciples that He must (**dei**) go up to Jerusalem, and suffer many things by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day rise.



- If Jesus IS the Christ, and He is, then he must (**dei**) suffer and die.
- Isaiah 53
- Psalm 22
- Many more prophecies of the Old Testament

22. Taking Him aside, Peter began to rebuke Him, saying, "Mercy! (**Ilews**) May it never be to you Lord! (This should never be to you!)"



- This is not Peter's finest hour, but then again, how often have we misunderstood?
- It's as if Peter were saying: "I just confessed you as the Christ; you accepted my confession; now you have to be the kind of Messiah I want you to be!"
- No, Peter, that's not going to happen!

23. But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me satan, you are a stumbling block (**skandalon**) to me, because you are not thinking the thoughts of God, but of men."



- Peter is a satan (tool of the devil) and a stumbling block (**skandalon**), a trap, a scandal
- Jesus must (**dei**) go to the cross

24. Then Jesus said to the disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."



- You must repent in order to have Jesus.
- Deny yourself!
- The cross represented death in Roman culture.



25. For whoever wishes to save his soul (yuchn soul or life) will lose it, but whoever loses his soul for my sake will find (eurhsai) it.

- You can't do it! It is only by God's grace in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:8-9).
- "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matt. 10:39).
- Contrast earthly and eternal life. Clinging to earthly life forfeits eternal life, but losing one's life for Christ's sake gains real life now and for eternity.



26. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?



- God has a way of smashing all idols and grinding them to bits.
- He is a jealous God and will tolerate no rivals.

27. For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, then He will give to each according to what he has done.



Judgment is coming!

28. Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom.



See Matt. 17:1-13 regarding the Transfiguration

ON THIS ROCK

Matthew 16:18

We stand on the rock of Peter's Confession – that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. But this confession is not something stagnant, stale, or static. It is meant to be confessed – out there! How are we doing with that?

Floor Committee Reports and Resolutions

Registration

Voting delegates present at opening – 309

Pastor	156
Lay	153

Advisory delegates registered

Ordained ministers	40
Commissioned ministers	91

<u>Registered visitors</u>	14
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Committee 1: Nominations

The terms of office for the following offices are three years unless otherwise noted. (An asterisk [*] indicates the person was nominated from the floor.) The nominees for the various offices to be filled by election are as follows:

■ **Office of District President** (elect one ordained minister)

- O - David Paape *
- O - John Wille

■ **Offices of Vice-President** (elect one ordained minister in each region)

Central East

- O - Peter Bender
- O - David Paape
- O - Donald Hougard
- O - Larry Myers

Northeast

- O - Darrel Bergelin
- O - William Kilps
- O - M. Douglas Peters
- O - Randolph Raasch
- O - Robert Zick

Southeast

- O - Daniel Torkelson
- O - Jeffery Schubert

West

- O - Mark Meier
- O - Jason Zobel

■ **Office of District Secretary** (elect one ordained minister)

- O - David Totsky

■ **Board of Directors**

Three ordained ministers (elect one from each region, term length is noted)

Southeast (term six years)

- O - Daniel Feldscher
- O - Douglas Stowe
- O - Daniel Torkelson

Northeast (term six years)

- O - Darrel Bergelin
- O - Joseph Fisher

One commissioned minister (elect one to represent the combination of regions, six-year term)

West and Southeast

- C - Doug Jacoby
- C - Jonathon Pickelmann

Four lay persons (elect one from each position indicated)

Central East (term six years)

- L - Mark Ewert
- L - Dan Sievert
- L - Daniel Wilant

West (term six years)

- L - William Budd
- L - Robert Pulley

Southeast (term six years)

- L - Greta Martin

Northeast (term six years)

- L - Ron Kabitzke
- L - David Zimmermann

■ **Committee on Convention Nominations—District**

Two ordained ministers (elect one from each region, six-year term)

Central East

- O - Adam Sorenson
- O - Steven Voigt

Southeast

- O - Daniel Feldscher
- O - Daniel Torkelson

Northeast

- O - Bryan Osladil
- O - M. Douglas Peters

Three commissioned ministers (elect one from each region, term length is noted)

Central East (term six years)

- C - Jeffrey Fick
- C - Duane Graf

Northeast (term three years)

- C - Craig Toerpe
- C - Gene Ladendorf

West (term six years)

- C - Dennis Andreason
- C - Doug Jacoby

Southeast (term six years)

- C - David Burgess
- C - Jonathon Pickelmann

Two lay persons (elect one from each region, six-year term)

Southeast

- L - Carolyn Blum

West

- L - Robert Pulley

Northeast

- L - Ronald Kabitzke

■ **Board of Regents—Concordia University Wisconsin**

One ordained minister (elect one, three-year term)

- O - John Berg
- O - Nathan Meador
- O - Larry Myers

One commissioned minister (elect one, three-year term)

- C - Dwayne Jobst
- C - Carrie Miller

Two lay persons (elect one for each position, three-year term)

Position I

- L - Robert Denkert
- L - Robert Pieters

Position II

- L - William Feld
- L - Richard Laabs

Committee 2: Elections

The name of the person elected is printed in **Bold Type**. The terms of office for the following offices are three years unless otherwise noted.

PRESIDENT			
BALLOT	1	2	
David Paape	67		
John Wille	196		

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS				
BALLOT	1	2	3	4
<i>Central East</i>				
Peter Bender	61	69	63	
Donald Hougard	17	12		
Larry Myers	14			
David Paape	94	107	111	152
Randolph Raasch	64	72	75	102
<i>Northeast</i>				
Darrel Bergelin	40	31		
William Kilps	74	74		
M Douglas Peters	13			
Robert Zick	121	153		
<i>Southeast</i>				
Daniel Torkelson	198			
Jeffery Schubert	68			
<i>West</i>				
Mark Meier	136			
Jason Zobel	95			

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT RANKING				
BALLOT	1	2	3	4
Mark Meier	24			94 (4th)
David Paape	105	119	134	(2nd)
Daniel Torkelson	97	110	138	(1st)
Robert Zick	43	27		169 (3rd)

SECRETARY	
BALLOT	1
David Totsky	203
No	6

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (six-year terms)	
BALLOT	1 2

<i>Ordained Ministers</i>	
<i>Southeast</i>	
Daniel Feldscher	97
Douglas Stowe	111
<i>Northeast</i>	
Darrell Bergelin	127
Joseph Fisher	91

<i>Commissioned Ministers</i>	
<i>West/Southeast</i>	
Doug Jacoby	89
Jonathon Pickelmann	98

<i>Laypersons</i>		
<i>Northeast</i>		
Ronald Kabitzke	106	
David Zimmermann	103	
<i>Central East</i>		
Mark Ewert	70	86
Dean Sievert	84	122
Daniel Wilant	36	
<i>Southeast</i>		
Greta Martin	216	
No	21	
<i>West</i>		
William Budd	102	
Robert Pulley	90	

COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION
NOMINATIONS—DISTRICT (six-year terms)

BALLOT

	1	2
Ordained Ministers		
<i>Central East</i>		
Adam Sorenson	127	
Steven Voigt	108	
<i>West</i>		
Bryan Fritsch	107	
Jason Schockman	110	
<i>Northeast</i>		
Bryan Osladil	137	
M. Douglas Peters	100	
Commissioned Ministers		
<i>Central East</i>		
Jeffrey Fick	97	
Duane Graf	99	
<i>Northeast</i>		
Craig Toerpe	90	
Gene Ladendorf	121	
<i>West</i>		
Dennis Andreson	70	
Douglas Jacoby	135	
<i>Southeast</i>		
David Burgess	111	126
Jonathon Pickelmann	111	116

Laypersons		
<i>Central East</i>		
Carolyn Blum	221	
No	21	

<i>West</i>	
Robert Pulley	226
No 10	
<i>Northeast</i>	
Ronald Kabitzke	214
No	19

BOARD OF REGENTS
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN

BALLOT

Ordained Minister		
John Berg	98	149
Nathan Meador	73	
Larry Myers	77	96

Commissioned minister		
Dwayne Jobst	134	
Carrie Miller	95	

Layperson		
<i>Position I</i>		
Robert Denkert	124	
Robert Pieters	93	
<i>Position II</i>		
William Feld	91	
Richard Laabs	131	

■ **Circuit Visitors** (ratified by the convention)

Central East Region

1	Metro South Shore	Karl Fabrizio
2	Metro South	William Palmer
3	Metro Southwest	Richard Raabe
4	Metro West	Steven Voigt
5	Metro Northwest	Eric Skovgaard
6	Metro North	Kenneth Wieting
7	Ozaukee/Washington	Philip Hillenbrand

Northeast Region

8	Horicon	Daniel Seehafer
9	West Bend/Random Lake	Joseph Fisher
10	Sheboygan South	Christian Gugel
11	Sheboygan Central	Bryan Osladil
12	Sheboygan North	Peter Peitsch
13	Manitowoc	J. Patrick Niles
14	Winnebago	Marvin Ahlborn

West Region

15	Berlin	Richard Bartholomew
16	Marquette	Gary Schultz
17	La Crosse	Philip Enderle
18	Southwest	Thomas Reeder
19	Madison North	Christopher Amen
20	Madison South	Jason Zobel
21	Oconomowoc	Thomas Wink

Southeast Region

22	Watertown	Mark Wenzel
23	Janesville	Carl Seeger
24	Beloit	Ed May
25	Kenosha	Joshua Conradt
26	Racine	Neil Carlson

Committee 2: Administration & Constitutional Matters

■ RESOLUTION 2-01

TO COMMEND AND AFFIRM THE NEED FOR TWO SEMINARIES

(TB#1, p. 22)

- WHEREAS, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO has been training men for the Office of the Public Ministry in our Lord's church since 1839 and as part of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since 1849; and
- WHEREAS, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN has been training men for the Office of the Public Ministry since 1846 and as part of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since 1847; and
- WHEREAS, The Holy Spirit has used these two institutions for the greater good of the Kingdom of Grace; and
- WHEREAS, the seminaries are increasingly called upon to serve the global Lutheran church in theological education and church worker formation; and
- WHEREAS, the seminaries exist as a seedbed for future pastors and theologians who will articulate, promote, and defend the one True faith first delivered to the saints; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District give thanks for the service that these two institutions and their faculties have provided for the church at home and at large; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that our church body call upon the Lord of the Harvest in prayer to send forth laborers into His harvest and implore Him to equip us with all things needful to carry out His work.

Action: Adopted Session 2

■ RESOLUTION 2-02

TO MEMORIALIZE SYNOD TO RESTORE TO THE SYNOD PRESIDENT THE AUTHORITY TO ACT IN A CASE OF DISCIPLINE SHOULD A DISTRICT PRESIDENT FAIL TO ACT IN A MATTER OF ECCLESIAL SUPERVISION

(TB #1, p. 23)

- WHEREAS, termination or suspension of membership in the Synod is a serious matter involving both the doctrine and life of members, and should only be taken as a final step, following advice, counsel, encouragement, and, when necessary, admonition regarding teaching and/or practice; and
- WHEREAS, Synod Bylaws provide for the protection of members by including provisions for challenging the decisions of ecclesial supervisors in these matters as well as provisions for restoration of membership that has been suspended or terminated; and
- WHEREAS, the lingering existence of unresolved charges is also a great burden upon the church workers concerned, their congregations, and the church at large, and for the health and wellbeing of all, proceedings to resolve such matters should not unduly be delayed or prolonged; and
- WHEREAS, prior to the 2004 Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, there also existed a right of appeal to the LCMS Praesidium in matters of ecclesial supervision involving such serious disciplinary action, under former Bylaw 2.27.2(b) which stated:
- b. If the District President declines to suspend the member or fails to act within 90 days after receipt of the written complaint, the complainant may present the written complaint to the Praesidium of the Synod, which consists of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Synod. If after investigation the Praesidium concludes that the facts form a basis for expulsion of the member under Article XIII of the Constitution, the Praesidium shall proceed in the same fashion as hereafter required of the District President. If the Praesidium determines not to proceed, it shall in writing so inform the complainant and the involved member, which shall terminate the matter.

WHEREAS, in order to ensure fair and consistent treatment of all members of Synod in a Christian and fraternal manner, and to ensure prompt resolution of disputes for the best interests of all concerned, it is appropriate that this right of appeal be restored and granted to all parties; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the South Wisconsin District memorialize the 2016 Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to restore to the LCMS Handbook in Bylaw 2.14:
 If the District President declines to suspend the member or fails to act within 90 days after receipt of the written complaint, the complainant may present the written complaint to the Praesidium of the Synod, which consists of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Synod.
 (a) If after investigation the Praesidium concludes that the facts form a basis for expulsion of the member under Article XIII of the Constitution, the Praesidium shall proceed in the same fashion as hereafter required of the District President.
 (b) If the Praesidium determines not to proceed, it shall in writing so inform the complainant and the involved member, which shall terminate the matter; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the Commission on Handbook make appropriate changes elsewhere in the bylaws.

Action: Adopted Session 2

■ RESOLUTION 2-03A TO CHANGE NOMINATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT (TB #2, p. 59)

WHEREAS, in past conventions there have been difficulties in obtaining a full slate of candidates for President and Vice –President; and

WHEREAS, floor nominations do not enhance the integrity of sufficient input from congregations and their respective regions in nominating candidates; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Bylaw 1.54 of the South Wisconsin District be changed as follows:

1.54 Candidates for President and Vice-President

a. The candidates for the office of President shall be ~~the six men who receive the highest number of votes in the nominating ballot for that office~~ *a maximum of five ordained ministers (or greater, in the case of ties) receiving the highest number of votes on the nominating ballots of the congregations and agreeing to serve if elected. Only those candidates for the office of President who have received at least five votes on the nominating ballots shall be listed on the ballot of the district convention. All those receiving nominations shall be listed by the Secretary of the District in the convention workbook together with the number of votes each received. The election must be by ballot. No nominations may be made on the floor of the convention unless only one candidate results from the congregation nominating process, nor are write-in candidates permitted on the convention ballot.*

b. The candidates for the office of vice-president shall be the ~~men who receive the three highest number of votes in the nominating ballot and ties for Vice-President of that region~~ *ordained ministers from each region receiving at least two votes on the nominating ballots from the congregations in that region and agreeing to serve if elected. They shall be listed on the ballot of the district convention. All those receiving nominations shall be listed by the Secretary of the District in the convention workbook together with the number of votes each received. The election must be by ballot. If only one candidate results from the congregation nominating process, the applicable region(s) must meet in caucus to determine a second candidate. Write-in candidates are not permitted on the convention ballot.*

Action: Adopted Session 4

RESOLUTION 2-04**To Amend the South Wisconsin District Articles of Incorporation***(TB #1, p. 25)*

- WHEREAS the 2004 Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod passed Res. 4-11 “To Assure Uniformity in Articles of Incorporation of All Entities of the Synod”; and
- WHEREAS the Commission on Constitutional Matters has worked on the development of a District Articles of Incorporation Template, and
- WHEREAS the districts have been instructed that “The precise wording of suggested Articles VII a and IX a-c in the template are required by the 2004 Synod Res. 4-11 to be included in the Articles of Incorporation of all agencies of the synod. This required wording cannot be changed or omitted without specific action by a convention of the Synod or by the Synod’s Board of Directors,” therefore be it
- RESOLVED that the Articles of Incorporation of the South Wisconsin District be brought into compliance with the Synod mandate by inserting the following between the current ARTICLE 11 and ARTICLE 12

ARTICLE 12

- a. *In the event this corporation is dissolved or its existence otherwise terminates or is terminated, after the payment of the debts of the corporation, all right, title, and interest in and to its property, whether tangible or intangible and whether real or personal, shall thereupon automatically vest in or be transferred to the Synod, and this corporation covenants and agrees to execute and deliver to the Synod such documents and instruments and to take such other and further actions as the Synod may deem reasonably necessary or desirable, in order to evidence and give full effect to the foregoing. This provision may not be altered or deleted without the approval of the Synod in convention or the Board of Directors of the Synod.*
- b. *If, however, on the date of such proposed dissolution, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, a Missouri Corporation, or its successor, is no longer in existence, the assets of the corporation may be distributed to any other Section 501(C)(3) organization as designated by the board of directors.*

ARTICLE 13

This corporation, as part of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, acknowledges its allegiance to the Synod and to the convention of the Synod. It submits to the authority of the Synod and the convention. It accedes, recognizes, and accepts the doctrine taught and practiced in the Synod (Art. II) and also the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and Bylaws of the Synod, as currently in effect and as may hereafter be amended from time to time.

- a. *In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the organizational documents of this corporation and the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, or Bylaws of the Synod, as may hereafter be amended from time to time, the Articles, Constitution, or Bylaws of the Synod shall control and govern.*
- b. *This provision may not be altered or deleted without the approval of the Synod in convention or the Board of Directors of the Synod.*
- c. *Neither The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod nor The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Incorporated is responsible for the debts or other obligation of this corporation nor do they represent or endorse the fiscal solvency of this corporation.*

And be it further,

RESOLVED that subsequent articles be renumbered.

Action: Adopted Session 2

Committee 3: Congregational Services

■ RESOLUTION 3-01

BOARD OF REGENTS OF OUR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

(TB#1, p. 26)

- WHEREAS, the universities and colleges of our Synod continue to be blessed by God and are growing in their enrollment of student and faculty; and
- WHEREAS, effective boards of regents must exercise an increasing level of governance and leadership while remaining faithful to the mission and needs of the LCMS; and
- WHEREAS, the universities and colleges of our Synod which are located throughout our Synod can best understand the unique opportunities and challenges that they face in their location; and
- WHEREAS, Synod in convention in 2007 (Resolution 5-04) carefully considered the composition of the boards of regent of our colleges and universities and adopted the current composition of the boards of regents; and
- WHEREAS, the qualifications for serving on the boards of regents is spelled out carefully in the bylaws of Synod (3.10.5.2); and
- WHEREAS, all members of the board of regents are to be members of a congregation of the LCMS; and
- WHEREAS, the maximum number of members of the board of regents is seventeen with the majority of those members to be elected by the district conventions and synod convention (four elected in national conventions, four elected in the district convention, plus the president of the district in which the institution resides); and
- WHEREAS, the District President serving as a voting member of the board of regents is charged to represent the Synod in his district (4.4.2)' and
- WHEREAS, the current board of regents members demonstrate commitment to the mission and purpose of the respective institution, knowledge regarding the region in which the institution is located, commitment to allocating time, talent, and treasure to the institution, assisting with the identification and encouragement of donors, and maintaining the Lutheran heritage and confession of the institution; and
- WHEREAS, each board of regents is best able to assess its own unique needs and identify and appoint individuals who best meet those needs; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the Synod in convention gives thanks for the service to those who are serving the church on the various boards of regents of our colleges and universities; and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention encourage the synod to reaffirm the current bylaws governing the election and responsibilities of the boards of regent of our colleges and universities, which provide for equal voting privileges of elected and appointed regents.

Action: Adopted Session 3

■ **RESOLUTION 3-02**

TO ENCOURAGE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS TO MAINTAIN A LUTHERAN IDENTITY

(TB #1, p. 26)

WHEREAS, Lutheran education has historically been a hallmark of our Lutheran ministry and mission; and

WHEREAS, our culture continues to become increasingly secular and hostile to Christianity;

WHEREAS, our Lutheran schools continue to be a strong outreach of our synod; and

WHEREAS, in 2013-2014, there were 2,255 LCMS schools, with only 720 accredited by NLSA; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that district in convention encourage Lutheran schools to maintain their distinctive and strong Lutheran identity.

Action: Adopted Session 3

■ **RESOLUTION 3-03**

TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RETIREMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PARISH PASTORS

(TB #1, p. 27)

WHEREAS, an increasing percentage of LCMS pastors are over 55 years old; and

WHEREAS, an increasing percentage of South Wisconsin District pastors are over 55 years old; and

WHEREAS, the transition into retirement for the pastor and his wife can be challenging; and

WHEREAS, the PALS program provides assistance to pastors and wives entering pastoral ministry, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that synod explore the creation of a program to assist pastors and their wives as they transition into retirement.

Action: Adopted Session 3

■ **RESOLUTION 3-04**

TO COMMEND MR. MARK L'HEUREUX

(TB #1, p. 27)

WHEREAS, Mr. Mark L'Heureux faithfully served our Lord and His church for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mark L'Heureux has demonstrated a bold commitment to serve our SWD for the past 5 years in the area of schools, youth and family ministries; and

WHEREAS, God has used Mr. Mark L'Heureux's faithfulness and zeal for the Gospel to support our congregations, early childhood programs, grade schools, middle schools, high schools, and Concordia University Wisconsin in their quest to provide quality Christian education to our congregations and communities; and

WHEREAS, God has used Mr. Mark L'Heureux's love for the lost to support our South Wisconsin District's educational mission work in Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, his service to the SWD has been exemplary, characterized by thoughtfulness, prayer, conscientiousness and humility; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District commend his service to the Church at its 2015 Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District encourage him in his call to serve Christ Lutheran of Lincoln, Nebraska; and finally be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates express, by a standing ovation, their gratitude and good wishes for the future as he continues to serve the Lord and His Church

Action: Adopted Session 3

■ **RESOLUTION 3-05**

TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUING PASTORAL EDUCATION

(TB #1, p. 28)

WHEREAS, the parish pastor is the shepherd of flock entrusted with the spiritual welfare of God's people; and

WHEREAS, the cultural climate continues to move more distant from the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, pastors are lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, the faith of all Christians must be strengthened by continuing study of the Word; and

WHEREAS, the pastor requires continuing care and strengthening of body, mind and soul;

WHEREAS, the synod is blessed by the ministry of such entities as "Grace Place," "Pastoral Leadership Institute," "Doxology," "Shepherd's Canyon," and many others, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pastors be encouraged by congregation and district to be engaged in continuing education; and be it

RESOLVED, that the congregations be encouraged to remove obstacles and provide resources of time and finance for their pastor's continuing education; and finally be it

RESOLVED, that the synod, with the assistance of our seminary and universities, develop a program to provide pastors with continuing education.

Action: Adopted Session 4

Committee 4: Missions

■ RESOLUTION 4-01

RES 4-01 TO IDENTIFY AND RESPOND TO INCURSIONS AGAINST RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS IN THE UNITED STATES BY RADICAL ELEMENTS OF ISLAM

(TB #1A, p. 39)

- WHEREAS, the congregations of the LCMS accept without reservation the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice (LC-MS Constitution, Article II); and
- WHEREAS, the teachings and practices of Islam are in direct opposition to our faith and teaching (ie: “Infidels now are they who say, ‘Verily God is the Messiah, Son of Mary.’” The Qur’an, Sura 5, 19); and
- WHEREAS, one of the stated duties of the LCMS is to “Provide protection for congregations, pastors, teachers, and other church workers in the performance of their official duties and the maintenance of their rights” (emphasis added)(Constitution of the LCMS Article III, 9); and
- WHEREAS, radical elements of Islam are dedicated to the overthrow of democratic governments by violence and other means, which undermine the freedoms of religion and speech we are guaranteed in the 1st Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the LCMS dedicate resources to addressing the incursions of Islam in our legal system; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod be kept informed of the defense of our faith in the legal and political spheres by appropriate agencies of the Synod (ie. “Free To Be Faithful” and the new office in Washington D.C.); and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the congregations of the South Wisconsin District continue to support actively the work of POBLO (People Of The Book Lutheran Outreach) in its work of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people of the Islamic religion; and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that upon approval this resolution be submitted for deliberation at the 66th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Milwaukee in 2016.

Action: Adopted Session 3

■ RESOLUTION 4-02

RES 4-02 TO ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION AMONG THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT IN THE PLANTING OF NEW CONGREGATIONS

(TB #1A, p. 40)

- WHEREAS, Christ our Lord has given His Church the command to go to all nations for the purpose of making disciples by baptizing and teaching (Matt. 28:18-20); and
- WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is a missionary church body whose history is a history of the planting of congregations in localities in order to meet Christ’s mandate and share His love; and
- WHEREAS, it can be shown that congregations which actively participate in the planting of a new congregation often experience benefits to their own ministry; and

- WHEREAS, there are locations within the geographical boundaries of the South Wisconsin District which are growing in population but have no local Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod parish (ie. Richfield, Mukwonago, Paddock Lake, *inter alia*); and
- WHEREAS, many congregations in urban, small town and rural locations are faced with aging facilities, higher energy costs, and significant maintenance expenses and, as a result, should be encouraged to collaborate and form partnerships in order to ensure a continued and strong Lutheran presence in their settings for years to come; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the President and Mission Executive of the South Wisconsin District study and publish ideal locations within the District where these church plants would best happen; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District establish specific goals for the number of new congregations it wishes to plant in the next ten years and publish them; and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that the nearest congregations to these target areas be encouraged to participate willingly and actively in the discussion, and possible formation, of new congregations at these target locations.

Action: Adopted Session 2

■ **RESOLUTION 4-03**

RES 4-03 TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THEIR POLICIES AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE BIBLE'S TEACHING ON MARRIAGE

(TB #1A, p. 41)

- WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod holds unswervingly to the Biblical teaching that marriage is the lifelong union of one man and one woman; and
- WHEREAS, the legalization of same sex marriage is putting increased pressure on faithful congregations to disregard our confession to accommodate this trend; and
- WHEREAS, legal challenges to the Church on the issue of same sex marriage are already happening and will likely continue in the future; and
- WHEREAS, many congregations need to write and/or update their marriage policies to state clearly the aforementioned teaching of Biblical marriage; and
- WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has published sample statements affirming Biblical marriage for policies for adoption by congregations; and
- WHEREAS, other policies also may need to be updated in order to properly confess the Bible's teaching on marriage including, but not limited to, facilities use and employment policies; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that the congregations of the South Wisconsin District review their marriage policies and amend them to define marriage Biblically as the union of one man and one woman; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that congregations without marriage policies be encouraged to write one which is careful to specifically affirm the Bible's teaching on marriage; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that congregations review all their policies and edit them accordingly to prohibit any activity which might endorse same sex behavior and, thus, compromise the congregation's confession and integrity; and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that upon approval this resolution be forwarded to the 66th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Milwaukee in 2016.

Action: Adopted Session 3

■ **RESOLUTION 4-04**

RES 4-04 TO AFFIRM RESOLUTION 2-07A [“TO EMPHASIZE BIBLICAL TEACHING OF SEXUALITY, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY”] PASSED AT THE 2013 LC-MS CONVENTION

(*TB* #1B, p. 45)

- WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod holds unwaveringly to the Biblical teaching that marriage is the lifelong union of one man and one woman; and
- WHEREAS, the issue of same sex partnerships and the rights of those in same-sex relationships under the U.S. Constitution continues to be a driving issue of our age; and
- WHEREAS, we have a loving duty to preach Law and Gospel to all issues in our society and world, preaching the Law to the unrepentant sinner regardless of the sin, and the Gospel to the repentant; and
- WHEREAS, the 65th Regular Convention of the LC-MS passed Resolution 2-07A in response to the need for congregations to have resources and materials at their disposal for engaging ministry to those tempted by or engaged in same sex behavior; and
- WHEREAS, many new resources are now available at the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod website [lcms.org] to assist congregations in speaking the truth in love especially to the sexually tempted; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the congregations of the South Wisconsin District affirm and give thanks to God for the decision reached in LC-MS Resolution 2-07A; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the congregations of the District be encouraged to minister to these issues faithfully, remembering to balance both Law and Gospel as each situation may warrant; and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that the congregations of the District be encouraged to study the materials available to them as a result of this Resolution.

Action: Adopted Session 3

■ **RESOLUTION 4-05**

TO ENCOURAGE PARTNERSHIPS IN REACHING THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITIES WITH THE GOSPEL

- WHEREAS, Christ has called His Church to make disciples, reaching all people regardless of ethnicity, language, sex, or age with the Good News of His forgiveness and eternal life (Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 24:44-48) and welcome them into His Church; and
- WHEREAS, the communities in which the congregations of the South Wisconsin District (SWD) of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) are located are often in flux regarding the ethnicity, language, and socio-economical status of its inhabitants; and
- WHEREAS, congregations often struggle to perceive such changes until well after they have taken place; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that congregations in the SWD of the LCMS be encouraged to be in their community and be intentionally aware of changes that are coming in their community; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that congregations in the SWD of the LCMS take advantage of tools that are available through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) to give detailed demographic information that may be helpful in this regard; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that congregations in the SWD of the LCMS work consider partnering with the mission executive of the SWD of LCMS to be prepared to serve their changing communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that congregations in the SWD of the LCMS would be encouraged to utilize the services of organizations and resources within our LCMS such as, *The 72, Mission U (of Lutheran Hour Ministries)*, and *Planting Gospel Seeds While Meeting Human Needs, Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (CPTLN-WI)* to aid them in reaching out to their changing communities; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that congregations in the SWD of the LCMS would pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom, discernment and zeal in reaching out to their changing communities and welcoming people into Christ's Church with the Gospel of Jesus.

Action: Adopted Session 2

■ **RESOLUTION 4-06**

RES 4-06 TO CONTINUE THE SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC LUTHERAN MISSION

(TB #1B, p. 46)

WHEREAS, the South Wisconsin District became a partner in 2008 with Bethesda Lutheran Communities and the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod in the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, in convention in 2009 and 2012 the South Wisconsin District approved resolutions affirming this partnership; and

WHEREAS, over these years many individuals and congregations of the South Wisconsin District have become involved in supporting the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission; and

WHEREAS, the partnership in this mission has been a good example of our Synod's emphasis on "Life Together;" and

WHEREAS, God has blessed the mission throughout Dominican Republic with overwhelming blessings, including growth of the missions resulting in the addition of new mission sites and many new missionaries; and

WHEREAS, there is still great need for continued outreach at current sites and new mission plant sites throughout Dominican Republic; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District continue its partnership in the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the congregations of the District be encouraged to support the mission both financially and through possible mission team visits; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District staff and representatives continue to participate in the mission and provide information to the congregations and organizations of the District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District continue to provide support for the Educational needs of the Dominican Republic Mission, especially as needed in Palmar Arriba and in the new outreach school in Licey; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that thanks be given to God for all of the missionaries serving in the region, as well as all of the blessings that God has provided for it.

Action: Adopted Session 2

Committee 5: Stewardship & Evangelism

■ **RESOLUTION 5-01A**
TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS TO EMPHASIZE ANNUAL BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP
(TB #1A, p. 42)

- WHEREAS, God's Word clearly teaches that everything we have been given is the Lord's (Psalm 24:1) and we are simply the managers or stewards of His blessings (Lk. 12:48) and
- WHEREAS, Jesus our Lord specifically addresses the management of His blessings in the Gospels (e.g. Mt. 25: 14-30) and
- WHEREAS, we are graciously called to faithfully use the blessings He has entrusted to us including our time, talents, and treasures in our lives and
- WHEREAS, there is joy in sharing the blessings God has given to us for the sake of His kingdom and
- WHEREAS, resources are available from Lutheran Church Extension Fund and the South Wisconsin District Task Force on Stewardship, including but not limited to, "The Joy of Generosity" to assist congregations in their spiritual growth in this most important aspect of Biblical teaching, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that our congregations make Biblical stewardship a high priority by adding an annual stewardship emphasis as part of their mission to proclaim the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen and make use of resources available to accomplish this.

Action: Adopted Session 3

■ **RESOLUTION 5-02**
TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS TO GROW IN THEIR PERSONAL STEWARDSHIP

- WHEREAS, God desires all people to be saved (1 Tim. 2:3-4); and
- WHEREAS, God has called upon His people to be Christian stewards (1 Peter 4; 1 Thess. 3: 9-13; James 2: 14-18); and
- WHEREAS, the church is to assist God's people in becoming mature disciples by teaching Biblical stewardship (Eph. 3: 14-19; Eph. 4: 22-24; Col. 3: 12-17); and
- BE IT RESOLVED, that the congregations of the South Wisconsin District work to develop and teach their members to grow in their personal stewardship utilizing a means of "proportionate giving" according to the Biblical model; and be it further
- RESOLVED to consider all the means available for their personal stewardship such as electronic giving (e.g. Lutheran Church Extension Fund and Thrivent).

■ **RESOLUTION 5-03**
TO ESTABLISH OR FUND A CONGREGATIONAL ENDOWMENT
(TB #1A, p. 43)

- WHEREAS, God desires all people to be saved, utilizing congregations to share the Gospel both today and in the future (1 Tim. 2:4; Matt. 28:19-20); and
- WHEREAS, God has called upon His people to utilize the talents entrusted to their care for the ministry of the Gospel; and
- WHEREAS, congregations desire to perpetuate their ministries in the future; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the congregations of the South Wisconsin District examine establishing or further funding a

congregational endowment and by encouraging congregational members to support the Lord's work through legacy gifts (such as wills, trusts, life insurance, etc.).

Action: Adopted Session 4

■ **RESOLUTION 5-04**

**TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS TO EMPHASIZE BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP TEACHING AS A
BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL TASK**

(TB #2, P. 57)

- WHEREAS God's Word establishes that human beings were created for the purpose of serving as stewards of God's creation (Gen. 1:26-28; Gen. 2:15) and
- WHEREAS ever since our first parents failed in that stewardship (Gen 3) humanity has struggled with this pre-fall vocation because of the sin in our lives and
- WHEREAS our Lord Jesus Christ, in the redemption of all creation in His perfect love and service to the Father at the cross and in the empty tomb reconciled the world to Himself (2 Cor. 5:17-21) and
- WHEREAS the Holy Spirit's call through the Gospel has restored us by grace through faith by our baptism into Jesus Christ to this vocation of steward and
- WHEREAS the Old Adam continually struggles with stewardship because of sin and is in need of a daily call to contrition and repentance through the regular proclamation of God's Word and the right administration of the Holy Sacraments and
- WHEREAS stewardship is a matter of sanctification and therefore an integral part of the teaching of the whole counsel of God and
- WHEREAS the proclamation of the Gospel in its widest sense includes the correct teaching of stewardship from a Biblical and Theological perspective so that God's people might know the joy of living in faithful service to the Lord who is extravagantly generous to us in Jesus Christ and
- RESOLVED that the pastors and congregations be reminded that the teaching of Biblical stewardship is an essential part of our shared mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen and coming again, and are strongly encouraged to embrace the uniquely Biblical and theological task of the formation of individual stewards in the congregation as part of the life of mercy to which we are all called.

Action: Adopted Session 3

Committee 6: Miscellaneous

■ RESOLUTION 6-01

TO SUPPORT FOR THE LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

(TB #1, p. 29)

WHEREAS, St. Paul urges that “petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people.” (1 Timothy 2:1); and

WHEREAS, The LCMS Board of Directors has approved the establishment of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C. in order to inform the synod of executive, legislative and judicial issues that may impact the life of the church; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the 54th Convention of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS encourages congregations to pray for, support, and use the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty.

Action: Adopted Session 2

■ RESOLUTION 6-02

TO UTILIZE AND SUPPORT THE LCMS DISABILITY MINISTRY TASK FORCE

(TB #1, p. 29)

WHEREAS, Our Lord ministered to the needs of all people and directs his followers to “go and make disciples of all nations,” (Matthew 28); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that congregations are encouraged to familiarize themselves with, utilize and support the LCMS Disability Ministry Task Force and the materials that they provide.

Action: Adopted Session 2

■ RESOLUTION 6-03

TO CALL THE REV. DR. MATTHEW BECKER TO REPENTANCE, IMPLORE THE REV. PAUL LINNEMANN TO EXERCISE ECCLESIASTICAL SUPERVISION AND THANK AND ENCOURAGE PRESIDENT MATTHEW HARRISON

(TB #1, p. 29)

Rationale

At the recent North Dakota District Convention, Synod President Matthew Harrison was questioned about the status of the Rev. Dr. Matthew Becker, a rostered and ordained member of the Synod and a professor at Valparaiso University. President Harrison reported to that convention that the results of a complaint filed against Dr. Becker have left him remaining in good standing as a member of the Synod. This was confirmed by Dr. Becker:

“The matter of the case against my teaching was terminated by three LCMS circuit counselors from the Great Northwest (whose identities are unknown to me), who acted at the behest of the NOW District President. After reviewing all of the available evidence, they concluded that it is perfectly acceptable for an LCMS pastor to make a public argument in favor of the ordination of women to the pastoral office and that such a public argument is not grounds for expulsion from the roster of pastors in the LCMS”.
<http://www.alpb.org/forum/index.php?topic=5768.0> – accessed 1-30-2015

Some days later, President Harrison posted the following to the “Witness, Mercy and Life Together” blog on the Synod’s website, not referring to the Becker Case specifically, but speaking in general,

“When a public teacher on the roster of Synod can without consequence publicly advocate the ordination of women (even participate vested in the installation of an ELCA clergy person), homosexuality, the errancy of the Bible, the historical-critical method, open communion, communion with the Reformed, evolution, and more, then the public confession of the Synod is meaningless. I am saying that if my Synod does not change its inability to call such a person to repentance and remove such a teacher where there is no repentance, then we are liars and our confession is meaningless. I do not want to belong to such a synod, much less lead it. I have no intention of walking away from my vocation. I shall rather use it and, by the grace of God, use all the energy I have to call this Synod to fidelity to correct this situation.”
<http://wmltblog.org/2015/01/regarding-a-recent-decision-of-a-panel-not-to-proceed-with-charges-regarding-a-public-false-teacher-in-the-lcms/> - accessed 1-30-2015

Dr. Becker filed an official dissent regarding the synod’s practice of restricting the office of pastor only to men and from the synod’s position of interpreting the first two chapters of Genesis to mean that God created the universe over the course of six twenty four hour days, and that the natural law of evolution must be rejected. The Commission on Theology and Church Relations responded to Dr. Becker’s dissent which not only exposed his false teaching on those subjects, but also revealed his rejection of the inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures. The Commission wrote,

“Dr. Becker’s dissent does not provide a sufficient scriptural or confessional basis to support his claim that the doctrinal position of the Synod is in need of revision on the issue of the ordination of women to the pastoral office or on the issue of creation and evolution. The theological basis for the CTCR’s determination is the evidence provided in Dr. Becker’s essays that he is operating on the basis of an understanding of the authority and interpretation of Scripture that is at odds with the Lutheran Confessions (see, for example, the Preface to The Book of Concord; FC Ep Summary, 2; FC SD Summary, 9, 20; Ap XXIII, 71; Ap VII, 27; Ap XII, 106, etc.) and the scripturally and confessionally-based position of the Synod as set forth in the Brief Statement (see paragraphs 1-3) and A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles (see especially “The Infallibility of Scripture” and “Historical Methods of Interpretation”). Statements such as the following in Dr. Becker’s essays reflect a view of and approach to Scripture that are clearly incompatible with the Synod’s doctrinal position on the authority and interpretation of Holy Scripture”,
<http://www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=1676> - accessed 1-30-2015

the Commission quoted Dr. Becker and then responded,

“Of course a “figurative” interpretation of Genesis 1-9 (not to mention the many other passages in Scripture that speak of God as creator, of the world as God’s creation, and of the new creation) does entail a revision of the traditional “creationist” manner of articulating the doctrines of creation, anthropology, and sin, and many Christians are deeply uncomfortable with such a prospect. This “discomfort” is at least as great as the discomfort many 16th-Century Christians must have felt in view of the revision to traditional teaching that the Copernican Theory entailed. As then, however, so also now: such modification would not necessarily undermine an orthodox understanding of creation, human beings, sin, and grace. For example, scientific data about the reality of physical death in the animal and plant kingdoms prior to origin of human beings (e.g., fossils of animals that lived long before the origin of human beings) must lead those who interpret the Bible in light of scientific knowledge to restate the nature of God’s good creation prior to the advent of human sin (e.g., such a good creation must have included the reality of death prior to the existence of human beings) and the character of the historical origin of sin (e.g., the advent of sin is to be traced to the first hominids who disobeyed God’s will but not necessarily to their having eaten from a tree in an actual place called the Garden of Eden several thousand years ago). (*SLM*, 12)

Statements such as these by Dr. Becker speak for themselves in conveying his understanding of the authority and interpretation of the Scriptures. As noted above, this understanding is clearly incompatible with the Synod's doctrinal position on the authority and interpretation of Scripture. For this reason, the Commission affirms once again its determination that Dr. Becker has not provided sufficient basis for his claim that the position of the Synod is in need of revision, and expresses once again its conviction that Dr. Becker is in dissent from the position of the Synod not only on the specific issues of the ordination of women to the pastoral office and the issues of creation and evolution, but also on the more foundational position of the Synod on which these positions are based: namely, the authority, infallibility, and faithful interpretation of the Holy Scriptures themselves.

The CTCR therefore appeals to Dr. Matthew Becker, by the mercies of God, to reconsider his dissent and to reexamine, on the basis of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, his positions on the authority of Scripture and the two issues concerning which he has expressed dissent, even as the Synod expects him to honor and uphold the doctrinal positions of the Synod." <http://www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lm&id=1676> - accessed 1-30-2015

While the CTCR appealed to Dr. Becker by the mercies of God to reconsider his positions on the basis of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, it is clear that he has not done so. In addition to those matters, Dr. Becker contends that the Lutheran Confessions themselves contain theological ambiguity and error, to wit, the Athanasian Creed. As stated by comments on his blog in discussion with two pastors of the Southern Illinois District,

“The Rev. BT Ball February 9, 2013 at 5:28PM

Dr. Becker-

"Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally...This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved."

Do you confess that to be true or not?

Pastor Benjamin Ball
St. Paul, Hamel, IL

Matthew L. Becker February 9, 2013 at 8:09PM

Pr. Ball,

The Athanasian Creed errs when it implies that one is saved by a mental work of believing this creed's humanly-devised dogmatic statements "faithfully and firmly."

No Eastern Orthodox Christian will accept all of the formulations within this historic western creed. Many statements in it need careful clarification. Its conclusion is simply incorrect. The Athanasian Creed muddles the gospel at precisely this point.

Pr. H. R. February 9, 2013 at 8:45 PM

Dr. Becker,

Members of our Synod agree to accept the Athanasian Creed "without reservation" (Art. II of our Constitution). We are pretty up front about that and have been for a long time. Perhaps it came up at your ordination. If it didn't (for example, if you wrote your own ordination vows and didn't use the ones in the TLH or LW Agenda), it certainly did when you signed the Constitution.

I understand that you have deeply held convictions that run contrary to this Confession of the faith. But I struggle to understand why you continue to put yourself forward as a representative of our Synod when you so clearly do not hold to our Confession on so many weighty issues. It is not as though you are struggling with one or two peripheral issues, unsure of where you stand, or sure the Synod has erred in its stance on life insurance or gambling. You just flat out [sic] deny what we require our ministers to swear to at their ordination.

I'll give you this: it's bold.

+HRC

Matthew L. Becker February 9, 2013 at 10:35 PM
HRC,

I was ordained on July 14, 1989. In that service I was asked the following question, among several:

Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds...as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

I answered affirmatively. The three creeds (only one of which is truly ecumenical) are faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, that is, the doctrinal truth of the Scriptures. I reject the errors that the three creeds condemn.

They are faithful witnesses to the doctrinal truth of the Scriptures, but they are not without theological ambiguity and error.

Our ordination vow is strictly limited to the doctrinal teaching of the Holy Scriptures, that is, the doctrine of the gospel and all its articles. THAT doctrine of the gospel, the doctrine of faith, is contrary to the kind of legalistic approach to dogma and confessional writings that you and Pr. Ball and other LCMS pastors seem to be asserting.

Pastors who serve churches of the Augsburg Confession are not bound to many items that are taught or asserted in the confessional writings. This includes the concluding paragraph of the Athanasian Creed. That paragraph, literally understood, is contrary to the doctrine of the gospel.

Our quia vow is to teach in accordance with the doctrinal content of the Holy Scriptures, as that content is exhibited in the historic confessions.

I continue to preach and teach in accordance with my ordination vow, and I ask God to help me.”

<http://matthewlbecker.blogspot.com/2013/02/one-more-response-to-hrc.html> - accessed 1-30-2015

Dr. Becker has stated regarding homosexuality,

“• I too affirm the authority of the Scriptures, but the seven biblical texts that are frequently cited on the issue of homosexuality are not directly pertinent to the 21st-century discussion because some of them condemn specifically homosexual rape, deal with questions of “clean and unclean” that are not normative in the Christian community, do not take into account issues like “sexual orientation,” and presuppose that all would agree with a particular interpretation of what “nature” teaches.

- Both heterosexual and homosexual persons are expected to express sexual intimacy within publicly accountable, lifelong, and monogamous relationships. This has long been the expectation for heterosexual couples, and therefore is an appropriate expectation for homosexual couples as well.
- I recognize that the unity of the church is based on one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, and that within this unity, faithful members may disagree on individual items of theology and Christian ethics.”
<http://gottesdienstonline.blogspot.com/2010/12/useful-discussion.html> - accessed 1-30-2015

Synod Bylaw 4.4.5 states, “Each district president, in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod, shall supervise the doctrine, the life, and the official administration on the part of the ordained or commissioned ministers who are members through his district or are subject to his ecclesiastical supervision”. As such, the President of the Northwest District of the LCMS, the Rev. Paul Linnemann, is charged with the ecclesiastical supervision of Dr. Becker. While Dr. Becker’s public teaching, writing and dissent are publicly known, there is no public evidence that President Linnemann has exhorted Dr. Becker to repentance for his false doctrines. Dr. Becker, an Ordained member of the Synod, has publicly advocated for the ordination of women to the Pastoral Ministry. He has participated in the installation of an ELCA clergy person. He has taught that committed homosexual relationships are not sinful. He rejects the inerrancy of the Bible. He does not affirm the creation account in the Scriptures as a historical event. President Linnemann as the ecclesiastical supervisor of Dr. Becker is to assist the Synod at large with fulfilling its first objective which is to “Conserve and promote the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3–6; 1 Cor. 1:10).

WHEREAS: The Rev. Dr. Matthew Becker, an Ordained member of the Synod, has publicly advocated for the ordination of women to the Pastoral Ministry. He has participated in the installation of an ELCA clergy person. He has taught that committed homosexual relationships are not sinful. He rejects the inerrancy of the Bible. He does not affirm the creation account in the Scriptures as a historical event, and

WHEREAS: Dr. Becker is a member of the Northwest District of the LCMS under the ecclesiastical supervision of the Rev. Paul Linnemann, and

WHEREAS: It is the President of the Synod’s duty to see to it that all District Presidents “act in accordance with the Synod’s Constitution, to admonish all who in any way depart from it, and, if such admonition is not heeded, to report such cases to the Synod”, (Article XI.B.2) and

WHEREAS: The President of the Synod “has and always shall have the power to advise, admonish, and reprove. He shall conscientiously use all means at his command to promote and maintain unity of doctrine and practice in all the districts of the Synod”, (Article XI.B.3) and

WHEREAS: We confess, “All this has been said regarding secret sins. But where the sin is quite public so that the judge and everybody know it, you can without any sin avoid him and let him go, because he has brought himself into disgrace, and you may also publicly testify concerning him. For when a matter is public in the light of day, there can be no slandering or false judging or testifying; as, when we now reprove the Pope with his doctrine, which is publicly set forth in books and proclaimed in all the world. For where the sin is public, the reproof also must be public, that every one may learn to guard against it.” (Large Catechism, 8th Commandment, para.284), and

WHEREAS: Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (St. Luke 5:32). Therefore, let it be

RESOLVED: That those with public knowledge of the Rev. Dr. Matthew Becker’s false and divisive doctrines call him to repentance, and be it further

RESOLVED: That in faithfulness to God's Word and in Christian love the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS in convention call the Rev. Dr. Matthew Becker to repentance of his false and divisive doctrines and that this be communicated to him through the South Wisconsin District Secretary, and let it be further

RESOLVED: That the South Wisconsin District implore the Rev. Paul Linnemann, President of the Northwest District, to exercise ecclesiastical supervision of Dr. Becker, if he is not already doing so, seek Dr. Becker's repentance for false teaching, and lacking such repentance, begin the process of Dr. Becker's expulsion from the Synod in accordance with the Synod's Constitution and Bylaws, and that this be communicated to the Rev. Linnemann by the South Wisconsin District President, and let it be further

RESOLVED: That the South Wisconsin District encourage President Matthew Harrison to exhort President Linnemann to do his duty for the sake of our common confession of faith and our walking together as members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the President of the South Wisconsin District, on behalf of the South Wisconsin District, thank President Matthew Harrison and commend him for his faithful leadership of the Synod, and give him such encouragement, and be it finally

RESOLVED: That the Convention Chaplain lead the Convention in prayer for a godly resolution to these matters.

Action: Adopted Session 3

■ **RESOLUTION 6-04**

RES 6-04 TO UTILIZE THE TRAINING REGARDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CREATED BY THE LCMS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE TASK (DVCA) FORCE

(TB #1, p. 33)

WHEREAS, a Task Force on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse (DVCA) was formed to respond to 2007 convention Res. 6-06; and

WHEREAS, the DVCA Task Force has its mission to provide materials and trained individuals to assist LCMS districts, congregations, and schools in addressing abuse and ministering to the spiritual needs of those affected by abuse; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pastors and congregations of the SWD be encouraged to, utilize and support the work of the DVCA and the training materials created by DVCA Task Force.

Action: Adopted Session 4

Appendix A: Official Report on District Membership Changes

March 1, 2012 thru March 15, 2015

CANDIDATES ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

CHRISTIANSEN, Jonathan – Hope, Fond du Lac 6/2/12
 CONRADT, Joshua – St. Peter, Waterford 7/8/12
 ERDMAN, Michael – Immanuel, Madison 8/18/13
 GERMAN, Brian – Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon 8/24/14
 HEATH, Timmothy – St. Peter, Hilbert 7/7/13
 MEYER, Jonathan – Divine Savior, Hartford 7/20/14
 NOVELLI, German Jr. – Grace, Milwaukee 12/14/14
 PETERS, M. Douglas – Luther Memorial, Sheboygan 7/29/12
 SCHARNELL, Steven – St. Paul, Oconomowoc 12/6/14
 SCHOCKMAN, Gary – Christ, Clinton 6/23/13
 THAO, Moses – Redeemer, Manitowoc 1/25/15
 WILLMAN, Sean – St. John, Mayville 6/23/13

CANDIDATES ORDAINED

DAVIS, Christopher – Beautiful Savior, Mequon (Indiana District) 6/3/12
 WELTER, Austen – Trinity, Mequon (Ohio District) 6/10/12

CANDIDATES INSTALLED

BRASSFIELD, Joel – St. Luke, Chilton 6/24/12
 MEYER, Aaron – Shepherd of the Hills, Pewaukee 8/4/13
 MILLER, Joshua – Community of Life, Oregon 9/9/12
 RUSERT, Joshua – Trinity Freistadt, Mequon 7/20/14
 SCHEIL, Joshua – Hope, Twin Lakes 7/21/13
 SCHULTZ, John – St. John, Plymouth 6/24/12

EIT/SMP STUDENTS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

ADETIBA, Ben – Bethany, Milwaukee 3/22/15
 BRUSKIEWICZ, Christopher – St. John, West Bend 12/9/12
 CIGELSKE, Brian Azor – Zion, New Holstein 12/8/13
 HESSE, Jeffrey – St. John, West Bend 12/9/12
 IKANIH, Afam – Mission of Christ, Milwaukee/House of Correction, Franklin 3/17/13
 KARAY John – Good Shepherd by the Lake, Stoughton 12/9/12
 KELLERMAN, David – St. John, West Bend 12/9/12
 LEE, Joshua – Trinity, Sheboygan 1/26/13
 PETERS, Michael – Christ Memorial, Madison 6/2/12
 SALLACH, Timothy – Zion, Burnette 3/8/15
 VANG, Moua – Benediction, Milwaukee 12/1/12
 WIPPERMAN, Matthew – Christ Memorial, Madison 6/8/13

PASTORS ENTERED THE DISTRICT

BENDER, Harold – St. Paul, West Allis 5/6/12
 BIRNER, David – Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon 2/22/13
 BRANDT, Joel – Trinity, Wausau to Bethlehem, Sun Prairie 3/1/15
 CORNIELS, Douglas – Emeritus 2/20/13
 EHLKE, John – Emeritus 2/3/15
 ENDERLE, Phillip – Colloquy – St. Matthew, Warren 10/12/14
 ERNST, David – Emeritus 9/5/12
 GEHRKE, Matthew – Trinity, Rantoul/Hilbert 12/14/14
 GILBERT, Jacob – St. John, Racine 6/9/13
 HAUN, Monte – First Immanuel, Cedarburg 10/14/12
 HEATH, Timmothy, Sr. – Christ the Life, Waukesha 2/23/14
 HIRSSIG, Scott – Redeemer, Manitowoc 11/30/14
 HOMAN, Martin – Intentional Interim to Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa 7/26/14
 KNAPPE, Wolf – Colloquy – Emeritus 4/9/14
 KRUSE, Scott – St. Paul, Grafton 2/10/13

LANE, Jason – Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon- 8/16/13
 LEARY, Kelly – Trinity, Oshkosh 8/12/12
 LEWIS, Nathan – The High School Assoc. of Greater Milwaukee, Greendale 1/29/14
 MARKWORTH, Richard – Emeritus 9/19/12
 MCCOID, James – Community of Faith, Spring Grove, IL to Community of Life, Oregon 3/22/15
 MEIER, Bruce – Emeritus 3/1/13
 MICHELSON, Thomas – Emeritus 11/26/12
 MROSKI, Robert – Brookfield Lutheran, Brookfield 10/29/12
 MUELLER, Randall – Emeritus 11/19/12
 MUMME, Jonathan - Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon 8/24/14
 NILES, John – Trinity, Hilbert (Potter/Rantoul) 1/4/15
 NOVELLI, SR., German – Candidate 2/4/15
 NOWAK, Thomas – Monona Lutheran, Madison 10/19/14
 O'DONNELL, Lance – St. Paul, Oconomowoc 9/8/12
 OLDENETTEL, Ronnie – Emeritus 6/22/12
 PFINGSTEN, Michael – Zion, Menomonee Falls 11/11/12
 PRADA, Alfonso – St. Martini, Milwaukee 9/20/13
 RAMIREZ, David – St. Paul, Union Grove 2/8/15
 ROEMKE, James – Messiah, Kenosha 2/10/13
 ROSEBROCK, Stephen – Mt. Olive, Milwaukee 7/6/14
 SCHMITT, Thomas – St. John, Glendale 7/29/13
 SCHNEIDER, David – Emeritus 6/17/14
 SCHULZ, Gregory – Colloquy - Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon 3/11/14
 SCHULTZ, Gary - Immanuel, Westfield 1/27/13
 SERR, Kenneth – Grace, Haven 1/27/13
 SEBAN, Timothy – First Immanuel, Cedarburg 3/31/14
 STEINKE, Andrew – Candidate 7/31/14
 STEVENS, David – Bethesda Communities, Watertown 10/27/12
 TAGGATZ, John – Christ, Weyauwega 9/28/14
 THOMPSON, Richard – Emeritus 3/1/14
 WALTERS, Mark – Colloquy 9/18/14
 WOHLRABE, John – Emeritus 6/17/12
 WOLTER, Derek – Lutheran Living Services, Milwaukee – 7/30/14
 ZIMMERMAN, Fred – Emeritus 3/21/14

PASTOR CHANGES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

CALLIES, Arthur – Candidate to Non-Candidate 11/21/14
 CHRISTENSEN, Jonathan – Hope, Fond du Lac to St. Martin, Chilton 7/21/13
 CHRYST, Thomas – Grace, Racine to LCMS Missionary to Singapore 2/17/13
 FEHLAUER, Donald – Non-Candidate to St. John, Edgerton 8/3/14
 FISCHER, Victor – Gospel, Milwaukee to Candidate 9/10/12
 FLEISCHFRESSER, Douglas – Lutheran Counseling & Family Services, Milwaukee to Candidate 11/26/12
 FUCHS, John – Candidate to Hope, Fond du Lac 8/10/14
 HER, Faiv Neng – Redeemer, Manitowoc to Hmong Hope, Milwaukee 9/9/12
 KELLING, John – St. Peter, Lebanon to Candidate Status 7/1/14
 KELM, Peter – Trinity-Freistadt, Mequon to SWD Mission Exec 8/1/13
 KLINGBEIL, Kurt – St. Peter, Reedsburg to Candidate Status 8/11/14
 KUFAHL, Mark – Hickory Grove, Boscobel 5/4/14
 KRYSTOWIAK, Dustin – Immanuel, Madison to Candidate 8/18/13
 MCMILLER, Daniel – Elm Grove/Luther Academy to LCMS Director Missionary Recruitment 8/14/14
 MEIER, Bruce – Emeritus to Peace, Beaver Dam 9/15/13
 MUELLER, Jeffrey – Candidate to Berea, Milwaukee 1/27/13
 NDON, Elijah – Bethany, Milwaukee to Holy Ghost, Milwaukee 2/16/14
 RHODE, Brian – St. John & Trinity-Oxford & Packwaukee to Non-Candidate 4/23/12
 RHODE, Brian – Non-Candidate to Candidate 10/11/12
 RHODE, Brian – Candidate to Trinity, Wautoma 6/8/14
 SHEPPARD, Larry – Prince of Peace, Racine to Candidate 9/2/13
 SHEPPARD, Larry – Candidate to St. John/Trinity – Oxford/Packwaukee 11/25/13
 SCHUELER, Dennis – Trinity, Wisconsin Dells to St. Luke, Lyndon Station 7/14/13
 STEINKE, Andrew- Candidate to Immanuel, Brookfield 2/1/15

TOTSKY, David – Walther Memorial, Milwaukee to Sherman Park, Milwaukee 12/9/12

WELLNITZ, Karl – Christ, Weyauwega to Candidate 6/11/12

OTHER INSTALLATIONS

PASTORS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS

BENNING, David – Immanuel, Brookfield to St. John, New Berlin, IL 8/9/14

BURAKOWSKI, Jonah – St. John, Beloit to Living Hope, Stafford, VA 8/18/14

BYE, Thomas - Emeritus to Michigan 9/1/12

CHRYST, Thomas – LCMS Foreign Missionary to Messiah, Keller, TX 5/1/15

CORDER, Jeffrey – Mission Hill, Waunakee to St. John, Stryker, Ohio 9/16/13

CRANE, Brian – St. Peter, Hilbert to Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN 4/15/13

EDWARDS, Eric – Christ the Life, Waukesha to Faith, Bloomington, IN 7/10/13

ENGELHARDT, Marc – Brookfield Lutheran to Immanuel, Oceanside, CA 5/1/2014

GARCIA, Albert – Emeritus to Florida Georgia 7/1/13

GARCHOW, Paul – Emeritus to Central Illinois 1/1/13

GESKE, Steven – Candidate to English 9/1/12

HENKE, Gene – Emeritus to Mid-South 4/1/14

HINRICHS, Daniel – Emeritus to North Wisconsin 11/5/12

HUEBNER, Wayne – St. Martin, Chilton to Salem, St. Louis, MO 11/1/12

HYATT, Gregory – Trinity, Wautoma to St. John, Melcher-Dallas & St. Paul, Lacona, Iowa 1/2/14

KELM, Daniel – St. John, Portage to Trinity, Summerfield, Florida 10/23/13

KOLONICH, Eric – Our Redeemer, Manitowoc to Trinity, Oregon City, Oregon 6/17/13

LAMKIN, Timothy- Zion, Menomonee Falls to Minnesota South 7/1/12

LANGE, Harvey – Emeritus to Indiana District 7/1/13

LASKA, Gregory – Candidate to St. Paul, Gleason, WI & Luther Memorial, Merrill, WI 1/1/13

LIMMER, Harlan – Emeritus to Texas 2/1/15

McMILLER, Daniel – Director Missionary Recruitment LCMS to Missouri 10/2/14

NELSON, J. Michael – Pella, Waupun to Grace & Trinity, Bear Creek, WI 1/23/15

NIELSEN, Michael – St. James/St. Paul, Necedah to Trinity/St. Paul, Fisher, MN 7/1/14

NOVELLI, Sr., German – Primera Iglesia to Christ the Redeemer, Phoenix, AZ 3/17/14

PEKARI, William – Emeritus to Southeastern 9/3/13

PREUS, Rolf – Candidate to Trinity, Sidney Montana 2/14/15

PINGEL, Allen, St. Mark, Milwaukee to Mt. Calvary, Fullerton, Nebraska 1/1/13

RAAP, George – Emeritus to Minnesota South 11/3/13

RASMUSSEN, Wayne – Divine Redeemer, Hartland to Hales Corners Lutheran, Hales Corners 8/1/12

ROBERTS, Guy – St. John, West Bend to Zion, Detroit Lakes, MN 10/18/14

RUCKMAN, Gary – Our Savior, Burlington to St. John, Arlington 8/24/14

SCHENCK, John – Emeritus to Iowa West 8/15/13

SHIVE, Matthew – St. John, Mayville to Concordia, Findlay, Ohio 8/31/12

WELLNITZ, Karl – Candidate to Northern Illinois District 5/20/13

WENGER, Eric – Community of Life, Oregon to St. John, Luxemburg, WI 7/1/14

WILDAUER, Micah – Hope, Milwaukee to Missouri District (Board for Int. Missions/Togo, West Africa – Theological Educator at CLET) 4/10/14

WILSHEK, David – Candidate to Missouri District 5/1/13

YUNGHANS, Charles – Emeritus to North Wisconsin 12/7/12

PASTORS RETIRED

BENNINGHOFF, Timothy 11/20/14

BENSON, Robert 7/1/13

BOECK, Alan 7/1/14

BOENING, Dale 12/1/14

ERDMAN, Roger 1/27/15

FISH, Jack 6/1/13

GARCIA, Albert 7/1/13

GOGOLIN, Floyd 11/1/14

HACKBARTH, Donald 7/1/14

HENKE, Gene 11/30/13

HENDRICKSON, Marion 9/1/14

MUELLER, Mark 7/1/14

NELSON, Thomas 1/1/15

PEDERSON, Ronald 7/1/12
 PEKARI, William 8/25/13
 SCHENCK, John 12/3/12
 SORENSEN, David -08/15/14
 STECKER, Jerome 7/1/12
 STRUVE, John 9/18/13
 THOMAS, Steve 3/9/15
 WOHLERS, Richard 6/1/08 (1/15)

PASTORS REINSTATED BY COP

PASTORS RESIGNED/REMOVED FROM THE SYNODICAL ROSTER

FISCHER, Victor – Candidate, Kenosha 12/19/14
 FLEISCHFRESSER, Douglas – Candidate, Oconomowoc 11/18/14
 JABS, Frederick – Trinity, Town Wilson/St. Thomas/Waldo 2/17/15
 MALLMANN, James – St. John, Mayville 10/9/14
 MARKWORTH, Richard – Emeritus 3/5/14
 MAY, Timothy – St. Stephen, Milwaukee 7/31/14
 OSTERLOTH, Duane – Non Candidate – Resigned 7/13
 SUNDERLAGE, Richard – Emeritus – Resigned 6/30/12

PASTORS RESIGNED FROM THEIR CONGREGATION

JABS, Frederick – 2/17/15
 KELLING, John – 5/30/14
 MALLMANN, James -10-9/14
 ROHDE, Brian – 4/22/13
 SHEPPARD, Larry -9/1/13

PASTORS DECEASED

BRINKMAN, F. Peter 1/16/14
 DOAN, Daniel 12/10/13
 DOWDY, Kenneth 5/29/14
 EHLERS, James 11/26/14
 HEINTZ, Roger 7/9/13
 HOLTZ, Lowell 1/13/15
 KEUCH, James 5/8/14
 KLEMP, John 10/22/12
 KOHLMIEIER, William 7/19/12
 KRUG, Ronald 7/22/13
 MICKOW, Vernon 5/12/14
 NYGAARD, Spencer 1/1/13
 PIEPENBRINK, Willis 4/3/14
 RIEMER, Ronald 7/14/12
 ROEVER, Kenneth 3/16/12
 THUR, Melvin 4/11/13
 VETTER, Eugene 5/7/14
 WERNING, Waldo 4/10/13

CONGREGATIONS ADDED

SHERMAN PARK, Milwaukee 8/14/12
 ST. MATTHEW, Warren 2/25/13

CONGREGATIONS DISBANDED

CONGREGATIONS DISSOLVED

BETHLEHEM, Milwaukee 8/11/13
 MISSION HILL, Waunakee 10/3/13
 ST. MARK, Milwaukee 10/12/14
 WALTHER MEMORIAL, Milwaukee 9/20/12

MISSION STARTS**MISSION STARTS DISBANDED****CONGREGATION SUSPENDED**

ST. STEPHEN, Watertown 9/28/12

TEACHERS ENTERING DISTRICT

ADLER, Denise – Non-Candidate, 1/19/13
 ANDERSON TUMA, Patrick – Commissioned/Installed, Our Redeemer, Delavan, 9/8/13
 ARMSTRONG, Leah – Commissioned/Installed, LSSES, Milwaukee, 8/24/14
 AVERY, Dorothy – Commissioned/Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 8/26/12
 BALSAMAN, Jonathan – Commissioned/Installed, Living Word Lutheran High School, Jackson, 8/26/14
 BARCLAY, LaBree – Commissioned/Installed, Elm Grove, Elm Grove, 8/26/12
 BARTEL, Terri – Commissioned/Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, 8/16/12
 BAUER, Crystal – Commissioned/Installed, Racine Lutheran High School, Racine, 8/27/14
 BOYCE, Deanne – Commissioned/Installed, St. Paul, Grafton, 1/23/13
 BRAUER, Brian – Non-Candidate, 7/1/12
 BREWER, KELLY – Commissioned/Installed, St. John, Plymouth, 8/24/14
 BRUEGGEMANN, Alison – Commissioned/Installed, St. Paul, Grafton, 5/16/12
 BYNUM, Autum – Teacher, Sherman Park, Milwaukee, 8/14/12
 CODY, Katelyn – Commissioned/Installed, St. Paul, Grafton, 8/23/14
 CODY, Robert – Commissioned/Installed, Living Word Lutheran High School, Jackson, 8/26/14
 COMFORT, Jennifer – Commissioned/Installed, St. John, Glendale, 8/25/13
 COX, Lynn – Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 8/25/13
 DENSON, Amy – Active to Candidate, 7/1/12
 DOBBERSTEIN, Grace – Commissioned/Installed, Christ, Weyauwega, 9/9/12
 DOHERTY, Stacey – Commissioned/Installed, St. Peter-Immanuel, Milwaukee, 12/15/14
 DOTY, Thomas – Commissioned/Installed, Concordia University School, Milwaukee, 10/5/14
 DUCHAC, Rachel – Installed, St. John's, Racine, 8/26/12
 DURAN, Kimberly – Teacher, Sherman Park, Milwaukee, 8/14/12
 ELVERS, Theresa – Candidate to Non-Candidate, 2/10/14
 ENTERS, David – Commissioned/Installed, Martin Luther High School, Greendale, 8/13/14
 ERDMANN, Mariah – Commissioned/Installed, Immanuel, Sheboygan, 9/21/14
 FARRIS, Robin – Installed, St. John, Mayville, 9/6/13
 FRISQUE, Megan – Commissioned/Installed, Mt. Olive, Milwaukee, 8/25/13
 FUCHS, Sherri – Non-Candidate, 4/18/13
 GALLEGOS, Jennifer – Commissioned/Installed, Immanuel, Sheboygan, 9/21/14
 GARTZKE, Heather – Commissioned/Installed, Lebanon, Watertown, 8/24/14
 GASAU, Ashley – Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, Racine, 2/3/13
 GEHRI, Belinda – Commissioned/Installed, St. Peter's, Reedsburg, 1/5/14
 GERLACH, Lucas – Installed, Good Shepherd, Watertown, 8/26/12
 GERNER, Steven – Commissioned/Installed, Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, 8/24/12
 GOSA, David – Installed, Trinity, Hilbert, 8/23/12
 GRIEPENTROG, Joy – Commissioned/Installed, Lake Country Lutheran HS, Hartland, 8/13/14
 GROMOWSKI, Amy – Commissioned/Installed, Good Shepherd, Watertown, 8/24/12
 GROTT, Kaitlin – Commissioned/Installed, Our Redeemer, Delavan, 9/7/14
 GUMM, Andrew – Commissioned/Installed, St. John, Berlin, 9/8/13
 HANS, Sara – Installed, Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa, 1/26/14
 HARDER, Jason – St. John's, Mayville, 9/7/14
 HARVEY, Lauren – Active to Non-Candidate, 8/1/12
 HASSELDAHL, Cynthia – Installed, Trinity, Racine, 9/9/12
 HASSELDAHL, Gregory – Installed, Trinity, Racine, 9/9/12
 HAUSER, Arlene – Emeritus, 7/11/14
 HAUSER, Ronald – Emeritus, 7/11/14
 HERZBERG, Elise – Commissioned/Installed, Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa, 1/26/14
 HILLMAN, Krista – Installed, St. Peter's, Reedsburg, 8/25/13
 JACKSON, Danielle – Commissioned/Installed, St. Paul's, West Allis, 3/9/14
 JAEGER, Lisa – Commissioned/Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 1/26/14
 JAHR, Rebecca – Commissioned/Installed, Trinity, Mequon, 8/24/14

JENKS, Jon – Commissioned/Installed, Sherman Park, Milwaukee, 9/8/13
 KAROLUS, Rebekah – Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 11/26/14
 KIESOW, Erin – Non-Candidate, 8/14/12
 KLEIN, Jeannine – Installed, Concordia, Sturtevant, 12/15/13
 KLEMME, Stephine – Installed, St. John's, Racine, 8/26/12
 KLEMME, Stephine – Active to Candidate, 7/16/14
 KLIMA, Rebecca – Teacher, Sherman Park, Milwaukee, 8/14/12
 KOGUTKIEWICZ, Chad – Installed, Martin Luther HS, Greendale, 8/16/12
 KOOPMAN, David – Non-Candidate, 6/30/14
 KOOPMAN, Janice – Non-Candidate, 6/30/14
 KOSMALA, Leah – Commissioned/Installed – St. John's, Portage, 9/14/14
 KRUEGER, Jalynn - Non-Candidate, 8/23/12
 KRUEGER, Kenneth – Installed, Concordia University School-Pilgrim Campus, Wauwatosa, 9/16/12
 KRUEGER, Stephanie – Non-Candidate, 2/18/13
 LARSEN, Michele – Commissioned/Installed, Good Shepherd, Pleasant Prairie, 9/16/12
 LEITERMANN, Katie – Commissioned/Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran HS, Milwaukee, 8/16/12
 LIERMANN, Abigail – Installed, Our Father's, Greenfield, 8/17/14
 LINDAU, Christian – Commissioned/Installed, Racine Lutheran High School, Racine 10/30/13
 LINDSEY, Jr., Dean – Installed, St. John, Plymouth, 8/24/14
 LINK, Kimberly – Installed, Immanuel, Mayville, 9/16/12
 LINSE, Melissa – Commissioned/Installed, St. John, Berlin, 8/24/14
 LOPEZ, Stephanie – Commissioned/Installed, LUMIN, Milwaukee, 12/1/13
 LORENZ, Peter – Installed, Zion, Menomonee Falls, 8/17/14
 LYSKAWA, Kimberly – Commissioned/Installed, Bethlehem, Wales, 4/7/13
 MALLEGNI, Kimberly – Candidate, 4/1/14
 MASON, Hunter – Commissioned/Installed, Martin Luther HS, Greendale, 8/14/13
 MEINZEN, Christa – Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/26/12
 MELLO, Michael – Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, Mayville, 9/9/12
 MEULENDYKE, John – Commissioned/Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 6/2/13
 MEYER, Kevin – Installed, St. Stephen's, Horicon, 8/19/12
 MILTON, Laura – Commissioned/Installed, Good Shepherd, Pleasant Prairie, 9/8/13
 MOELLER, Joshua – Commissioned/Installed, Our Redeemer, Delavan, 9/8/13
 MORTON, Rachel – Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 8/26/12
 MUELLER, Laura – Candidate, 12/1/13
 NAEGELI, Sandra – Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, Racine, 2/3/13
 NELSON, Wayne – Candidate, 8/1/12
 NEWMAN, Amanda – Installed, Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, 8/26/12
 NEWSOME, Rhonda – Candidate, 5/25/12
 O'CONNOR, John – Installed, Mt. Olive, Milwaukee, 8/24/14
 O'CONNOR, Stephanie – Commissioned/Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/17/14
 OCHNIKOWSKI, Joshua – Commissioned/Installed, LUMIN, Milwaukee, 12/1/13
 OLDENBURG, Jonathan – Installed, Lake Country Lutheran High School, Hartland, 8/13/14
 OLDENETTEL, Dawn – Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 8/26/12
 OLIVER, Charles – Installed, Living Word Lutheran High School, Jackson, 8/22/12
 PANKOW, Matthew – Commissioned/Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, 8/16/12
 PEHL, Hannah – Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 9/8/13
 PETERSON, Gary – Commissioned/Installed, Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, 8/26/12
 PICKELMANN, Jonathan – Installed, St. Paul, Oconomowoc, 8/25/13
 PINGEL II, James – Installed, Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, 1/27/14
 PRINGLE, Johanna – Commissioned/Installed, Northwest, Milwaukee, 8/28/12
 QUADE, Kerri – Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, Portage, 9/14/14
 ROESKE, Jenna – Commissioned/Installed, Sheboygan Area Lutheran HS, Sheboygan, 8/26/12
 ROETHEL, Kimberly – Commissioned/Installed, Trinity, Sheboygan, 8/10/14
 ROSE, Lindsay – Commissioned/Installed, Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa, 8/26/12
 ROSEBROCK, Erica – Candidate, 7/8/14
 RUPPRECHT, Jessica – Commissioned/Installed, Concordia Univ. School-Pilgrim Campus, Wauwatosa, 9/16/12
 SCHLIEFER, Heidi – Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 9/8/13
 SCHMIDT, Erich – Commissioned/Installed, Sheboygan Lutheran High School, 8/17/14
 SCHUELER, Kirsten – Commissioned/Installed, Trinity, WI Dells, 8/25/13
 SCHULTZ, Jeremy – Installed, New Hope, Neenah, 8/26/12

SCHWAHN, Petrea – Commissioned/Installed, Christ, Weyauwega, 9/9/12
 SEEFELD, Samuel – Candidate, 11/11/13
 SHIELDS, Katelyn – Commissioned/Installed, First Immanuel, Cedarburg, 1/25/15
 STEGER, Lauren – Commissioned/Installed, St. John, Glendale, 8/25/13
 STEINKE, Katherine – Candidate, 9/23/14
 TAGGATZ, Roxanne – Candidate, 9/1/14
 TANNEY, Nicole – Commissioned/Installed, Concordia Lutheran School, Milwaukee, 10/5/14
 TIMM, Trevor – Commissioned/Installed, Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa, 8/26/12
 TIMM, Tyler – Installed, Lake Country Lutheran High School, Hartland, 8/14/13
 ULIK, Brittny – Commissioned/Installed, Grace, Oak Creek, 9/8/13
 VAN WAGONER, Lynne – Commissioned/Installed, Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa, 8/25/13
 VICTORSON, Kathleen – Installed, St. Peter-Immanuel, Milwaukee, 8/25/13
 WALSEN, Karli – Commissioned/Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 8/26/12
 WILSHEK, Gail – Candidate, 11/16/12
 WOELFEL, Emily – Installed, Trinity, Oshkosh, 8/24/14
 WOLF, Matthew – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, 8/16/12
 WUDNER, Lauren – Commissioned/Installed, Grace, Menomonee Falls, 9/15/13
 ZBYTNIIEWSKI, Timothy – Commissioned/Installed, Living Word Lutheran HS, Jackson, 8/20/14

TEACHER CHANGES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

ADLER, Denise – Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 8/25/13
 AFFELDT, Denise – Active to Candidate, 9/8/14
 AMLING, Albert – Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/26/12
 ANDERSON, Teresa – Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 8/26/12
 ATKINSON, Joshua – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, 1/18/13
 BAHN, Jade – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, 8/13/14
 BARTHEL, Teresa – Installed, Trinity, Menasha, 9/7/14
 BARTZ, Jonathan – Installed, Northwest, Milwaukee, 8/28/13
 BARTZ, Jonathan – Active to Candidate, 8/15/14
 BECKMAN, Jessica – Installed, Pilgrim CDC, Wauwatosa, 9/8/13
 BELL, Jill – Installed, Lutheran Special School and Educational Services, 1/18/13
 BENES, Sara – Installed, St. Paul's, Oconomowoc, 10/17/10
 BERAN, Amber – Installed, Trinity, Hilbert, 8/24/14
 BIERCE, Anna – Installed, St. Paul, Sheboygan, 9/22/13
 BLUMENBERG, Angela – Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/26/12
 BOECK, Susan – Active to Candidate, 6/16/11
 BRAATZ, Sara – Installed, Northwest, Milwaukee, 8/29/12
 BRAUER, Brian – Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 9/8/13
 BRAUN, Theresa – Installed, St. Peter's, Reedsburg, 8/26/12
 BRAUN, Theresa – Active to Candidate, 1/31/13
 BRAUN, Theresa – Installed, St. Peter's, Reedsburg, 11/26/14
 BROOKS, Nora – Active to Non-Candidate, 6/16/13
 BROWN, Amy – Active to Candidate, 12/29/14
 BRUEGGEMANN, Allison – Installed, First Immanuel, Cedarburg, 1/27/13
 BURGESS, David – Installed, Racine Lutheran High School, 8/29/12
 COLLINS, Megan – Active to Candidate, 8/1/11
 DANKENBRING, Nadine – Active to Non-Candidate, 7/1/08
 DANKENBRING, Nadine – Non-Candidate to Candidate, 2/16/15
 DIXON, Scott – Installed, St. John, Glendale, 8/26/12
 ELVERS, Theresa – Installed, Elm Grove, Elm Grove, 8/24/14
 FICK, Kenneth – Active to Non-Candidate, 3/9/12
 FICK, Kenneth – Non-Candidate to Emeritus, 3/9/12
 FOSHEIM, Cynthia – Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 7/6/14
 FRISQUE, Megan – Active to Candidate, 7/1/14
 GARLOCK, Rebecca – Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 8/26/12
 GARLOCK, Rebecca – Installed, Lake Country Lutheran High School, Hartland, 8/13/14
 GENZLER, John – Active to Non-Candidate, 8/1/14
 GIESCHEN, Timothy – Installed, Grace, Menomonee Falls, 8/24/14
 GNAN, Paul – Installed, Sheboygan Lutheran High School, Sheboygan, 8/17/14
 GUILFORD, Thomas – Active to Candidate, 9/1/10

HAAS, Nichole – Installed, Concordia University School, Milwaukee, 11/13/12
HAAS, Nichole – Installed, First Immanuel, Cedarburg, 9/22/13
HAAS, Nichole – Installed, St. Paul, Grafton, 11/7/14
HASSELD AHL, Jill – Installed, St. John’s, Racine, 8/18/13
HOEPPNER, Aaron – Installed, Grace, Menomonee Falls, 9/15/13
HOVEY, Daniel – Active to Candidate, 6/10/14
JAGLER, Rebecca – Active to Non-Candidate, 6/16/12
JENKS, Jon – Installed, LUMIN, Milwaukee, 2/22/15
JOHNSON, Jenna – Installed, LUMIN, Milwaukee, 10/30/13
JOHNSON, Mary M. – Installed, Good Shepherd, Watertown, 8/26/12
JOHNSON, Stephen – Active to Candidate, 1/24/13
KADUBECK-DUNHAM, Patsy – Candidate to Non-Candidate, 10/31/12
KIDD, Laura – Installed, Concordia University School, Wauwatosa, 9/22/13
KLENZ, Tammy – Installed, First Immanuel, Cedarburg, 9/22/13
KLITZKE, Angela – Active to Non-Candidate, 7/1/14
KOHLMAN, Todd – Installed, LUMIN, Milwaukee, 10/5/14
KOHLM EI ER, James – Active to Candidate, 1/1/12
KOHLM EI ER, James – Installed, Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa, 8/26/12
KOLANDER, Kevin – Active to Candidate, 6/16/13
KRAASE, Peggy – Installed, Lebanon, Watertown, 8/19/12
KRAASE, Peggy – Active to Candidate, 12/30/13
KRUEGER, Scott – Candidate to Non-Candidate, 4/8/14
LASTUSKY, Myrna – Active to Non-Candidate, 6/16/12
LAUBENSTEIN, Barbara – Non-Candidate to Emeritus, 4/2/14
LEAPLEY, Kurt – Installed, Concordia University School, Milwaukee, 11/13/12
LEAPLEY, Kurt – Active to Candidate, 4/1/14
LEMMER, Patricia – Installed, Grace, Oak Creek, 9/18/13
LINDGREN, Amy – Installed, Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, 8/26/12
MARRIOTT, Catherine – Active to Emeritus, 6/16/13
MCCARTHY, Jennifer – Active to Candidate, 6/4/11
MEINEKE, Hannah – Active to Non-Candidate, 6/1/14
MIELS, Amanda-Ashley – Installed, St. Paul, Grafton, 8/25/13
MIELS, Amanda-Ashley – Active to Non-Candidate, 8/16/14
MILAM, Marcia – Installed, St. John’s, West Bend, 9/8/13
MILLER, Annette – Active to Candidate, 7/1/12
MILLER, Duane – Installed, Our Father’s, Greenfield, 9/9/12
MONFRE, Peter – Installed, Trinity, Hilbert, 8/24/14
MOON, Tracy – Installed, St. Peter-Immanuel, Milwaukee, 8/25/13
NELSON, Wayne – Installed, Concordia University School, 4/17/13
NELSON, Wayne – Active to Candidate, 3/14/14
NELSON, Wayne – Installed, First Immanuel, Cedarburg, 8/24/14
NEWSOME, Rhonda – Installed, St. John, Random Lake, 9/9/12
NOVOTNY, Vicki – Installed, St. John’s, Glendale, 8/25/13
PAAPE, Barbara, Installed, Emmaus, Milwaukee, 9/9/12
PAAPE, Barbara – Active to Candidate, 10/6/12
PAAPE, Barbara – Installed, Trinity, Mequon, 8/25/13
PAAPE, Darcy – Installed, Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, 2/22/13
PARKER, Krista – Installed, Trinity, Racine, 9/9/12
PARKER, Tracy – Installed, LUMIN, Milwaukee, 4/30/14
PARKER, Trace – Installed, Northwest, Milwaukee, 9/17/14
PATTERSON, Laura – Installed, Elm Grove, Elm Grove, 8/24/14
PESCH, Janet – Installed, St. John’s, Racine, 6/2/14
PETERS, Martha – Installed, Trinity, Racine, 9/9/12
PIEPENBRINK, Allen – Active to Non-Candidate, 7/1/10
PIEPENBRINK, Shirley – Active to Non-Candidate, 12/31/10
PIPKORN, Anne – Active to Candidate, 7/1/12
PIPKORN, Anne – Installed, Trinity, Mequon, 8/25/13
PIPKORN, Anne – Active to Non-Candidate, 6/5/14
PRINGLE, Johanna – Active to Candidate, 7/1/13
RIESER, Sandra – Installed, Trinity, Menasha, 9/8/13

RIESER, Sandra – Active to Candidate, 9/29/14
 ROESKE, Robin – Installed, First Immanuel, Cedarburg, 1/27/13
 ROESLER, Kerrie – Installed, Elm Grove, Elm Grove, 8/26/12
 SCHAEFER, Courtney – Installed, Northwest, Milwaukee, 9/17/14
 SCHALLHORN, Randy – Active to Candidate, 7/1/12
 SCHEUER, James – Installed, Living Word Lutheran High School, Jackson, 5/24/13
 SCHEUER, James – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, 8/13/14
 SCHLIE, Abigail – Non-Candidate to Candidate, 4/2/14
 SCHLIE, Abigail – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, 8/13/14
 SCHULT, Christopher – Installed, Trinity, Racine, 8/16/09
 SEILS, Cynthia – Non-Candidate to Non-Candidate, 9/23/14
 SELLMAYER, Vivian – Candidate to Non-Candidate, 4/2/14
 STATZA, Diane – Active to Non-Candidate, 7/1/14
 TESSENDORF, Karen – Installed, Trinity, Mequon, 1/18/15
 TOTH, Jason – St. Martini, Milwaukee, 9/30/12
 TOERPE, Allison – Active to Candidate, 8/1/14
 TRAPP, Lauri – Installed, LUMIN, Milwaukee, 10/5/14
 URBAN, Chad – Active to Candidate – 6/30/11
 VAN SLIEDRECHT, Tiffany – Installed, Zion, Menomonee Falls, 8/19/12
 VOLKMAN, Heather – Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/17/14
 WACKT, Julia – Installed, Lebanon, Watertown, 8/24/14
 WEGNER, Jennifer – Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 8/26/12
 YOUNG, Heide – Installed, Grace, Menomonee Falls, 9/15/13
 YOUNG, Michael – Installed, Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, 8/25/13
 ZIMMERMAN, Barbara – Installed, St. John's, Fredonia, 3/7/13
 ZIMMERMAN, Barbara – Installed, St. Paul's Kinder Place, Oconomowoc, 3/15/15

TEACHERS REINSTATED BY COP

KLEIN, Jeannine – 9/13
 McGAW, Linda – 2/13
 PESCH, Janet – 11/13
 THIEL, Gail – 2/13

TEACHER TRANSFERS

AFFELDT, Denise – MNN - 12/12/14
 BARTEL, Terri – MO – 8/11/13
 BEDROSKE, Caroline – NWD - 7/30/14
 BEDROSKE, Lucas – NWD – 7/30/14
 BERGELIN, Denise – IN – 8/1/14
 BRAATZ, Sara – SO - 7/31/13
 BURKEE, James – AT – 6/1/13
 BUSS, Linda – MNS – 7/27/12
 COLLINS, Megan – MDS – 2/3/12
 CRAWFORD, Elizabeth – CID – 8/1/13
 DOUGLAS, Joshua – ND – 7/22/13
 ENDORF, Tracy – NEB – 10/7/14
 GOSA, David – RM – 7/1/14
 GOSA, Keri – RM – 7/1/14
 GRAY, Robyn – IN – 6/19/13
 GREVE, Timothy – CID – 8/1/13
 GUILFORD, Thomas – ENG – 1/31/12
 HARDT, James – NEB – 7/1/13
 HECKLER, Sandra – OH – 1/16/14
 HELLBUSCH, Maynard – SO – 1/28/14
 HILGENDORF, Duane – FLGA – 10/31/14
 HILGENDORF, Mary – FLGA – 10/31/14
 HORVATH, Tera – OH – 1/31/14
 KAUN JR., Robert – ENG – 8/2/13
 KEINATH, Rachel – NWD – 7/31/14
 KELLING, Lori – ENG – 6/15/14

KOGUTKIEWICZ, Chad – ENG – 8/15/13
 KOLANDER, Kevin – ENG – 1/6/15
 KOWALSKI, Ruth – MNS – 8/1/12
 KNORR, Karl – PSW – 8/6/14
 KRAFT, Glenn – RM – 4/16/14
 KREBS, Angela – RM – 7/25/14
 KROHN, Lindsey – FLGA 6/1/14
 LANGFIELD, Tammy – IDW – 8/1/12
 LASTUSKY, Myrna – MT – 4/22/13
 LENZ, Emily – ENG – 1/13/13
 LINK, Kimberly – MNS – 9/30/13
 LUCKHARDT, Jennifer – PSW – 8/1/13
 MARQUARDT, Romaine – IDW – 1/12/15
 MARSCH, Cheryl – MI – 9/27/13
 MEIER, Frederick – MO – 11/1/14
 MIELKE, Judy – IND – 1/12/13
 MIELS, Amanda-Ashley – NWD – 9/18/14
 MILLER, Annette – ENG – 5/2/14
 MORITZ, Todd – PSW – 5/1/13
 NEWSOME, Rhonda – NWD – 8/15/14
 PALMREUTER, Kathy – IND – 7/2/12
 PETERS, Joyce – SD – 10/1/13
 PIEPENBRINK, Allen – MDS – 11/5/12
 PIEPENBRINK, Shirley – MDS – 11/5/12
 PRATT, David – PSW – 7/28/14
 REISER, Sandra – MI – 9/29/14
 ROCKROHR, Megan – TX – 7/1/14
 SAGISSOR, Chelsea – MNS – 8/1/12
 SAGISSOR, Philip – MNS – 8/1/12
 SCHALLHORN, Randy – ENG – 8/1/13
 SCHALLHORN, Valjean – ENG – 8/1/13
 SCHROEDER, Douglas – PSW – 6/13/14
 SCHUELER, Kirsten – TX – 8/1/14
 SCOTT, Aaron – MI – 7/22/13
 STAUB, Aaron – NEB – 7/15/13
 STELMACHOWICZ, Cary – MO – 7/1/12
 WEGNER, Jeffrey – NWD – 8/1/13
 WAWRZYNIAK, Christy – OH – 6/15/13
 WILSHEK, Gail – MO – 6/10/13

TEACHERS REMOVED

AUGUSTINE, Lisa – 1/5/15
 BANNING, Benjamin – 3/14/14
 BARWA, William – 5/12/14
 BECK, Erin – 1/7/14
 BEHRENDT, Mary – 1/29/12
 CURTIS, Amber – 5/12/14
 FENSKE, Sandra – 5/12/14
 FERGUSON, Susan – 5/12/14
 GENSCHE, Rachel – 5/29/14
 GRUBER, Kurt – 1/30/13
 HAUPT, Stephanie – 5/12/14
 HELMANN, Stephanie – 5/12/14
 HINZE, Neal – 4/17/12
 HOFFMAN II, Henry – 12/12/14
 KAIS, Kevin – 11/7/14
 KARPINSKY, Dawn – 5/12/14
 KARSTEN, Stephanie – 2/6/14
 KELLERMAN, John – 5/12/14
 KIESOW, Erin – 7/8/14

KING, Tami – 12/5/12
KLATT, Kari – 5/12/14
KRAUSE, Donna – 5/12/14
KROEMER, Jennifer – 5/12/14
KRUICHAK, LuWayne – 4/17/12
OLDENBURG, Matthew – 11/20/14
PLATER, Janine – 5/12/14
RANDALL, Angela – 1/5/15
SVEOM, Austin – 11/5/14
WINGER, Tamika – 3/17/15

TEACHERS RESIGNED

ADAMS, Kathleen – 5/5/14
ANDERSON, Amy – 5/19/14
ANDERSON TUMA, Patrick, 7/15/14
BELL, Jill – 6/27/14
BUNNOW, Mary Beth – 4/24/12
JACOBSEN, Susan – 10/22/14
KAPELKE, Patricia – 7/2/14
KOLB, Kathy – 8/26/13
KRENKE, Keith – 9/5/12
LANGE, Ruth – 8/24/12
PODOLL, Deborah – 7/27/12
POELLOT, Linda – 3/31/14
ROSEBROCK, Erica – 8/14/14
TOTH, Jason – 3/25/12
TRASKA, Keith – 4/22/14
URBAN, Chad – 10/25/12
ZASTROW, Timothy – 3/27/14

TEACHERS RETIRED

AHLGRIMM, Elyse – 8/1/12
BAGANZ, Randal – 7/1/12
BEERMAN, Sandra – 6/16/12
BOEHME, Carolyn – 6/1/12
DAHM, Janet – 7/1/13
GERTH, Yvonne – 7/1/12
GOETZKE, Janis – 7/1/12
GRAF, Susan – 6/16/14
HILGENDORF, Duane – 4/1/12
HILGENDORF, Mary – 7/1/12
JUERGENSEN, James – 7/1/13
KASTEN, Robert – 11/1/13
KLEMP, Garreth – 1/15/13
KOOPMAN, David – 1/9/15
KOOPMAN, Janice – 1/9/15
LAABS, Sharon – 7/1/13
LEHMAN, Janet – 7/1/14
PIEPENBRINK, Allen – 8/21/12
PIEPENBRINK, Shirley – 8/21/12
PRANGE, Deborah – 7/1/13
RICKMAN, Susan – 6/8/13
SCHROEDER, Douglas – 7/1/12
SELLMEYER, Vivian – 1/17/15
STELTER, Ellen – 7/1/14
SULLIVAN, Judith – 6/16/12
TONSAGER, Janelle – 6/10/12
WOLF, Jennifer – 7/1/13

TEACHERS DECEASED

BECKER, Herbert – 10/18/13
 DOBBERFUHL, Walter – 12/11/13
 FICHTNER, Allen – 7/4/13
 FRIEDRICH, Karen – 7/25/14
 GABLER, Frank – 9/1/14
 GERSMEHL, Lienhard – 1/3/13
 HOFFMANN, Linda – 7/1/14
 KNOLL, Martin – 12/28/14
 KURTH, Frederick – 6/28/12
 LEELAND, Carlene – 3/18/12
 LEITZKE, Martin – 8/19/13
 NIETING, Robert – 4/19/14
 PALMER, Connie – 8/30/12
 RAPPE, Roger – 9/9/12
 SENGELE, Richard – 10/12/14
 TEETZEN, Curtis – 3/7/13

DCE/DCO ENTERING DISTRICT

DOLLEVOET, Nicole – Installed, St. Paul, Sheboygan Falls, 6/22/14
 MARCIS, Molly – Installed, Mt. Calvary, Janesville, 3/2/14
 MUELLER, John – Commissioned/Installed, St. Paul's, Janesville, 7/20/14
 STIEK, Jared – Installed, St. Paul's, Janesville, 10/5/14

DCE/DCO CHANGES WITHIN DISTRICT

BUSS, James – Active to Candidate, 7/1/12
 JANETZKE, Gary – Installed, LUMIN, Milwaukee, 10/5/14
 STAPLETON, Michael – Active to Candidate, 11/1/13

DCE/DCO TRANSFERS

BUSS, James – MNS – 7/27/12
 DRENKOW, Cassandra – MNS – 10/13/13
 JONES, Ryan – NWD – 2/6/13
 STAPLETON, Michael – SO – 3/14/14

DCE/DCO DECEASED

JUNGKUNTZ, Victor – 5/25/13

DEACONESSES ENTERING DISTRICT

EIDEN, Sarah – Commissioned/Installed, Good Shepherd, Two Rivers, 6/2/13
 HYCNAR, Patricia – Commissioned/Installed, Holy Cross, Delavan, 11/27/12
 POLZIN, Dawn - Commissioned/Installed, Our Savior Deaf, Madison, 11/24/13
 STENNES, Loreena – Commissioned/Installed, Our Savior Deaf, Madison, 11/24/13

DEACONESS CHANGES WITHIN DISTRICT

NEE, Karoline – Installed, St. Paul, Hillpoint, 7/22/12

DEACONESS TRANSFERS

EBERT, Juanita – NEB – 1/17/14

DEACONESSES RETIRED

THURNER, Janice, 7/1/12

LAY MINISTERS ENTERING DISTRICT

KAROLUS, Rebekah - Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 11/30/14

LAY MINISTER CHANGES

KALIES, Cynthia – Active to Non-Candidate, 5/1/08

LAY MINISTER TRANSFERS

HOEPPNER, Shannon – ENG – 1/10/13

LAY MINISTERS REMOVED

HAGEN, David – 10/17/13
TRASKA, Jonathon – 2/26/14

LAY MINISTERS RESIGNED

RANDALL, Scott – 1/13/15

LAY MINISTERS DECEASED

BINTZLER, Reuben – 11/28/12
HACKBARTH, Oscar – 1/19/13

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY LIFE

BROWN, Amy – Commissioned/Installed, Pella, Waupun, 8/26/12

DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC

ZIEROTH, Jeremy – Commissioned/Installed, St. Peter's, Arlington, 8/31/14

SCHOOLS CLOSED

Christ Memorial, Milwaukee, June 2013
Emmaus, Milwaukee, June 2013
Lord's Little Lambs Christian Preschool, West Salem, September 2013
Immanuel Day Care, Sheboygan, August 2014

SCHOOLS NEW

Sherman Park, Milwaukee (transferred from English District), 2012
Concordia University School – Pilgrim Campus, Wauwatosa, 2012

LAY MINISTER CHANGES

BREHMER, Tammy – Non-Candidate to Non-Candidate, 7/13/11
CHARLES, Jennifer – Installed, St. Paul, Janesville, 10/3/10
CHARLES, Jennifer – Active to Candidate, 6/29/11
REIT, Pamela – Active to Candidate, 12/1/10

LAY MINISTERS REMOVED

FRISQUE, Alissa – 12/5/11

LAY MINISTERS RESIGNED

KREIENBRINK, Gene – 4/1/09

LAY MINISTERS DECEASED

FARRELLY, James – 10/16/09
JAECKEL, Walter – 12/12/09
KORTH, Dale – 12/5/10

SCHOOLS CLOSED

Gospel, Milwaukee, 6/2010
Hilbert, St. Peter, 5/2011
Milwaukee, Oklahoma, 6/2011
Waterford, St. Peter, 6/2011

Appendix B: Names and Addresses of Convention Delegates

<u>CITY</u>	<u>CONGREGATION</u>	<u>CIR./REG.</u>	<u>DELEGATE</u>
ADAMS	IMMANUEL	18/W	Rev. John Krebs, Adams, WI Mary Martin, Adams, WI
ADELL	EMMANUEL	10/NE	Rev. Christopher Seifferlein, Adell, WI James Naumann, Adell, WI
ARLINGTON	ST. PETER	20/W	Rev. Christopher Amen, Arlington, WI William Steffenhagen, Madison, WI
BATAVIARANDOMLAKE	ST. STEPHEN/IMMANUEL	10/NE	Rev. Kurt Ziemann, Random Lake, WI Steve harter, Adell, WI
BEAVER DAM	PEACE	23/SE	Rev. Mark Wenzel, Beaver Dam, WI Richard Bartelt, Beaver Dam, WI
BELGIUM	ST. MARK	11/NE	Rev. Wayne King, Belgium, WI James Kochler, Belgium, WI
BELOIT	MESSIAH	25/SE	Rev. Jason Reed, Beloit, WI Emil Benz, Beloit, WI
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