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**LCMS—SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION  
JUNE 10-12, 2018**

**Proceedings**

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## Officers, Board of Directors, Staff

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

### ■ OFFICERS

President

First Vice-President, Central East Region

Second Vice-President, Southeast Region

Third Vice-President, Northeast Region

Fourth Vice-President, West Region

Secretary

Treasurer

Rev. John Wille (2021)

Rev. Daniel Torkelson (2021)

Rev. Robert Zick (2021)

Rev. David Paape (2021)

Rev. Charlie Brandt (2021)

Rev. David Totsky (2021)

Ralph Klevenow

### ■ BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Ordained Ministers

Rev. Darrel Bergelin, Northeast (2021–0)

Rev. David Jensen, West (2024–0)

Rev. Douglas Stowe, Southeast (2021–1)

Rev. Mark Wangerin, Central East (2024–0)

#### Commissioned Ministers

Brad Jentsch, Central East & Northeast (2024–0)

Robert Lunak, Southeast & West (2024–1)

#### Laypersons

William Budd, West (2021–1)

Myron Buss, Northeast (2021–0)

Sarah Billing, Southeast (2024–1)

Ronald Kabitzke, Northeast (2021–1)

Jeffrey Kuglitsch, West (2024–1)

Greta Martin, Southeast (2021–0)

Kristen Kolell, Central East (2024–1)

Dean Sievert, Central East (2021–1)

### ■ DISTRICT EXECUTIVE STAFF AS OF JUNE 2015

Diana Raasch, First Immanuel, Cedarburg

Christopher Cody, Mt. Olive, Milwaukee

Herman Strozier, Mission of Christ, Milwaukee

Jonah Burakowski, Divine Savior, Hartford

Stewardship, Lutheran Church Extension Fund vice president

Superintendent of schools, youth and family

Business manager

Missions, evangelism, human care and older adult

### ■ DISTRICT SUPPORT STAFF

Robin Mueller

Peg Raabe

Karen Rayner

Barb Slak

Schools, youth and family

Missions, human care and older adult

President's office

Lutheran Church Extension Fund, stewardship

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## Nominations Committee & Circuit Counselors

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### ■ 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 Fabrizio (2021 – 1)
2 Metro South	Rev. Harold Bender (2021 – 2)
3 Metro Southwest	Rev. Richard Raabe (2021 – 1)
4 Metro West	Rev. Steve Voigt (2021– 1)
5 Metro Northwest	Rev. Eric Skovgaard (2021 – 1)
6 Metro North	Rev. Michael Henrichs (2021 – 2)
7 Ozaukee/Washington	Rev. Philip Hillenbrand (2021– 1)

#### Northeast Region

8 Horicon	Rev. Daniel Seehafer (2021 – 0)
9 West Bend/Random Lake	Rev. Joseph Fisher (2021 – 1)
10 Sheboygan South	Rev. Christian Gugel (2018 – 2)
11 Sheboygan Central	Rev. Bryan Osladil (2021 – 1)
12 Sheboygan North	Rev. Peter Peitsch (2021 – 1)
13 Manitowoc	Rev. J. Patrick Niles (2021 – 1)
14 Winnebago	Rev. Ricky Schroeder (2021 – 2)

#### West Region

15 Berlin	Rev. Brian Fritsch (2021 – 2)
16 Marquette	Rev. Gary Schultz (2021– 1)
17 La Crosse	Rev. Jason Schockman (2021 – 2)
18 Southwest	Rev. Thomas Reeder (2021 – 1)
19 Madison North	Rev. Christopher Amen (2021 – 1)
20 Madison South	Rev. Jason Zobel (2021 – 1)
21 Oconomowoc	Rev. Lance O'Donnell (2021 – 2)

#### Southeast Region

22 Watertown	Rev. Matthew Martin (2021 – 2)
23 Janesville	Rev. Donald Fehlauer (2021 – 2)
24 Beloit	Rev. Dennis Roser (2021 – 2)
25 Kenosha	Rev. Joshua Conradt (2021 – 1)
26 Racine	Rev. Daniel Feldscher (2021 – 2)

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## Convention Committees

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### GENERAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

O – Rev. John Berg, Chair

Registration  
C – Christopher Cody  
L – Robin Mueller

Hospitality  
C – Gene & Jan Ladendorf  
L – Carrie O'Donnell

Technology  
L – Todd Boettcher

Communications  
O – Rev. Mark E. Wangerin  
O – Rev. Lance O'Donnell

Housing and campus  
L – Robin Mueller

Worship  
C – Stephen Rosebrock

Finance & Site Coordinator  
L – Herman Strozier

Exhibits  
L – Diana Raasch  
L – Barb Slak

Publicity/Graphics  
L – Peg Raabe

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## FLOOR COMMITTEES

### 1. NOMINATIONS

O – Rev. Bryan Osladil, Our Redeemer,  
Sheboygan, Chair  
O – Rev. Jason Schockman, Prince of Peace, West  
Salem  
O – Rev. David Totsky, Sherman Park, Milwaukee  
O – Rev. Daniel Torkelson, St. John, North Prairie  
C – Dave Burgess, Our Father, Greenfield  
C – Gene Ladendorf, Trinity Freistadt, Mequon  
C – Daune Graf, Blesses Savior, New Berlin  
L – Carolyn Blum, Divine Savior, Hartford  
L – Ronald Kabitzke, Pilgrim, West Bend  
L – Michael Milbrath, Beautiful Savior, Milwaukee  
L – Robert Pulley, Good Shepherd, Tomah

### 2. ADMINISTRATION & CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

O – Rev. Steven Billings, Trinity Menasha, Chair  
O – Rev. Christopher Seifferlein, Emmanuel, Adell  
O – Rev. Jack Gilbert, St. John, Racine  
C – David Jording, Trinity, Menasha  
L – Matthias Gugel, Bethlehem, Sun Prairie  
L – Rick Krause, Blessed Savior, New Berlin  
L – Clarence Salzman, Good Shepherd, Tomah  
Advisor: Rev. David Totsky, SWD, CCM

### 3. PARISH EDUCATION

O – Rev. Daniel Seehafer, St. Stephen, Horicon,  
Chair  
O – Rev. Jonathan Rusnak, Pilgrim, Wauwatosa  
O – Rev. Mark Benning, Good Shepherd, Tomah  
C – Dennis Gehrke, Divine Redeemer, Hartland  
L – Jeff Vandercooi, St. John, Beloit  
L – James Atkinson, St. John, Portage  
Advisor: Dr. Christopher Cody, SWD Executive

### 4. MISSIONS

O – Rev. Dennis Roser, St. John, Beloit, Chair  
O – Rev. Charlie Brandt, Bethlehem, Sun Prairie  
O – Rev. Allen Kretschmar, St. Paul, Sheboygan  
L – Samuel Lee, Elm Grove, Elm Grove  
L – Daryl Winston, Mission of Christ, Milwaukee  
L – Myron Buss, Good Shepherd, Sheboygan  
Advisor: Rev. Jonah Burakowski, SWD Executive

### 5. STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELISM

O – Rev. Nathan Meador, St. John, Plymouth, Chair  
O – Rev. Richard Bartholomew, Grace, Omro  
O – Rev. Daniel Czaplewski, Mt. Calvary, Milwaukee  
C – Dave Koopman, St. Paul, Grafton  
L – Brian Nygaard, Immanuel, Sheboygan  
Advisor: Mrs. Diana Raasch, LCEF & SWD Executive  
Advisor: Rev. Jonah Burakowski, SWD Executive

### 6. MISCELLANEOUS

O – Rev. William Kilps, Good Shepherd, Two Rivers,  
chair  
O – Rev. Joseph Fisher, Pilgrim, West Bend  
O – Rev. Faivneng Her, Hmong, Milwaukee  
L – Robert Trapp, Messiah, Kenosha  
L – Alan Konetzki, Trinity, Sheboygan  
L – James Frerking, Peace, Sussex  
Advisor: Rev. David Totsky, CCM

### 7. ELECTIONS

O – Rev. J. Patrick Niles, Trinity, Hilbert, Chair  
O – Rev. Christopher Amen, St. Peter, Arlington  
L – Nathan Kilps, Good Shepherd, Two Rivers  
L – Ronald Sitzman, Zion, New Holstein

### 8. MINUTES & REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

O – Rev. David Totsky, Sherman Park, Milwaukee  
L – Brian Seider, Zion, Menomonee Falls, Board Chair

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**Congregations by Circuit**


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**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 WEST ■ CIRCUIT 2**

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

**METRO NORTHWEST ■ CIRCUIT 3**

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

**METRO CENTRAL ■ CIRCUIT 4**

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

**METRO SOUTHWEST ■ 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 SHORE ■ 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 ■ 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 NORTH ■ CIRCUIT 11**

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

**SHEBOYGAN WEST ■ CIRCUIT 12**

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

**PLYMOUTH ■ 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 Lutheran 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
Waunakee	Cross

**OCONOMOWOC ■ CIRCUIT 21**

Hartland	Divine Redeemer
North Prairie	St. John
Oconomowoc	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

**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
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 (Santa Cruz)
	Prince of Peace
	Redeemer
	St. John
	Trinity
Sturtevant	Faith





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## Minutes

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The 55<sup>th</sup> Convention of the  
South Wisconsin District of  
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
June 10-12, 2018

**SESSION 1****WELCOME AND OPENING GAVEL**

The 55<sup>th</sup> Regular Convention of the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod was called to order in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit by the South Wisconsin District President, the Reverend Dr. John C. Wille at 6:17 p.m. with the Secretary, the Rev. David Totsky, and Assistant Secretary, the Rev. Bryan Osladil, present.

**OPENING PRAYER**

The Reverend Robert Zick, 3<sup>rd</sup> vice-president, opened with prayer.

**Welcome to CUW**

The Reverend Dr. Patrick Ferry welcomed the SWD Convention to the facilities of Concordia University Wisconsin.

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE – Quorum**

The Reverend David Totsky reported that as of 6:15 p.m. this evening there were 135 voting pastoral delegates and 138 voting lay delegates for a total of 273 voting delegates and declared a quorum.

**ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES**

President Wille directed the delegates' attention to the standing rules on p. 7 of the first edition of *Today's Business*. Motion made and seconded to adopt the standing rules as printed. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE 2: ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS**

The Rev. Steven Billings directed the assembly's attention to the first edition of *Today's Business*, p. 21

A motion was made and seconded to adopt Res 2-01.

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

After familiarization with the electronic voting system, the motion carried. Yes: 252 -- 94% No: 16 -- 6%

**ADOPTION OF CONVENTION AGENDA**

President Wille directed the delegate's attention to *Today's Business*, p. 5-7. Motion and second to adopt the agenda. Motion carried

**Committee 1: Nominations**

The Reverend Bryan Osladil directed the delegates' attention to Convention Workbook p 63 and following:

Floor nominations were requested for the office of District President – none

Floor nominations were requested for W Region Vice President

The Rev. Paul Munding was nominated

Floor nominations were requested for SE Region Vice President – none

Floor nominations were requested for Board of Directors, W/SE Commissioned – none

Floor nominations were requested for Board of Directors, W lay – none

Floor nominations were requested for CCN – District, CE ordained

The Rev. Gary Gehlbach was nominated

Floor nominations were requested for CCN – District, CE lay – none

Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Motion carried.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Part 1 was distributed in *Today's Business I*. A printed copy of the "President's Report Part II" will be included in Monday's *Today's Business*.

He emphasized that this is our time:

To be distinctively Lutheran  
 To live out our vocation  
 To embrace our communities  
 To plant new congregations

## COMMITTEE 5: ELECTIONS (presidential ballot)

President Wille relinquished the chair to 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president, the Rev. Daniel Torkelson. The Rev. J. Patrick Niles, chairman of the Elections Floor Committee, was introduced to the assembly. The slate for president was presented.

The Rev. Dr. John Wille

Yes	86.8 %	231	(elected)
No	13.2 %	35	

President Wille resumed the chair and thanked the delegates.

## SYNODICAL REPORT (part one)

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, was introduced to the assembly. He directed the delegate's attention to the booklet, "Joy: Fully Lutheran," included in the materials received at registration.

He also spoke about:

Synod finances – the Synod Board of directors is on a path to eliminate all synod debt within a few years.  
 Missions  
 Church relations and a number of church bodies interested in partnering with the LCMS

Finally, he reported on the situation at Concordia Portland, and the closing of Selma.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Ferry reported on the Clergy on Campus program in September.

DAILY PRAYER: CLOSE OF THE DAY – The Rev. Robert Zick led the assembly in Daily Prayer: Close of Day.

Recess until 8:00 a.m. Monday

## SESSION 2

CALL TO ORDER:

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

DAILY PRAYER: MORNING

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

QUORUM REPORT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

#### SYNOD REPORT (PART 2).

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

#### COMMITTEE 5: ELECTIONS

##### CE VICE PRESIDENT

David Paape	149	57.3%	<b>ELECTED</b>
Eric Skovgaard	111	42.7%	

##### NE VICE PRESIDENT

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

##### W VICE PRESIDENT

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

##### SE VICE PRESIDENT

Daniel Torkelson		
Yes	234	89.3 %
No	28	10.7 %

##### RANKING

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

##### Balloting for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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

##### Balloting for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Presidents

Brandt	75	28.3%	<b>4<sup>th</sup> VP</b>
Paape	190	71.7 %	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> VP</b>

#### COMMITTEE 2 – ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

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

YES	222	91.4%
NO	21	8.6%

**Motion carried**

BIBLE STUDY

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

COMMITTEE 4 – MISSIONS

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

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

**Motion carried.**

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

Yes	231	98.3%
No	4	1.7%

**Motion Carried**

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

Yes	228	91.8%
No	20	8.1%

**Motion Carried**

COMMITTEE 6 -- MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

A motion was made to call the question

Yes	206	79.5 %
No	53	20.5 %

**Motion to call question carried**

Yes	231	89.5%
No	27	10.5%

**Motion carried**

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

Substitute motion offered.

Orders of the day called

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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

GREETING FROM CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FT. WAYNE

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

SWD BUSINESS MANAGER

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

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

SPECIAL GUEST: OFFICE ON INTERNATIONAL MISSION (OIM)

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

Recess until 1:30 p.m.

**SESSION 3**CALL TO ORDER:

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

Opening Prayer by Rev. John Berg, Convention Committee Chair

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

COMMITTEE 7 – ELECTIONS

## Election of Circuit Visitors

Yes	225	96.2%
No	9	3.8%

## Secretary

Bryan Osladil	57	25.8%
David Totsky	164	74.2%

## BOD CE Ordained

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

## BOD W Ordained

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

## BOD CE/NE Commissioned

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

## BOD W/SE Commissioned

Robert Lunak		
Yes	239	94.1%
No	15	5.9%

## BOD CE Lay

Kristin Kolell	124	53.2%
Jonathan Lorenz	109	46.8%

## BOD NE Lay

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

**BOD SE Lay**

Sarah Billings	149	61.3%
George Neuberger	94	38.7%

**BOD W Lay**

Jeffrey Kuglitsch		
Yes	238	92.6%
No	19	7.4%

**SWD MISSION EXEC**

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

- Distinctly Lutheran – Re:Vitality, Every One His Witness, Lutheran Young Adult Corps
- Planting 3 new congregations – one with convertible vicar, one ethnic SMP, and one with missionary at large
- Honoring Christ-centered vocation – Dominican Republic Mission trip, partnership grants
- Embrace Communities – Walking in the Truth
- Port Arthur, TX Mission Trips

**COMMITTEE 4 – MISSIONS**

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

**Motion to call question**

Yes	206	78.3%
No	57	21.7%

**Motion carried**

Yes	192	73%
No	71	27%

**Motion carried****GREETINGS FROM CONCORDIA SEMINARY**

The Rev Andrew Bartelt brought greetings from Concordia Seminary and its president, the Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer,

**BIBLE STUDY**

The Rev. Joel Fritsche led the delegates through the afternoon bible study.

**COMMITTEE 2 – ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTION MATTER**

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

Yes	176	71.8%
No	69	28.2%

**SWD EDUCATION EXEC**

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

- Lutheran School Ministry Certificates,
- Certificate for Lutheran Early Childhood Teaching.
- Possibility of three new schools in 3-5 years
- Tremendous outreach potential
- Principal shortage – 40% retired between 2015-2020
- 28% of teachers in LCMS schools are ACTIVE rostered
- 26% of US children have traumatic event before age 4
- Future Lutheran Administrators – Midwest Educators

COMMITTEE 3 – EDUCATION

Delegates' attention was directed to *Today's Business*, p. 32, Res 3-02.

Motion and second to adopt.

**Motion carried**

Res 3-03,

Motion and second to adopt.

**Motion carried**

COMMITTEE 7 – STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELISM

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

Motion and second to adopt

**Motion carried**

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

Motion and second to adopt

**Motion carried**

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

Motion and second to adopt

Yes	221	90.2%
No	24	9.8%

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

Motion and second to adopt

Yes	210	86.4%
No	33	13.6%

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

Motion and second to adopt

Committee accepted a friendly amendment to add:

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

**Motion Carried**

LCEF AND STEWARDSHIP

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

SPECIAL GUEST – Bart Day, LCEF President

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

COMMITTEE 6

Res 6-02 Withdrawn

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

Motion and second to adopt

Yes	206	91.2%
No	20	8.9%

COMMITTEE 3

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

Motion and second to adopt

Yes	211	94.6%
No	12	5.4%

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

Motion and second to adopt

Motion to amend In 43 to strike “homosexual and all other” to read; struggling with all sexual desires

Yes	96	39.5%
No	147	60.5%

SPECIAL GUEST – Mr. James Sanft, Concordia Plan Services

SPECIAL GUEST – Rev Dwayne Lueck, North Wisconsin District

SPECIAL GUEST – Dr, Beverly Yahnke, DOXOLOGY

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

SPECIAL GUEST – Mrs. Barbara Kaun, SWD LWML President

SPECIAL GUEST – Richard Laabs, LUMIN

SPECIAL GUEST – A Place of Refuge, Rev David Paape

#### CLOSING DEVOTION

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

Recess until 8:00 am Tuesday.

#### **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. Mark Meier, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President.

##### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

##### SPECIAL GUEST – REV. DR. GREGORY SELTZ., DIRECTOR, LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY [LCRL]

Dr. Seltz addressed the assembly regarding the important work of the LCRL under the theme “Set Free to Live Freely for Others in Christ.” It is our first priority to focus on the “one thing” while faithfully maintaining the two kingdom theology. LCRL is in Washington, D.C. to encourage, educate, and advocate. To receive Dr. Seltz’s weekly message Text “LCRL” to 444999

##### COMMITTEE 5 -- ELECTIONS

###### CCN CE Ordained

Rev. Gary Gehlbach		
Yes	200	93.9%
No	13	6.1%

###### CCN NE Ordained

Rev. Wayne King	76	37.6%
Rev. Chris Seifferlein	126	62.4%

###### CCN SE Ordained

Rev. Jack Gilbert	78	35.9%
Rev. Mark Wenzel	139	64.1%

###### CCN W Ordained

Rev, Paul Mundinger		
Yes	215	95.6%
No	10	4.4%



## CCN Commissioned CE

Jack Burkee	68	31.1%
Duane Graf	151	68.9%

## CCN Commissioned W

Luke Beck	121	59.3%
Phillip Rogers	83	40.7%

## CCN W Lay

Dan Kromm		
Yes	212	97.2%
No	6	2.8%

## CUW BOR ordained

Rev. John Berg	156	72.6%
Rev. M. Douglas Peters	59	27.4%

## CUW Commissioned

Mark Bahr	51	23.6%
Dwayne Jobst	136	63.0%
David Koopman	29	13.4%

## CUW Lay

Marcia Arndt	81	37.2%
Robert Denkert	137	62.8%

## CUW Lay

Carl Brakebush	85	38.6%
Richard Laabs	135	61.4%

## CCN Synod

Ron Kabitzke	61	27.2%	63	29.4%
Alan Konetzki	52	23.2%	X	
Catherine (Carrie) O'Donnell	111	49.6%	151	70.6%

## CCN Synod -Alternate

Ron Kabitzke	139	61.2%
Alan Konetzki	88	38.8%

COMMITTEE 3 – PARISH EDUCATIONRes 3-01A, *Today's Business (Tuesday)*, p. 69

Motion and second to adopt

Motion and second to amend final resolve, beginning at ln 43 “to pray for and work faithfully with those struggling with any sexual desire and sexual activity outside the marriage covenant, according to the apostolic exhortation . . .”

Motion and second to call question on amendment

Yes	154	67.0%
No	76	33.0%

**Discussion closed**

Yes	114	47.9%
No	124	52.1%

**Amendment fails**

Yes	204	85.7%
No	34	14.3%

**Motion Carried**

COMMITTEE 2 – ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Res 2-05, p. 30, first issue of *Today's Business*

Correct ln 5 to read "13 years" not "23 years"

Motion and second to adopt

**Motion Carried**

COMMITTEE 6 – MISCELLANEOUS

Res 6-04, p. 40 of the initial *Today's Business*.

Motion and second to adopt

**Motion Carried**

Res 6-03, p. 38 in the initial *Today's Business*

Motion and second to adopt

Motion and second to amend to delete 3 whereases beginning on ln 54, p. 38, ln 9, pg. 39 and ln 15, p. 39.

Yes	191	82.3%
No	41	17.7%

**Amendment carried**

Motion and second to delete 2<sup>nd</sup> last resolve, ln 36, p. 39.

Yes	123	52.1%
No	113	47.9%

**Amendment carried**

Motion and second to call the question

Yes	153	63.8%
No	87	36.3%

**Motion failed**

Motion and second to call question

Yes	179	74.3%
No	62	25.7%

**Debate Ceases**

Yes	184	76.3%
No	57	23.7%

**Motion, as amended, carried**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER – THE REV THEODORE KREYGUEST SPEAKER – LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES (LHM), MR. KEITH PETERSON

Mr. Peterson addressed the assembly about the work of the LHM and invited them to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee in October. He concluded by showing a video.

COMMITTEE 2 – ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Res 2-04, *Today's Business*, p. 28-29

Motion and second to adopt

Yes	189	96.9%
No	6	3.1%

COMMITTEE 6 – MISCELLANEOUS

Omnibus B, p. 66 *Today's Business*, (Monday)

Moved and seconded for adoption

**Motion Carried**

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

Announcements

Update on Historic Trinity, Milwaukee.

Closing Prayer by the Rev. John Berg, Convention Planning Committee, chair

Motion and Second to adjourn

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## Report of the District President

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

District President's Report to the SWD Convention  
Concordia University Wisconsin  
June 10-12, 2018  
Rev. Dr. John C. Wille



Holy Trinity Sunday, 2018

Brothers and sisters in Christ, brothers in the Office of the Holy Ministry, those who serve as Commissioned Workers in the LCMS.

Writing this report, my thoughts flashed back to 2006 when first elected. That year we found ourselves in a severe financial crisis. By early fall of 2006 SWD in an operational deficit of nearly \$900,000.00, and capitol indebtedness of some \$5.5million.

We were broke. It had become so bad that we didn't have sufficient cash on hand to make the next payroll. But, then the Lord blessed. I was in the south conference room for a meeting. Someone knocked on the door, there was a man in the entry who wanted to see me. Greeting him, the stranger mentioned that he heard that we were in a financial mess, and he pulled an envelope out of his vest pocket. He would not tell me his name. He wanted no recognition. After I thanked him, he turned around walked out the door. I watched him get on a city bus.

It was an unsolicited check for \$100,000.00. Imagine the shock! I had never seen a check for so much. Our Lord had blessed us!

The next day I was again in a meeting, someone knocked on the door, the same man was back and wanted to see me. As I walked down the hallway, it struck me, what if he wants his money back? We didn't have it anymore. We had used it to make payroll. The money was mostly gone. To my surprise, he reached into his brown leather jacket and pulled out another envelope. It was another check for \$100,000. I thanked him profusely as I had done the day before.

Both checks were an amazing gift from our Lord as we were trying to put together a plan to get back on our feet financially. While I still do not know who that man was, I continually give thanks to our Lord for individual and for his generosity.

That all said, our Lord's blessing is not limited to that generous man with his two checks. Our Lord Jesus has been generous to each of us, and to all of us together. Consider. Financially, SWD now stands on solid ground, in large part thanks to your generosity, and a good SWD financial team on task. We remain debt free, with healthy cash reserves. But SWD is more than merely finances. We are 207 congregations joined together by a common confession of faith in one church body. Each congregation is served by a pastor, or pastors, who have pledged their unqualified acceptance of the truths of Holy Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions. Each of our 90 plus schools, from daycares and pre-schools to six high schools to this university, is dedicated to teaching the truths of Holy Scripture to the next generation; all in alignment with our Lutheran Confessions.

Our Lutheran Confessions are not merely a convenient truth for some past generation. The Lutheran Confessions are and remain a “true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church”, as each ordained pastor pledges in his ordination vows. This is the vow which your pastor took on the day he was installed in your parish:

- “Do you promise that you will perform the duties of your office in accordance with these Confessions, and that all your preaching and teaching and your administration of the Sacraments will be in conformity with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?”

Each pastor says, “Yes, I promise with the help of God.” I have never heard a pastor say, “no.”

Our ordination vows, along with our history rooted solidly in the Reformation, mean that we are a confessional church, standing solidly on the Word of God. St. Paul tells the Corinthian believers: “For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.”<sup>37</sup> The Greek word is κηρύσσω; “to preach, to make public declarations, proclaim aloud...to spread the story widely, to publicize.”<sup>38</sup>

As Lutheran Christians we are a confessional church, standing on the three Lutheran touchstones: grace alone, faith alone, and Scripture alone. It has been that way since October 31, 1517, the 95 Theses.

You know Luther’s famous words which he spoke at the Diet of Worms.



- “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 for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me!”

Then, in 1530 when the Lutherans were summoned to stand before the emperor who had convened a council to determine the orthodoxy of the Lutherans, Melanchthon began with these words:

- We would submit the Articles of our Confession for our side on next Wednesday, therefore, in obedience to Your Imperial Majesty’s 8] wishes, we offer, in this matter of religion, the Confession of our preachers and of ourselves, showing what manner of doctrine from the Holy Scriptures and the pure Word of God has been up to this time set forth in our lands, dukedoms, dominions, and cities, and taught in our churches.<sup>39</sup>

<sup>37</sup> [\*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version\*](#). (2016). (2 Co 4:5). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

<sup>38</sup> Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). [\*A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature\*](#) (3rd ed., p. 543). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

<sup>39</sup> [\*Concordia Triglotta—English: The Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church\*](#). (1996). (electronic ed., p. 39). Milwaukee, WI: Northwestern Publishing House.

Thankfully, the generations before us understood their responsibilities as confessional Lutheran Christians. When our ancestors arrived in this country they built churches and schools. They built high schools and colleges where their children went to learn about their Lord Jesus, and what it means both individually and corporately to be a child of the Living God.

Individually and corporately, we in this generation are the beneficiaries of the generations before us and their confession of faith. The question is: now what will we pass on to the generations around us and to the generations that follows us?

Our Lord has some guidance for us as we answer that question:

- Psalm 78: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done...that the next generation might know [Him], the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.”

That lot has fallen to you and to me in this generation. This is our time to confess Christ Jesus in this generation. This is the time and the culture into which our Lord has intentionally placed us. This is our time to come together as brothers and sisters in the church to make a difference with our Lord’s Word and Sacrament.

The fact that we in the LCMS are a confessional church body *is not an inconvenient reality* which we have inherited from the past. It is our present identity as the people of God. As it was for past generations, our vocation is to confess Christ, confessing salvation by grace through His name in this generation, doing so we are also...

### **“Confessing Christ for the next generation”**

That phrase has become our strategic direction for the past several years. Wherever I go, I share them, along with the four priorities.

1. *This is our time to be distinctly Lutheran,*
2. *This is our time to honor our vocation as the people of God,*
3. *This is our time, embrace our communities, and*
4. *This is our time to to plant new congregations and schools.*

### **1. This is our time to be distinctly Lutheran.**

What does this mean? That is the penultimate Lutheran question and it has *a distinctly Lutheran* answer. An answer from someone no less than Martin Luther himself. In his book *Church and Ministry*, C.F.W. Walther quotes these words from the Reformer on being Lutheran:

- “It is true that you by no means should say: ‘I am a Lutheran or a papist,’ for none [other] died for you nor is your Master than Christ alone, and you should regard yourself as 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, 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 frankly confess Christ, whether

He be preached by Luther, Claus, or George. The person you may ignore, but the doctrine you must confess.<sup>40</sup>

Being a Lutheran is about doctrine and confession. Being a Lutheran is about identity and practice. Being a Lutheran is a matter of life and living.

That all begins with the chief article of our Lutheran Christian faith. It is said, rightly so, that Article IV of the Augsburg Confession is the article faith on which every church stands or falls;

#### Article IV: Of Justification.

1] Also they [the Lutherans] 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 & 4.<sup>41</sup>



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Saint Louis, Missouri

We are Lutheran Christians: Lutheran in our doctrine and confession. Lutheran in our confession of the divine service. At our core we are a liturgical church. We recognize that as we gather in the name of the Triune God's saving name, the Triune God Himself comes to us through Word and Sacrament with His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We are Lutheran in our Communion practices, each person receiving "the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins", or they receive the precious gift to their soul's harm. Hence our practice of Closed Communion. Lutheran Christians we believe, teach and confess that the world and everything in it was created by God's spoken Word, in six normal, ordinary days. Lutheran Christians we believe, teach and confess that God knit us together in our mother's womb giving us each an immortal soul from the day of conception. Lutheran Christians we believe that our God has given each of us our unique identity in the waters of Holy Baptism. Each life is so precious that our Lord Jesus suffered and died to redeem your body and soul from

hell. Lutheran Christians we uphold the sanctity of marriage and the traditional family: a father, a mother, and children.

Being Lutheran Christians sets us apart from the rest of Christianity as unique. With time limitations here, I point you to the "Lutheran Confessions"; to "Luther's Small Catechism", to "The Lutheran Service Book". Each, a wonderful and fresh resource for us as Lutheran Christians. For me it is gratifying to see how quickly the "Lutheran Service Book" and the newest version of the "Small Catechism" have become so popular, so widely used. My challenge to you is, to dig into the *Lutheran Confessions*. These Confessions define who we are as Lutheran Christians. Every home should have a dog-eared copy.

<sup>40</sup> Walther, C. F. W. (1987). *Church and ministry: witness of the Evangelical Lutheran Church on the question of the church and the ministry* (electronic ed., p. 140). St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House.

<sup>41</sup> *Concordia Triglotta—English: The Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*. (1996). (electronic ed., p. 45). Milwaukee, WI: Northwestern Publishing House.

## 2. This is our time to honor our vocation.

Vocation is about living out your life as a baptized child of God. You are the baptized people of the Living God. What will you do with that gift? What will you do with your vocation?

Catechism: “*Daily a new man should come forth and arise who shall live before God in righteousness and purity.*” There your vocation. Vocation is the opportunity to live life for the glory of God and for the benefit of others. Vocation links beliefs with life-styles.

Being a Lutheran Christian is a way of life for which the heavenly Father equips His people. St. Paul:

- I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.<sup>42</sup>

Our Lord has called you to be his people; both individually and corporately. While you share a common confession, you belong to different Lutheran congregations, part of one church. You all have different occupations in life. You all have different talents and abilities. You are the forgiven people of God. You are fathers or mothers, children or adults, retired and grandparents, plumbers or electricians, factory workers or office workers, employees or administrators, clergy and laity. But you all share the same vocation. Paul tells the Thessalonian believers: “*He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*” St. Peter says, “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”.

Our God has set you here in this time for His purpose, so that people around might see that being Christian matters, being Lutheran matters.

- God wants us to let the righteousness that we have received in faith break forth, demonstrate itself, and benefit others, so that false faith becomes known and rooted out. God gives no one His grace so that it may lie down and be of no benefit, but so that it would give a good return, and through knowledge<sup>18</sup> and outward public demonstration entice everyone to God. Christ says, “Let your light shine before people, so that they see your good works and praise your Father in heaven”<sup>19</sup> (Matthew 5 [:16]). Otherwise it would be like a hidden treasure and concealed wisdom, and what benefit are either of them?<sup>43</sup>

It has been amazing for me to witness how all that has unpacked in the aftermath of the fire at Trinity MKE. The outpouring of phone calls and messages, the expression of prayers and concerns in support of the Trinity congregation.

It is amazing for me to see God’s people honoring their vocation, displaying mercy. An example of that can be seen from the various trips that people from SWD made to Texas in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Countless man-hours mucking out homes and putting up sheet-rock. All organized by our Mission Executive, Rev. Jonah Burakowski.

<sup>42</sup> [\*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version\*](#). (2016). (Eph 4:1–3). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

<sup>43</sup> [Luther, Martin. \*Luthers Works, Volume 78 \(Church Postil IV\) \(Luther's Works\) \(Kindle Locations 7520-7525\)\*. Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.](#)





We honor our vocation as the people of God as we join together with the church at large to proclaim the saving name of our Lord Jesus in faraway places. That's the reason we have asked Rev. Ted Krey and Rev. Joel Fristche to be here with us during this convention. The story of the mission plant in the DR is an amazing story of God's grace! Earlier this past spring a new church and school building was dedicated in Licey. There are churches and schools, a group home for the developmentally disabled, a training center for deaconesses and a

seminary training pastors who will serve throughout Central America and beyond. Honoring your vocation as the people of God, your generosity both in dollars and in man-power from many mission trips have been a great blessing in making that church plant in the Dominican Republic a reality. I thank the pastors and members of congregations like Bethlehem Sun Prairie, St. John's Plymouth, St. Paul's Oconomowoc, Brookfield Lutheran and others. I thank all who have helped!

### **3. This is our time to embrace our communities.**

As I am sure you know, times have been changing in South Wisconsin. Growing up in Watertown, most everyone shared the same Northern European heritage. But no more. Go into a restaurant and take a peek at who is cooking. Who is working the jobs that our ancestors used to work; in the barns and behind the lawn mower, doing the house keeping. The faces are different. Hispanic. Karreni and the Hmong from Southeast Asia. Chinese. African immigrants from the Congo and other places in Africa. And the list grows. Do you see them? Are you concerned about their spiritual well-being? Our Lord Jesus is.

As a result of your generous mission gifts we are able to have pastors working among each of those immigrant groups right here in SWD.

I commend the three Sheboygan circuits, their pastors and people. Those three circuits have come together determined to reach out to a growing people group in their midst, the Hispanic immigrants. They noticed that Hispanics are a growing demographic in Sheboygan County. With the help of a few friends in Northern Illinois, we were able to make arrangements for David Blas who was studying at the Concordia Hispanic Institute in St. Louis to serve as a vicar, to reach out to the Hispanic community. David has spent time in barns and bakeries talking with Hispanic immigrants about the Gospel. Because of the passion of those three circuits, later this Vicar Blas will become Pastor Blas, ordained June 24<sup>th</sup> to be associate pastor at Good Shepherd Sheboygan, tasked with planting a Hispanic congregation in the midst of all of Sheboygan's historically German congregations.

Then, there is Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistadt. You know their heritage. 1839. German Pomeranians. [my heritage]. They have opened their school to the Karreni, a very small people group from Southeast Asia. The Karenn children board a bus very early in the morning and are transported to Trinity's elementary school. This has happened as the result of several pastors: sainted Rev. Peter Kelm, Rev. Carl Lehenbauer, Rev. David Zeuschner, and Rev. Phil Hillenbrand. Thank you, brothers for your vision to see the need to share the Gospel.



Farther south St. Martini Lutheran Church MKE, daughter congregation of Trinity Milwaukee well over 100 years back, is embracing its community with Law and Gospel in its LUMIN administered school with 210 students, nearly all of Hispanic descent. Here is a picture which Pastor Prada sent me of a recent guitar concert held in the church. There are currently about 60 Hispanics who gather for divine service every Sunday.

Next, the members of Berea Milwaukee, served by Pastor Jeff Mueller have done much the same as the opened their doors to Hmong Hope Lutheran

Church, served by Rev. Fai Neng Herr. Under Pastor Herr's ministry the congregation has continued to be blessed with members.

#### **4. This is our time to plant new congregations and schools.**

You may have heard it said by some that we don't need to plant any more congregations; that we have enough churches scattered around. Such thinking is rather perplexing. For as you know, we have a different confession than the Baptists. We are not Roman Catholic nor are we non-denominational. We are not even like the other Lutherans be they to the right or the left of us. We are Missouri Synod Lutherans, with a unique confession of faith, based upon the Holy Scriptures.

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 decision. But we dare not merely close congregations and schools. This is our time to plant new congregations and schools.

Throughout history Lutherans have planted new congregations wherever they have been. Your congregation may have been planted by the church at large a couple generations ago, or by missionaries sent from far away mission societies like those organized by the likes of Rev. Wilhem Loehe from Germany. Each of us is reaping the blessings of the generosity of faithful generations before us. Now it is our time to pass that blessing on.

There is no doubt but that 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 are now openly paraded for all to see. To exacerbate that situation, we live in a society where the church, our Christ-centered confession of faith, a proper distinction of Law and Gospel, our Christian morality are increasingly challenged, and even despised. In this kind of world, it bears upon us as church to proclaim to confess, and to plant.

Our Lord provides us direction in Luke 12, "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 quotes Martin Luther who states:

- Our beloved Luther cries out, "Help, whoever is able!" Second, he reminds us to remember our descendants. 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 church is the mother of us all” (Galatians 4:26; [Luther Bibel]). 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, i.e., 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! <sup>44</sup>

This is our time to plant new Lutheran congregations and schools. Some of that is beginning to happen:

- 1) Cross Lutheran Middleton is preparing to charter. Their weekly attendance at divine service is at 100. They gather in a local community center, with Rev. Joel Brandt serving as their pastor. They have plans to chart on the 501<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.
- 2) Bethlehem Sun Prairie is moving forward with plans to begin new LCMS congregation in Columbus.



- 3) There is chatter about the southwest side of greater Milwaukee.
- 4) Madison is growing in several directions, places where we have no LCMS presence.
- 5) Plans are moving forward to start a Chinese speaking congregation. We have a French Congolese vicar learning English to colloquize into the SWD.
- 6) The SOS Center, our SWD mercy ministry in MKE, is back up and running, as it serves the youth of the city with after school tutoring, providing a safe place for a great many activities.
- 7) “Free at Last Ministry” which works hand in hand with our ministry at the House of Correction continues to produce wonderful stories about God working through Word and Sacrament.

#### Conclusion:

That brings us back to the question: what will the next generation say about us? What will we pass along to them? This is our time. Now. Our time to be faithful to our Confessions. Our time to be generous with our Lord’s precious gifts. Our time to plant new Lutheran 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, our South

<sup>44</sup> Harrison, Matthew C. At Home in the House of My Father (Kindle Locations 7418-7427). CPH. Kindle Edition.

Wisconsin District and with our LCMS 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. A more hostile time for our Christ-centered confession. 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 live in a culture that has accepted Satan’s lie. Sin is no longer serious; it is merely a choice to live differently, a choice to indulge one’s own selfish desires, and death is the end. To that Herman Sasse comments: *“Where man can no longer bear the truth, he cannot live without the lie. 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.”*<sup>45</sup> Such is the present nature of our American culture.

What are we to do? At times like this a confessional Lutheran church like our LCMS ought not fall prey to the enticements of neo-evangelicalism. We are confessional Lutherans. A confessional Lutheran church, we are called to care about people both in the church and out of the church. This is our time to show mercy. A confessional Lutheran church we ought not wring our hands as if we don’t know what to do. This is our time to confess Christ Jesus as Savior, humbly and yet boldly.

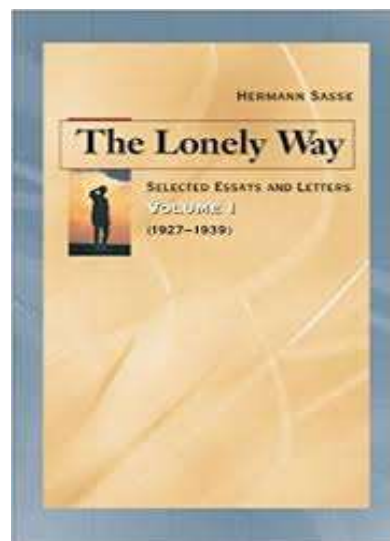
A confessional Lutheran church we have an obligation to be the people of God in this time where our Lord has placed us. We have an obligation to the generation among whom we live, and to the generation of people who follow after us. Martin Luther writes: “God also wants the pure doctrine to be passed on to our descendants.”<sup>46</sup>

“Confessing Christ for the Next Generation” This is our time to be intentionally and 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 and schools as we seek to share the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus with people around us. Remember, “God also wants the pure doctrine to be passed on to our descendants.”

Thanks for what you do to help make all that happen! We have so such a wonderful Lord; and so many opportunities. May the gracious Lord Jesus, who spared nothing in His quest to save us, bless us as we work together *“confessing Christ for the next generation”*! Much has begun. Much more needs to be done. God help us!

With that we move into our SWD Convention, its business and resolutions under the fitting theme: “Sing His praise, His love declare.” May God bless us!!

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<sup>45</sup> Sasse, Hermann. *The Lonely Way: Selected Essays and Letters, Volume 1* (Kindle Locations 6256-6257). Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.

<sup>46</sup> Harrison, Matthew C. *At Home in the House of My Father* (Kindle Locations 7436-7437). Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.

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## Floor Committee Reports and Resolutions

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### Registration

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Voting delegates present at opening – 273

Pastor	135
Lay	138

Advisory delegates registered

Ordained ministers	34
Commissioned ministers	85

Registered visitors 13

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### Committee 1: Nominations

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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:

**President** (3 yr. term -- elect one ordained)

John Wille

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**CE Vice President** (3 yr. term -- elect one ordained)

David Paape  
Eric Skovgaard

**NE Vice President** (3 yr. term -- elect one ordained)

John Berg  
Joseph Fisher  
William Kilps  
Nathan Meador  
Daniel Seechafer  
Robert Zick

**W Vice President** (3 yr. term -- elect one ordained)

Charles Brandt  
Paul Munding

**SE Vice President** (3 yr. term -- elect one ordained)

Daniel Torkelson

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**Secretary** (3 yr. term -- elect one ordained)

Bryan Osladil  
David Totsky

**BOD CE Ordained** (6 yr. term -- elect one ordained)

Rev. M. Douglas Peters  
Rev. Mark Wangerin

**BOD W Ordained** (6 yr. term -- elect one ordained)

Rev. Greg Hovland  
Rev. David Jensen



**BOD CE/NE Commissioned** (6 yr. term -- elect one commissioned)

Bradley Jentsch  
Jan Ladendorf  
Jay Lindsey

**BOD W/SE Commissioned** (3 yr. term -- elect one commissioned)

Robert Lunak

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**BOD CE Lay** (6 yr. term -- elect one lay)

Kristin Kolell  
Jonathan Lorenz

**BOD NE Lay** (6 yr. term -- elect one lay)

Myron Buss  
Allen Konetzki  
Ron Vorpahl

**BOD SE Lay** (6 yr. term -- elect one lay)

Sarah Billings  
George Neuberger

**BOD W Lay** (6 yr. term -- elect one lay)

Jeffrey Kuglitsch

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**Committee on Convention Nominations [CCN] CE Ordained** (6 yr. term -- elect one ordained)

Rev. Gary Gehlbach\*

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**CCN NE Ordained** (6 yr. term -- elect one ordained)

Rev. Wayne King  
Rev. Chris Seifferlein

**CCN SE Ordained** (6 yr. term -- elect one ordained)

Rev. Jack Gilbert  
Rev. Mark Wenzel

**CCN W Ordained** (6 yr. term -- elect one ordained)

Rev. Paul Munding

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**CCN Commissioned CE** (6 yr. term -- elect one commissioned)

Jack Burkee  
Duane Graf

**CCN Commissioned W** (6 yr. term -- elect one commissioned)

Luke Beck  
Phillip Rogers

**CCN W Lay** (6 yr. term -- elect one lay)

Dan Kromm

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**CUW BOR ordained** (3yr term -- elect one ordained)

Rev. John Berg  
Rev. M. Douglas Peters

**CUW Commissioned** (3yr term -- elect one commissioned)

Mark Bahr

Dwayne Jobst

David Koopman

**CUW Lay** (3 yr. term – elect two lay)

Marcia Arndt

Carl Brakebush

Robert Denkert

Richard Laabs

**Committee on Convention Nominations [CCN]—Synod** (elect one lay representative and alternate)

Ron Kabitzke

Alan Konetzki

Catherine (Carrie) O'Donnell

## 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.

### Presidential ballot

#### **John Wille**

Yes	86.8 %	231
No	13.2 %	35

### CE Vice President

<b>David Paape</b>	149	57.3%
Eric Skovgaard	111	42.7%

### NE Vice President

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

### W Vice President

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

### SE Vice President

#### **Daniel Torkelson**

Yes	234	89.3 %
No	28	10.7 %

### Ranking

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

### Balloting for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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

### Balloting for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Presidents

<b>Brandt</b>	<b>75 28.3%</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> VP</b>
<b>Paape</b>	<b>190 71.7 %</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> VP</b>

### Election of Circuit Visitors

Yes	225	96.2%
No	9	3.8%

### Secretary

Bryan Osladil	57	25.8%
<b>David Totsky</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>74.2%</b>



**BOD CE Ordained**

Rev. M. Douglas Peters	85	36.6%
<b>Rev. Mark Wangerin</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>63.4%</b>

**BOD W Ordained**

Rev. Greg Hovland	97	41.3%
<b>Rev. David Jensen</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>58.7%</b>

**BOD CE/NE Commissioned**

<b>Bradley Jentsch</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>61.6%</b>
Jan Ladendorf	62	26.7%
Jay Lindsey	27	11.6%

**BOD W/SE Commissioned**

<b>Robert Lunak</b>		
Yes	239	94.1%
No	15	5.9%

**BOD CE Lay**

<b>Kristin Kolell</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>53.2%</b>
Jonathan Lorenz	109	46.8%

**BOD NE Lay**

<b>Myron Buss</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>62.8%</b>
Allen Konetzki	54	22.6%
Ron Vorpahl	35	14.6%

**BOD SE Lay**

<b>Sarah Billings</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>61.3%</b>
George Neuberger	94	38.7%

**BOD W Lay**

<b>Jeffrey Kuglitsch</b>		
Yes	238	92.6%
No	19	7.4%

**Committee on Convention Nominations [CCN] CE Ordained**

<b>Rev. Gary Gehlbach</b>		
Yes	200	93.9%
No	13	6.1%

**CCN NE Ordained**

Rev. Wayne King	76	37.6%
<b>Rev. Chris Seifferlein</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>62.4%</b>

**CCN SE Ordained**

Rev. Jack Gilbert	78	35.9%
<b>Rev. Mark Wenzel</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>64.1%</b>

**CCN W Ordained**

<b>Rev. Paul Mundinger</b>		
Yes	215	95.6%
No	10	4.4%

**CCN Commissioned CE**

Jack Burkee	68	31.1%
Duane Graf	151	68.9%

**CCN Commissioned W**

<b>Luke Beck</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>59.3%</b>
Phillip Rogers	83	40.7%

**CCN W Lay**

<b>Dan Kromm</b>		
Yes	212	97.2%
No	6	2.8%

**CUW BOR ordained**

<b>Rev. John Berg</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>72.6%</b>
Rev. M. Douglas Peters	59	27.4%

**CUW Commissioned**

Mark Bahr	51	23.6%
<b>Dwayne Jobst</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>63.0%</b>
David Koopman	29	13.4%

**CUW Lay**

Marcia Arndt	81	37.2%
<b>Robert Denkert</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>62.8%</b>

**CUW Lay**

Carl Brakebush	85	38.6%
<b>Richard Laabs</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>61.4%</b>

**Committee on Convention Nominations [CCN]-- Synod**

Ron Kabitzke	61	27.2%	63	29.4%
Alan Konetzki	52	23.2%	X	
<b>Catherine (Carrie) O'Donnell</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>49.6%</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>70.6%</b>

**CCN Synod -Alternate**

<b>Ron Kabitzke</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>61.2%</b>
Alan Konetzki	88	38.8%

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## Committee 2: Administration & Constitutional Matters

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### ■ RESOLUTION 2-01

#### To Amend Bylaw 1.54

Overture 2-03 [CW, p. 12-13]

- WHEREAS, the 2015 South Wisconsin District Convention passed resolution 2-03A amending bylaw 1.54, and
- WHEREAS, the proposed resolution was presented and approved by the Convention without the prior review by the South Wisconsin District Committee on Constitutional Matters [CCM] as required by the *Handbook* and bylaws, and
- WHEREAS, the amendment to 1.54.a fails to take into consideration the possibility that there may be no candidates who receive the necessary five nominations, and as such there is no means by which the election of the president may occur, and
- WHEREAS, the amendment to bylaw 1.54.b fails to take into consideration the time and space requirements necessary if the nomination process for the regional Vice Presidents results in fewer than two candidates for inclusion on the ballot; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District, in convention amends bylaw 1.54 to read:

#### 1.54 Candidates for President and Vice-President

- a. The candidates for the office of President shall be 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~~ **fewer than two** candidates results from the congregation nominating process, nor are write-in candidates permitted on the convention ballot. ***When floor nominations are necessary, written consent and biographical materials shall be presented to the Secretary at or before the time of nomination.***
- b. The candidates for the office of vice-president shall be 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~~ ***No nominations may be made from the floor of the convention unless fewer than two*** candidates results from the congregation nominating process; ~~the applicable region(s) must meet in caucus to determine a second candidate.~~ ***Floor nominations must be made by a delegate of the region served by the vice-president.*** Write-in candidates are not permitted on the convention ballot. ***When floor nominations are necessary, written consent and biographical materials shall be presented to the Secretary at or before the time of nomination.***
- c. ***When a tie occurs for the last place(s) on the ballot, all names involved in the tie shall be included***

and be it finally

RESOLVED, that implementation of this bylaw amendment shall take place immediately.

***Adopted: Session 1***

## ■ RESOLUTION 2-02

### To Amend District Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws in response to LCMS CCM Review

Overture 2-04 [CW p. 13-17]

- WHEREAS, the Handbook of the Synod states: “The bylaws and regulations of the district and any subsequent change therein shall be submitted to the Commission on Constitutional Matters [CCM] of the Synod for review and approval [Bylaw 4.1.1.2 (b)], and
- WHEREAS, a review of the South Wisconsin District Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws by LCMS CCM this past triennium noted a number of points within the governing documents of the district which “will require attention, if possible, at the 2018 convention of the district” [LCMS CCM Opinion 17-2862], and
- WHEREAS, the South Wisconsin District Committee on Constitutional Matters has reviewed the requested changes and has submitted proposed changes to the LCMS CCM for review and pre-approval, and
- WHEREAS, the changes proposed, in line with the LCMS CCM requests, have been approved for presentation to the District in convention [LCMS CCM Opinion 17-2862A], therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District, in convention, hereby amends its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as follows:

#### RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

- ARTICLE 7. The articles may be amended from time to time by the Convention of Members, with the exception that Article 5 may be amended by the Board of Directors. *Changes to these Articles shall be reviewed and pre-approved by the LCMS Commission on Constitutional Matters.*

#### BYLAWS

##### ~~1.01~~ **Dissolution of District**

~~Subject to the bylaws of Synod, a proposal to the National Convention of Synod or the Synod Board of Directors calling for the dissolution of the District must be passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that in either event, a sixty-day notice, in writing, shall have been sent to all member congregations of the District, informing them that such proposal of dissolution will be presented to the meeting for action.~~

##### **1.02 Voting Delegates**

- a. The voting delegates shall be as follows:
  1. One lay delegate from each congregation or parish of the District, and
  2. One pastor delegate from each congregation or parish of the District.
- b. A parish consists of one or more congregations served by one pastor. A parish with more than one pastor shall designate one pastor to be the voting pastor delegate.
- ~~c. Assistant pastors are not eligible to serve as voting delegates.~~

##### **1.05 Advisory Delegates**

~~All advisory members of Synod (as defined by Synod's Constitution, Article V, Section B) on the roster of *nonvoting ordained and commissioned ministers who are members of the Synod within* the District shall be advisory delegates to the Convention.~~

##### **1.06 Certification *Accreditation* of Lay Delegates**

The lay delegate of the parish shall be ~~certified~~ *accredited* by two officers of the congregation. The certification shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the District prior to the opening of the Convention.

##### **1.07 Rights of Advisory Delegates (Article XII, 10 B)**

- a. Advisory delegates shall be entitled to the floor and may express their opinions the same as voting delegates.
- b. They shall be eligible for membership on committees and for offices of the Convention unless otherwise specified.

**1.10 Convention Workbook**

A Convention workbook containing reports, overtures, names and addresses of all voting delegates, and other information shall be published under the editorship of the District Secretary. It shall be ~~mailed~~ **made available at least four weeks before the Convention. Distribution of the workbook may be by electronic communication, though designated recipients shall be provided a printed copy of materials upon request.**

**1.16 Convention Committee**

The President shall appoint four ordained ministers, three ~~non-ordained~~ **laypersons or commissioned ministers** to serve with the Secretary of the District and District Business Manager on the Convention committee. The Convention committee shall plan and prepare the organization of the District Convention, including the housing of delegates, exhibits, publicity and printing; act as the committee on registration; maintain an attendance record of the delegates; judge excuses of absentees; manage Convention finances; and provide a general information center for the Convention.

**1.19 Distribution of Official Proceedings**

The official proceedings of each Convention shall be sent by the District to every congregation of the District, to every delegate (voting and advisory) and to all members of District boards and committees within 75 days of the close of the Convention. The cost shall be paid by the District. **Distribution of the proceedings may be by electronic communication, though designated recipients shall be provided a printed copy upon request.**

**B. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES****1.20 Definitions**

- c. A standing committee or subcommittee consists of persons who are voting members of a board or committee and other persons appointed to assist the standing committee or subcommittee in performing a specific function and is to report to the parent group. ~~Members of a standing committee or subcommittee are exempt from District Bylaws 1.25 and 1.30.~~ **Membership on a standing committee or subcommittee does not constitute a “term” or “office” for the purposes of District Bylaws 1.25 and 1.30**
- d. A task force is a group which has an *ad hoc* assignment to accomplish a specific task, has a definite expiration date, and does not necessarily consist of members of the appointing body. ~~Members of a task force are exempt from District Bylaws 1.25 and 1.30.~~ **Membership on an ad hoc task force does not constitute a “term” or “office” for the purposes of District Bylaws 1.25 and 1.30**
- e. A special position is an appointive office in which a person fills a specific role and serves at the discretion of the appointing body. ~~Persons filling a special position are exempt from District Bylaws 1.25 and 1.30.~~ **Filling a special appointive office does not constitute a “term” or “office” for the purposes of District Bylaws 1.25 and 1.30.**

**1.21 Officers of the District**

The officers of the District elected by the Convention shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and a Circuit Counselor ~~or~~ **Visitor** for each circuit established by the District. The Treasurer and Assistant District Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the Convention.

**1.23 Committees, Boards, and Special Positions**

The committees and special positions of the District shall be elected or appointed by the President, or by the President-Elect as follows:

- a. Elected by the District Convention
  - 1. Committee on Convention Nominations
  - 2. Regents for Concordia University Wisconsin
  - 3. Member to the Committee on Convention Nominations of Synod
  - 4. ~~Camp LuWiSoMo Board~~

**1.24 Term of Office**

- a. The term of office for the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Circuit Counselors ~~or~~ **Visitors** shall be three years.

**1.25 Successive Terms**

- d. After serving a total of three consecutive three-year terms, Circuit Counselors ~~or~~ **Visitors** shall be ineligible for three years for re-election to the same positions.

**1.26 Vacancies**

- b. If a Vice-President for any reason shall leave office, ~~the candidate who received the next highest vote for that position at the last previous election shall become the successor Vice President for that region, but shall not be in the line of succession.~~ *the vacancy shall be filled by the district President in consultation with elected representatives of the region and the district Board of Directors. The appointed vice-president shall be last in line of succession.*
- c. *Vacancies in the office of circuit visitor shall be filled by appointment by the district president.* Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, vacancies that occur on District elected boards or committees shall be filled by the Board of Directors of the District by appointment. Such appointee shall hold office until the next District Convention, whereat the balance of the unexpired term shall be filled by election.

**1.28 Prohibition of Conflict of Interest**

- a. No officer, director, board, or committee member of the District shall use his position, or the knowledge acquired from his service in such a manner that a conflict arises between his personal or business interests and the interest and general welfare of the District arises.
- ~~b. Officers or members of District boards or committees shall not enter into gainful business transactions, directly or indirectly, with any board or committee on which they serve~~
  - 1. Every officer, director, board or committee member shall disclose to the chairman of the board and all staff shall disclose to the district president any potential conflicts of interest. The chairman or district president shall disclose personal potential conflicts of interest to the board.*
  - 2. Such disclosures shall include board membership on, a substantial interest in, or employment of the individual or a relative by any organization doing business with the district or any agency of the district.*
  - 3. Every board or committee member, officer, and all staff of the district and every agency of the district who receives honoraria or payments for any sales or services rendered to district or any agency of the district shall disclose such information.*
  - 4. All such disclosures shall be reported to the respective board to determine by a vote of its remaining impartial members whether an inappropriate interest exists, and such vote shall be recorded in its official minutes. In the case of officers, all such disclosures shall be reported to the President of the District to determine whether an inappropriate interest exists.*
- b. *Responsibilities shall be carried out in a manner reflecting the highest degree of integrity and honesty consistent with the Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions, the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod and District, the policies of corporate Synod and the agencies of the Synod, and civil laws.*
  - 1 Activities shall not be entered into which may be detrimental to the interests of the District. Any inappropriate activity shall cease, or the position will be vacated.*
  - 2 Information acquired in the course of carrying out duties of the District shall not knowingly be used in any way that would be detrimental to the welfare of the District.*
  - 3 No one shall vote on any transaction in which the individual might receive a direct or indirect financial gain.*
  - 4 The Board of Directors shall establish policy regarding the acceptance of gifts, entertainment, or favors from any individual or outside concern which does or is seeking to do business with the District or the agencies of the District.*
- c. *Individuals, prior to accepting elected, appointed, or staff positions, shall initially and annually thereafter sign statements stating that they have received, understand, and agree to abide by this bylaw and the Synod's conflict of interest policy.*

**2. The Vice-Presidents****1.33 Number of Vice-Presidents**

The District shall have four Vice-Presidents. *A vice-president shall be elected from each of the district's four regions.*

**D. BOARD OF DIRECTORS****1.40 Membership and Officers of the Board**

- d. Representation on the board is limited to not more than one voting member from any congregation. *Ex officio members of the board (i.e. President and Secretary) shall be excluded from the provision of this bylaw.*

**1.41 Organization of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors ~~shall~~*may* create committees and task forces which support the various aspects of the District's work and individuals, congregations and special ministries ~~and which correspond to the various departments of the~~

~~national Synod, e.g., Dispute Resolution, Church Extension, Communications, Congregational Constitutions, Congregational Services, Human Care Ministries, Missions and Stewardship and Financial Support.~~

#### **1.42 Duties, Powers and Authority of the Board of Directors**

- c. The Board of Directors shall have power and authority to remove from office any Officer or Director, whenever the Board of Directors determines that such officer or director is unable to serve in that capacity because of prolonged illness or disability. ***This removal procedure shall follow the procedure outlined in Synod bylaws 1.5.7-1.5.8.1 of the Handbook.***

#### **1.44 Function**

The committee on Convention Nominations shall nominate candidates for the various offices, boards and committees as prescribed by the Bylaws of the District. The process by which the Committee on Convention Nominations considers individuals for inclusion on the ballot, for which there is no bylaw requirement for direct congregational nominations, shall utilize and follow the subsequent ~~criteria~~ ***prioritization, or ordering, in their consideration:***

- a. The incumbent, if eligible for re-election,
- b. Recommendations received from members of Synod (congregations and rostered workers),
- c. Recommendations received from members of District congregations, and
- d. Recommendations of members of the Committee on Convention Nominations.

#### **1.46 Function**

The Committee on Constitutional Matters (CCM) shall:

- a. Examine the content and the language of the reports, overtures and resolutions to the District asking for changes or amendments to the District Bylaws, or which in any manner affect the District and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod. ***(Any proposed amendments to the District Articles and Bylaws must be submitted to the LCMS Commission on Constitutional Matters for approval prior to convention action);***
- b. Be represented at the meetings of the floor committee appointed to consider the constitutional matters at the Conventions of the district;
- c. Interpret, within the limitations of synod bylaw, the bylaws unique to our district and resolutions of the district in cases of controversy. Its opinion shall be binding unless overruled by the district;
- d. Shall examine the congregational constitutions and bylaws to ascertain that they are in harmony with Holy Scripture, the Confessions, and the teachings and practices of the Synod in order that any necessary changes may be made by the congregation, and
- e. Interpret and give opinions advisory interpretations in regard to congregational Constitutions and Bylaws when requested by congregations, the District President, or the Board of Directors. ***If desired, a congregation has the authority to request more than an advisory interpretation of its documents***

#### **1.50 Executive Staff**

The District shall have such executive staff ~~who~~ shall perform such duties as assigned to them by the District President in consultation with the Board of Directors.

#### **1.51 Tenure and Termination**

The tenure and termination of the executive staff shall be governed by Synod Bylaw 3.11.1.

#### **1.52 Nominations for President and Vice-Presidents**

- a. Each voting congregation of the District shall be entitled to nominate two candidates for President from the clergy roster of the Synod.
- b. Each voting congregation of the District shall be entitled to nominate two candidates for Vice-President of the region in which the congregation ~~his residence~~ is located from the clergy roster of the ~~district Synod, who when elected, shall be a member of a congregation in that region.~~

#### **1.53 Deadline for Nominations for President and Vice-Presidents**

Nominations shall be submitted to the ~~committee on Convention Nominations~~ ***Secretary of the District*** no later than ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the Convention. The ~~committee~~ ***secretary*** shall secure the consent of the candidates before their names are placed on the ballot. The ~~committee~~ ***secretary*** shall publish a profile of each candidate in the Convention workbook.

#### **1.57 Selection and Election of Circuit Visitors** a. ***Circuit Visitors shall be selected by their respective circuits following the procedure prescribed in LCMS Bylaw 5.2.2(d)***

- b. ***If the circuit fails to select a Circuit Visitor, or for whatever reason the individual selected is unable to serve, the District President shall appoint to fill this office as prescribed by Bylaw 5.2.2(f)***
- c. ***The names of all Circuit Visitors, selected or appointed, shall be presented to the convention which shall***

*ratify the slate of Circuit Visitors, and such ratification shall constitute election [Bylaw 5.2.2(h)]*

## **2.01 Amendments**

- b. The District may amend those Bylaws which are unique to the District, in accord with Synod Bylaws 4.1.1.2 and 3.9.2.2.4 and then only if such amendment is:
  - 1. Not contrary to the Constitution of the Synod;
  - 2. Not in conflict with the Bylaws of Synod;
  - 3. Presented in writing to a Convention of the District;
  - 4. Specified as a Bylaw amendment and considered by a Convention floor committee;
  - 5. Submitted to the District Committee on Constitutional Matters *and the Synod Commission on Constitutional Matters* for clearance prior to *presentation to* the Convention; and
  - 6. Adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of delegates present and voting.
- c. The Secretary of the District is authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the Synod and its Handbook revisions. *All such changes shall be subject to prior review and approval by the Committee on Constitutional Matters or Board of Directors.* All other substantial changes in meanings are to be brought before the Convention in conformity with 2.01b above.

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that it authorize the Secretary of the District to make the necessary editorial changes, *i.e.* renumbering and formatting, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that, once completed, these documents be forwarded to the LCMS Office of the Secretary for inclusion in the official files of the Synod.

*Adopted: Session 2*

## ■ RESOLUTION 2-03

### **To Encourage Proper Pastoral Oversight in Administration of Lord's Supper Through Visitation of Ecclesiastical Supervisors**

Overtures 2-01 and L2-09 [CW pp. 11-12, 62]

- WHEREAS The Synod has consistently encouraged its pastors and congregations to exercise communion practices which are faithful to Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions; and
- WHEREAS, Pastors are called to be faithful in their stewardship of the mysteries of God (1 Cor. 4:1-2; 2 Tim. 4:3-4) and need encouragement to carry out this important stewardship; and
- WHEREAS, St. Paul admonishes the Corinthians against eating the Lord's Supper with divisions among them (1 Cor. 11:17-18); and
- WHEREAS, The Synod in convention has commended for study the 1999 report of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, "Admission to the Lord's Supper"; and
- WHEREAS, Concerns about communion practice still come before district and Synod conventions for resolution; and
- WHEREAS, The practice of inviting all baptized believers who merely affirm the real presence, while neglecting to address the necessity of unity of confession, is not consistent with the biblical and confessional position of the synod; and
- WHEREAS, The Synod Handbook directs the district president to "supervise the doctrine, the life, and the official administration on the part of the ordained or commissioned ministers who are members of his district or are subject to his ecclesiastical supervision" (Bylaw 4.4.5); and



- WHEREAS, The Synod Handbook makes provision for official congregational visits by the respective district president or his representative; and
- WHEREAS, The Synod Handbook states that the district president is to “seek to bring about to the greatest possible degree the achievement of the synod’s objectives as expressed in Article III of its Constitution” (Bylaw 4.4.4[b]); and
- WHEREAS, The Synod Handbook states that the district president “See to it that all resolutions of the Synod which concern the districts are made known to the districts and are carried out by them.” (Article XII, Section 9(a); along with Bylaw 1.3.6); and
- WHEREAS, The Synod Handbook states that “he shall conduct his official visits in an evangelical manner” (Bylaw 4.4.4[c]) and “come to the pastor and the congregation as a brotherly advisor” (Bylaw 4.4.4[d]); therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That during this next triennium the district president (or his representative) address each district congregation’s administration of the Lord’s Supper in his official visitations, spending time in the Word of God and studying the Synod’s position on “closed communion”; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That those practices which are not in harmony with the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions be addressed fraternally and evangelically with the goal of bringing about harmony and consistent practice especially as that applies to the Lord’s Supper; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the district president shall report in writing the progress of his visitation regarding proper communion practices to the district no less than 90 days before the 2021 district convention; and be it finally
- RESOLVED, That the South Wisconsin District present this Resolution as an overture to the 2019 Synod Convention requesting that during the next triennium, each district president (or his representative) be directed to address each congregation’s administration of the Lord’s Supper in his official visitations, spending time in the Word of God and studying the Synod’s position on “closed communion”, to the end that those practices which are not in harmony with the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions be addressed fraternally and evangelically with the goal of bringing about harmony and consistent practice especially as that applies to the Lord’s Supper; that the President of the Synod be exhorted to see that the district presidents apply themselves faithfully to this task in accord with his responsibility as detailed in the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS) Constitution Article XI B, especially paragraphs 2, 3, and 4; and that in accord with LCMS Constitution XII Sections 9(a) and (b), each district president shall report the progress of this visitation regarding proper communion practices to the Synod President no less than 90 days before the 2022 LCMS Convention so that the Synod President can report regarding this visitation resolution at that convention.

***Adopted: Session 3***

■ **RESOLUTION 2-04**

**Election of the Chairman for the Council of Presidents, The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod**

Overture L2-05 and L2-06 [CW, p. 59-60]

- WHEREAS, the Council of Presidents (COP) met in April 20-26 and elected their chairman; and
- WHEREAS, Twenty-Seven Districts had not yet had their District convention, and of those that did some had elected new men to serve as District Presidents, thus allowing outgoing and retiring officers to elect a chairman for the incoming newly elected officers; and
- WHEREAS, The COP is defined in the following manner in Bylaw 1.2. 1 (g) "Council: An officially established group elected or appointed as an advisory body. The council of the Synod is the Council of Presidents."; and
- WHEREAS, the purpose and function of the COP is essential to proper ecclesiastical supervision of the members of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod as defined in Bylaws 3.10.2 and 3.10.3  
 3.10.1.2 The Council of Presidents shall provide opportunity for the President of the Synod to advise and counsel his representatives in the regions and districts and for the regional vice-presidents and district presidents in turn to give counsel to the President. The Council of Presidents also exists to provide opportunity for the presidents of the districts and the Praesidium of the Synod to counsel with one another on matters regarding the doctrine and administration of the Synod, its regions, and its districts, and to edify and support one another in the work they share.  
 3.10.1.3 The Council of Presidents shall serve as the Board of Assignments of the Synod. It shall assign first calls to candidates for the offices of ordained and commissioned ministers and handle or assist with placement of other professional church workers. and
- WHEREAS, the chairman of the COP establishes the agenda for the Council, and chairs the meetings of the Council; and
- WHEREAS, the chairman of the COP represents the Council of President in various disciplinary and reconciliation processes, Bylaws 2.13.3, 2.14, 2.15, 2.16, and 2.17 etc.; and
- WHEREAS, the chairman of the COP represents the Council in the prior approval process for potential seminary professors, as well as theological professors at our Concordia Universities Bylaws 3.10.5.7.3 and 3.10.6.7.3; and
- WHEREAS, the chairman of COP is elected by a majority vote of the COP; and
- WHEREAS, regarding the election of a chairman of such a council Robert's Rules of Order states that, "A board that is not an instrumentality of a parent assembly or membership body is organized as any deliberative assembly, with a chairman or president, a secretary, and other officers if the authority under which the board is constituted makes no other provision as to how the officers are to be determined. A board that is to elect its officers should meet for this purpose as soon possible after the selection of its members." (Robert's Rules of Order, 11th Edition, page 484, 14-22); and
- WHEREAS, regarding the election of a chairman of such a council Robert's Rules of Order also states under "Effect of Partial Change of Board Membership" that "If the board is one that elects its own officers or appoints standing committees, it chooses new officers and committees as soon as the new board members have taken up their duties, just as if the entire board membership had changed." (Robert's

Rules of Order, 11th Edition, page 489, 10-14); and

WHEREAS, all other boards and commissions of the LCMS follow the guidelines spelled out in Robert's Rules of Order, as do district conventions and boards of directors; and

WHEREAS, the chairman of COP represents the members of the Council in so many and varied important matters as noted above; and

WHEREAS, it is clear from Robert's Rules of Order that, since some district conventions have been held but others have not (the last LCMS district convention meets in July 8th -10th 2018 to elect its president), electing a chair for the Council of Presidents in the April 2018 COP meeting disenfranchises those newly elected district presidents from selecting their own chairman; and

WHEREAS, some newly elected district presidents have the privilege of voting for the chairman, while others not (at least one of whom is now elected but does not assume the office until June 2018); resulting again in some disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, the new Council of Presidents (2018-2021) will meet for the first time in September 2018; and

WHEREAS, Synod Bylaw 1.5.3.1 reads "At the initial meeting after election or appointment, all mission boards, commissions, and governing boards shall organize themselves as to chair, vice-chair, secretary, and other committees and positions as necessary or mandated by these Bylaws and shall conduct business in accordance with accepted parliamentary rules," therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention recommend to The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod in convention 2019 that the following sentence be added to the end of bylaw 1.5.3.1 "The Council of Presidents shall, after the round of district conventions is completed, comply with this bylaw."

*Adopted: Session 4*

■ **RESOLUTION 2-05**

**To Commend Ms. Trish Kagerbauer for Her Many Years of Service at A Place Of Refuge**

WHEREAS, Ms. Trish Kagerbauer has served for nearly 13 years as the development director of A Place of Refuge; and

WHEREAS, A Place of Refuge serves as a crisis pregnancy advocacy service serving a five-county area around Milwaukee and all of Southern Wisconsin through our network of churches in The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, and

WHEREAS, Trish Kagerbauer and A Place of Refuge have served an innumerable number of women and their babies in her work, and

WHEREAS, this year Trish Kagerbauer will be retiring from her position; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention express its heartfelt gratitude for her many years of service, and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention sing "I am Jesus' Little Lamb" in thanksgiving for her service.

*Adopted: Session 4*

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## Committee 3: Parish Education

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### ■ RESOLUTION 3-01A

#### To Affirm the Biblical Teaching of Sexuality, Marriage, and Family

Overture 3-01 [CW, p. 33]

- WHEREAS, “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Gen.1:27), which is the foundational truth for all teaching about Sexuality, Marriage, and Family (Matt. 19:4-6); and
- WHEREAS, the earthly relationship between husband and wife is to be a reflection of Christ’s relationship to His bride, the Church (Gen. 2:18-25; Eph. 5:21-33); and
- WHEREAS, God’s gift of sex is to be used only within the marriage covenant between one man and one women for the purposes of creating new human life where God wills (Gen. 1:27-28), celebrating the unconditional love, and commitment between husband and wife (Song of Songs; Matt. 19:4-6) and the restraining of lust (1 Cor. 7:9); and
- WHEREAS, Holy Scripture is clear that all sexual activity outside of the marriage covenant (e.g., fornication, adultery, sexual co-habitation, polygamy, pornography, pedophilia, prostitution, same-sex intercourse, and all sexual lust) is condemned by God (Lev. 18 & 20; Matt. 19:4-12; Rom. 1:26-32; 1 Cor. 6; 1 Thess. 4:1-8); and
- WHEREAS, the Holy Scriptures teach us that Christ Jesus has borne all the sins of the body upon Himself so that the Church might proclaim the compassionate and forgiving Lord to all who struggle with every sin of the body and mind, and bear witness by her actions of the Lord’s grace and mercy; and
- WHEREAS, there are organizations (e.g. PFLAG, QSA, GLAAD, and many others), that proclaim a false message of acceptance of sin, while not providing true comfort and correction for the sinner; and
- WHEREAS, these organizations have sought and received acceptance and support in education campuses even within the LCMS; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED that the South Wisconsin District assembled in Convention, June 10-12, 2018, boldly confess the biblical position of proclaiming the Law to unrepentant sinners and the Gospel to all sinners who do repent; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that all congregations, schools, universities, and seminaries in the LCMS be encouraged to be faithful in their care for all sinners, never condoning intentionally or unintentionally any sexual sins, but rather providing conversation, comfort, and sound biblical encouragement to all who struggle with sexual sins; and finally, be it
- RESOLVED, that the pastors, churches, schools, and university within the South Wisconsin District encourage all pastors and Christians to pray for and work faithfully with those struggling with any sexual desires and sexual activity outside the marriage covenant, according to the apostolic exhortation . As St. Paul instructs us, Galatians 6:1–2 “<sup>1</sup>Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Reminding all sinners of St. Paul's words to the Corinthians, 1 Corinthians 6:9–11 “<sup>9</sup> Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

*Adopted: Session 4*

■ **RESOLUTION 3-02**

**To Affirm, Commend, and Encourage the Continued Participation of the South Wisconsin District in the Future Lutheran Administrators-Midwest Educators (Flame) Program**

- WHEREAS, there are 93 schools in the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS); and
- WHEREAS, the LCMS Office of School Ministry anticipates that 40% of Lutheran school principals will retire between 2015-2020; and
- WHEREAS, the LCMS Office of School Ministry currently has a school leadership training program (SLED - School Leadership Development) in place and funded through 2019 to identify, recruit, and train future school leaders; and
- WHEREAS, the SLED program is only able to serve 25 future school leaders per year; and
- WHEREAS, the education executives of the Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Northern Illinois, Central Illinois, South Wisconsin, and North Wisconsin Districts have developed a regionally specific school leadership training program (FLAME; Future Lutheran Administrators – Midwest Educators) to train more future principals; and
- WHEREAS, the FLAME program trained 36 current and future principals in June 2017; and
- WHEREAS, the FLAME program has 30 current and future principals enrolled for June 2018; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention affirm, commend, and encourage the continued participation of the South Wisconsin District in the Future Lutheran Administrators-Midwest Educators (FLAME) program.

Adopted: Session 3

■ **RESOLUTION 3-03**

**To Exhort the Congregations of the South Wisconsin District to Actively Encourage Future Lutheran School Teachers**

- WHEREAS, only 28% of teachers serving in Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) schools are on the active commissioned minister roster of the LCMS; and
- WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in convention 2016 adopted Resolution 8-01A “*To Encourage and Strengthen the Lutheran Ethos of Our LCMS Parochial Schools*”; and
- WHEREAS, Resolution 8-01A specifically identified that a characteristic of a Lutheran school with a strong Lutheran ethos has “LCMS-trained Lutheran teachers who know and are committed to the truths of the Scriptures as confessed in our Lutheran Confessions”; and
- WHEREAS, the South Wisconsin District seeks to confess Christ for the next generation by being distinctively Lutheran; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the congregations of the South Wisconsin District and their pastors and teachers, being led by the Holy Spirit, actively encourage future Lutheran school teachers.

*Adopted: Session 3*

■ **RESOLUTION 3-04**

**Retention of Lutheran Youth in Our Congregations**

- WHEREAS, the LCMS Youth Ministry and LCMS Research Services conducted an in depth and extensive study on youth and young adults in our Synod; and
- WHEREAS, this research found that only 1/3 of confirmands were retained in the LCMS through young adulthood; and
- WHEREAS, this research also found that congregations with a lay leader (*i.e.*, volunteer Sunday School Teacher, Board Member, *etc.*) under the age of 30 had an increased retention rate among youth and young adults; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the congregations of the South Wisconsin District actively seek and encourage high school youth and young adults to be involved in the lay leadership of the church in agreement with Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.

*Adopted: Session 3*

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## Committee 4: Missions

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### ■ RESOLUTION 4-01

#### **To Continue the South Wisconsin District Support of the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission**

- WHEREAS, in 2008 The South Wisconsin District became an active partner with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in the Dominican Republic; and
- WHEREAS, in convention in 2009, 2012 and 2015 the South Wisconsin District overwhelmingly approved resolutions affirming continued partnership; and
- WHEREAS, our district partnership has been a faithful example of assistance, mercy, charity, and support by many congregations; and
- WHEREAS, there is still a substantial need for outreach in the Dominican Republic; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District fervently continue in partnership with the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the congregations and their pastors, circuits, commissioned church workers, ministries, and schools of the South Wisconsin District be encouraged to support the mission in time, talent and treasure; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the District staff actively participate in the mission and provide ongoing information to congregations of the District; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the District thank those congregations, groups and organizations that have faithfully supported the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission in the last triennium; and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that thanks and praise be given to God for all the missionaries serving in this mission and thereby, all of Latin America.

*Adopted: Session 2*

### ■ RESOLUTION 4-02

#### **To Recognize Chaplains who Serve and Live in the South Wisconsin District**

- WHEREAS, the Lord of the Church continues to call servants into ministry with those who need distinct care; and
- WHEREAS, in time of armed conflict or peace, our military chaplains continue to serve those in the armed forces at risk and sacrifice to themselves; and
- WHEREAS, chaplains (many of whom are volunteers) serve in hospitals, prisons, hospice centers, retirement communities, special needs care facilities, campuses, and emergency services, bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those in need of compassion, peace, and forgiveness; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District recognize with thanksgiving and praise to God the service of all chaplains; and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that the convention direct the District staff to identify, encourage and provide ongoing education and training for the chaplains who serve and live in the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod.

*Adopted: Session 2*



■ **RESOLUTION 4-03**

**To Encourage Congregations of the South Wisconsin District to Consider the Church Revitalization Initiative Re:vitality**

- WHEREAS, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ has given to His Church the Great Commission and actively calls His followers to, “go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20, ESV); and
- WHEREAS the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ, has promised to build His church (Matthew 16:18), which promise He fulfills through the activities of Baptism, teaching, and proclamation of the Gospel to neighbors through the Christian vocation of members; and
- WHEREAS The Office of National Mission is addressing the challenge of congregational decline through a comprehensive revitalization initiative called Re:Vitality, and
- WHEREAS, a revitalized congregation is regularly and consistently working to encourage and train its members to actively engage their neighbors with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and
- WHEREAS, Re:Vitality provides action-oriented training for the congregation, where “Vital” is the key component of “revitalization” as members, emboldened by the Word and Sacraments, are taught a relational approach that strengthens congregational outreach, improves engagement of inactive members, and establishes intentional planning; be it
- RESOLVED the congregations of the South Wisconsin District be encouraged to participate in Re:Vitality in order to increase their capacity to invite, welcome and receive their neighbors; and be it finally
- RESOLVED that this convention direct District staff to encourage and support the use of Re:Vitality in the congregations of the South Wisconsin District.

*Adopted: Session 2*

■ **RESOLUTION 4-04**

**To Work Together in Mission**

- WHEREAS, it is highly laudable that congregations of the South Wisconsin District are engaging in domestic and international opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and
- WHEREAS, it is desirable and God-pleasing for God’s people to work in unity while carrying out the Lord’s commission in making disciples of all nations; and
- WHEREAS, the Church’s response for the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is founded on the pure teachings of Holy Scripture and the leading in faith by the Holy Spirit; and
- WHEREAS, it is good Christian stewardship for those who walk together in synod to coordinate resources for maximum effect and efficiency as adopted in resolution 1-08 of the 2013, 65th Regular Convention of the LCMS; and
- WHEREAS, condition of membership in The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod is that its member congregations renounce unionism and syncretism of every description including not participating in “heterodox tract and missionary activities” (2016 Synod Handbook, Article VI.2.c, pg. 13; and CCM Opinion 14-2724); therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that congregations and their pastors, circuits, commissioned church workers, ministries, and schools of the South Wisconsin District support the Synod and District mission endeavors with their time, talent and treasure; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that congregations and their pastors, circuits, commissioned church workers, ministries, and schools of the South Wisconsin District communicate any new domestic or international mission, church

plant, or school start to the corresponding Synod and District offices and seek their support and guidance in these efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, in keeping with the conditions of membership in Synod, congregations and their pastors, circuits, commissioned church workers, ministries and schools of the South Wisconsin District refrain from mission activities with agencies, mission societies, or denomination organizations which are not Lutheran or not in fellowship with The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this convention direct the District staff to work aggressively to increase awareness of its services and resources for congregations and their pastors, commissioned church workers, ministries and schools; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the mission efforts of the congregations of the South Wisconsin District and The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod be publicized so that others may join the effort or sustain it with prayer, and financial support as well as mission engagement for the expansion of God's Kingdom; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention memorialize the 2019 LCMS Convention to adopt a similar resolution for all LCMS districts, congregations, and church workers.

*Adopted: Session 3*

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## Committee 6: Miscellaneous

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### ■ RESOLUTION 6-01

#### **To Confess and Reaffirm the Six Days of Creation are Six Ordinary/Normal Days.**

Overture L2-07 {CW, p. 60-61]

- WHEREAS, the 2017 South Wisconsin District Pastoral Fall Conference adopted unanimously the resolution “To Confess and Reaffirm Six-Day Creation and the Official Position of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod”; and
- WHEREAS, Synod in Convention has never formally defined Day (יוֹם Yom’) used in context to creation; and
- WHEREAS, Day (יוֹם Yom’) is defined and limited by the addition of “And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.” (Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31); and
- WHEREAS, the days in Genesis 1 are consecutively numbered and comprised of an “evening and morning.”; and
- WHEREAS, Exodus 20:8–11 commands a literal week of six days of work and one day of rest based on God’s original creation/rest week. The two weeks (Genesis 1 and Exodus 20:8-11) would imply equal duration; and
- WHEREAS, grammatically the word day (יוֹם Yom’) is undeniably used in Hebrew as in English in a variety of ways, yet in the context of Genesis 1, the most natural sense is understood as an ordinary/normal evening and morning day; and
- WHEREAS, the official position of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod regarding creation is, “We teach that God has created heaven and earth, and that in the manner and in the space of time recorded in the Holy Scriptures, especially Gen. 1 and 2, namely, by His almighty creative word, and in six days. We reject every doctrine which denies or limits the work of creation as taught in Scripture. In our days it is denied or limited by those who assert, ostensibly in deference to science, that the world came into existence through a process of evolution; that is, that it has, in immense periods of time, developed more or less of itself. Since no man was present when it pleased God to create the world, we must look for a reliable account of creation to God's own record, found in God's own book, the Bible. We accept God's own record with full confidence and confess with Luther's Catechism: ‘I believe that God has made me and all creatures.’” (A Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod, 1932), therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in Convention 2018, confess and reaffirm that God created the world and everything in it in six days, and is to be understood as six literal ordinary/normal days as defined by evening and morning; and let it be finally
- RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in Convention encourage The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention 2019, to confess, reaffirm, and formally make the Synods official position, that God created the world and everything in it in six days, to be understood in the natural sense of the Genesis 1, as ordinary/normal, sequential days.

*Adopted: Session 2*

## ■ RESOLUTION 6-02A

### To study and respond to “young” and “old” earth creationist teachings

- WHEREAS, many varieties of “old-earth” and “young-earth” creationist models have been proposed by Christians who reject that naturalistic evolutionary explanations explain the origin of the world, life, and human beings, and
- WHEREAS, most of these explanations have been developed outside the LC-MS and therefore reflect thought processes and associations with heterodox church bodies, and
- WHEREAS, within the synod, both proponents and opponents of “day-age” creationism have erroneously equated that view with the broader category of views that can be described as “old-earth” creationism; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in Convention memorialize The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod in Convention 2019, to request the CTCR to consider the range of views regarding the age of the earth, and to prepare a report, including any recommendations they deem appropriate for adoption by the synod in convention.

*Adopted: Session 3*

## ■ RESOLUTION 6-03

### To Affirm the Biblical Teaching of the Reading of Scriptures in the Public Worship Service as a Function of the Pastoral Office

Overture 6-01 [CW, p. 52]

- WHEREAS God created man first and then the woman (Gen 2; I Timothy 2:13), and
- WHEREAS on the basis of this order of creation God commands women not to teach or to exercise authority over men in the churches, but to remain silent and learn in quietness and all submission, which St. Paul explains as follows:
- “Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control” (I Timothy 2:11-15), and as follows:
- “For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints, the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says” (I Corinthians 14:33-35), and
- WHEREAS many congregations in the LCMS have accepted the practice of women speaking the Scripture lessons to the congregation, and
- WHEREAS the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) document of 1985, titled Women in the Church: Scriptural Principles and Ecclesial Practice, by claiming on page 45 that there is no Apostolic prohibition of women reading the lessons in the public service directly contradicts St. Paul who says, “the women should keep silent in the churches,” and
- WHEREAS the public reading of Scripture is listed by St. Paul as one of Timothy’s official duties as pastor (I Timothy 4:13), and
- WHEREAS our sinful culture is working mightily to confuse or outright deny the clear distinctions between male and female as established and ordered by our Creator, and
- WHEREAS the Church, trusting that God is “not a God of confusion,” does well to stand firm in the face of this world’s lies with respect to the differences and distinct responsibilities given to men and women, particularly concerning the pastoral office and the worship life of the congregation, therefore be it

- RESOLVED that the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS encourage the Synod in convention to commission the CTCR to revisit the 1985 CTCR document *Women in the Church: Scriptural Principles and Ecclesial Practice*, specifically regarding the practice of women reading the Holy Scriptures publicly before the congregation, and be it further
- RESOLVED that the CTCR revisit the issue of whether the public reading before the congregation constitutes an official duty and authoritative act of the pastoral office in view of I Timothy 4:13, and be it finally
- RESOLVED that the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS call on its president and pastors to study together and teach their congregations what the Scriptures teach about the roles of men and women in the home and the church, that we might gain a better understanding and stronger agreement on what God's Word says concerning our various stations in life.

*Adopted: Session 4*

■ **RESOLUTION 6-04**  
**To Express Thanks**

- WHEREAS, the 55th Convention of the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod has met June 10-12, 2018 at Concordia University Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS, the Convention Committee has put many hours of preparation for the convention event; and
- WHEREAS, Concordia University Wisconsin has served as gracious hosts for the convention; and
- WHEREAS, Trinity Lutheran Church, Freistadt, also served as gracious hosts for the *gemütlichkeit* on Monday Evening; and
- WHEREAS, the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, the Rev. Ted Krey, and the Rev. Joel Fritsche have proclaimed and led us in study of God's Word; and
- WHEREAS, other servants of the church are completing terms of service in their offices; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention express their thanks to the Lord of the Church for these servants and their labor; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that we thank Concordia University Wisconsin and others for their hospitality and ask the Lord's blessings upon their continued service to His Church; and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that our thanksgiving would compel us to sing His praise and declare His love.

*Adopted: Session 4*

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## Committee 7: Stewardship & Evangelism

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### ■ RESOLUTION 7-01

#### **To Encourage Congregations to Cultivate a Culture of Biblical Stewardship as a Distinctly Lutheran Biblical and Theological Task**

- WHEREAS God's Word establishes that human beings were created for the purpose of serving as stewards, not owners, of God's creation (Gen 1:26-28; Gen 2:15) and
- WHEREAS ever since our first parents failed in their stewardship (Gen 3), humanity has struggled with this vocation as stewards 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 (Eph 2:10) 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, as defined by the LCMS, is the free and joyous activity of God's family – the Church – in managing life's resources for His purposes, 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 therefore be it
- RESOLVED that the pastors and congregations of the South Wisconsin District be strongly encouraged to embrace the teaching of Biblical stewardship as an essential part of our shared mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen and coming again; and be it finally
- RESOLVED that the pastors and congregations of the South Wisconsin District be strongly encouraged to embrace the uniquely Lutheran Biblical and theological task of the formation of individual stewards in the congregation as part of the life to which we are all called.

*Adopted : Session 3*

### ■ RESOLUTION 7-02

#### **To Form a Standing Stewardship Task Force**

- WHEREAS God's people have been created by God to steward all of God's creation for the His glory and the benefit of their neighbor and,
- WHEREAS because our society is driven by ownership rather than stewardship, and
- WHEREAS even within the Church there is often confusion as to why Christians are stewards and what the true purpose of stewardship is, and
- WHEREAS stewardship challenges are often addressed only from the perspective of institutional survival rather than as advancing Christ's Kingdom as articulated in Sacred Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the 2018 South Wisconsin District in Convention direct the President of the District to form a standing Stewardship Task Force of pastors, commissioned ministers, and laity who possess an understanding of and commitment to distinctly Lutheran stewardship teaching, and be it further

- RESOLVED, that the Stewardship Task Force be tasked with connecting the teaching of distinctly Lutheran stewardship to stewardship of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in outreach and mission, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that this Stewardship Task Force will focus on the identification and dissemination of distinctly Lutheran stewardship resources to be commended for use in the congregations of the South Wisconsin District from sources like LCMS Stewardship, Lutheran Church Extension Fund, The Lutheran Church Foundation, and other sources through vehicles such as the District website, the Passionate Believers Conference, Pastors Conferences, and other venues, and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that the Stewardship Task Force provide a report of resources and activities to future district conventions.

*Adopted: Session 3*

### ■ RESOLUTION 7-03

#### **To Encourage Congregations to Cultivate Legacy Stewardship for Future Ministry**

- WHEREAS the single greatest legacy gift given by our Lord to the Church is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and
- WHEREAS the work of the Church is directed by the Holy Spirit as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies her, and
- WHEREAS the Holy Spirit has a consistent use of Means of Grace in His work of Sanctification, and
- WHEREAS throughout history the Lord has also used the generosity of material blessing in the extension of His Kingdom, and
- WHEREAS the ongoing cost of maintaining faithful ministry continues to rise each year, and
- WHEREAS our time in history finds the Church laboring at a time that is during a transfer of trillions of dollars of wealth between generations, and
- WHEREAS there are many other causes and organizations within society which lack the eternal legacy of the Church and her proclamation of the Gospel and are claiming their portion of this transfer, and
- WHEREAS many congregations have no plan in place for identifying, receiving, managing, and deploying of legacy gifts for the sake of the Gospel, and
- WHEREAS there are many resources available to the local congregation that can assist in the cultivation of these legacy gifts from faithful stewards in their congregations, and the proper formation of gift acceptance policies that will enhance the benefit of legacy generosity in the congregation like Lutheran Church Extension Fund, the LCMS Foundation, and others, and
- WHEREAS even in the Church, failing to plan is planning to fail, be it
- RESOLVED that the South Wisconsin District in convention strongly encourage the congregations of the District to begin the process of identifying resources for the cultivation and faithful planned use of legacy generosity for the work of the Gospel, in the congregation, in the District, nationally and internationally through the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and be it further
- RESOLVED that the South Wisconsin Stewardship Task Force coordinate efforts that will assist congregations in identifying partnerships within the Church that will enhance legacy giving to the local congregation, district and synod, and be it finally
- RESOLVED that through vehicles like the South Wisconsin District website, the Passionate Believers Conferences and other events that legacy stewardship for the sake of Gospel be held up as an important part of ongoing stewardship ministry in the congregation.

*Adopted: Session 3*

**■ RESOLUTION 7-04****To direct the South Wisconsin District Board of Directors to establish a missions endowment**

- WHEREAS our Lord has created and called us to be faithful stewards of the Gospel in this and every generation, and
- WHEREAS the South Wisconsin District has agreed to walk together in support of mission in the District, and
- WHEREAS the work of establishing and continuing new ministries faces the ongoing challenge of funding, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention direct the District Board of Directors to establish and an endowment to support District missions, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that individuals and congregations be encouraged to assist in funding this endowment annually and through planned gifts, and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that congregations and other ministries considering ceasing operations be strongly encouraged to direct remaining assets toward this fund to support the ongoing work of the Gospel in South Wisconsin and beyond.

*Adopted: Session 3*

**■ RESOLUTION 7-05****To expand and encourage the use of Everyone His Witness in the South Wisconsin District**

- WHEREAS The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod in its 2016 convention adopted Resolution 1-01, To Expand Evangelism and to Encourage the Use of Everyone His Witness to all LCMS districts, congregations, RSOs, and auxiliaries then be it
- RESOLVED that the South Wisconsin District in Convention direct the President to utilize appropriate staff to support the training of congregations in the use of this resource, and be it further
- RESOLVED that the South Wisconsin District in its Pastoral Conference use Every One His Witness for an upcoming Pastoral Conference, and be it finally
- RESOLVED that the South Wisconsin District in Convention strongly encourage vocational evangelism through a resource like Everyone His Witness.

*Adopted: Session 3*



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## Appendix A: Official Report on District Membership Changes

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March 1, 2015 thru April 10, 2018

### **CANDIDATES ORDAINED AND INSTALLED**

BARKLEY, Adam – Luther Memorial, Sheboygan 6/17/18  
 GULLION, Jesse – Christ the King & Holy Cross, Racine 6/26/16  
 KOBLE, Brandon – Trinity, West Allis 8/27/17  
 NIEMAN, David – St. John, West Bend 6/25/17

### **CANDIDATES ORDAINED**

AKEY, Bradley – St. Paul, West Allis (Indiana District) 6/24/17  
 HAUSER, Aaron – St. Paul, Grafton (Central Illinois District) 6/24/17  
 KUEHL, Kyle – St. John, West Bend (Michigan District) 6/14/15  
 TOMESCH, Jordan – First Immanuel, Cedarburg (Missouri District) 6/10/16

### **EHT/SMP STUDENTS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED**

ANDERSON, Daniel – Calvary Chapel, Madison 8/23/15

### **PASTORS ENTERED THE DISTRICT**

AMEN, Christopher – St. Peter, Arlington 5/17/15  
 ANDERSON, Dustin – Candidate 9/1/16  
 ANDERSON, Luke – St. Paul, Grafton 8/28/16  
 BACKHAUS, Kyle – Abiding Vineyard, Gonzales, Texas to St. Paul, Sheboygan Falls 2/17/18  
 BARTHOLOMEW, Andrew – Candidate 1/30/16  
 BENDER, Douglas – St. Paul, Decatur, IL to Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon 11/6/17  
 BERG, Richard – Emeritus 5/1/15  
 BERGELIN, David – St. Paul, Lexington, IL to Mt. Calvary, Janesville 11/26/17  
 BERGELIN, Douglas – St. Peter, Lebanon 8/2/15  
 BURAKOWSKI, Jonah – SWD Mission Executive 10/16/17  
 COTA, Shane – Trinity/St. Thomas – Town Wilson/Waldo 11/15/15  
 CRANE, Brian – St. John, Quincy & United In Christ, Dellwood 6/14/15  
 DEHNE, James – Emeritus 12/1/17  
 DEMUTH, Gregory – First, Grand Rapids, Minnesota to Immanuel, Brookfield 02/18  
 DUKOVAN, David – Candidate 10/6/16  
 EDDY, Daniel – Messiah, Beloit 9/4/16  
 FLICK, Seth – Divine Redeemer, Hartland 7/26/15  
 GERUE, Keith – Trinity, Menasha (Associate Pastor/Principal) 8/16/15  
 HANSEN, Glenn – Candidate 5/13/15  
 HOVLAND, G. Gregery – St. John, Portage 8/16/15  
 HUDSON, Daniel – Sanctuary, Manhattan, Illinois to Shepherd of the Hills, Pewaukee 4/8/18  
 KEMPFER, Russell – Bethlehem, Wales 5/1/16  
 KLUG, James – Emeritus 9/21/17  
 KNUTH, David – Pella, Waupun 11/1/15  
 KOEPESELL, Gregory – Good Shepherd, Oshkosh 10/25/15  
 KRAMP, Allen – Faith, Flora, IL to St. John, Mayville 8/7/16  
 KRUEGER, Brian – Immanuel, Random Lake & St. Stephen, Batavia 3/19/16  
 LARSON, Michael – Luther Memorial Chapel 11/19/17  
 LOCKIE, Christopher – Prince of Peace, Racine 11/15/15  
 MATTHIES, Richard – Emeritus, Sheboygan, WI 6/20/16  
 MUELLER, Gilbert – Emeritus, Janesville, WI 4/1/17  
 NIERMANN, Scott – Bethlehem, Carlyle, IL to Risen Savior, Franklin 12/3/2017  
 OSWALD, Timothy – Hope, Twin Lakes 11/13/16  
 PEMBERTON, James – Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee 6/26/16  
 POLZIN, Lewis – Candidate 6/23/16  
 PRINCE, Timothy – Candidate, West Allis, 8/2/16  
 RASMUSSEN, Wayne – Emeritus 6/6/16  
 RITTER, Timothy – Our Redeemer, Delevan 1/17/16  
 RUSNAK, Jonathan – Pilgrim, Wauwatosa 4/17/16  
 SCHIMM, Benjamin – Milwaukee Lutheran High School 10/25/16

SCHULZ, James – Messiah, Beloit (IIP) 6/15/15  
 SCHULZ, Michael – Emeritus 1/7/16  
 SHIVE, Matthew – Concordia, Findley, Ohio to St. Paul, Sheboygan 10/22/2017  
 SORENSON, Adam – LCMS office of International Mission, MO 2/24/16  
 TAYLOR, Kurt – St. John, New Boston, Michigan to Concordia University 1/29/18  
 VIERKANT, Jonathan – St. Andrew, West Bend  
 XIONG, Neal – Candidate 9/15/16  
 ZAGEL, Bruce – Emeritus to St. John, Mayville Intentional Interim 1/21/18  
 ZERSEN, David – Emeritus 12/16/17

#### **PASTOR CHANGES WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

BAHLS, Dale – Grace/Hancock – St. Paul/Wild Rose to Grace Hancock 12/20/15  
 CARLSON, Neil – Holy Cross/Christ the King dual parish 10/4/15  
 CRANE, Brian – St. John/United in Christ-Adams/Dellwood to Grace, Racine 9/10/17  
 ERDMAN, Robert – Emeritus to St. James/St. Paul, Necedah/New Miner 7/26/15  
 FEHLAUER, Donald – St. John, Edgerton to Zion, Evansville (Town Center) 1/8/17  
 FELDSCHER, Daniel – Emeritus to St. John, Racine 8/1/16  
 FICKEN, Paul – Candidate to Non-Candidate 2/6/16  
 GRENYO, Greg – Lamb of God, Pleasant Prairie to Candidate 6/1/15  
 HARMON, Dennis – Emmaus, Milwaukee to Hope, Milwaukee 5/22/16  
 KASONGO, GUY – Gospel, Milwaukee 5/17/15  
 KELM, Peter – SWD Mission Executive to First Immanuel, Cedarburg 7/24/16  
 KRAMP, Allen – St. John, Mayville to Candidate 1/2/18  
 KRYSTOWIAK, Dustin – Candidate to Our Savior, Burlington 5/31/15  
 LEE, Joshua – Trinity, Sheboygan to Candidate 12/31/16  
 LEWIS, Nathan – High School Assoc. of GM to Lutheran Special Schools 2/28/17  
 LEWIS, Nathan – Lutheran Special School to Candidate 1/1/18  
 MASCHKE, Timothy – CUW, Mequon to St. Paul, Grafton 3/3/18  
 MICHELSON, Thomas – Emeritus to St. John/St. Paul/Trinity, Neshkoro/Westfield/Montello 9/13/  
 MUNDINGER, Paul – Faith, La Crosse to St. John, Berlin 3/4/18  
 POLZIN, Lewis – Candidate to St. Peter-Immanuel, Milwaukee 4/22/17  
 RASMUSSEN, Wayne – Emeritus to Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa 12/18/16  
 ROSER, Dennis – Colloquy Candidate to St. John, Beloit 7/26/15  
 SCHMIDT, Travis – Risen Savior, Franklin to Candidate 4/19/15  
 SCHOCKMAN, Gary – Christ, Clinton to Candidate 3/20/17  
 SCHOEMANN, RANDAL – St. John, Random Lake to St. John/United in Christ, Quincy/Dellwood 12/3/17  
 SCHULZ, James – Messiah, Beloit to Our Savior, Sheboygan 8/11/16  
 SMALLWOOD, Sean – Lamb of God, Pleasant Prairie to Candidate 6/1/15  
 SORENSON, Adam – OIM Missionary to Candidate 12/1/16  
 STEINKE, Andrew – Immanuel, Brookfield to Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa 9/11/16  
 WILKENS, Mark – Candidate to Hope, Fond du Lac, WI 1/8/17  
 WILLMAN, Sean – St. John, Mayville to Good Shepherd, Pleasant Prairie 9/13/15  
 WOHLRABE, John – LCMS 2<sup>nd</sup> VP serving Our Savior, Whitefish Bay 12/03/17

#### **PASTORS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS**

BARTHOLOMEW, Andrew – Candidate to Redeemer, Springfield, MO 1/29/17  
 CARLSON, Neil Lars – Christ the King/Holy Cross, Racine to Trinity, Sidney & Zion, Chappell, Nebraska (Wyoming District) 1/1/16  
 CHRISTENSEN, Jonathan – St. Martin, Chilton to Mt. Pisgah, Hendersonville, NC 4/8/18  
 DAVISON, Frederick – Emeritus to Ohio District 3/1/17  
 GOODWIN, Robert – Grace, Menomonee Falls to Our Savior's Community, Palm Springs, CA 4/1/17  
 HAUN, Monte – First Immanuel, Cedarburg to Lutheran Senior Services, St. Louis, Missouri 7/1/15  
 HEATH, JR. – Timmothy – St. Peter, Hilbert to Zion, Owego, New York 6/1/17  
 HEATH, SR. – Timmothy – Christ the Life, Waukesha to St. John, Aliceville, Kansas 6/25/17  
 HOMAN, Martin – Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa IIM to St. Paul, Canfield, Illinois 9/1/15  
 KLINGBIL, Kurt – Candidate to St. John, Wapakoneta, Ohio 9/11/15  
 KRUEGER, Thomas – Emeritus to North Wisconsin 7/19/17  
 KUEHN, Aaron – Grace, Menomonee Falls to Christ Victorious, Chaska, Minnesota 2/1/18  
 LEWIS, Nathan – Candidate to North Wisconsin 2/26/18  
 LUNDQUIST, Bryan – St. John, Berlin to St. Paul/St. John, Laurium/Hubbell, Michigan 11/11/16

MILLER, Joshua – Community of Life, Oregon to ACTS, Leander, Texas  
 MUELLER, Randall – Emeritus to Florida-Georgia 11/15/15  
 PECKMAN, Paul – Emeritus to Missouri 7/1/15  
 PEDERSON, Ronald – Emeritus to Rocky Mountain 3/1/17  
 RAJEK, Cory – Mt. Calvary, Janesville to Faith, Pierre, South Dakota 2/12/17  
 REED, Jason – Messiah, Beloit to St. Matthew, Brussels/St. Paul, Hardin/St. John, Kampsville, Illinois 5/4/15  
 SCHMIDT, Travis – Candidate to Trinity, Erie, Pennsylvania 6/10/17  
 SIMS, Timothy – Oklahoma Ave. to St. John, Chester Illinois 9/15/15  
 SMALLWOOD, Sean - Candidate to LCC – Alberta British Columbia 10/10/16  
 SORENSON, Adam – Mt. Olive, Milwaukee to LCMS off of International Mission, MO 2/7/16  
 SORENSON, Adam – Candidate to Trinity, Willoughby, Ohio 6/16/17  
 STEVENS, David – Bethesda, Watertown, WI to the English District 4/20/16  
 WENZELBURGER, Kurt – Divine Redeemer, Hartland to St. John, Grand Haven, MI 4/2/17  
 WHITFIELD, Alexander – Brookfield Lutheran to Hope, Virginia Beach, Virginia  
 ZIEMAN, Kurt – Immanuel/St. Stephen, Random Lake/Batavia to Zion, Painesville, Ohio 7/19/15

### **PASTORS RETIRED**

BEHNKE, Allen 11/2/15  
 CALLIES, Arthur 1/23/16  
 DAVISON, Frederick 3/1/17  
 HARTMAN, James 11/1/17  
 HOFFMANN, Hunter 12/31/17  
 HUFF, Steve 8/31/17  
 KELLNG, John 6/1/15  
 KNEER, Dennis 5/1/17  
 KORYTKOWSKI, Robert 8/31/16  
 KRUEGER, Thomas 7/17/17  
 LIESKE, David 12/31/16  
 LIND, Maurice 8/1/17  
 LONEY, Dana 2/4/18  
 LUCHTERHAND, Karl 6/1/16  
 MAY, Edward 7/31/17  
 MYERS, Larry 12/31/16  
 OBERDECK, John 7/1/17  
 PECKMAN, Paul 7/1/15  
 POPPE, Randal 9/1/17  
 POWERS, Marcus 9/16/16  
 SCHEBLEIN, Adam 10/1/17  
 SCHROEDER, Paul 9/30/15  
 SENN, Randall 6/5/17  
 STEIN, Donald 4/1/18  
 WEISS, Donald 7/1/16  
 WENDORF, Kenton 10/1/16  
 WIETING, Kenneth 12/31/17

### **PASTORS REINSTATED BY COP**

### **PASTORS RESIGNED/REMOVED FROM THE SYNODICAL ROSTER**

GRENYO, Gregory 2/15/18  
 NELSON, Thomas C. 7/31/16  
 SCHEIL, Joshua 4/19/16  
 SCHELLENBACH, Timothy 4/21/15

### **PASTORS RESIGNED FROM THEIR CONGREGATION**

KRAMP, Allen – St. John, Mayville 1/2/18  
 SCHEIL, Joshua – Hope, Twin Lakes 4/19/16  
 SCHELLENBACH, Timothy – Holy Cross, Delevan 4/21/15  
 SCHMIDT, Travis – Risen Savior, Franklin 4/18/15

**PASTORS DECEASED**

ADETIBA, Benjamin 8/15/15  
BLECH, Randolph 12/13/16  
EGGERT, Edward 8/8/16  
FISHER, William 11/14/17  
GAST, James 3/27/15  
HASS, LeRoy 4/1/17  
HILGENDORF, Hilbert (H.P.) 3/21/17  
KELM, Peter 9/11/2017  
KLATT, Eberhard 4/28/17  
KLAUSMEIER, Arno 10/14/16  
LISCH, Elmer 2/10/16  
LITTLE, Willie 5/17/16  
MEYER, David R. 12/21/16  
MUMM, George 4/15/16  
PETERSON, Russell 3/2/16  
ROCKROHR, David 1/25/17  
ROSER, William 7/7/15  
SALESKA, John 9/12/2017  
SCHUELER, Dennis 2/11/16  
UFFENBECK, William 1/5/17

**DUAL PARISHES**

Holy Cross & Christ the King – Racine 8/16/15

**CONGREGATIONS ADDED**

Grace/Hancock 10/25/15  
St. Paul/Wild Rose 10/25/15

**CONGREGATIONS DISBANDED**

Lamb of God – Pleasant Prairie 5/31/15  
Redeemer – Racine 8/30/15

**CONGREGATIONS DISSOLVED**

Grace & Truth – Oconomowoc 3/1/18  
Emmaus – Milwaukee 5/1/16

**MISSION STARTS****MISSION STARTS DISBANDED****CONGREGATION SUSPENDED****TEACHERS ENTERING DISTRICT**

AUGUSTINE, Rebecca - Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 8/23/15  
BAHR, Angela – Commissioned/Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 9/10/17  
BAHR, Joel S. - Commissioned/Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, 8/18/16  
BAHR, Joel M. – Installed, St. Stephen's, Horicon, 9/13/15  
BAHR, Mark – Installed, Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee, Greendale, 8/17/15  
BAHR, Rachel - Commissioned/Installed, Immanuel, Sheboygan, 9/11/16  
BAHR, Timothy – Commissioned/Installed, Martin Luther High School, Greendale, 8/17/17  
BAHRNS, Elizabeth – Installed, Trinity, Menasha, 8/14/16  
BALLARD, Jenna – Installed, Bethlehem, Sheboygan, 8/22/15  
BARKER, Chelsea - Commissioned/Installed, Trinity, Oshkosh, 8/30/15  
BARTH, Kyle – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, 8/17/15  
BAUMAN, Jacqueline - Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, Portage, 10/11/15  
BEARDSLEY, Ronald – Emeritus, 8/27/16  
BERNAU, Stephen – Commissioned/Installed, Good Shepherd, Watertown, 8/27/17  
BERTRAM, Grace - Commissioned/Installed, First Immanuel, Cedarburg, 8/23/15  
BLUHM, Gerald – Emeritus, 1/21/17

BOBOWSKI, Benjamin – Candidate, 8/18/16  
BOBOWSKI, Crystal – Candidate, 8/18/16  
BOERGER, Megan – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, 8/18/16  
BRANDT, Alayna - Commissioned/Installed, Concordia Sturtevant, 8/23/15  
BREDOW, Ryan – Installed, Lutheran High School Assoc. of Greater Milwaukee, Greendale, 8/17/15  
BROCKBERG, Harold – Emeritus, 1/3/18  
BURANT, Rachel - Commissioned/Installed, Mt. Olive, Milwaukee, 2/14/16  
BURKEE, Jacob – Martin Luther High School, Greendale, 7/31/15  
CAHILL, Cheryl – Installed, Our Father's, Greenfield, 8/21/16  
CAIN, Caleb - Commissioned/Installed, Lake Country Lutheran High School, Hartland, 8/18/16  
CHARPENTIER, Jaelle – Candidate, 8/4/17  
CHARPENTIER, Kevin – Installed, St. John's, Racine, 8/23/15  
CHERNEY, Jenean – Installed, Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa, 8/21/16  
CUTLER, Rachel - Commissioned/Installed, Living Word Lutheran High School, Jackson, 9/1/15  
DOBBS, Jeraldine – Emeritus, 12/18/17  
DOBLER, Lori – Installed, Living Word Lutheran High School, Jackson, 9/12/17  
DOBLER, Stan – Installed, Living Word Lutheran High School, Jackson, 9/12/17  
DOBRATZ, Christina – Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 8/27/17  
DOUGLAS, Levi – Commissioned/Installed, St. Peter-Immanuel, Milwaukee, 9/11/16  
DUNIGAN, Elizabeth – Commissioned/Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/20/17  
ERDMAN, Breanna - Commissioned/Installed, St. Stephen, Horicon, 8/28/16  
FAUSER, Sarah – Installed, Trinity, Oshkosh, 8/30/15  
FAY, Chrysteena – Commissioned/Installed, Mt. Calvary, Milwaukee, 1/8/17  
FINNEGAN, Heather – Candidate, 7/1/16  
FLIPPO, Rachel – Installed Trinity, Wisconsin Dells, 8/28/16  
FORKE, Thomas - Commissioned/Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/17/15  
FORTLAGE, Kathleen – Commissioned/Installed, St. Peter's Luth Church/Lebanon, Lebanon, 1/22/17  
FRITZ, Micah - Commissioned/Installed, St. Peter-Immanuel, Milwaukee, 9/11/16  
FROELICH, Hannah – Installed, Martin Luther High School, 8/17/17  
GEHM, John – Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/20/17  
GEHM, Stephanie – Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/20/17  
GEHRKE, Dennis – Emeritus, 4/6/16  
GEHRKE, Dorothy – Emeritus, 4/6/16  
GERLING, Kathleen – Installed, St. John's, Portage, 10/9/16  
GERUE, Valerie – Installed, St. John, Berlin, 8/23/15  
GONZALES, Stephen – Installed, Concordia, Sturtevant, 8/20/17  
GREENER, Melissa – Commissioned/Installed, Living Word Lutheran High School, Jackson, 9/12/17  
HAMRE, Rachael – Installed St. John, Mayville, 1/24/16  
HARKDER, Jason – Installed, Trinity, Sheboygan, 8/27/17  
HARTMAN, Carrie - Commissioned/Installed, Pilgrim, Wauwatosa, 10/18/15  
HECKERT, Hannah - Commissioned/Installed, Pilgrim, Wauwatosa, 10/18/15  
HEINRICH, Stacy – Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/20/17  
HUA, Margaret - Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, Random Lake, 4/27/16  
HUEBNER, Sara - Commissioned/Installed, Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa, 12/20/15  
HUIE, Katharine – Installed, St. Paul's, Janesville, 9/10/17  
JITER, Jerry – Installed, Our Father's, Greenfield, 8/21/16  
JOHNSON, Tanya – Installed, Trinity, Hilbert, 8/16/17  
JURSS, Jordyn - Commissioned/Installed, Northwest, Milwaukee, 8/31/16  
KING-HUMMEL, Annette - Commissioned/Installed, Our Redeemer, Delavan, 10/14/15  
KNOX, Jennifer - Commissioned/Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/17/15  
KOCH, Jessica – Installed, Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, Madison, 10/15/17  
KOHLMIEIER, Rebekah – Installed, Martin Luther High School, Greendale, 8/17/15  
KRENZKE, Thomas – Emeritus, 7/15/17  
KRUEGER, Jessica – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, 8/17/15  
KUEHL, Desiree - Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 8/23/15  
KUEHL, Kierra – Commissioned/Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, 8/17/17  
KUERSCHNER, Edwin – Emeritus, 12/12/17  
LAESCH, William – Emeritus, 6/13/16  
LEBECK, Jennifer – Commissioned/Installed, Grace, Oak Creek, 9/11/16  
LEON, Melissa – Installed, St. Paul's, West Allis, 8/23/15

LEPPERT, Kaitlin – Candidate, 4/12/17  
 LINDHOLM, Kelsey – Installed, Elm Grove, Elm Grove, 8/27/17  
 LINDSEY, Jodi – Installed, St. John, Plymouth, 8/24/14  
 LINDSEY, Taylor – Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, Glendale, 8/21/16  
 LIVA-BIESANZ, Rebecca – Installed, Concordia, Sturtevant, 8/20/17  
 LOSCHIEDER, Craig - Commissioned/Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, 8/17/15  
 LONGMIRE, Aaron - Commissioned/Installed, Mt. Olive, Milwaukee, 4/17/16  
 LUNAK, Brooke – Candidate, 9/15/16  
 LUNAK, Robert – Installed St. Paul's, Janesville, 8/27/16  
 MAKELA, Cassandra – Commissioned/Installed, St. John, Random Lake, 9/17/17  
 MARKWORTH, Alfred – Emeritus, 12/11/17  
 MARSHALL, Christopher – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, 8/17/17  
 MASON, Nancy – Installed, Grace, Oak Creek, 4/24/16  
 METZGER, Kelsey - Commissioned/Installed, Lake Country Lutheran High School, Hartland, 8/18/16  
 MEYER, Felicia – Commissioned/Installed, St. John's, Portage, 10/9/16  
 MILLER, Katarina – Candidate, 8/10/16  
 MORAN, Valerie – Candidate, 11/15/17  
 NELSEN, Rachel – Candidate, 2/28/17  
 OECHSNER, Bryan – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, 8/17/15  
 PANKOW, Amy - Commissioned/Installed, Grace, Oak Creek, 9/13/15  
 PFENNING, Sara - Commissioned/Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, 8/18/16  
 PICK, Megan – Commissioned/Installed, St. John, Random Lake, 1/21/18  
 PRINCE, Michelle – Installed, St. Paul's, West Allis, 7/2/16  
 ROBERSON, Christine – Non-Candidate, 7/1/15  
 ROBERTS, Lisa – Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/21/16  
 ROEKLE, Thomas – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, 8/17/15  
 RUSNAK, Julie – Non-Candidate, 4/4/16  
 SABANOSH, Rachel – Installed, Trinity, Racine, 8/20/17  
 SCHLECHT, Karina - Commissioned/Installed, Northwest, Milwaukee, 7/31/16  
 SCHMIDT, Stephanie – Candidate, 5/9/16  
 SCHMIDT, Tanner - Commissioned/Installed, Living Word Lutheran High School, Jackson, 9/1/15  
 SCHNEIDER, Richard – Installed, St. Paul's, West Allis, 8/23/15  
 SCHULTZ, Sarah – Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 8/27/17  
 SCHULZ, Shari - Commissioned/Installed, Concordia, Sturtevant, 8/21/16  
 SCHWAN, Alexandra - Commissioned/Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/21/16  
 SIMMER, Ehren – Installed, Elm Grove, Elm Grove, 8/23/15  
 SIMONIS, John – Installed, Trinity, Racine, 8/20/17  
 SIMONIS, Mallory – Installed, Trinity, Racine, 8/20/17  
 STOHS, Sarah – Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 9/10/17  
 TANNEY, Megan – Installed, St. John, Random Lake, 9/11/16  
 USADEL, Jessica – Installed, Bethlehem, Sheboygan, 8/20/17  
 VanBEAVER, Gabrielle - Commissioned/Installed, Mt. Olive, Milwaukee, 8/30/15  
 VICARI, Matthew – Candidate, 5/22/15  
 VAN KANEGAN, Lynette, Installed, 6/22/17  
 WEBER, Kristine - Commissioned/Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/23/15  
 WILLMAN, Jennifer - Commissioned/Installed, St. Paul, Grafton, 12/9/15  
 YOUNG, Courtney – Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 8/23/15  
 ZBYTNIIEWSKI, Timothy - Commissioned/Installed, Living Word Lutheran HS, Jackson, 8/20/14  
 ZIMMERMAN, Gary – Non-Candidate, 7/1/16  
 ZIRBEL, Jennifer – Installed, Grace, Menomonee Falls, 8/30/15

#### **TEACHER CHANGES WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

ALLES, Brad – Installed, Concordia University Wisconsin, 8/28/16  
 ARMSTRONG, Leah – Installed, Mt. Olive, Milwaukee, 8/20/17  
 BAGANZ, Kori – Installed, Concordia, Sturtevant, 8/21/16  
 BAILEY, Susan – Installed, Trinity, Menasha, 9/13/15  
 BARTHEL, Teresa – Active to Candidate, 6/16/17  
 BECK, Luke – Installed, St. John's, Portage, 9/10/17  
 BECKER, Carla – Active to Candidate, 7/1/17  
 BECKMAN, Jessica – Installed, Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa, 8/27/17

BEHLKE, Judith – Active to Candidate, 7/1/14  
BEHLKE, Judith – Installed, Grace, Oak Creek, 9/10/17  
BOBOWSKI, Crystal – Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 9/10/17  
BOECK, Susan – Candidate to Non-Candidate, 6/15/15  
BOECK, Susan – Installed, Trinity, Hilbert, 8/28/16  
BYNUM, Autumn – Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/23/15  
CAESAR, Deborah – Active to Non-Candidate, 1/16/16  
CLEMENS, Jennifer – Installed, St. Paul, Grafton, 8/20/17  
CODY, Christopher – Installed, South Wisconsin District, Milwaukee, 7/26/15  
COLLINS, Kristi – Installed, Our Redeemer, Delavan, 2/1/17  
COMFORT, Jennifer – Installed, St. John's, Glendale, 8/27/17  
CORN, Heather – Installed, Elm Grove, Elm Grove, 8/21/16  
CURTIS, Amber – Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 8/28/16  
DECKER, Elizabeth – Installed, St. Paul's, Janesville, 1/24/16  
DENSON, Amy – Installed, St. Paul's, Janesville, 1/24/16  
FINNEGAN, Heather – Installed, Our Redeemer, Delavan, 9/11/16  
GARTZKE, Heather – Active to Candidate, 8/1/15  
GAVIGAN, Brittney – Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 8/21/16  
GIESCHEN, Denise – Installed, St. Paul, Grafton, 3/1/17  
GIESCHEN, Timothy – Active to Candidate, 8/1/16  
GLATCZAK, Nancy – Active to Non-Candidate, 9/1/14  
GLAWE, Joel – Candidate to Emeritus, 2/2/18  
HAAS, Nichole – Installed, Concordia University Wisconsin, 8/30/15  
HENNING, David – Candidate to Emeritus, 2/5/18  
HOEPPNER, Michelle – Active to Candidate, 5/29/14  
HOVLAND, Stephanie – Installed, St. John's, Portage, 10/11/15  
JABS, Joan – Installed, St. Paul, Sheboygan, 8/27/17  
JACOBY, Kristina – Active to Candidate, 7/1/16  
JAEGER, Lisa – Active to Candidate, 12/24/15  
JANETZKE, Erin – Installed, Martin Luther High School, 8/18/16  
JANSEN, Glory – Installed, Grace, Menomonee Falls, 8/30/15  
JANUS, Lisa – Installed, St. Stephen's, Horicon, 8/23/15  
JENKS, Jon – Active to Candidate, 9/29/16  
JENTSCH, Bradley – Installed, St. John, Plymouth, 8/27/17  
KEGLEY, Denise – Installed, First Immanuel, Cedarburg, 8/23/15  
KIDD, Laura – Installed, St. Peter-Immanuel, Milwaukee, 9/11/16  
KOCH, Jessica – Installed, Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, Madison, 10/15/17  
KOHLE, Gregory – Active to Non-Candidate, 7/1/16  
KOHLMIEIER, Sara – Active to Candidate, 7/1/16  
KOLLMORGEN, Nicole – Active to Candidate, 7/1/16  
KOLLMORGEN, Paul, Installed, Martin Luther High School, Greendale, 2/8/17  
KRAUSE, Hope – Installed, Northwest, Milwaukee, 1/18/17  
KRAUSE, Hope – Active to Candidate, 7/1/17  
KRINGEL, Rebecca – Active to Candidate, 6/14/14  
KRINGEL, Rebecca – Installed, Grace, Menomonee Falls, 8/28/16  
KRUEGER, Stephanie – Non-Candidate to Candidate, 7/1/14  
KRUEGER, Stephanie – Installed, Beautiful Savior, Waukesha, 8/30/15  
LARSEN, Michele – Active to Candidate, 6/1/14  
LEINSS, Jennifer – Installed, Blessed Savior Lutheran Church, New Berlin, 9/17/17  
LEON, Melissa – Installed, Concordia, Sturtevant, 8/20/17  
LIERMANN, Abigail – Installed, Trinity, Racine, 8/20/17  
LOCKE, Andrew – Installed, Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee, 5/31/17  
LYSKAWA, Kimberly – Active to Candidate, 4/1/15  
LYSKAWA, Kimberly – Installed, LUMIN, 10/18/15  
MANNING, Mary – Installed, Immanuel, Brookfield, 8/20/17  
MCCARTHY, Jennifer – Installed, Zion, Menomonee Falls, 10/28/15  
MEIER, Rosalie – Installed, Mt. Olive, Milwaukee, 6/26/16  
MILTON, Laura – Installed, LUMIN, 5/21/16  
MILTON, Laura – Active to Candidate, 8/16/16  
MOL, Rachel – Installed, Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa, 8/23/15

MOL, Rachel – Active to Candidate, 7/1/16  
 MOLNAU, Kari – Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 8/28/16  
 MOTZKUS, Kyle – Installed, Trinity, Wisconsin Dells, 8/30/15  
 NAUTA, Shelby – Installed, St. Paul, Grafton, 12/14/16  
 NELSEN, Rachel – Installed, St. Paul, Grafton, 8/20/17  
 NIEMAN, Samantha – Installed, St. John's, West Bend, 8/27/17  
 OTTEN, Danae – Installed, Trinity, Menasha, 2/11/18  
 PAGE, Amanda – Installed, Martin Luther High School, Greendale, 8/17/15  
 PANKOW, Matthew – Installed, Zion, Menomonee Falls, 8/16/15  
 PARKER, Tracy – Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 9/10/17  
 PETT, Timothy – Active to Candidate, 6/21/15  
 PLOPPER, Lisa – Installed, Grace, Menomonee Falls, 8/24/14  
 PLOPPER, Lisa – Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 8/28/16  
 ROESKE, Jenna – Installed, Trinity, Sheboygan, 8/13/17  
 ROOT, Christopher – Candidate to Non-Candidate, 4/13/14  
 ROOT, Christopher – Installed, Concordia University Wisconsin, 1/25/16  
 ROOT, Christopher – Installed, Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee, 5/31/17  
 SCHLECHT, Karina – Active to Candidate, 1/1/17  
 SCHLECHT, Karina – Installed, St. John's, Glendale, 8/27/17  
 SCHULTZ, Sarah – Installed, St. John, Plymouth, 8/27/17  
 SEEFELD, Samuel – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, 8/17/15  
 STEINKE, Katherine – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, 1/13/16  
 STERKEN, Mary – Installed, Our Redeemer, Delavan, 9/11/16  
 STOLTENBERG, Katie – Installed, Divine Redeemer, Hartland, 9/10/17  
 TANNEY, Megan – Installed, St. Paul, Sheboygan, 8/27/17  
 TARR, John – Installed, St. John, Random Lake, 9/11/16  
 TESSENDORF, Karen – Installed, St. John's, Portage, 9/10/17  
 TESSENDORF, Roger – Installed, St. Peter's, Reedsburg, 8/27/17  
 THIBODEAU, Sandra – Installed, Zion, Menomonee Falls, 11/13/16  
 TIBBITTS, Sara – Candidate to Non-Candidate, 5/11/15  
 TOERPE, Allison – Installed, Trinity, Sheboygan, 8/27/17  
 VanBEAVER, Gabrielle – Active to Non-Candidate, 7/1/16  
 VAN DELLEN, James – Installed, Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa, 9/10/17  
 VAN SLIEDRECHT – Installed, St. John's, Racine, 8/23/15  
 WOLFF, Jennifer – Installed, Beautiful Savior, Waukesha, 6/28/15  
 WISSMUELLER, Adam – Active to Candidate, 6/10/13  
 WISSMUELLER, Adam – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, 1/18/17  
 ZELLMER, Sarah – Installed, St. Paul's, West Allis, 8/20/16  
 ZIEMBA, Stephanie – Active to Candidate, 7/1/17

#### **TEACHERS REINSTATED BY COP**

BRANDENBURG, Keith – 2/2018  
 CURTIS, Amber – 4/2016  
 GIESCHEN, Denise – 2/2017  
 KRAUSE, Hope – 9/2016  
 KROEMER, Jennifer – 2/2018  
 MANNING, Mary – 2/2017  
 MAROSE, David – 2/2018  
 MORAN, Valerie – 9/2017  
 SHAW, Rebecca – 2/2016

#### **TEACHER TRANSFERS**

BARTHEL, Teresa – SELC, 2/2/18  
 BECKER, Gregory – IN, 7/1/17  
 BRANDT, Alayna – MI, 6/29/16  
 BUTT, Cynthia – FG, 7/1/17  
 DANKENBRING, David – PSW, 12/29/16  
 DANKENBRING, Nadine – PSW, 12/29/16  
 DeGROOT, Casey – NOW, 6/30/14  
 DIXON, Scott – MO, 7/1/17



DUCHOW, Martin – ENG, 7/10/17  
 FAUSER, Sara – CID, 8/15/17  
 FERRIS, Robin – NOW, 8/3/15  
 FICK, Jeffrey – SID, 8/1/17  
 GURGEL, Jonathan – CID, 6/14/16  
 HARDER, Jason – MI, 6/6/16  
 HENDRIKSON, Kevin – NID, 7/1/15  
 HILGENDORF, William – NOW, 8/24/17  
 HOLMES, Jennifer – ENG, 1/25/17  
 IBELING, Bethany – NID, 8/1/13  
 JACOBY, Doug – NWD, 7/1/16  
 JAEGER, Lisa – KS, 7/1/16  
 JENKS, Jon – MNS, 6/28/17  
 JITER, Jerry – NWD, 8/15/17  
 JONES, Sarah – NWD, 7/1/12  
 KNORR, William – PSW, 4/3/17  
 KOCH, William – SE, 5/20/17  
 KOSCHE, Kenneth – MT, 4/30/15  
 KOSMALA, Diane – ENG, 6/2/16  
 KRAATZ, Kathy – NID, 5/13/15  
 KROHN, Lindsey – FG, 4/23/15  
 KRUEGER, Kenneth – OH, 6/15/15  
 L'HEUREUX, Mark – NE, 6/15/15  
 LARKIN, Robin – PSW, 6/15/16  
 LARSEN, Michele – SE, 3/29/18  
 LONGMIRE, Aaron – CNH, 7/1/17  
 MARTON, Kenneth – MI, 6/12/17  
 McMAHON, Petrea – MI, 7/1/17  
 MELLO, M. Ryan – IN, 8/1/15  
 MEYER, Kevin – MNS, 6/30/15  
 MOL, Rachel – NJ, 2/5/18  
 MONFRE, Peter – NWD, 8/1/16  
 MORAN, Mark – NWD, 8/1/16  
 NAVURSKIS, Miriam – NID, 10/26/16  
 NEWMAN, Amanda – CNH, 6/19/15  
 OYLER, Bertha – IN, 1/4/16  
 PYLE, Jennifer – IN, 7/1/17  
 ROESLER, Kerri – ENG, 6/15/15  
 SCHLEIFER, Heidi – SE, 7/1/17  
 SCHULTZ, Jeremy – NW, 6/6/15  
 SERNETT, Gilbert – TX, 7/14/17  
 SHAW, Rebecca – MO, 2/26/16  
 SIMMER, Ehren – ENG, 7/12/16  
 STUEBER, Ross – NID, 1/9/17  
 VanBEAVER, Gabrielle – CNH, 7/1/16  
 WALLINGER, Dennis – FG, 4/1/15  
 WALTHER, Benjamin – CNH, 7/1/16  
 WEGNER, James – NWD 6/10/15  
 WEGNER, Jennifer – NWD, 6/10/15  
 WEGNER, Richard – NWD, 4/13/17  
 ZIMMERMAN, Gary – CID, 8/1/16

#### **TEACHERS REMOVED**

BARTZ, Jonathan – 11/1/16  
 CZARNECKI, Kathryn – 11/1/16  
 DAVIS, Rachel – 4/15/15  
 DOPKE, Robert – 1/9/17  
 DURAN, Kimberly – 12/29/15  
 FORKE, Thomas – 3/26/18  
 FUCHS, Sherri – 11/1/16

GARROW, Lynn – 3/23/18  
GRAPATIN, Wendy – 3/23/18  
GREENHOW, Brenda – 11/1/16  
GUMM, Andrew – 3/23/18  
HIPENBECKER, Steven – 11/1/16  
HOFFMAN, Sarah – 1/23/17  
HOJNACKI, Joan – 11/1/16  
HOVEY, Daniel – 11/1/16  
JAGLER, Rebecca – 11/1/16  
KADUBECK-DUNHAM, Patsy – 11/1/16  
KALCHBRENNER, Susan – 3/14/16  
KLOTZ, Joy – 12/18/15  
KOCH, Elizabeth – 3/14/16  
KOHN, Courtney – 11/1/16  
KORTUEM, Gina – 4/15/15  
KROLL, Shelley – 11/1/16  
LANGFIELD, Meagan – 11/1/16  
MAROSE, David – 11/1/16  
McGAW, Linda – 11/1/16  
MEINEKE, Hannah – 11/1/16  
MILLER, Sheryl – 6/1/16  
MORTENSON, Katie – 11/1/16  
OTT, Tiffany – 3/31/16  
PICKELMANN, Jonathan – 9/18/17  
REIT, Pamela – 11/1/16  
THOMPSON, Cheryl – 3/22/18  
TULER, Andrew – 11/1/16  
TUTTLE, Stacy – 3/15/16  
WHITE, Brooke – 7/31/15  
WHITE, Keri – 11/1/16  
WOLF, Amanda – 11/1/16

#### **TEACHERS RESIGNED**

BAHR, Jade – 3/9/17  
BURGER, Robert – 10/12/15  
CHRIST, Rebecca – 12/28/15  
HEINTZ, Peter – 5/27/16  
KRUEGER, Jalyann – 5/28/15  
KRUEGER, Jessica – 4/6/17  
KRUEGER, Scott – 3/28/16  
MATTER, Eunice – 1/31/18  
PRAHL, Bonnie – 4/5/16  
TIMM, Elise – 2/1/18  
WOLF, Matthew – 6/13/17

#### **TEACHERS RETIRED**

BAHR, Paul – 2/1/17  
BEHNKE, John – 9/1/15  
BESSERT, Bruce – 8/1/17  
BRAUN, James – 7/1/16  
BREYTUNG, Barbara – 8/1/16  
BREYTUNG, James – 8/1/16  
BURGER, Robert – 4/20/15  
DANKENBRING, David – 6/16/15  
DIETZ, Beverly – 1/2/16  
DIETZ, James – 7/1/17  
DOERR, Paul – 7/1/17  
DUCHOW, Martin – 7/1/09  
GASSNER, Nanette – 4/12/16  
GRAF, Duane – 9/1/15

HASSELDAHL, Gregory – 11/1/16  
HENRY, Barbara – 7/1/16  
HERZOG, Phillip – 6/10/17  
HOFFMAN, Linda – 7/1/14  
HOWARD, Karen – 6/6/17  
HOWARD, Kenneth – 6/16/17  
JOHNSON, Robert – 7/1/11  
KAUFMANN, Catherine – 6/16/15  
KRAUSE, Jerald – 7/1/16  
MARTON, Kenneth – 6/15/13  
MERCIER, Gary – 7/15/15  
MEYER, Jeanne – 7/1/15  
MILLER, Duane – 7/1/16  
MUELLER, Joann – 6/30/15  
MUTHER, Pamela – 6/16/17  
PAAPE, Barbara – 6/16/16  
PETERS, Pamela – 7/1/15  
PETERSON, Gary – 8/1/16  
PUTNAM, Cynthia – 6/3/17  
RUMBOLD, Paula – 6/6/15  
SALESKA, Vanessa – 6/16/15  
SCHMIDT, Phillis – 7/13/15  
SCHNEIDER, Debra – 9/1/16  
SCHULTZ, Eric – 8/17/17  
SELLMEYER, David – 7/1/15  
SERNETT, Gilbert – 7/1/07  
SMITH, Gene – 1/7/06  
STRAVERS, Kenneth – 1/5/17  
STUEBER, Ross – 1/1/14  
VAN KANEGAN, Lynette – 7/1/17  
VICTORSON, Kathleen – 1/1/16  
WALTHER, John – 1/1/02  
WEYHRICH, Randy – 7/1/16  
WILLE, Ronald – 8/1/17

**TEACHERS DECEASED**

BAGANZ, Randal – 11/22/15  
BAILEY, Andrew – 10/27/16  
BESSERT, William – 12/27/17  
BLEEKE, John – 2/1/17  
GERHARDT, Elsie – 12/18/16  
GRAF, Warren – 10/25/15  
HAAS, Walter – 10/29/16  
KOHRS, Ralph – 12/24/15  
MILLER, Barbara – 7/19/16  
NELSON, Frederick – 7/12/17  
ROSIN, Delores – 1/21/17  
SCHROEDER, Ralph – 5/4/16

**DCE/DCO ENTERING DISTRICT**

BUTZ, Carl – Installed, Concordia University Wisconsin, 8/28/16  
BUTZ, Kimberly – Candidate, 1/19/17  
DRAGER, Christopher – Installed, Concordia, Sturtevant, 8/21/16  
GRIDLEY, Kathleen – Candidate, 11/28/16  
HERBOLSHEIMER, Molly – Non-Candidate, 7/8/15  
LOHMEYER, Daryl – Installed, Mt. Olive, Madison, 9/18/16  
PULFER, Denise - Commissioned/Installed, Our Savior Deaf, Madison, 4/12/15

**DCE/DCO CHANGES WITHIN DISTRICT**

BUTZ, Kimberly – Installed, St. Paul, Grafton, 5/14/17  
JANETZKE, Gary – Active to Candidate, 1/1/16  
KROEMER, Andrew – Active to Candidate, 4/1/17  
LOHMEYER, Daryl – Active to Candidate, 11/6/17  
RITTER, Robyn – Installed, Our Redeemer, Delavan, 9/10/17

**DCE/DCO REMOVED**

MILLER, Todd – 11/1/16

**DCE/DCO TRANSFERS**

GONZALEZ, Anne – MO, 10/5/16  
JANETZKE, Gary – PSW, 5/19/16  
STIEK, Jared – NID, 6/30/17

**DCE/DCO REINSTATED BY COP**

JANZEN, Gayle – 9/2016

**DCE/DCO DECEASED****DEACONESSSES ENTERING DISTRICT**

CATCHPOLE, Rebecca - Commissioned/Installed, Our Savior Deaf, Madison, 11/22/15  
EWERT, Christiana - Commissioned/Installed, Berea, Milwaukee, 8/14/16  
KONETZKI, Elle – Commissioned/Installed, Trinity, Sheboygan, 1/8/17

**DEACONESS CHANGES WITHIN DISTRICT**

BRASSFIELD, Candy – Candidate to Non-Candidate, 5/15/16  
EWERT, Christiana – Installed, Grace, Menomonee Falls, 2/5/17

**DEACONESS TRANSFERS**

BUELTMANN, Kim – MO – 7/23/17  
EIDEN, Sarah – NWD – 8/1/17

**DEACONESSSES RETIRED**

ANDERSON, Marlene, 1/27/17

**DEACONESSSES DECEASED**

KONETZKI, Elle – 5/8/17  
THOMPSON, Corinne – 3/13/16

**LAY MINISTERS ENTERING DISTRICT**

BALLARD, Nathan - Commissioned/Installed, Brookfield Lutheran Church, Brookfield, 7/5/15  
FREDEL, John – Emeritus, 7/10/15  
PLOPPER, Gary, Emeritus, 1/24/17

**LAY MINISTER CHANGES**

CHARLES, Jennifer – Candidate to Non-Candidate, 6/29/15  
FREESE, Samantha – Active to Candidate, 12/1/13  
HANSEN, Ryan – Installed, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, 8/18/16  
KAROLUS, Rebekah – Active to Candidate, 6/1/17

**LAY MINISTER TRANSFERS**

FREDEL, John – ENG, 1/1/16  
KAROLUS, Rebekah, NWD, 7/13/17

**LAY MINISTERS REMOVED****LAY MINISTERS RETIRED**

GATCHELL, Matthew – 7/1/15

**LAY MINISTERS DECEASED**

PLOPPER, Gary – 7/7/17

**DIRECTOR OF FAMILY LIFE**

BROWN, Amy – OH, 7/13/15

**DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC ENTERING DISTRICT**

GOOLSBY, Halli – Installed, Community of Life, Oregon, 2/18/17

SCHMIDT, Walter - Commissioned/Installed, First Immanuel, Cedarburg, 9/11/16

**SCHOOLS CLOSED**

Christ Lutheran Academy, Kenosha, June 2015

Divine Savior Christian Preschool, North Fond du Lac, May 2016

Good Shepherd, Pleasant Prairie, June 2017

Risen Savior Preschool, Franklin, May 2015

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**Appendix B: Names and Addresses of Convention Delegates**


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<b>CITY</b>	<b>CONGREGATION</b>	<b>CIR./REG</b>	<b>DELEGATE</b>
ADAMS	IMMANUEL	17/W	Rev. John Krebs Penny Wormet
ADELL	EMMANUEL	12/NE	Rev. Christopher Seifferlein Mark Mathe
ARLINGTON	ST. PETER	19/W	Rev. Christopher Amen William Steffenhagen
BARABOO	OUR SAVIOR	19/W	Rev. David Jensen Timothy McCumber
BEAVER DAM	PEACE	22/SE	Rev. Mark Wenzel Donna Aufdemberge
BELGIUM	ST. MARK	09/NE	Rev. Wayne King Henry Egerer
BELOIT	MESSIAH	24/SE	Rev. Dan Eddy Samantha Anderson
	ST. JOHN	24/SE	Rev. Dennis Roser Jeff Vander Kooi
	TRINITY	24/SE	Randall Senn Richard Rampenthal
BERLIN	TRINITY/IMMANUEL	15/W	Rev. Brian Beardsley Dennis Winkler
BOSCOBEL	HICKORY GROVE	18/W	Rev. Mark Kufahl
BRILLION	ST. BARTHOLOMEW	13/NE	Rev. Mark Krueger Brigette Sonnabend
BROOKFIELD	IMMANUEL	05/CE	Rev. Daniel Schneider Robert Denkert
BROWN DEER	ST. PAUL	06/CE	Rev. David Paape Fred Kindelberger
BURLINGTON	OUR SAVIOR	25/SE	Rev. Robert Bolling Catherine Kaufmann
BURNETT	ZION	08/NE	Rev. Timothy Sallach William Kuntz
CASCADE	ST. PAUL	12/NE	Rev. Richard Bidinger Roger Hintz
CEDARBURG	FIRST IMMANUEL	04/NE	Rev. Timothy Seban Don Halter
CHILTON	ST. LUKE	13/NE	Rev. Joel Brassfield
CLINTON	CHRIST	24/SE	Vacant David Burno
DELAVAN	OUR REDEEMER	24/SE	Rev. Robert Rickman Wayne Rhode
EDGERTON	ST. JOHN	23/SE	Rev. Carl Seeger Matthew Lovell
ELKHART LAKE	GRACE	12/NE	Rev. Peter Peitsch Kent Kalbecken
ELM GROVE	ELM GROVE	05/CE	Rev. Doug Peters James Drabiszczak

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FOND DU LAC	HOPE	14/W	Rev. Mark Wilkens Ed Semlor
FORT ATKINSON	LIVING SAVIOR	23/SE	Rev. David Emmrich John Schweitzer
FREDONIA	ST. JOHN	09/NE	Rev. Robert Zick Keith Johnson
GLENBEULAH	ZION	12/NE	Rev. Donald Johnson Sheryl Polster
GRAFTON	ST. PAUL	07/NE	Rev. Scott Kruse Alan Kletti
GREENFIELD	MT. ZION	01/CE	Rev. Aaron Koch Gabriel Frusti
	OUR FATHER	01/CE	Rev. Karl Fabrizio James Marquardt
HARTFORD	DIVINE SAVIOR	22/SE	Rev. Jonathan Meyer Don Jaeger
HARTLAND	DIVINE REDEEMER	21/SE	Rev. Jeffery Schubert Ken Saydel
HAVEN	GRACE	11/NE	Rev. Kenneth Serr Gerald Anger
HIGHLAND/MUSCODA	CHRIST/ST. PETER	18/W	Rev. Dana Wilkie Jim Kienitz
HILBERT	ST. PETER	13/NE	Vacant Judith Paulson
	TRINITY	13/NE	Rev. J. Patrick Niles Gary Metz
HILLPOINT/LOGANVILLE	ST. PAUL/ST. JOHN	18/W	Rev. Tim Anderson Dara Foust
HORICON	ST. JOHN	08/NE	Rev. Richard Boeck Walter Lorenz
	ST. STEPHEN	08/NE	Rev. Daniel Seehafer Robert Strassmann
HOWARDS GROVE	TRINITY	11/NE	Rev. Darrel Bergelin Brian Andrews
JANESVILLE	ST. PAUL	23/SE	Rev. Daniel Decker Steven Schroeder
KENOSHA	MESSIAH	25/SE	Rev. James Roemke Bob Trapp
KEWASKUM	ST. JOHN	09/NE	Rev. Mark Eckert Randy Klumb
KOHLER	BETHANY	11/NE	Rev. Robert Steele Brian Faucher
LA CROSSE	FAITH	17/W	Vacant John Jaeger
LEBANON	ST. PETER	22/SE	Rev. Douglas Bergelin Janet Pieper
LYNDON STATION	ST. LUKE	19/W	Rev. Alan Boeck Joe Jazdzewski
MADISON	LIVING CHRIST	20/W	Rev. Dan Kowert Ron Roewer

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MADISON	MT. OLIVE	20/W	Rev. Jason Zobel Justin Kirchen
MADISON	OUR SAVIOR DEAF	19/W	Rev. John Reinke Deaconess Rebecca Catchpole
MADISON	ST. PAUL	19/W	Rev. Gerry Kuhnke Raymond Hellmer
MANITOWOC	REDEEMER	13/NE	Rev. Zachary DeArmond Ken Kohlwey
MAYVILLE	IMMANUEL	08/NE	Rev. Douglas Zahner Daniel Nickel
	ST. JOHN	08/NE	Rev. Bruce Zagel Jerry Moede
MENASHA	TRINITY	14/W	Steven Billings Ronald Kravs
MENOMONEE FALLS	GRACE	07/CE	Rev. Joel Howard Paul Arndt
	ZION	05/CE	Rev. Michael Pfingsten
MEQUON	BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR	07/NE	Rev. Philip Hillenbrand Tom Daub
	TRINITY-FREISTADT	07/NE	Rev. Joshua Rusert Neal Degner
MILWAUKEE	BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR	03/CE	Rev. Richard Raabe Michael Milbrath
	BENEDICTION	06/CE	Rev. Don Hougard Renate Hougard
	BEREA	03/CE	Rev. Jeffrey Mueller Marilyn Wendelburg
	CHRIST MEMORIAL	06/CE	Rev. James Kroemer Thomas Smith
	COVENANT	04/CE	Rev. Steve Voigt Phil Murphy
	DIVINE SHEPHERD	02/CE	Rev. Daniel Czech Keith Ott
	GRACE	01/CE	Rev. German Novelli, Jr. Terry Donaldson
	HOPE	04/CE	Rev. Dennis Harmon William Vlach
	MISSION OF CHRIST	04/CE	Darryl Winston
	MT. CALVARY	03/CE	Rev. Daniel Czaplewski Ralph Abts
	MT. OLIVE	03/CE	Rev. Mark Wangerin Lex Heffelfinger
	OKLAHOMA AVENUE	02/CE	Rev. James Pemberton Robert Klatkiewicz
	SHERMAN PARK	03/CE	Rev. David Totsky John Schultz
MONONA	MONONA	20/W	Rev. Thomas Nowak Jeff Thur



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NECEDAH	ST. JAMES/ST. PAUL	17/W	Rev. Roger Erdman Kenneth Hornburg
NEENAH	NEW HOPE	14/W	Rev. Jeff Prewitt Steve Mehl
NEENAH	PEACE	14/W	Rev. Ricky Schroeder Ed Perkins
NESHKORO	ZION	16/W	Rev. Franklin Giebel Susan Giebel
	ST. JOHN/ST. PAUL/ TRINITY	16/W	Rev. Thomas Mickelson
NEW BERLIN	BLESSED SAVIOR	05/CE	Rev. Martinho Sander Rick Krause
NEW HOLSTEIN	ZION	13/NE	Rev. Azor Cigelske Ron Sitzman
NORTH FOND DU LAC	DIVINE SAVIOR	14/W	Rev. Allen Bramstadt Thomas Kunasch
NORTH PRAIRIE	ST. JOHN	21/SE	Rev. Daniel Torkelson Mark Jacobs
OAK CREEK	GRACE	01/CE	Rev. Dean Dummer Tony Mirenda
OCONOMOWOC	ST. JOHN	21/SE	Rev. Gary Tillmann Pete Williams
	ST. PAUL	21/SE	Rev. Lance O'Donnell Dave Meyer
OMRO	GRACE	15/W	Rev. Richard Bartholomew Eddie Belfeul
ONALASKA	SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS	17/W	Vacant Kevin Keeffe
OXFORD	ST. JOHNS/TRINITY PACKWAUKEE	16/W	Rev. Larry Sheppard Arlene Kollath
PLATTEVILLE	APOSTLES	18/W	Rev. Thomas Reeder Dale Buechler
PLEASANT PRAIRIE	GOOD SHEPHERD	25/SE	Rev. Sean Willman Christopher Bauman
PLYMOUTH	ST. JOHN	12/NE	Rev. Nathan Meador Steve Steinhardt
PORT WASHINGTON	ST. JOHN	09/NE	Rev. John Klieve David Schmutzler
PORTAGE	ST. JOHN	19/W	Rev. Greg Hovland Jim Atkinson
POY SIPPI	EMMAUS	15/W	Rev. Mark Meier, Sr. Terry Lippert
PRINCETON	CALVARY	16/W	Rev. Robert Busse James Manthei
RACINE	CHAPEL OF THE CROSS	25/SE	Rev. Brian Liermann Merlin Gandrud
	GRACE	26/SE	Rev. Brian Crane David Eaton
	PRINCE OF PEACE	26/SE	Rev. Christopher Lockie Steve Shaffer

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RACINE	ST. JOHN	26/SE	Rev. Jack Gilbert Karl Glassen
RANDOM LAKE	ST. JOHN	12/NE	Vacant Donald Vetter
REEDSBURG	ST. PETER	18/W	Rev. Paul Crolus Donald McCauley
REESEVILLE	IMMANUEL	22/SE	Rev. Donald Steinberg
	TRINITY	22/SE	Rev. Matthew Martin
RICHLAND CENTER	ST. LUKE	18/W	Vacant Gene Hynek
RIPON	MESSIAH	15/W	Rev. Bryan Fritsch Robert Ziebell
SHEBOYGAN	CHRIST	10/NE	Vacant James Neumann
	GOOD SHEPHERD	10/NE	Rev. Christian Gugel Myron Buss
SHEBOYGAN	IMMANUEL	10/NE	Vacant Brian Nygaard
	LUTHER MEMORIAL	11/NE	Rev. Adam Barkley Craig Larson
	OUR REDEEMER	11/NE	Rev. Bryan Osladil Ken Hemenway
	OUR SAVIOR	10/NE	Rev. James Schulz Bill Stroo
	ST. PAUL	11/NE	Rev. Matthew Shive Steve Grunewald
	TRINITY	11/NE	Rev. John Berg Alan Konetzki
SHEBOYGAN (TOWN)	TRINITY/ST. THOMAS WILSON/WALDO	10/NE	Rev. Shane Cota Drew Heiden
SHEBOYGAN FALLS	ST. PAUL	12/NE	Rev. Tom Gudmundson Paul Ten Pas
SHOREWOOD	LUTHER MEMORIAL	06/CE	Rev. Michael Larson Joe Bratz
STOUGHTON	GOOD SHEPHERD	20/W	Rev. Todd McVey Paul Heitmann
SULLIVAN	ST. JOHN	21/SE	Rev. Dean A. Zemple Dave Hellekson
SUN PRAIRIE	BETHLEHEM	20/W	Rev. Charlie Brandt Mattias Gugel
SUSSEX	PEACE	05/CE	Rev. Peter C. Bender James Frerking
TOMAH	GOOD SHEPHERD	17/W	Rev. Mark Benning Clarence Salzman
TWIN LAKES	HOPE	25/SE	Rev. Timothy Oswald Peter Voigt
TWO RIVERS	GOOD SHEPHERD	13/NE	Rev. William Kilps Nathan Kilps

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UNION GROVE	ST. PAUL	25/SE	Rev. David Ramirez Tom Turner
WATERFORD	ST. PETER	26/SE	Rev. Frederick Bischoff Lori Bischoff
WAUKESHA	BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR	05/CE	Rev. Peter Schmidt Brian Wightman
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WAUPUN	PELLA	08/NE	Rev. David Knuth Darwin Wetzel
WAUTOMA	TRINITY	16/W	Rev. Brian Rohde Greg Dobratz
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WHITEFISH BAY	OUR SAVIOR	06/CE	Rev. Michael Henrichs David Schoenfeldt
WISCONSIN DELLS	TRINITY	19/W	Rev. Matt Gehrke Tracy Klave

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## Appendix C: Addresses of Elected District Officials

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**25 – Kenosha**

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