



TODAY'S BUSINESS

LCMS South Wisconsin District 54th Convention June 7-9, 2015

Tuesday – Issue #3

June 9, 2015

SCHEDULE

An up-to-date agenda for today's convention sessions has been printed on pages 47-48 of TODAY'S BUSINESS. Please refer to it for further information on the times of convention events and their locations.

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THANK YOU PAGES

Thanks to the pages who served yesterday. They are all students at Sheboygan Lutheran High School: Catherine Peters, Harvey Peters, Danny Schimberg, Emily Lindsey, Brenden Ashe, and Lexi Holly.

CONVENTION OFFERING

The offering gathered at the opening service of the convention will be distributed to the SOS Center (Milwaukee) and the Dominican Republic mission project. The total collected was \$2369.56. Thank you.

HOST CONGREGATION

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

Agenda

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

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

SESSION IV – 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

8:00 - 8:20 a.m. Daily Prayer: Morning - Rev. Mark Meier
8:20 - 8:25 a.m. Approval of Minutes from Session II and III
8:25 - 9:00 a.m. Bible study – Rev. Dr. Andrew Bartelt
9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Committee 4 - Missions
9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Synod report (part two) – Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison
10:00 - 10:10 a.m. Re-Circuiting Taskforce
10:10 - 10:20 a.m. Missions – Rev. Peter Kelm, SWD Mission Executive
10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Committee 6 - Miscellaneous
10:30 - 10:40 a.m. Unfinished business
10:40 - 10:50 a.m. Announcements and closing gavel
10:50 - 11:00 a.m. Closing prayer – Rev. Nathan Meador

SESSION V – 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Divine Service with Holy Communion, and the installation of officers
Preacher: Rev. Dr. John C. Wille (Chapel of Christ Triumphant)

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**REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR SERVICE FOLDER WITH YOU FOR THE CLOSING
SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL**

*The Grace Of The Lord Jesus Christ And The Love Of God And The Fellowship Of The
Holy Spirit Be With You. Amen.*

MINUTES

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SESSION 2

CALL TO ORDER:

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

DAILY PRAYER: MORNING

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RE-CIRCUITING TASK FORCE.

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

TS -01 TO REALIGN THE SWD CENTRAL EAST REGIONAL CIRCUITS

Motion and Second to adopt TS -01

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

Yes 91% No 9%

Motion passed

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

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

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

Amendment passed

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

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

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

Amendment passed

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

Amended motion passed

COMMITTEE 6: MISCELLANEOUS

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

Motion and second to adopt Res 6-01

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

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

Motion passed

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

2 Motion and second to adopt Res 6-02

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

5 **Motion passed**

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7 QUORUM REPORT

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

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10 RE-CIRCUITING TASK FORCE.

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

12 Motion and second to adopt Res TS-02

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

15 **Motion passed**

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17 RES TS-03 TO REALIGN THE SWD WEST REGIONAL CIRCUITS

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

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

22 **Amendment passed**

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

25 **Amended motion passed**

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

28 Motion and second to adopt Res TS-04

29
30 Yes 241 (93.4%) No 17 (6.6%)

31 **Motion passed**

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33 BIBLE STUDY

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

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37 COMMITTEE 2: ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

38 RES 2-01 TO COMMEND AND AFFIRM THE NEED FOR TWO SEMINARIES

39 Motion and second to adopt

40
41 Yes 198 86.1% No 32 13.9%

42 **Motion passed**

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44 RES 2-04 TO AMEND THE SWD ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

45 Motion and second to adopt

46
47 Yes 220 (91.7%) No 20 (8.3%)

48 **Motion passed**

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

52 Motion and second to adopt

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54 Friendly amendment in second whereas, replace "ecclesiastical" with "ecclesial"

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

57 **Motion passed**

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COMMITTEE 4 –MISSIONS

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

Motion and second to adopt

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

Motion passed

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

Motion and second to accept

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

Motion passed

4-05 TO ENCOURAGE PARTNERSHIPS IN REACHING THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITIES WITH THE GOSPEL
Motion and second to accept

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

Motion passed

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

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

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

Motion passed

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

President Wille called the Orders of the Day.

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

Mr Kevin Theriot, Alliance for Defending Freedom Senior Counsel, was introduced to the Assembly and addressed the subject “Protecting Your Ministry” from society’s threats to the Church through
Same-sex “marriage”
Pulpit Restrictions
Employment Discrimination Laws
Public Accommodation Laws

He stated that government has no jurisdiction over “ecclesiastical matters”
Government
Doctrine
membership
employment issues

He emphasized that each congregation should establish
Statement of faith
Religious Employment Criteria
Facility use Policy
Formal Membership Policy
Statement of Religious faith regarding marriage

Booklet available at AllianceDefendingFreedom.org/church

QUORUM REPORT

1 Currently there are 156 ordained and 153 lay for a total of 309
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3 COMMITTEE 5 : ELECTIONS

4 CE VICE PRESIDENT

	<u>Ballot 1</u>		<u>Ballot 2</u>		<u>Ballot 3</u>		<u>Ballot 4</u>		
5									
6	Peter Bender	61 24%	69 25.6%	63 25.3%					
7	Donald Hougaard	17 6.8%	12 4.6%						
8	Larry Myers	56 14%							
9	David Paape	94 37.6%	107 41.2%	111 44.6%	15 59.8%				ELECTED
10	Randolph Raasch	64 25	72 27.7	75 30.1%	102 40.2%				

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 12 NE VICE PRESIDENT

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

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 19 W VICE PRESIDENT

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

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 24 SE VICE PRESIDENT

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

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 30 RANKING

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

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MINUTES

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SESSION 3

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Meador

COMMITTEE 7 -- ELECTIONS

Secretary

David Totsky

Yes 203 97.1% No 6 3.9% **Elected**

BOD SE Ordained

Rev. Daniel Feldscher 97 46.6%

Rev. Doug Stowe 111 53.4% **Elected**

BOD NE Ordained

Rev. Darrell Bergelin 127 58.3% **Elected**

Rev. Joseph Fisher 91 41.7%

BOD W/SE Commissioned

Doug Jacoby 89 47.6%

Jonathon Pickelmann 98 52.4% **Elected**

BOD CE Lay

Mark Ewert 70 36.8% 86 41.3%

Dean Sievert 84 44.2% 122 58.7% **Elected**

Wilant 36 18.8%

BOD NE Lay

Ron Kabitzke 106 50.7% **Elected**

David Zimmermann 103 49.3%

BOD SE Lay

Greta Martin

Yes 216 91.1% No 21 8.9% **Elected**

BOD W Lay

William Budd 102 53.1% **Elected**

Robert Pulley 90 46.9%

CCN CE Ordained

Rev. Adam Sorenson 127 54% **Elected**

Rev. Steve Voight 108 46%

CCN SE Ordained

Rev. Dan Feldscher 103 41.2%

Rev. Daniel Torkelson 147 58.8% **Elected**

CCN NE Ordained

1 Rev. Bryan Osladil 137 57.8% **Elected**
2 Rev. M Doug Peters 100 42.2%

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4 CCN W Ordained
5 Bryan Fritsch 107 49.3%
6 Jason Schockman 110 50.7% **Elected**
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8 LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARITIES, accompanied by their comfort dogs, were introduced to the Assembly and extended
9 greetings.

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

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14 KEVIN THERIOT Q & A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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33 COMMITTEE 4 – MISSIONS

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

36 Motion and second to adopt

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38 Yes 233 97.5% No 62.5

39 **Motion passed**

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

43 Motion and second to adopt

44
45 Yes 236 97.9% No 5 2.1%

46 **Motion passed**

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

50 Motion and second to adopt

51 Amend "Islamic faith" to "Islamic religion" accepted as a friendly amendment

52 Yes 228 91.6% No 21 8.4%

53 **Motion passed**

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55 HERMAN STROZIER – SWD BUSINESS MANAGER

56 Mr. Strozier
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- 1 • Pointed delegates to his report in the *Workbook*.
- 2 • encouraged congregations to have audits performed
- 3 • stated that the District has increased its contribution to Synod
- 4 • pointed delegates attention to the financial reports in Monday's
- 5 • reminded delegates to share the congregational Intentions Report in the Binder and share it with their
- 6 congregations

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8 COMMITTEE 7 – ELECTIONS

9 CCN Commissioned CE

10 Jeff Fick 97 49.5%
11 Duane Graf 99 50.5% **ELECTED**

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13 CCN Commissioned NE

14 Craig Toerpe 90 42.7%
15 Gene Ladendorf 121 57.3% **ELECTED**

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17 CCN Commissioned

18 Dennis Andreaon 70 34.1%
19 Doug Jacoby 135 65.9% **ELECTED**

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21 CCN Commissioned SE

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

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25 CCN SE Lay

26 Carolyn Blum
27 Yes 221 91.3% No 21 8.7% **ELECTED**

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29 CCN W Lay

30 Bob Pulley
31 Yes 226 95.8% No 10 4.2% **ELECTED**

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33 CCN NE Lay

34 Ronald Kabitzke
35 Yes 214 91.8 No 19 8.2% **ELECTED**

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37 CUW BOR ordained

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

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42 CUW Commissioned

43 Dwayne Jobst 134 58.5% **ELECTED**
44 Carrie Miller 95 41.5%

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46 CUW Lay

47 Robert Denkert 124 57.1% **ELECTED**
48 Robert Peters 93 42.9%

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50 CUW Lay

51 William Feld 91 41%
52 Richard Laabs 131 59% **ELECTED**

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54 COMMITTEE 3 – PARISH EDUCATION

55 RES 3-04 TO COMMEND MARK L'HEUREUX

56 Motion and second to adopt

1 Yes 225 93.4% No 16 6.6%

2 **Motion passed**

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

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

6 Motion and second to adopt

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8 Yes 222 91% No 22 9%

9 **Motion passed**

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11 RES 3-01 BOARD OF REGENTS OF OUR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

12 Motion and second to adopt

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

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15 Yes 209 88.9% No 26 11.1%

16 **Motion passed**

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

19 Motion and second to adopt

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21 Yes 229 93.5% No 16 6.5%

22 **Motion passed**

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24 COMMITTEE 5 STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELISM

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

27 Motion and second to adopt

28
29 Yes 229 93.9% No 15 6.1%

30 **Motion passed**

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32 5-01A TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS TO EMPHASIZE ANNUAL BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

33 Motion and second to adopt

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35 Yes 162 66.4% No 82 33.6%

36 **Motion passed**

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38 MRS. DIANA RAASCH – LCEF DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

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

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42 COMMITTEE 6 – MISCELLANEOUS

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

44 EXERCISE ECCLESIASTICAL SUPERVISION AND THANK AND ENCOURAGE PRESIDENT MATTHEW HARRISON

45 First resolved should end “and be it further”

46 Motion and second to adopt

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48 Yes 209 88.6% No 27 11.4%

49 **Motion passed**

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51 Chaplain Meador led the Assembly in prayer.

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

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1 MRS. JUDY PAULSON, SWD LWML President was introduced to the Assembly. She extended greetings on behalf of
2 the women of the SWD. She noted the varieties of groups within the LWML and the varieties of ways women may
3 participate in the organization. She encouraged those congregations without societies to consider starting one.
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5 REV. MARTINHO SANDER extended greetings from DOXOLOGY.
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7 MRS. TRISH KAGERBAUER, A Place of Refuge, addressed the Convention about the work of A Place of Refuge
8 Ministry.
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10 SONYA PARSON, Rebecca's Garden of Hope, a tutoring and mentoring program, spoke about the needs of young
11 families and children. Rebecca's Garden of Hope is a ministry carried out through the SOS Center, to establish
12 relationships with families in your neighborhood to enable outreach.
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14 HARLEY ROKENBRODT, Camp LuWiSoMo, spoke to the delegates about the work being carried on by Camp
15 LuWiSoMo.
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17 DAILY PRAYER: EARLY EVENING – Rev Nathan Meador led the assembly in the Prayer Office with Rev Zick
18 offering the message.
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20 Recess until Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.
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1 COMMITTEE 6: MISCELLANEOUS

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3 **RESOLUTION 6-05 To Express Thanks**

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5 **WHEREAS**, the 54th Convention of the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church—
6 Missouri Synod has met June 7-9, 2-15 at Concordia University—Wisconsin; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Convention Committee has put in many hours of preparation for this
9 convention event, and Concordia University Wisconsin has served as gracious hosts for
10 the convention; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, Second Vice-President Rev. John Wohlrabe proclaimed God's Word of truth for us
13 in the opening worship service and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Andrew Bartelt has led us in the study of God's Word; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, Kevin Theriot shared information about the work of the Alliance for Defending
18 Freedom; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, President Matthew Harrison and First Vice-President Herbert Mueller gave the
21 Synod reports; and

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

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

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

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32 **RESOLVED**, that we walk humbly with our God.

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34 Rev. Joseph Fisher, chairman

Dr. Stephen Saunders, secretary

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