



# TODAY'S BUSINESS

## LCMS South Wisconsin District 52<sup>nd</sup> Convention June 7-9, 2009

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June 7, 2009

### WELCOME

To all delegates, official guests, and visitors to the 2009 South Wisconsin District Convention. We pray that the Lord of the Church would bless you and your service to Him during these days as we honor His Name and pray that His kingdom may be advanced.

### SCHEDULE

An up-to-date agenda for the convention has been printed on pages 3-4 of TODAY'S BUSINESS. Please refer to it for further information on the times of convention events and their locations.

### COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Communications Center is located in Room F017 (southwest of the meeting room). If you are expecting a phone call or need to reach someone at the convention please come to the Communications Center so we can assist you. You may call (262) 243-3400 to reach the Communications Center or call the main number of Concordia University (262) 243-5700 and leave a message.

The convention staff and volunteers will be delivering messages to your assigned tables. If necessary, messages will be displayed on the projection screen in the convention hall.

### DUPLICATION SERVICES

The Communications Center is responsible for the duplication and distribution of **ALL** materials for the convention. Please stop by the office if you need something distributed or duplicated. A work order will be available at the center. ***No material may be distributed at the convention without authorization.***

The Information Technology Office of Concordia University has graciously provided computer and laser printing equipment. Ricoh Americas Corporation, Brookfield, has provided the copier. We thank them for their assistance.

### WELCOME CENTER

The Welcome Center in the Field House lobby is able to answer general questions about the convention, give directions, and assist in finding other delegates. They will also be able to assist you in finding your seat on the convention floor.

### OUR HOST

We praise God for the fine facilities and helpful staff of Concordia University Wisconsin who have contributed greatly to the preparation for this convention. If you have facility needs that require attention, please let us know.

## THANK YOU

Thanks to the South Wisconsin District Lutheran Church Extension Fund for the Convention tote bags. The tote bags are made available to voting and advisory delegates.

## SPECIAL WELCOME

We extend greetings to Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Rev. Dr. Norbert C. Oesch of the Pastoral Leadership Institute, and Rev. Matthew Harrison, Executive Director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care.

## EXHIBITORS' LIST

A listing of exhibitors has been printed on pages 5-6 of TODAY'S BUSINESS. Please take advantage of the opportunity to view their products.

## SYNODICAL QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

On **Monday afternoon, June 8<sup>th</sup>** at the conclusion of the synodical report, the convention will be privileged to have an opportunity for a **“Question and Answer”** session with **President Kieschnick**. In order to maximize the time, the following procedure will be employed. The Synod President's Office has provided an easy to use form to fill out. You may pick one up from the Welcome Center, Registration, or the Communications Center. Please write down the question(s) you would like to submit to President Kieschnick on the form or on a sheet of paper and place them in the container that will be provided at the Welcome Center (duly identified). Rev. Bernie Huesmann, General Convention Committee Chairman, will sort and categorize the questions to be asked. During the Q & A time, the questions will be read to the Synodical President, who will not see, hear or know the content of the questions until they are read to him. The goals of this procedure are to allow for a larger number of topics to be covered in the brief time allotted, to avoid duplication of questions, and to provide a way for as many questions as possible to receive consideration. **All questions need to be submitted by 8:00 a.m., Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.**

## HELP NEEDED

We are in great need of able-bodied help to lend support for 2-3 hours to take down equipment following the close of the convention on Tuesday. Please sign up in the Communications Center.

## YOUR CONSIDERATION IS REQUESTED

Because many of the exhibit areas are in the same area as the convention floor, please be considerate of the delegates and speakers by keeping conversation to a minimum in the exhibit area while the convention is in session. You may visit outside!

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**AGENDA**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009**

- 12:30 - 3:45 p.m. Registration  
4:00 - 5:15 p.m. Opening Convention Worship, Memorial Service (*Chapel of Christ Triumphant*)  
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Norbert C. Oesch, PLI International executive leader

**DINNER**

SESSION I – 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

- 6:30 - 6:35 p.m. Prayer – Rev. Cal Seban, convention chaplain  
6:35 - 6:50 p.m. Welcome and greetings – Rev. Dr. Patrick Ferry, President John Wille  
6:50 - 6:55 p.m. Convention committee – Quorum  
6:55 - 7:00 p.m. Adoption of agenda and standing rules – President John Wille  
7:00 - 7:45 p.m. President's Report – Rev. Dr. John Wille  
7:45 - 7:55 p.m. Committee on constitutional matters (introduction of new congregations, pastors, and delegates serving new congregations since 2006) – Rev. David Totsky  
7:55 - 8:05 p.m. Committee 1: Nominations – Rev. Bob Zick  
8:05 - 8:15 p.m. Committee 2: Elections (presidential ballot) – Rev. Darrel Bergelin  
8:15 - 8:45 p.m. Synodical report (part one) – Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick  
8:45 - 9:10 p.m. Committee 2: Elections (vice presidential ballot)  
9:10 - 9:15 p.m. Announcements  
9:15 - 9:35 p.m. Closing devotions – Rev. Cal Seban, convention chaplain

**MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009**

SESSION II – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- 8:00 - 8:15 a.m. Opening devotions – African immigrant missions  
8:15 - 8:20 a.m. Minutes  
8:20 - 8:50 a.m. Bible study/reflections – Rev. Dr. Norbert C. Oesch  
8:50 - 9:00 a.m. Committee 1 and 2: Nominations and elections  
9:00 - 9:10 a.m. LCMS World Mission – Rev. David Birner  
9:10 - 9:30 a.m. Committee 4: Congregational services  
9:30 - 9:40 a.m. Human Care and Older Adult – Jim Farrelly  
9:40 - 10:00 a.m. Committee 3: Administration  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance

**LUNCH (Circuits Caucus)**

SESSION III – 1:30 to 6:00 p.m.

- 1:30 - 1:35 p.m. Prayer  
1:35 - 2:05 p.m. Synodical report (part two) – Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick  
2:05 - 2:30 p.m. Committees 1 and 2: Nominations and elections  
2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Missions and evangelism – Rev. Daniel McMiller  
2:45 - 3:05 p.m. Bible study/reflections – Rev. Matthew Harrison, LCMS World Relief and Human Care executive director  
3:05 - 3:20 p.m. Lutheran Church Extension Fund – Merle Freitag  
3:20 - 3:30 p.m. Dominican Republic – Rev. Ted Krey  
3:30 - 3:40 p.m. Committee #3 Administration  
3:40 - 3:50 p.m. Business manager – Debra Novak  
3:50 - 4:00 p.m. People of the Book Lutheran Outreach – Rev. Gary Rohwer

SESSION III – 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. (continued)

4:00 - 4:10 p.m.	Committee #6 Miscellaneous
4:10 - 4:25 p.m.	Stewardship – Tim Dittloff
4:25 - 4:40 p.m.	Committee #5 Missions
4:40 - 4:50 p.m.	Mission moment – Inner city/African American missions
4:50 - 5:00 p.m.	Committee 2: Elections
5:00 - 5:05 p.m.	Time of Grace Ministry – Rev. Mark Jeske
5:05 - 5:10 p.m.	Bethesda Lutheran Homes – Dr. John Bauer
5:10 - 5:20 p.m.	LCMS Board for Pastoral Education – Dr. Glen Thomas
5:20 - 5:35 p.m.	Schools, youth and family ministry – Gary Janetzke
5:35 - 5:55 p.m.	Bible study/reflections – Rev. Dr. Norbert C. Oesch
5:55 - 6:00 p.m.	Announcements

**DINNER – *Gemütlichkeit!***

*6:30 p.m. – Dinner reception / tour / celebration of ministry at Trinity-Freistadt, Mequon  
10729 W. Freistadt Rd., Mequon 53097*

**TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009**

SESSION IV – 8:00 to 11:35 a.m.

8:00 - 8:20 a.m.	Opening devotions – Hispanic missions, Rev. Pedro Lopez
8:20 - 8:25 a.m.	Minutes
8:25 - 8:55 a.m.	Bible study/reflections – Rev. Matthew Harrison
8:55 - 9:00 a.m.	CPH – Gretchen Jameson
9:00 - 9:10 a.m.	Committee #3 Administration
9:10 - 9:15 a.m.	Lutheran Radio Church Service – Todd Boettcher
9:15 - 9:20 a.m.	LWML – Jan Dankwardt
9:20 - 9:25 a.m.	Deaf Ministries – Rev. Rodney Rynearson
9:25 - 9:30 a.m.	Camp LuWiSoMo – Terry Schmeckpeper
9:30 - 9:40 a.m.	LLL – David Martin
9:40 - 9:50 a.m.	Hmong Missions
9:50 - 9:55 a.m.	Theological Education Partnership – Rev. Dr. Harald Tomesch
9:55 - 10:05 a.m.	Doxology – Dr. Beverly Yahnke and Rev. Dr. Harold Senkbeil
10:05 - 10:20 a.m.	Committee #3 Administration
10:20 - 10:25 a.m.	Asia missions, LCMS World Mission – Rev. David Birner
10:25 - 10:30 a.m.	A Place of Refuge – Trish Kagerbauer
10:30 - 10:35 a.m.	Metro Milwaukee Lutheran Mission Society – George Lessmann, Jr.
10:35 - 10:40 a.m.	Mission Advocate – Charles Kiehl
10:40 - 10:55 a.m.	Committees
10:55 - 11:05 a.m.	Committee 6: Miscellaneous
11:05 - 11:35 a.m.	Unfinished business
11:35 a.m.	Closing prayer

**LUNCH**

SESSION V – 1:00 to 2:20 p.m.

1:00 p.m.	Closing convention worship with Holy Communion and the installation of newly elected servants – Preacher: Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick ( <i>Chapel of Christ Triumphant</i> )
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***With unveiled faces: Reflecting the Lord's glory***

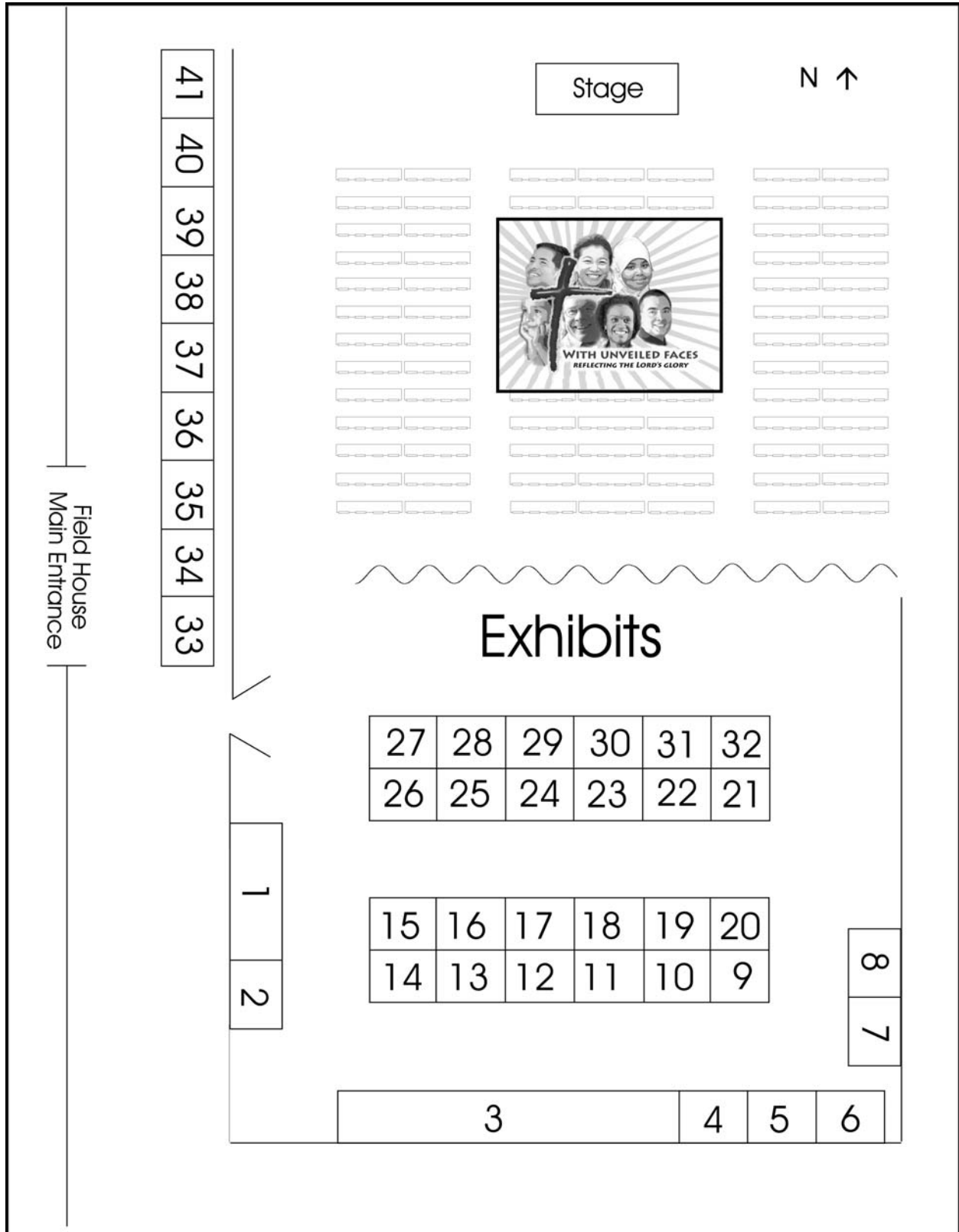
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**EXHIBITORS LISTING**

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2 Chime Master Systems	14 Ambassadors of Reconciliation
3 Concordia Publishing House	28 Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc.
4 Commission on Ministerial Growth & Support	7 Camp Biloxi & Camp Restore
5 Luther Haven Retirement Community	32 Camp LuWiSoMo
6 Concordia Plan Services	2 Chime Master Systems
7 Camp Biloxi & Camp Restore	20 Church Mutual Insurance Company
8 SWD Deaf Missions	4 Commission on Ministerial Growth & Support
9 Creation Education Association	23 Concordia Deaconess Association
10 SWD Lutheran Hour Ministries	6 Concordia Plan Services
11 Orphan Grain Train	3 Concordia Publishing House
12 Lutheran Women's Missionary League	36 Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
13 A Place of Refuge Ministries	18 Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN
14 Ambassadors of Reconciliation	24 Concordia University Wisconsin
15 International Friendship Center	35 Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation
16 People of the Book Lutheran Outreach	9 Creation Education Association
17 Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots U.S.	1 Creation Science Society of Milwaukee, Inc.
18 Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN	26 Critical Incident Stress Management Team
19 Luther Academy	39 Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau
20 Church Mutual Insurance Company	25 Habitat for Humanity
21 Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry	15 International Friendship Center
22 SOS Center, Inc.	41 LCMS World Mission
23 Concordia Deaconess Association	38 LCMS World Relief & Human Care
24 Concordia University Wisconsin	19 Luther Academy
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26 Critical Incident Stress Management Team	17 Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots U.S.
27 Lutheran Church Extension Fund	30 Lutheran Bible Translators
28 Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc.	27 Lutheran Church Extension Fund
29 Metro Milwaukee Lutheran Mission Society	34 Lutheran Heritage Foundation
30 Lutheran Bible Translators	31 Lutheran Special School and Education Services
31 Lutheran Special School and Education Services	37 Lutheran Student Fellowship at UW—Milwaukee
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- SPECIAL STANDING RULES -

- 1) The Chair shall see that the Agenda is followed as closely as possible.
- 2) During the final morning of the convention, the President shall have the privilege of calling up for action those resolutions which in his judgment must be acted upon before adjournment.
- 3) Resolutions that are not acted upon by the convention before adjournment die. The subject matter may be reintroduced to the next convention by an overture.
- 4) Minutes shall be distributed every next morning in *Today's Business*. The first item of business of the afternoon session shall be the formal approval of these minutes, with the exception of the final day's minutes, which shall be approved by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the convention. Only corrections to the minutes involving convention actions shall be offered from the floor for consideration. Editorial corrections addressing misspellings of names or faulty references or titles should be provided in writing to the Secretary for incorporation into the minutes.
- 5) Resolutions shall be prioritized by floor committees and normally shall be presented to the convention in numerical sequence.
- 6) The preface, preamble, rationale, and whereas sections shall be regarded as integral parts of resolutions and therefore subject to the same consideration and adoption as the main motion.
- 7) Delegates wishing to address the convention, when recognized by the Chair, shall state their names and the name of the congregation or other entity they represent.
- 8) During debate, the two-minute rule for speaking to the motion shall apply to the floor committee and to all who speak from the floor.
- 9) A delegate who speaks on an issue may not move to call the question at the close of his or her speech.
- 10) Whenever possible, amendments to proposed resolutions and substitute resolutions shall be submitted to *Today's Business* for publication prior to convention consideration of the resolutions to which they pertain. When this is not possible, as in the course of a discussion, a written copy of proposed amendments shall be provided to the Secretary prior to its being offered from the floor.
- 11) **THE BEHNKEN RULE** If a substitute motion is offered and seconded, the presenter shall be offered two minutes to provide the rationale for offering it, after which the convention shall decide by majority vote without debate whether or not to consider the substitute. If the decision is in the affirmative and if the substitute motion is subsequently adopted, the original motion fails. If the substitute motion does not receive favorable action either to consider or to adopt, the original motion is again considered.
- 12) While any voting member may call the question at any time, the question shall be called by the Chair after every 15 minutes of debate on any motion. The Chair may also call for a vote on the close of debate (2/3 majority required) when in his judgment the assembly has heard sufficient speaking from both sides of the issue.
- 13) The use of pagers, cellular phones and any other sound-producing or voice-communicating devices shall not be permitted in the convention hall during sessions.
- 14) In order to maintain the integrity of the Convention and its delegates and the collegial spirit of the South Wisconsin District Convention, all delegates are asked to refrain from using any method of communicating with others that involves electronic technology. This includes cell phones (please turn OFF while on the convention floor, vibrate while in other areas of the convention); text messaging of any kind (SMS, IM, etc.); e-mail; blogs; and any other computer based messaging system or device.

Unless covered by these Special Standing Rules, parliamentary procedure shall be governed by the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.



1 **OMNIBUS RESOLUTIONS**

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3 **RESOLUTION A**

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5 WHEREAS, the District has numerous offices, boards and committees; and  
6 WHEREAS, proposals related to the responsibilities of such administrative units should ordinarily be directed  
7 to them; therefore be it  
8 RESOLVED, that the following overtures be referred to the listed administrative unit

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<u>Overture</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Board or Committee</u>
10 3-06	To Realign Circuits	Referred to the District board of directors for 11 consideration at May 2009 meeting.

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14 **RESOLUTION B**

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16 WHEREAS, the District/Synod in convention has already spoken to certain proposals addressed in this  
17 convention; and  
18 WHEREAS, there is no compelling reason to amplify or to revise previous convention action(s) relating to  
19 these proposals, therefore be it  
20 RESOLVED, that in the following instances the petitioners be referred to previous convention(s) as indicated:

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<u>Overture</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference (Conv/Res No)</u>
22 3-07	To Table BRTFSSG Proposals	2004 Synodical Resolution 7-02A

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26 **RESOLUTION C**

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28 WHEREAS, the floor committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has concluded, for various  
29 reasons, that certain overtures should be declined; therefore be it  
30 RESOLVED, that the following overtures be respectfully declined for the reasons given:

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<u>Overture</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reason</u>
32 3-03	To Reaffirm Position of Each Con- 33 gregation in the District represented 34 by a Lay Delegate at Convention.	Since this matter is not the direct business of 35 this District, but matters on the level of 36 Synod, congregations are encouraged to address their 37 concerns to the Synod directly through the means of 38 an overture to the next convention (Art. V, LCMS 39 Constitution).

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41 **RESOLUTION 3-01**  
42 **TO APPROVE BYLAW CHANGES PRESENTED BY THE SWD COMMITTEE ON**  
43 **CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS**

44 Overture 3-01 [CW p.14-26]

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46 WHEREAS, the South Wisconsin District Committee on Constitutional Matters has proposed changes  
47 to District bylaws for clarification and upon recommendations of the LCMS Commission  
48 on Constitutional Matters to bring SWD bylaws in line with Synod constitution and  
49 bylaws, therefore be it  
50 RESOLVED, that the following bylaw changes be approved by the 2009 Convention.

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52 Rev. Daniel Torkelson, Chairman                      Gene Ladendorf, Secretary  
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1 **RESOLUTION 3-02**

2 **TO ALIGN SYNOD STRUCTURE WITH CHURCH AND MINISTRY**

3 Overture 3-02 [CW p.27]

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5 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1851 declared C.F.W. Walther's *Theses on Church and Ministry* to be the position of the LCMS; and

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7 WHEREAS, The LCMS in its 1852 convention also declared C.F. W. Walther's book, *The Voice of the Church on the Question of Church and Ministry* (1852), to be the pure doctrine (*reine Lehre*) of church  
8 and ministry; and

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10 WHEREAS, The 2001 convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod adopted Resolution 7-17A, "To Affirm Synod's Official Position on Church and Ministry"; and

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12 WHEREAS, The first *Resolved* of 2001 Res. 7-17A states "The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod meeting on convention in the year of our Lord 2001 affirm the above referenced writings of C.F.W. Walther as the definitive statement under Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions of the Synod's understanding on the subject of church and ministry; and

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15 WHEREAS, The second *Resolved* of 2001 Res. 7-17A states "That the LCMS in convention reaffirm the decision of the 1852 convention in recognizing C.F.W. Walther's book, *The Voice of Our Church on the Question of Church and Ministry*, as the official position of the LCMS"; and

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18 WHEREAS, Thesis X of Part Two, "Concerning the Holy Ministry or the Pastoral Office," in Walther's *Church and Ministry* affirms the following: "To the ministry of the Word, according to divine right, belongs also the duty [*Amt*] to judge doctrine, but laymen also possess this right. Therefore, in the ecclesiastical courts (consistories) and councils they are accorded both a seat and vote together with the clergy"; and

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21 WHEREAS, *Congregation – Synod – Church: Basic Theological Principles Underlying LCMS Structure and Governance* does not make on single reference to Walther's *Church and Ministry*; therefore be it

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24 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District, assembled in convention in 2009, memorialize the Synod at its 2010 convention to make no changes in Synod's structure that are not in conformity with Walther's *Church and Ministry*; and be it finally

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27 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District, assembled in convention in 2009, memorialize the Synod at its 2010 convention to ensure that the Synod's bylaws are in conformity with the contents of Walther's *Church and Ministry*.

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33 Rev. Daniel Torkelson, Chairman

Gene Ladendorf, Secretary

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36 **RESOLUTION 3-03**

37 **REPRESENTATION OF CONGREGATIONS TO DISTRICT AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

38 Overture 3-04 [CW p. 28] and Overture 3-12 [CW p. 31]

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41 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance (BRTFSSG) has submitted "Walking Together – The LCMS Future" *Proposals and Possibilities for Consideration and Discussion* to each congregation of the Synod, and

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44 WHEREAS, the BRTFSSG has stated that these "proposals/possibilities are not final by any means," and therefore seek the input of the local members congregations of Synod, and

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47 WHEREAS, some proposals/possibilities submitted for consideration by the BRTFSSG favor unequal representation of congregations to district and synodical conventions, dependent on the number of members within a congregation, and

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50 WHEREAS, only pastors and congregations, not individual congregational members, are members of Synod according to the LCMS Handbook, therefore be it

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53 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention memorialize the 2010 Convention of Synod to reject any proposal of the BRTFSSG that each congregation or parish in a district be represented in any other way than by one pastor and one lay delegate per congregation or parish for the district conventions of Synod, and be it finally

1 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention memorialize the 2010 Convention of Synod to  
2 reject any proposal of the BRTFSSG that each congregation or parish be represented in any other  
3 way than by one pastor and one lay delegate for the circuit forums.

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5 Rev. Daniel Torkelson, Chairman Gene Ladendorf, Secretary  
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8 **RESOLUTION 3-04**  
9 **TO RETAIN VOTING DELEGATES AS LAY AND PASTORAL**

10 Overture 3-05 [CW p. 28]

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12 WHEREAS, One of the basic foundations of the structure of the LCMS was a balance of power between the  
13 laity and the clergy, and  
14 WHEREAS, this is maintained by having voting representation at conventions consist of one pastor and one lay  
15 delegate from each parish or electoral circuit, and  
16 WHEREAS, the change suggested by Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance making  
17 voting representation one ordained and one non-ordained, which allows commissioned ministers  
18 to replace a lay delegate, is an essential change of this basic foundation of a balance of power  
19 between the laity and the clergy and would give professional church workers a preponderance of  
20 voting power, and  
21 WHEREAS, the only justification given by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance is  
22 that it would enfranchise commissioned ministers, and  
23 WHEREAS, if it is deemed necessary that commissioned ministers be eligible to become voting delegates,  
24 there are other ways by which this could be accomplished, such as by changing the category of  
25 “pastors” to “rostered church workers,” which includes commissioned ministers, and which would  
26 still maintain the balance between professional church workers and laity, therefore be it finally  
27 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention request the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod  
28 Structure and Governance to withdraw the proposal of changing voting categories to ordained and  
29 non-ordained.

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31 Rev. Daniel Torkelson, Chairman Gene Ladendorf, Secretary  
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34 **RESOLUTION 3-05**  
35 **TO KEEP THE NAME THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD**

36 Overture 3-08 [CW p. 29]

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38 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance (BRTFSSG) has submitted  
39 “Walking Together—The LCMS Future” *Proposals and Possibilities for Consideration and*  
40 *Discussion* to each congregation of the Synod, and  
41 WHEREAS, the BRTFSSG has stated that these “proposals/possibilities are not final by any means,” and  
42 therefore seek the input of the local members congregations of Synod, and  
43 WHEREAS, we are a church body known for its faithfulness to God’s Work by the name of The Lutheran  
44 Church—Missouri Synod throughout the world, distinguishing us from the many other Lutheran  
45 church bodies with a different understanding and doctrine of God’s Word, and  
46 WHEREAS, the name The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod identifies us for who we are today as taking  
47 seriously the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions in the midst of other Lutheran church  
48 bodies who do not, and  
49 WHEREAS, a name change from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to another may indicate a shift from  
50 not only our historical heritage, but from the first objective of Synod. “To conserve and promote  
51 the unity of the true faith” (Constitution, Article III.1), therefore be it  
52 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District memorialize the Synod in Convention in 2010 to retain the name  
53 of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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55 Rev. Daniel Torkelson, Chairman Gene Ladendorf, Secretary  
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1 **RESOLUTION 3-06**

2 **ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COUNSELORS**

3 Overture 3-09 [CW p. 30]

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5 WHEREAS, The Synod is an association of congregations and pastors and teachers who are bound together,  
6 not by an overarching organizational structure which exercises power and authority over its  
7 members, but instead are bound together by agreement in the doctrine of the Gospel, and  
8 WHEREAS, the Synod is its congregations walking together, and  
9 WHEREAS, the only power and authority which is to rule and govern in the Synod is the Word of God, and  
10 WHEREAS, the constitution of the Synod provides freedom for its members from any coercive kind of power  
11 exercised by elected officers of the Synod (Constitution, Article VII.1), therefore be it  
12 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention memorialize the 2010 Convention of Synod to  
13 reject the proposal of The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance  
14 (BRTFSSG) under "Congregations and Districts," where it proposes "involve the district president  
15 in the selection of circuit counselors," and be it finally  
16 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention memorialize the 2010 Convention of Synod to  
17 continue the current process of electing circuit counselors by the vote of circuit congregations.  
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19 Rev. Daniel Torkelson, Chairman

Gene Ladendorf, Secretary

21 **RESOLUTION 3-07**

22 **TIME TO STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON SYNOD**  
23 **STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE**

24 Overture 3-10 [CW p. 30] and Overture 3-13 [CW p. 31]

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27 WHEREAS, In 2005 President Gerald Kieschnick appointed a Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and  
28 Governance; and  
29 WHEREAS, the task force's preliminary proposals of August 2008 were far-reaching in scope and significant  
30 in import; and  
31 WHEREAS, attention and adequate time must be given to detail and wording in making adjustments or changes  
32 that impinge on structure; and  
33 WHEREAS, the Synod would do well to proceed with prayerful and appropriate care in considering any  
34 changes; therefore be it  
35 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention memorialize the 2010 Convention of Synod to  
36 direct the task force to give detailed reasons for its recommendations, and be it finally  
37 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention memorialize the 2010 Convention of Synod not to  
38 consider adopting any of the task force's final recommendations to change Synod's structure until  
39 the congregations of Synod have had a complete three-year convention cycle to study and discuss  
40 such recommendations and implications.  
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42 Rev. Daniel Torkelson, Chairman

Gene Ladendorf, Secretary

1 **RESOLUTION 3-08**

2 **TO RETAIN THE PRESENT DISTRICT STRUCTURE OF SYNOD**

3 Overture 3-11 [CW p. 31]

4  
5 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance has raised the possibility of  
6 significantly increasing or significantly decreasing the number of districts, and  
7 WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance has presented little detailed  
8 analysis of the strong points and the weak points of each suggestion, and  
9 WHEREAS, the geographical diversity of the Synod makes establishing a single pattern which would function  
10 best everywhere impossible, and  
11 WHEREAS, the suggestion to do this restructuring has not come from the congregations of the districts  
12 themselves, therefore be it  
13 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention requests the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod  
14 Structure and Governance to retain the current number of districts, and be it finally  
15 RESOLVED, that the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance present a detailed analysis of  
16 the positive and negative points of any proposed changes to District structure at the next  
17 convention of Synod after 2010.

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19 Rev. Daniel Torkelson, Chairman

Gene Ladendorf, Secretary

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22 **RESOLUTION 4-01**

23 **TO CONFESS THE TRUTH ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY**

24 Overture 4-01 [CW p. 54]

25  
26 WHEREAS, the Word of God clearly condemns homosexual behavior in Leviticus 18:22, "Do not lie with a  
27 man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable"; Leviticus 18:24, "Do not defile yourselves in  
28 any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became  
29 defiled"; Romans 1:26-27, "Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their  
30 women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned  
31 natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed  
32 indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion"; 1  
33 Corinthians 6:9-10, "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do  
34 not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor  
35 homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will  
36 inherit the kingdom of God." And 1 Timothy 1:9-10, "We also know that law is made not for the  
37 righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for  
38 those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders  
39 and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine"; and,  
40 WHEREAS, homosexuality is a sin against God and the natural knowledge of God. Romans 1:19-20, "since  
41 what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since  
42 the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have  
43 been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."  
44 And Romans 2:15, "since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts,  
45 their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending  
46 them"; and,  
47 WHEREAS, there are churches in many mainstream denominations which are actively accepting or even  
48 promoting the homosexual lifestyle as a healthy, normal alternative to heterosexuality and, the  
49 Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Task Force on Sexuality documents titled "Human  
50 Sexuality: Gift and Trust" and "Report and Recommendation on Ministry Policies"; and,  
51 WHEREAS, this report recommends a path for the ELCA's 2009 church wide assembly to recognize and  
52 accept publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same gender relationships of clergy in those  
53 synods (ELCA regional divisions) and congregations which desire to approve to such  
54 relationships; and,  
55 WHEREAS, Synod President Gerald B. Kieschnick expressed "great disappointment and deep sadness"; and,

- 1 WHEREAS, President Kieschnick stated “The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has repeatedly affirmed the  
2 biblical truth and historical understanding of the Christian church that the Bible condemns  
3 homosexual behavior as ‘intrinsically sinful’ and is therefore contrary to the will of the Creator  
4 and constitutes sin against the commandments of God (Lev. 18:22,24; Lev. 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9-20; 1  
5 Tim. 1:9-10; and Rom. 1:26, 27)”; and,  
6 WHEREAS, Rev. Matthew Harrison wrote on behalf of LCMS World Relief and Human Care, “To say that we  
7 are disappointed in the Task Force proposals would be a vast understatement. But we are not  
8 surprised. We are deeply concerned about many ELCA friends (on both sides of the issue) and  
9 especially about those who find themselves holding the orthodox position while their beloved  
10 church body slips into heterodoxy. But we do not write in order to self righteously castigate the  
11 ELCA. Rather in deep humility and repentance, we think of our own many and deep sins; our own  
12 failure to hear the word of God; our failure to bear convincing witness on this issue; our own deep  
13 sins and our lack of love for one another, which have often rendered our witness of no effect; our  
14 lack of love and failure to reach out ‘with might and main’ to those who struggle with the issue of  
15 homosexuality.” And,  
16 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has been presented with an opportunity to boldly and  
17 lovingly confess the truth of God’s Word, to our brothers and sister in Christ in the ELCA and  
18 throughout the world; and,  
19 WHEREAS, we should add our voices and prayers to those of President Kieschnick and Rev. Harrison,  
20 therefore be it  
21 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District boldly confess that it is necessary for the church to expose and  
22 resist sexual idolatry of our society; and be it finally  
23 RESOLVED, that the pastors and churches of the South Wisconsin District encourage all pastors and Christian  
24 congregations to pray for and work faithfully with those struggling with homosexual desires. As  
25 St. Paul instructs us, Galatians 6:1-2, “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are  
26 spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.  
27 Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Reminding all sinners of St. Paul’s  
28 word’s to the Corinthians, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not  
29 inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers ,  
30 nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor  
31 extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed,  
32 but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of  
33 our God.”  
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35 Rev. Peter Schmidt, Chairman Peter Gurneau, Secretary  
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38 **RESOLUTION 4-02**  
39 **TO ENCOURAGE USE OF STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES DEVELOPED WITHIN SYNOD**

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41 WHEREAS, the Synod in convention in 2007 called for a stewardship renaissance within the LCMS; and  
42 WHEREAS, in response to this call the Synod and its entities have developed doctrinally sound stewardship  
43 resources; and  
44 WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church Extension Fund has developed consecrated stewards; and  
45 WHEREAS, the Missouri District in partnership with the LCMS stewardship department has developed faith  
46 aflame to examine the stewardship culture in congregations; and  
47 WHEREAS, the national Lutheran school funding academy has been developed to assist congregations with  
48 schools; therefore be it  
49 RESOLVED, that we recommend and encourage making use of these resources as they work to grow the  
50 stewards within their congregations; and be it finally  
51 RESOLVED, that we give thanks for these resources, and encourage the continued development of all resources  
52 that would enhance the lives of stewards.  
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54 Rev. Peter Schmidt, Chairman Peter Gurneau, Secretary  
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1 **RESOLUTION 4-03**  
2 **TO CLARIFY THE DISTRICT'S SALARY GUIDELINES**

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4 WHEREAS, South Wisconsin District establishes salary guidelines for pastors and professional workers and  
5 WHEREAS, these guidelines have been established because the worker is worthy of hire (1 Timothy 5:17-18,  
6 Galatians 6:6-10); and  
7 WHEREAS, congregations have difficulty understanding and implementing these guidelines; therefore be it  
8 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin Board of Directors review the clarity of these guidelines by its  
9 November 2009 meeting; and be it  
10 RESOLVED, that congregations are encouraged to review their practice of compensating pastors and  
11 professional church workers; and be it finally  
12 RESOLVED, that congregations are encouraged to meet the South Wisconsin District salary guidelines for their  
13 pastors and professional church workers.

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15 Rev. Peter Schmidt, Chairman Peter Gunneau, Secretary  
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18 **RESOLUTION 5-01**  
19 **TO ADOPT THE "50 IN 5" GOAL OF 50 NEW MISSION STARTS IN FIVE YEARS**

20  
21 WHEREAS, our Lord Jesus Christ has sent His church to make disciples of all nations; and  
22 WHEREAS, our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has embarked on an ambitious mission movement,  
23 *Ablaze!*, to reach 100 million people by the year 2017; and  
24 WHEREAS, our District President John Wille has presented a goal of 50 new mission starts in five years,  
25 including five mission priority principles: 1) focus the Gospel on the unchurched; 2) be locally  
26 supported and supervised; 3) partner with other congregations, the District and Synod for  
27 additional support and accountability structure; 4) not require high financial investment of any one  
28 entity; and 5) be self-supporting in a short period of time; therefore be it  
29 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in Convention adopt the 50 in five goal of 50 new mission starts  
30 in five years, along with the five mission priority principles; and be it further  
31 RESOLVED, that the congregations of our District be encouraged to both look for mission opportunities in their  
32 area and ways that they can partner with other congregations to support mission starts in other  
33 areas of the District; and be it further  
34 RESOLVED, that the congregations of our District work with the mission executive to implement this program;  
35 and be it finally  
36 RESOLVED, that we entrust this goal of 50 new mission plants in five years to God's gracious guidance and  
37 wisdom.

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39 Rev. Donald Hougard, Chairman Robert Gunerman, Secretary  
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42 **RESOLUTION 5-02**  
43 **TO COMMEND THE "TRANSFORMING CHURCH NETWORK" AS A RESOURCE FOR OUR**  
44 **CONGREGATIONS**

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46 WHEREAS, the theme of our convention is "With Unveiled Faces," as we desire to be transformed to Christ's  
47 likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit (2 Cor. 3:18);  
48 and  
49 WHEREAS, it is important that every congregation has a healthy, positive, missional vision and a well-defined  
50 focus with attainable goals; and  
51 WHEREAS, members of our District have worked tirelessly to produce a Lutheran program to enable our  
52 congregations to attain a more missional, outward focus; therefore be it  
53 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention commend Dr. Leonard Payton and Mr. Bob  
54 Gleason for developing this service for our congregations; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, that we pray that the seven congregations, which are now taking part in this process, will be  
2 blessed by it; and be it further  
3 RESOLVED, that we commend this resource to the congregations of our District as a tool to enable them to  
4 reach out to their communities with the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ; and be it finally  
5 RESOLVED, that this resource will be blessed by our Lord for the sake of His kingdom and a renewed mission  
6 zeal for the lost.

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8 Rev. Donald Hougard, Chairman

Robert Gunerman, Secretary

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11 **RESOLUTION 5-03**  
12 **TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**  
13 **MISSION**

14  
15 WHEREAS, the LCMS joined in a partnership to plant the first national Lutheran church within the Dominican  
16 Republic in response to an invitation from Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services in 2003 as an  
17 outreach to people with disabilities; and

18 WHEREAS, the South Wisconsin District became a partner in 2008 when the Board of Directors adopted it as  
19 an international mission that would give our members opportunities to support with their time,  
20 talents, and gifts; and

21 WHEREAS, the goal of this ministry is to plan and grow a dynamic, healthy, confessional, Gospel-proclaiming,  
22 independent national Lutheran church body within the Dominican Republic that welcomes,  
23 ministers to and equips for service all those loved by God in Jesus Christ, including families with  
24 members who have developmental disabilities or other special needs; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District in convention adopt this partnership with the Dominican  
26 Republic Mission; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, that the South Wisconsin District staff quickly supply the District congregations and their  
28 members with opportunities to support this ministry by our prayers, gifts, and service; and be it  
29 finally

30 RESOLVED, that we commend this opportunity to our gracious God, that it may be to His glory and the  
31 extension of His kingdom.

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33 Rev. Donald Hougard, Chairman

Robert Gunerman, Secretary

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36 **RESOLUTION 5-04**  
37 **TO ENCOURAGE THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT TO WORK**  
38 **WITH THE SYNOD AND DISTRICT AS THEY EXPLORE NEW MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

39  
40 WHEREAS, it is commendable that many of the congregations of our South Wisconsin District are searching  
41 for opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ both at home and abroad; and

42 WHEREAS, it is part of our commitment to walk together as a Synod, that congregations follow the  
43 constitution of our Synod in working with LCMS World Mission and the South Wisconsin District  
44 when congregations undertake new mission starts or plan mission trips; and

45 WHEREAS, it is part of our commitment to walk together that we do not support agencies which are not  
46 Lutheran or participate with heterodox mission activities (2007 Handbook, Article VI, paragraph  
47 2); therefore be it

48 RESOLVED, that the congregations and pastors of our District communicate any new mission efforts, either  
49 local or international to the Synod and District offices and seek their support and guidance in these  
50 efforts; and be it further

51 RESOLVED, that any such efforts work in conjunction with any work that our District or Synod is currently  
52 undertaking in this area, and be it further

53 RESOLVED, that the District and Synod structures respond to these communications in a timely manner, and be  
54 it further



1 RESOLVED, that the congregations, pastors, workers and schools of our District refrain from joint mission  
2 activities with entities which are not Lutheran or are not in church fellowship with the LCMS; and  
3 be it finally

4 RESOLVED, that we pray that our unity in doctrine and practice may be evident to all with whom we share the  
5 Gospel, be they near or far.

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7 Rev. Donald Hougard, Chairman

Robert Gunerman, Secretary

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10 **RESOLUTION 5-05**

11 **TO ENCOURAGE SUPPORT OF OUR DISTRICT AND SYNODICAL MISSIONARIES**

12  
13 WHEREAS, our Lord Jesus Christ has said, "The worker deserves his wages" (Luke 10:7), when He sent out  
14 the twelve apostles, and

15 WHEREAS, the apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be generous to their brothers and sisters in Christ in  
16 Jerusalem (2 Cor. 8) who were enduring hardship, and

17 WHEREAS, our South Wisconsin District and LCMS have gone through a painful period in which missionaries  
18 and missions have suffered large reductions due to declining revenues; and

19 WHEREAS, the Macedonians were able to be generous despite their own extreme poverty (2 Cor. 8:2) which  
20 serves as an example in our country during this time of tremendous financial turmoil; therefore be  
21 it

22 RESOLVED, that the congregations and their members will be encouraged to support the mission and ministry  
23 of our South Wisconsin District and the LCMS with their prayers, talents and financial support;  
24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, that our congregations recognize the stress that these missions and missionaries are given when  
26 they experience large reductions in support and salary; and be it finally

27 RESOLVED, that we ask for God's guidance that we might be the best of stewards "welling up in rich  
28 generosity," with the exciting opportunities that are before us.

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30 Rev. Donald Hougard, Chairman

Robert Gunerman, Secretary

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33 **RESOLUTION 6-01**

34 **TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION FOR THE DISTRICT**

35 **COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION NOMINATIONS**

36 Overture 6-01 [CW p. 74]

37  
38 WHEREAS, the South Wisconsin District bylaws broadly define the function of the committee on convention  
39 nominations as "The committee on Convention Nominations shall nominate candidates for the  
40 various offices, boards and committees as prescribed by the Bylaws of the District" [Bylaw 1.48];  
41 and

42 WHEREAS, such lack of a clearly defined and consistent process by which the committee on convention  
43 nominations develops the slate for the various offices and positions for which the District in  
44 convention is the responsible elector has in the past caused confusion and concern; and

45 WHEREAS, the conscientious fulfillment of the committee's responsibility is of crucial importance for the  
46 governance and mission of the District as well as the entities and boards for whom the District in  
47 convention elects members; therefore be it

48 RESOLVED, that in the process by which the committee on convention nominations considers individuals for  
49 inclusion on the ballot, for which there is no bylaw requirement for direct congregational  
50 nominations, the following criteria shall be utilized:

- 51 1. The incumbent, if eligible for re-election
- 52 2. Recommendations received from members of Synod (congregations and rostered workers)
- 53 3. Recommendations received from members of District congregations, and
- 54 4. Recommendations of members of the committee on convention nominations; and be it  
55 finally

1 RESOLVED, that this criteria be included in the bylaws of the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran  
2 Church—Missouri Synod as sub-points under bylaw 1.48.

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4 Rev. Dean Zemple, Chairman

Rev. Jon van Sliedrecht, Secretary

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7 **RESOLUTION 6-02**  
8 **TO COMMEND ARLEEN JOHNSON**

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10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Arleen Johnson faithfully served our Lord and His church for 25 years; and  
11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Arleen Johnson has demonstrated a bold commitment to serve our SWD for the past nine  
12 years; and

13 WHEREAS, God has used Mrs. Arleen Johnson faithfulness and zeal for the Gospel to open many doors for  
14 our SWD, both as administrative assistant to the President Ron Meyer and to President John Wille  
15 and receptionist for the SWD office; and

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

18 RESOLVED, That the South Wisconsin District commend her service to the Church at its 2009 Convention; and  
19 finally be it

20 RESOLVED, that the delegates express, by a standing ovation, their gratitude and good wishes for the future in  
21 her retirement.

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23 Rev. Dean Zemple, Chairman

Rev. Jon van Sliedrecht, Secretary

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26 **RESOLUTION 6-03**  
27 **TO COMMEND JAMES FARRELLY**

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29 WHEREAS, Mr. James Farrelly faithfully served our Lord and His church for 45 years; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. James Farrelly has demonstrated a bold commitment to serve our SWD for the past 15 years;  
31 and

32 WHEREAS, God has used Mr. James Farrelly faithfulness and zeal for the Gospel to open many doors for our  
33 urban areas of Milwaukee and Sheboygan, for his ministry with Human Care, and Older Adult  
34 Ministry; and

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

37 RESOLVED, That the South Wisconsin District commend his service to the Church at its 2009 Convention; and  
38 finally be it

39 RESOLVED, that the delegates express, by a standing ovation, their gratitude and good wishes for the future as  
40 he continues to serve the church.

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42 Rev. Dean Zemple, Chairman

Rev. Jon van Sliedrecht, Secretary

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45 **RESOLUTION 6-04**  
46 **TO COMMEND CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN**

47  
48 WHEREAS, Concordia University Wisconsin is dedicated to providing faith growing opportunities in a Christ-  
49 centered educational setting for higher learning; and

50 WHEREAS, the Lord has blessed Concordia University Wisconsin with a dedicated, capable, and hard working  
51 staff; be it therefore

52 RESOLVED, that the SWD in Convention acknowledges and thanks Concordia University Wisconsin for the  
53 use of their facilities and hosting the SWD 2009 Convention.

54  
55 Rev. Dean Zemple, Chairman

Rev. Jon van Sliedrecht, Secretary

1 **RESOLUTION 6-05**  
2 **TO COMMEND TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, MEQUON**  
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4 WHEREAS, Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Mequon is dedicated to providing faith growing  
5 opportunities in a Christ-centered ministry; and

6 WHEREAS, the Lord has blessed Trinity Lutheran Church and School with 170 years of service to her Lord  
7 and His people; be it therefore

8 RESOLVED, that the SWD in Convention acknowledges and thanks Trinity Lutheran Church for the use of their  
9 facilities and hosting the *gemütlichkeit* for the SWD 2009 Convention.

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11 Rev. Dean Zemple, Chairman

Rev. Jon van Sliedrecht, Secretary  
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14 **RESOLUTION 6-06**  
15 **TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS TO CELEBRATE AN SWD SUNDAY**  
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17 WHEREAS, The SWD serves a vital ministry to its congregations; and

18 WHEREAS, the SWD encourages collaboration and alignment within its congregations for partnership in  
19 extending the Kingdom of God; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, that the SWD in convention strongly urge and encourage all congregations to celebrate the vision  
21 and mission of the SWD, by hosting a SWD Sunday; be it finally

22 RESOLVED, that each congregation be encouraged to consider increasing their funding to our common mission  
23 of the SWD.

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25 Rev. Dean Zemple, Chairman

Rev. Jon van Sliedrecht, Secretary  
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28 **RESOLUTION 6-07**  
29 **TO EXTEND THANKS TO EACH OF OUR SPEAKERS**  
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31 WHEREAS, Our speakers of the SWD 2009 Convention have served and presented to its delegates; and

32 WHEREAS, their prayers, presentations and participation to the SWD 2009 Convention have informed and  
33 encouraged the delegates in extending of the Kingdom of God; therefore be it

34 RESOLVED, that the delegates express, by a standing ovation, their gratitude and good wishes for the future as  
35 they continue to serve the church.

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37 Rev. Dean Zemple, Chairman

Rev. Jon van Sliedrecht, Secretary  
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1 **NOMINATIONS FOR CAMP LUWISOMO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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3 The last South Wisconsin District resolution dealing with the composition of the Camp LuWiSoMo board of  
4 directors is Resolution 3-01B of the 2003 convention (Proceedings, p. 62). The slate for 2009 is as follows. All  
5 terms are for six years unless otherwise indicated. Biographies for the nominees can be found in the Convention  
6 Workbook or in *Today's Business*.

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8 Three laypersons – elect one from each region

9 **Northeast**

10 Janey Heckendorf

11 Bradley Jentsch

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13 **West**

14 Don Herried

15 Craig Hillmann

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17 **Central East**

18 Paulina Hortman

19 Nominee to be announced

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21 Three ordained ministers – elect one from each region

22 **Southeast**

23 Rev. Randall Poppe, incumbent

24 Rev. William Wagner

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26 **West** (term three years, to fill a vacancy)

27 Rev. F. Peter Brinkmann

28 Rev. Paul Mundinger

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30 **Central East**

31 Rev. Jon Leider

32 Rev. Tyge Zucker

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34 One at-large commissioned minister

35 Karl Roeske

36 Dennis Vierk

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38 One at-large, any type

39 Angela Baumann, Commissioned

40 Ryan Jones, Lay

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43 **CHANGE IN SLATE FOR COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION NOMINATIONS**

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45 Committee on Convention Nominations—District

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47 Peter Lorenz has accepted a call and cannot stand for election. Joshua Douglas has been placed on the slate. His  
48 biographical information appears on page 21 of *Today's Business*.

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50 Commissioned ministers—Southeast (term six years)

51 Joshua Douglas

52 Dennis Vierk

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**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF THOSE NOMINATED**

(NOMINEES NOT LISTED IN CONVENTION WORKBOOK)



**BAUMANN, Angela**

**Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Teacher **Region:** SE **Education:** Concordia University Wisconsin **Degrees:** BA 06 **Experience and activities—Congregation:** Teacher, Beautiful Savior, Waukesha; assist with youth group; **District/circuit:** Convention lay delegate; **Synod:** National Youth Gathering attendee; **Community:** Camp LuWiSoMo counselor and program assistant 03, 04; **Present congregation:** Beautiful Savior, Waukesha; **Hopes for the District:** I pray that the South Wisconsin District can be united in Christ without divisions and will continue to find ways to spread the message of God's love during the difficult times our country is facing. I pray that our South Wisconsin District can continue to support our congregations, schools and Camp LuWiSoMo, all places in which the love of Christ is shared. I hope that God's love shines brightly in all circumstances.



**BRINKMAN, Rev. F. Peter**

**Age:** 74 **Occupation:** LCMS World Mission principal gift officer, retired pastor **Region:** W **Education:** Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO **Degrees:** MDiv, STM **Experience and activities—Congregation:** International Peace Council associate director; assistant pastor, Zion, Dallas, TX; Adult Christian Education Foundation president; associate pastor, Immanuel, Madison; **Community:** Olbrich Botanical Society board, development committee chair; Independent Living past president; Wisconsin Golf Club president; Meriter Hospital association of attending clergy, night chaplain for nine years; downtown Madison Kiwanis Club; Madison Interfaith Dialogue vice chair; Wisconsin Council of Churches interfaith committee; Edgewood High School advisory board; St. Mary's Hospital advisory board, association of attending clergy board and night chaplain committee chair; **Present congregation:** Immanuel, Madison



**DOUGLAS, Joshua**

**Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Teacher **Region:** SE **Education:** Concordia University, Seward, NE **Degrees:** BA, Lutheran teachers diploma **Experience and activities—Congregation:** AAL president 99-00; LYF president 99-00; mission and outreach board member and chair 06-09; elder 06-09, chair 08-09; youth director 06-08; choir 98-99, 06-07; board member 06-09; commissioned minister, Faith, Sturtevant 06- **District/circuit:** LYF zone president 99-00; District LYF 97-00; **Synod:** Missionary teacher, Slovak Republic 05; **Present congregation:** Faith, Sturtevant; **Hopes for the District:** I pray that our district will continue to fulfill its mission to reach out with the love of Christ to all people located within our borders. As a district, we have great opportunities for reaching out to multiple ethnicities and cultures. Along with our churches, our schools are bringing the gospel message not only to their students but also to their parents who do not know the free gift that has been given to them through Christ's death and resurrection. We need to help our churches see their schools as a mission opportunity and to guide them in expanding the school/church relationship. Our district seems to do quite well with urban ministry, but we also need to branch out into our rural areas and help our struggling parishes so that they, too, may see the many opportunities they have in reaching the lost. With the help of God, I pray that this may be accomplished.

**HORTMAN, Paulina**

**Age:** 63 **Occupation:** Accounting clerk **Region:** CE **Education:** Brookdale Community College, NJ **Degrees:** AA **Experience and activities—Congregation:** Peter and Paul Ministry dealing with ex-offenders; **District/circuit:** Inner city youth worker, taking youth to camp; SWD outreach committee; **Present congregation:** Mission of Christ, Milwaukee; **Hopes for the District:** I hope that our District and its congregations would grow numerically as we reach more people with the message of Christ. I also hope that Camp LuWiSoMo and other District mission activities would soon be able to become economically self-sustaining.



1 **LEIDER, Rev. Jon**

2 **Age:** 64 **Occupation:** Retired pastor **Region:** CE **Education:** Concordia Theological Seminary,  
3 Ft. Wayne, IN **Degrees:** MDiv 81 **Experience and activities—Congregation:** Hope, Milwaukee  
4 84-06; dual parish with Bethlehem, Milwaukee 00-06; **District/circuit:** Metro Milwaukee Lutheran  
5 Mission Society; LLL pastoral advisor, vice president; **Synod:** DELTO student mentor;  
6 **Community:** US Army chaplain retired 95; **Present congregation:** Hope, Milwaukee; **Hopes for**  
7 **the District:** Concerning LuWiSoMo, I would encourage more inner city youth and families to  
8 participate. Hmong Hope was started at Hope [Milwaukee] and currently participates in family  
9 camping. I would also encourage other ethnic groups to do the same. The Mission Society also has  
10 the opportunity to support them.



11 **SATTLER, Karl**

12 **Age:** 54 **Occupation:** Principal and Teacher **Region:** SE **Education:** Concordia College, Seward,  
13 NE **Degrees:** BS, BA **Experience and activities—Congregation:** Principal/teacher, Good  
14 Shepherd, East Troy 97-09; Anchor, Anchorage, AK 87-95; St. John, Berlin 83-87; St. Peter,  
15 Hilbert 80-83; First Trinity, Beatrice, NE 78-80; **District/circuit:** SWD and NW principals  
16 conference planning committees; outdoor ministries with Camp LuWiSoMo past 35 years on/off;  
17 **Present congregation:** Good Shepherd, East Troy; **Hopes for the District:** South Wisconsin  
18 District will continue to find ways to meet the needs of its congregations and schools through cost  
19 effective resources. Supporting local missions and ministries which share the Gospel and provide  
20 care for those in need. Carry out ministry which would be difficult or impossible for any  
21 individual congregation. Be a quality resource for schools and congregations. Keep overhead and  
22 internal operating expenses low and direct mission dollars to ministries and mission areas as  
23 needed.



24 **WAGNER, Rev. William**

25 **Age:** 68 **Occupation:** Retired pastor **Region:** SE **Education:** Concordia, Seward, NE; Springfield,  
26 IL **Degrees:** MDiv **Experience and activities—Congregation:** Congregation with day school 87-  
27 03, rural parish 80-87; assoc. 75-80; teacher 65-72; teacher/principal, NE 63-65; **District/circuit:**  
28 Circuit counselor 03-09; Camp LuWiSoMo committee 76-90, also chair; SWD board 80-87; LLL  
29 pastoral advisor; circuit LWML and LLL pastoral advisor; child education committee; critical  
30 incident stress management team coordinator 00-; **Synod:** Disaster response team regional  
31 coordinator; **Community:** Police and fire chaplain 87-; member and past president Noon Kiwanis  
32 Club; **Present congregation:** Holy Cross, Delavan

33 **WARNKE, Timothy**

34 **Age:** 49 **Occupation:** Private banker broker **Region:** CE **Education:** Carthage College Kenosha  
35 WI/ Concordia University Mequon **Degrees:** BA Bus. Admin 83 **Experience and activities—**  
36 **Congregation:** Elder/Chair Our Redeemer Wauwatosa School Board, Vice President, President  
37 Zion Menomonee Falls; **District/circuit:** No Response Given; **Synod:** No Response Given;  
38 **Community:** No Response Given; **Present congregation:** Zion, Menomonee Falls; **Hopes for**  
39 **the District:** No Response Given



40 **ZUCKER, Rev. Tyge**

41 **Age:** 39 **Occupation:** Assoc. pastor **Region:** CE **Education:** Concordia, Ann Arbor, MI;  
42 Concordia Seminary, St. Louis **Degrees:** MDiv 97 **Experience and activities—Congregation:**  
43 Zion and St. Paul, La Valle 97-01; St. John, Glendale 01-; **District/circuit:** Convention elections  
44 floor committee 03; **Present congregation:** St. John, Glendale; **Hopes for the District:** To be a  
45 district focused on missional outreach to our communities with the Gospel of Jesus.

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1 **MEMO REGARDING VP SLATE FOR CENTRAL EAST REGION**

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3 TO: Congregations of the CE Region of the South Wisconsin District  
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5 FROM: Rev David Totsky, SWD Secretary and CCM Chair  
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7 RE: Election of Central East [CE] Regional VP  
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10 In regard to the nomination process for District Vice President, SWD Bylaw 1.63b clearly identifies  
11 congregations as the nominators for this office. Equally clear is the requirement that the ballot for each  
12 VP position shall be composed of the three individuals, and ties, who have received the most  
13 nominations. [Bylaw 1.65b]  
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15 This year, due to a lack of congregational nominations received, we have found ourselves in a position in  
16 which, at present, the slate for the VP in the CE region contains a single name.  
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18 After consulting with Dr. Raymond Hartwig, LCMS Secretary, it has been determined that the provisions  
19 of the Bylaws of Synod would, in this situation, allow for nominations to be received from the  
20 Convention floor to complete this slate.  
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22 Since this is the first time that this procedure will, of necessity, be utilized, I felt it was important that  
23 you be informed of this change so you will be prepared to offer a name in nomination, if you so desire.  
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25 If you, or your congregation through you or your lay delegate, choose to nominate an individual for this  
26 position the **following steps would need to be followed:**  
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- 28 1. In accord with bylaw 1.63b, only delegates representing a congregation of the CE region may  
29 nominate an individual for the VP position.  
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- 31 2. Prior to nominating an individual, **YOU MUST** speak with him to ascertain his willingness to  
32 allow his name to stand for election.  
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- 34 3. IF the person is willing to allow his name to stand, prior to offering the floor nomination, the  
35 proposed nominee must complete the consent and biographical form available in the  
36 Communications Center or on the District website at *swd.lcms.org/convention*.  
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- 38 4. The consent and biographical form needs to be completed **by the time the floor nomination**  
39 **is made**. As you look at the proposed agenda, the election of the VPs is currently slotted for  
40 Sunday evening.  
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42 PLEASE give this your highest attention, and approach individuals whom you feel are well-qualified and  
43 suited to this position. Encourage them to allow their names to stand for nomination and complete the  
44 necessary form.  
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