



September 8, 2020

Dear Members of the South Wisconsin District:

The Committee on Convention Nominations – District (hereafter referred to as “CCN-District”) is preparing for its work on the nominations for the elections to be held at the 56th Convention of the South Wisconsin District – June 13-15, 2021.

The District Secretary and the CCN-District are responsible for

1. Soliciting and compiling nominations for the offices of District President and Regional Vice-Presidents,
2. Requesting recommendations and, consequently, nominating candidates for the other offices and positions to be elected at the convention,
3. Gathering the consent of and background information from these candidates, and
4. Presenting the slates and the collected information to the delegates at the convention.

To do so they will be making use of the **SWD website** (swd.lcms.org), and the **SWD fax number** (414 464-0602) to share and collect information. The U.S. Mail may also be used (Address: Nominations Committee, South Wisconsin District-LCMS, 8100 W. Capitol Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53222.)

At the website you will find all the information necessary to participate fully as a congregation or as an individual in the 56th convention of our district. **Please note: These convention materials will only be posted online and not mailed** (but hard copies of these materials will be mailed upon request. Call the SWD office at 414-464-8100 to do so).

This mailing is an official call

for nominations for President, and Vice-Presidents. These nominations must be made by congregational action (in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of your congregation) and the nomination forms must be signed by the President/Chairman and the Secretary of the congregation. These forms are to be mailed or faxed to Secretary Totsky at the SWD office by the appropriate deadline, and

for recommendations to the CCN-District for nomination for the other various offices.

The offices and positions to be filled by election at this convention are:

Officers: President of the District
Four (4) Regional Vice-Presidents of the District
Secretary of the District

Circuit Visitors (all circuits) – Circuit Visitors will now be elected at the Circuit Forums and those elections ratified at the District Convention.

Board of Directors (by region):

Central East	One (1) Layperson (6 year term)
North East	One (1) Ordained (6 year term)
	One (1) Layperson (6 year term)
South East	One (1) Ordained (6 year term)
	One (1) Layperson (6 year term)
West	One (1) Layperson (6 year term)

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North East	One (1) Ordained (6 year term) One (1) Commissioned (6 year term) One (1) Layperson (6 year term)
South East	One (1) Ordained (6 year term) One (1) Commissioned (6 year term) One (1) Layperson (6 year term)
Central East	One (1) Layperson (3 year term-filling unexpired term)

CUW Board of Regents

Ordained	One (1) Ordained (3 year term)
Commissioned	One (1) Commissioned (3 year term)
Lay	Two (2) Laypeople (3 year term)

As always, the CCN-District is dependent upon your help to secure qualified, committed individuals to serve in the various offices and positions of our district.

At the SWD website (swd.lcms.org) you will find:

- A copy of this letter which provides basic information on the process.
- All necessary forms for making nominations and recommendations.
- A listing of Officers and Board members presently serving.
- A listing of the various offices and positions to be filled at this convention.
- Position descriptions for every office and position which will appear on the ballot.
- Lists of ordained and commissioned church workers in each of the SWD's four regions.
- Lists of the circuits that make up each region of the SWD.
- A listing of the members of the Committee on Convention Nominations – District (CCN-District) and their contact information.

Recommendations

The most difficult task facing the CCN-District is, as always, identifying the names of people qualified for service in the various offices at the district level. It is permissible to make recommendations for a region other than your own, however, those recommended must be able to represent that region. Any church worker or member of a district congregation can submit a recommendation using the appropriate recommendation form from the website.

We need the help of the church workers and lay people of the district!

- **Please take the time to make some thoughtful recommendations.**
- **Announce the call for recommendations in your church bulletins and newsletters.**
- **Make copies of recommendation forms available to the people of your congregation.**
- **Speak to people whom you recommend, encouraging them to give their consent and provide their biographical information in a timely manner!**

Because the CCN-District must prepare a slate of candidates for all other offices "at least 45 days prior to the district convention", and to do so we must contact and secure consent and biographical information from those recommended, **we are requesting that you submit your recommendations to us by January 30, 2021.** (Recommendations will be accepted after this date but could be ruled invalid if we are unable to secure the recommended person's consent and biographical information prior to the time that the committee adopts the

slate.)

DEADLINES TO KEEP IN MIND:

January 30, 2021 Recommendations for all offices other than President and Vice-President

March 16, 2021 Nominations for **President and Vice-President** must be received at the SWD office.

Rev. David W. Totsky
Secretary, South Wisconsin District.