

## TALK SHEET: DISTRICTS OF THE SYNOD

### Word

1. There are several examples in the Bible describing how individuals relate to one another within the church. From the following, what insights can be gained concerning the relationships in the immediate biblical context? What insights can be gained concerning our relationships as we relate to one another on the congregational, district and Synod level?

- Philippians 1:3–11 \_\_\_\_\_
- Mark 9:33–37 \_\_\_\_\_
- Acts 6:1–6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Corinthians 3:1–9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Acts 15:36–41 (A.D. 41–49); Colossians 4:10 (A.D. 60); 2 Timothy 4:9–11 (A.D. 68) \_\_\_\_\_
- Galatians 2:1–10 \_\_\_\_\_

### Discussion

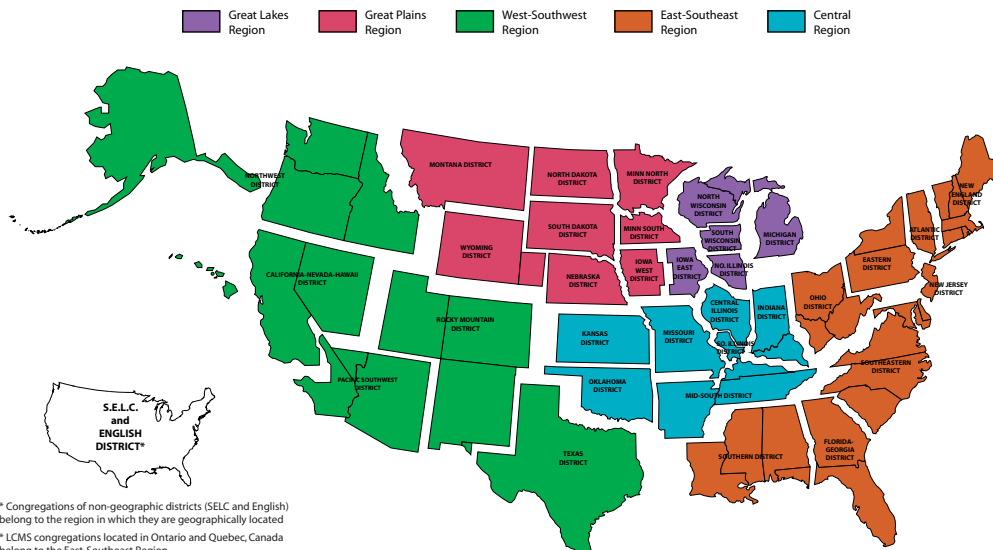
2. Locate the district where your congregation resides. Which districts are your neighbors? Discuss any collaboration between your district and neighboring districts of which you are aware.

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3. Visit your district website. (If you don't know the web address, search "[Name of district] LCMS.")

- What do the main headings on the website tell you about the district? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who is involved in the district staff, and how do they serve the district? \_\_\_\_\_
- What evidence does the website give that they are a part of the LCMS? \_\_\_\_\_
- What do the activities posted say about the mission and ministry of the district? \_\_\_\_\_

4. The purpose of a district convention is for worship, nurture, inspiration and communication of vital Synod and district information. Action is also taken for reports and overtures. If you've ever attended a district convention, share your experience concerning these things.

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### Further Study

For a complete description of the districts of the Synod, read Article XII (pp. 17–18) and Bylaws 4.1–4.2 (pp. 183–185) in the LCMS *Handbook*.