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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I was shocked and dismayed this morning when I learned that the LCMS Central Illinois District President Michael Mohr was arrested by federal agents. I understand that the charges leading to the arrest relate to the alleged production of child pornography.

No words can express our sorrow and shame.  
"From depths of woe I cry to you, O Lord" (Psalm 130:1).

The LCMS will cooperate with any request we receive from law enforcement.

I am praying for all affected by this situation and invite you to join me in these prayers.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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