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Daily Worship

Essay Baptized for Life Together!

Essayist: **Rev. Dr. Steven P. Mueller**

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Mueller holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia University, Irvine. He has a Master of Divinity degree and a Master of Sacred Theology degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, and earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in systematic theology from the University of Durham in England.

Mueller and his wife, Nina, live in Lake Forest, Calif., with their three sons.

Morning Worship

Rev. Dr. James A. Baneck



The Rev. Dr. James A. Baneck is a native of Green Bay, Wisc. He graduated from Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., in 1983 with a music major in organ performance and choral conducting. In 1987, Baneck graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.

His first call was to St. John's Lutheran Church, Kimball, Minn. (1987–93). Baneck's second call was to Messiah Lutheran Church, Mandan, North Dakota (1993–2009).

He earned his Doctor of Ministry degree in 2001 from Concordia Theological Seminary, and his dissertation was *Sacramental Preaching*.

Baneck is currently serving his second term as district president of the LCMS North Dakota District. He is also serving on the Concordia Theological Seminary Board of Regents.

Baneck is married to Myrna (Hall), who is a Lutheran school teacher. The Banecks preside in Mandan, North Dakota.

Afternoon Worship

Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan



The Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan currently serves as senior pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia, Mo., and as first vice-president of the Missouri District. He is a 1992 graduate of Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska. He continued his studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, earning a Master of Divinity degree in 1996 and a Doctor of Ministry degree in 2011.

He previously served as associate pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Evansville, Ind., from 1996–2002. Most recently, he served as the interim director of LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission in 2011–12. He has held served in a number of capacities at the district level including as fourth vice-president, chairman of the Board for Congregational Services, a member of the Board of Directors of the Missouri District and as a member of the Indiana District Youth Board and Youth Gathering Planning team. A frequent workshop presenter, he has spoken on issues such as rural and small town ministry, pastors and elders and a host of other topics.

He is married to Jill, who works as a speech and language pathologist. They have two children, Caroline and Jack.

Resolutions & Committee Reports

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1. WITNESS

**To Support the Wittenberg Project for the Quincentennial
Celebration of the Lutheran Reformation**

RESOLUTION 1-07B

Overture L1-19, (*TB*, p. 31); Report 1-7 (*CW*, p. 18)

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, walking alongside its German partner church, the Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELK), and with Concordia Publishing House, through the International Lutheran Society of Wittenberg (ILSW), seeks to honor our Lutheran heritage as we approach the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by nurturing and strengthening the faith of Christians and introducing the Christian faith to non-Christians; and

WHEREAS, The time for Lutheran teaching is now for visitors, scholars, and students—to journey to Wittenberg to learn the history, culture, and the effect of the Reformation; and

WHEREAS, Wittenberg welcomes the heirs of Luther’s legacy by welcoming home those who claim Wittenberg and its famed friar as the cradle of the great Reformation legacy; and

WHEREAS, The ILSW envisions a modern, renovated facility serving as an historic center for confessing Lutherans worldwide; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, the Synod’s Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund helped to purchase an historic structure in Wittenberg’s town center, the Old Latin School (1564), making possible a new era of Lutheran scholarship, outreach, witness, service, and education; and

WHEREAS, The ILSW, under the name “The Wittenberg Project” plans to renovate the Old Latin School and provide a comfortable, welcoming space designed for educational and cultural programs; for short-term guest housing for visitors, scholars, teachers, students, LCMS universities and seminaries; for research, theological writing, and as a platform for Gospel proclamation; and

WHEREAS, The Wittenberg Project can serve as a welcome center, establishing a clear and compelling Lutheran presence, and opening doors to further witness and mercy work in the community; and

WHEREAS, The quincentennial anniversary in 2017 of the posting of the Ninety-Five Theses is refocusing the world’s attention on Luther and Wittenberg, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the International Lutheran Society of Wittenberg will have a rare and timely opportunity to welcome confessional Lutherans and visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS, The Wittenberg Project will provide exposure to the legacy of Luther and the unique witness of Scripture and Lutheran Confessions (that we are justified by grace through faith in Christ alone); therefore be it

Resolved, That the LCMS in convention encourage all congregations and individuals within the Synod to support The Wittenberg Project prayerfully and financially; and be it further

Resolved, That all glory be given to God for the life, work, ministry, and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther.

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3. LIFE TOGETHER

**To Express Thanks to the Office of the President
and Offices of National and International Mission**

RESOLUTION 3-16A

Overture 3-42 (CW, p. 161)

WHEREAS, The 2010 LCMS convention resolved to realign the national Synod ministries around two mission boards (Res. 8-08A); and

WHEREAS, This mandate required extensive across-the-board changes which included the elimination of existing program boards and some staffed commissions; and

WHEREAS, This resolution involved making hard and painful decisions that affected the lives of many faithful servants in the church; therefore be it

Resolved, That sincere thanks be given to the Office of the President and the Offices of National and International Mission for all their work and efforts in implementing the resolution to restructure the Synod, to make the Synod's work together more efficient and effective in accomplishing its mission "vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities, and world" (Mission Statement of the Synod) without interruption; and be it further

Resolved, That sincere thanks be given to those who were reassigned or whose positions were eliminated as a result of Res. 8-08A in 2010, and that Synod in convention recognize the sacrifices that these men and women have made for the LCMS; and be it finally

Resolved, That the LCMS continue to pray for God's guidance and blessings on the Office of the President and the Offices of National and International Mission that, per policies developed by the Boards for National and International Mission, the church's witness, acts of mercy, and life together may glorify our risen Lord and benefit the people who gather around Word and Sacrament in the congregations of the LCMS.

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4. THEOLOGY AND CHURCH RELATIONS

To Commend Faithful Service and to Study Proper Roles of Men and Women in the Church

RESOLUTION 4-11A

Overtures 4-16, L4-75 (CW, pp. 169–170, TB, p. 36)

WHEREAS, God created humans distinctly as male and female, in His own image (Gen. 1-2) with distinct roles; and

WHEREAS, The fall into sin has corrupted the fulfillment of these roles (Gen. 3); and

WHEREAS, In spite of sin, Old and New Testament Scriptures are replete with examples of faithful men and women who served God through word and deed; and

WHEREAS, Women in the LCMS have served the Lord in the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, on commissions and boards of the Synod, and in their own parishes, using the gifts God has given them; and

WHEREAS, Men in the LCMS have served the Lord faithfully in their callings and roles as pastors, teachers, elders and deacons, using their gifts in various roles in the Synod and their own parishes; and

WHEREAS, Men and women in the LCMS have served our Lord as commissioned teachers, directors of Christian education, directors of Christian outreach, directors of family life, directors of parish music, parish assistants, certified lay ministers, and deaconesses; and

WHEREAS, The Scripture exhorts men to be leaders in the family and in the church (Col. 3: 19-21; Eph. 5:25-33; 1 Tim. 3: 1-13); and

WHEREAS, Cultural shifts have called into question the distinction of gender roles and created confusion; and

WHEREAS, There has been a noticeable decline in men accepting appropriate responsibility in the congregation; and

WHEREAS, There has been a noticeable decline in men demonstrating and fulfilling responsibility toward women and children; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Synod in convention thank God for the many men and women who serve our Lord faithfully and tirelessly throughout His holy Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 2013 LCMS convention ask the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, in consultation with the seminary faculties, to provide materials for congregations to study the roles of men and women in the home, church, and society; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations of the Synod be encouraged to use these materials as well as other appropriate resources (e.g., materials from Lutheran Hour Ministry Men’s Network, CPH, and others) for the proper nurture of our life together; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod encourage all people to use their gifts within their God-given vocations for the extension and cultivation of the Kingdom of God.

1 **5. SEMINARY AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION**

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3 **To Amend Bylaw 2.13.1 re Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program**

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5 **RESOLUTION 5-03C**

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7 Overtures 5-22, 5-30 (CW, pp. 225, 227)

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9 WHEREAS, 2007 Res. 5-01B established the SMP Committee, renaming the DELTO Oversight Committee
10 to be the Specific Ministry Pastor Committee; and

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12 WHEREAS, Res. 5-01B mandated that “the Specific Ministry Pastor Committee be placed under the
13 supervision of the Board for Pastoral Education”; and

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15 WHEREAS, The Board for Pastoral Education was eliminated in the restructuring of the Synod that occurred
16 at the 2010 LCMS convention; and

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18 WHEREAS, Bylaw 3.3.1.3.f.3 states the President shall as ecclesiastical supervisor “serve the Synod by
19 providing leadership, coordination, and oversight for pre-seminary education programs, seminary education...”;
20 therefore be it

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22 *Resolved*, That Bylaw 2.13.1 be changed to read as follows:

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24 **PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING**

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26 2.13.1 Because of the unique nature of the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program,

27 (a) Following each convention of Synod an SMP Committee shall be established which shall
28 evaluate the SMP program, its parameters and policies for its operations and submit its report and
29 recommendations to the President of Synod no later than six months prior to the next convention of
30 Synod. The committee shall consist of:

31 (1) The LCMS Executive Director of Pastoral Education (committee chair)

32 (2) The LCMS Chief Mission Officer

33 (3) Two district presidents (one chosen by the chairman of the Council of Presidents
34 and one chosen by the President of the Synod)

35 (4) Two representatives from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne (one chosen by the
36 seminary president and one chosen by the President of the Synod)

37 (5) Two representatives from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (one chosen by the seminary
38 president and one chosen by the President of the synod)

39 (6) Two parish pastors who are serving as supervising pastors of SMP students, or who have done
40 so within the past three years (students from both seminaries must be represented) (appointed by
41 the President of Synod).

42 (7) Two SMP pastors who have completed the program

43 (8) Two lay-persons who are members of the LCMS congregations (appointed by the President of
44 the Synod from a list of at least five names provided by the Council of Presidents.

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47 (b) A “specific ministry pastor” is a minister of religion—ordained who has completed the
48 requirements for service as a specific ministry pastor and has been examined by one of the Synod’s
49 seminaries, has received a regular call, and has been placed by the Council of Presidents into a
50 specific Word and Sacrament ministry context. He is eligible to serve only in that specific ministry
51 context for which he has been trained and may not be offered or accept a call for ministry for which
52 he has not been certified as determined by his district president. He shall serve under the supervision
53 of his district president and another pastor who is not a specific ministry pastor.

54 (a1) Because he is under supervision of another pastor and because a specific ministry pastor’s
55 theological education has been formed in part by and for a specific ministry context, he may not be



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placed or called into ecclesiastical roles that exercise pastoral oversight outside the context of his call.

- (b2) A specific ministry pastor is not eligible to
 - (1i) serve as a voting delegate to a national convention of the Synod—but may serve as an advisory delegate to national conventions and as a pastoral delegate to district conventions;
 - (2ii) hold any elected or appointed office on the district or national Synod level that is assigned by the Bylaws of the Synod to “a pastor” or “an ordained minister” (although specific ministry pastors may serve in all other capacities, especially representing the ministerial contexts in which they serve);
 - (3iii) supervise vicars; or
 - (4iv) serve as a circuit counselor.

(c) The ministers of religion—ordained records maintained by district presidents as well as the official membership roster of the Synod shall distinguish between specific ministry pastors and other pastors.



The Rev. Dr. David Benke, president of the LCMS Atlantic District and chairman of Floor Committee 2 on Mercy, gives the thumbs-up, appreciative that 10 of the committee’s resolutions passed with more than 90 percent approval.

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6. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

To Amend Floor Nomination Process

RESOLUTION 6-20

(Handbook, p.187)

Resolved, that Bylaw 3.12.3.7 be amended as follows:

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(b) Floor nominations shall be brought individually before the convention for approval before being added to the ballot, and shall be voted on individually without discussion. No floor nominations shall be accepted which would preclude, by virtue of election limitations of such office, election of any pending nominee already on the slate of candidates received from the Committee for Convention Nominations without disclosing such potential effect immediately to the convention.



U.S. Army Chaplain the Rev. Jonathan Shaw converses with the Rev. Tom Olson before he addressed the delegates concerning a resolution on the employment of women in military combat.

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1 **7. STRUCTURE AND ECCLESIASTICAL MATTERS**

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3 **To Adopt General Principles for Judging Viability of Districts**

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5 **RESOLUTION 7-04A**

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7 Overtures 7-04–7-07 (CW, pp. 249-252; Handbook, p.189)

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9 WHEREAS, Bylaw 4.1.1.3 states:

10 4.1.1.3 The Synod decides when and whether a district shall be formed, divided, realigned, or merged
11 with another or other districts, or dissolved; determines the boundaries of a district; and approves
12 the name of a district

13 (a) A proposal calling for the formation, division, realignment. Merger, or dissolution of a
14 district or districts may be initiated by a national convention of Synod or the Board of
15 Directors of the Synod.

16 (b) Such proposals shall

- 17 (1) be submitted to the President at least six months prior to a convention of the Synod;
- 18 (2) be produced in consultation with the Department of Planning and Research;
- 19 (3) include a substantiated description of the nonviable aspects of the current district(s)
20 on the basis of general principles of viability adopted from time to time by
21 conventions of the Synod, and shall specify the problems or factors which make the
22 adoption of the proposal advisable or necessary;
- 23 (4) provide evidence that the proposed change is the best of the options available;
- 24 (5) provide a specific and realistic development plan for the proposed district(s),
25 including detailed proposals for staff personnel and financial operations; and
- 26 (6) be the object of an evaluation prepared by the Board of Directors of the Synod and
27 submitted to the convention.

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29 WHEREAS, The Synod in convention gave to the task force established by 2010 Res. 8-07 the responsibility
30 of “establishing” general principles of viability for a district (4.1.1.3.(b)(3); and

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32 WHEREAS, The task force located previously existing and adopted “General Principles for Formation or
33 Realignment of Districts” (1969 Res. 4-03); and

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35 WHEREAS, Those general principles read as follows:

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37 A viable district:

- 38 1. offers adequate parish services;
- 39 2. provides adequate mission development, guidance and support;
- 40 3. is adaptable and flexible in meeting new and various needs for ministry;
- 41 4. has boundaries corresponding to the major communications spheres in a given area;
- 42 5. centers in a metropolitan area and has boundaries and internal structures adapted to the metropolitan
43 areas within its boundaries;
- 44 6. evidences balance rather than mere homogeneity;
- 45 7. is compact in terms of travel patterns and travel times;
- 46 8. has sufficient potential financial resources for its own programs and for the support of the Synodical
47 ministries;
- 48 9. is large enough to be effective and efficient;
- 49 10. has general acceptance by the constituency involved. (1969 Proceedings, p. 102)

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52 WHEREAS, The task force has reviewed and revised these principles; therefore be it

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54 *Resolved*, That the Synod in convention adopt these revised “General Principles for Judging the Viability of
55 a District” as follows:

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2 These general principles should be considered for judging the viability of a district. Does the District do
3 the following:
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- 5 1. Provide resources for the district president to carry out ecclesiastical supervision as defined in the
6 Synod’s Constitution (Art. XII) and Bylaws (Bylaw 1.2.1 [g]) in a reasonable and timely manner?
- 7 2. Provide resources for the district president in carrying out the minimum requirements for official visits
8 to each of the member congregations as outlined in Bylaws 4.4.4ff., including coming to the pastors and
9 member congregations at least once every three years as a brotherly adviser, “reminding them of the joy of
10 serving in the mission and ministry of the church”?
- 11 3. Provide appropriate guidance and support to member congregations for participating in the mission God
12 has given to the church, including how that is carried out in the various missions and ministries of the
13 church?
- 14 4. Provide encouragement and needed congregational services (e.g., stewardship, conflict resolution, crisis
15 counseling, financial counseling, calling process, collaborative efforts, networking, nourishment, and help
16 with evangelistic outreach, etc.) to member congregations, and provide advice and counsel to member
17 congregations struggling to carry out their core functions?
- 18 5. Adapt to new circumstances and meet changing needs related to the mission and ministry of the church?
- 19 6. Meet its financial responsibilities and obligations, and receive sufficient financial resources from its
20 membership to (i) support the mission and ministry of the church in the district, and (ii) financially assist
21 the mission and ministry of the Synod?
- 22 7. Find itself to be of a size and configuration to be effective, efficient, and capable of serving all who
23 make up its constituency?
- 24 8. Provide adequate assistance and support to allow the district president to carry out the functions and
25 obligations of the office of district president as set forth in the Bylaws?
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27 ; and be it further
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29 *Resolved*, That the Synod in convention adopt these general principles as guidelines for judging the
30 viability of a district when forming, consolidating, or dividing a district of the Synod; and be it further
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32 *Resolved*, That during the next triennium, each district be expected to evaluate itself through its officers,
33 board of directors, and congregations of the district in light of these general principles and provide that evaluation as
34 part of the district president’s report to the 66th Regular Synod convention; and be it finally
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36 *Resolved*, To thank district presidents, past and present, for their faithful and diligent service as
37 ecclesiastical supervisors and to pray that their service may continue to flourish among us.
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41 **To Adopt Four-Year Convention Cycle**

42 **RESOLUTION 7-10A**

43 Overtures 7-31–32 (CW, pp. 274-276)
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45 **Preamble**

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47 When dealing with the issue of frequency of district and national conventions of The Lutheran Church—Missouri
48 Synod, members of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance in 2010 proposed a change in
49 the convention cycle that aims to accomplish three important objectives:
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- 51 1. Provide a structure that creates a convention culture in the church that uses the Word of God as an
52 instrument of the Holy Spirit and His power in conversation, discussion, and convincing, rather than simply
53 serving as a culture of voting power or legislation.
- 54 2. Provide economic savings.
- 55 3. Provide adequate time for church representatives to implement the work of the church at each level of
56 governance.

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2 For those reasons, there is value in reconsidering a four-year convention cycle.
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4 WHEREAS, A four-year cycle that begins with the grassroots of the Synod will create a convention culture
5 characterized by an intentional focus on the church's common mission and confession, on contemporary issues
6 faced by the church, and on theology, nurture, edification, inspiration, and worship; and
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8 WHEREAS, A change to a four-year cycle allows for the central role of congregations in all four years; and
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10 WHEREAS, It is desirable to be the best stewards of both the time and the money of the members of the
11 congregations of the Synod; and
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13 WHEREAS, Significant economic savings will be realized by the congregations of the Synod being assessed
14 for a district and a national convention every four years rather than every three years; and
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16 WHEREAS, The importance of matters coming from a congregation, a circuit forum, or a district convention
17 to a convention of the national Synod is well served by a four-year cycle; therefore be it
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19 *Resolved*, That The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod adopt a four-year cycle for district and national
20 conventions to take effect at the conclusion of the 66th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri
21 Synod ; and be it further
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23 *Resolved*, That in the four-year cycle, circuits may hold theological convocations in year one; districts shall
24 hold theological convocations in year two; district conventions shall be held in year three; and the national Synod
25 convention shall be held in year four; and be it further
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27 *Resolved*, That the Synod's Constitution be amended to reflect a four-year convention cycle
28 VIII.A.1 The Synod convenes every ~~three~~ four years for its regular meeting
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32 *Resolved*, That the terms of offices shall be established by the 66th Regular convention of the Synod
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36 *Resolved*, That Synod's bylaws be amended by the Commission on Handbook to reflect a four-year
37 convention cycle upon congregational ratification of the constitutional amendment.
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41 **To Address *Handbook* Issues re Dispute Resolution Process**
42 **(Bylaw Section 1.10)**
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44 **RESOLUTION 7-12A**
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46 Overture 7-20 (CW, pp. 259-263)
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48 **Introduction**
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50 During the triennium, concerns related to Bylaw section 1.10 (dispute resolution) were brought to the attention of
51 the Commission on Handbook. This overture identifies those concerns and advocates bylaw amendment solutions
52 proposed by the commission to the 2013 convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for adoption.
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54 **(A) Exceptional Use of Synod Dispute Resolution Process**
55 **(Bylaw 1.10.3)**
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1 **Rationale**

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3 Bylaw 1.10.3 identifies matters for which the Synod’s dispute resolution process “does not provide an exclusive
4 remedy.” Lost in the current wording of the bylaw is the availability of the dispute resolution process even in the
5 case of those disputes enumerated by paragraphs (a) and (b) of the bylaw if both parties agree to use and honor the
6 outcome of the process. The Commission on Handbook proposes the addition of a final sentence to the paragraph, as
7 follows.
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9 **PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING**

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11 1.10.3 This chapter provides evangelical procedures to remedy disputes only and does not set forth procedures for
12 expulsion from membership (Constitution, Art. XIII and Bylaw sections 2.14–2.17); nor does it set forth
13 procedures for board of regents’ supervision of faculty and administration as specified in Bylaws
14 3.10.4.7.5–3.10.4.7.9 and 3.10.5.6.5–3.10.5.6.9. While Christians are encouraged to seek to resolve all their
15 disputes without resorting to secular courts, this chapter does not provide an exclusive remedy for the
16 following matters, unless such matters involve theological, doctrinal, or ecclesiastical issues, including
17 those arising under the divine call of a member of the Synod:
18 (a) Disputes concerning property rights (e.g., real estate agreements, mortgages, fraud, or
19 embezzlement)
20 (b) Disputes arising under contractual arrangements of all kinds (e.g., contracts for goods, services, or
21 employment benefits)
22 Even in the case of disputes concerning property rights or disputes arising under contractual arrangements,
23 this dispute resolution process may be used if both parties sign written statements agreeing to use and honor
24 the outcome of the process.
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26 **Dispute Cases with Multiple Complainants or Respondents**
27 **(Bylaw 1.10.5)**

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29 **Rationale**

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31 In some dispute resolution cases, multiple complainants may bring accusations against a single respondent or a
32 single complainant may bring accusations against multiple respondents. The spirit of the Matthew 18 principle
33 requiring a face-to-face meeting “between you and him alone” is best served when disputes are addressed by
34 individuals meeting face-to-face. The Commission on Handbook therefore proposes the addition of a sentence to
35 Bylaw 1.10.5, as follows.
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37 **PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING**

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39 1.10.5 Before any matter is submitted to the formal reconciliation process, the parties involved in a dispute must
40 meet together, face-to-face, in a good-faith attempt to settle their dispute in the manner described in
41 Matthew 18:15 and may involve the informal use of a reconciler. And further, before any matter is
42 submitted to the formal reconciliation process, the complainant(s) must meet and consult with his or
43 /her/their ecclesiastical supervisor(s) to seek advice and also so that it can be determined whether this is the
44 appropriate bylaw procedure (Bylaw section 1.10) or whether the matter falls under Bylaw sections 1.8,
45 2.14, 2.15, 2.16, or 2.17, or Bylaws 3.10.4.7.9 and 3.10.5.6.9. In regard to this consultation:
46 (a) From this point forward in this process, in the case of multiple complainants or multiple
47 respondents, the district president of the respondent decides whether or not each complainant and/or
48 respondent proceeds singly and individually, or as a group.
49 (ab) The district president of the complainant shall inform the district president of the respondent that a
50 consultation is underway. He may also seek advice from the vice-presidents of his own district or from
51 the district president of the respondent. The district president may also ask for an opinion of the
52 Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) and/or the Commission on Theology and Church
53 Relations (CTCR). The district president must follow any opinion received from either the CCM or the
54 CTCR, which shall be rendered within 30 days or such additional time as the district president may
55 allow.



1 ~~(bc) The district president shall require the complainant to follow the correct bylaw provision under the~~
2 ~~circumstance, if any. Within 45 days of the conclusion of the consultation, and receipt of any advice,~~
3 ~~or opinions as described above, the district president shall advise the complainant and the district~~
4 ~~president of the respondent of the appropriate bylaw section to be followed, and shall provide~~
5 ~~evangelical supervision, counsel, and care to the party or parties.~~

6 (ed) If Bylaw section 1.10 applies, the district president shall require the complainant to meet face-to-
7 face with the respondent in the manner described in Matthew 18:15, if the complainant has not already
8 done so as set forth above.

9 (e) The reputation of all parties is to be protected as commanded in the Eighth Commandment. The
10 goal throughout is always one of reconciliation, of repentance and forgiveness, even if the following
11 proceedings are carried out.

12 *Formal Efforts toward Reconciliation*

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15 1.10.6 If ~~either~~ any party to the dispute is of the opinion that informal reconciliation efforts have failed, such
16 party, in consultation with his ~~or her/its~~ ecclesiastical supervisor, shall submit a request to the administrator
17 of the dispute resolution process, the secretary of the Synod or district, or an appointee, as appropriate, that
18 a reconciler be appointed to assist in seeking reconciliation. ...

19 20 **(B) Content of Reconcilers' Reports** 21 **(Bylaw 1.10.6.5)**

22 **Rationale**

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25 Current Bylaw 1.10.6.5, while it does currently list the components of the report of a reconciler in a dispute case,
26 will benefit from an expansion of its content to clarify expectations regarding the content of a reconciler's report.
27 The Commission on Handbook proposes the following changes to the bylaw.

28 **PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING**

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31 1.10.6.5 Upon conclusion of the formal reconciliation meeting or meetings, the reconciler shall prepare a written
32 report which contains

33 (1) the actions of the ~~reconciler,~~reconciler;

34 (2) the issues that were ~~resolved,~~resolved;

35 (3) the issues that remain ~~unresolved,~~unresolved;

36 (4) ~~and a statement~~ whether reconciliation was ~~achieved,~~achieved;

37 (5) ~~Attached to the report shall be (a)~~ the statement of the complainant as to informal reconciliation
38 efforts;

39 (~~b~~) the statement of the matter in dispute; and

40 (~~e~~) any reply by the respondent.

41 All communication that takes place during the reconciliation process shall be considered strictly
42 confidential, including all oral and written communications of the parties. The report, therefore, shall not
43 contain any such ~~No information, shared in confidence shall be included in the report. nor shall it contain~~
44 any opinion of the reconciler regarding the dispute. The report and the attachments shall be
45 forwarded provided only to the parties to the dispute and the secretary of the Synod or district as
46 appropriate.

47 48 **(C) Clarification of Eligibility of District Reconcilers** 49 **(Bylaw 1.10.10)**

50 **Rationale**

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53 Regarding the service of district reconcilers, current Bylaw 1.10.10 limits the selection of ministers of religion—
54 ordained to “pastors,” (parish pastors actively serving congregations of the Synod), thereby removing from
55 consideration all other ordained ministers. The same concern exists in Bylaws 1.10.13.1 and 1.10.15.1. The
56 Commission on Handbook proposes the following bylaw changes.

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2 PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING
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4 1.10.10 Within three months after conventions of the Synod, each district board of directors shall appoint a district
5 roster of four reconcilers (~~ministers of religion—ordained, ministers of religion—commissioned, and~~
6 ~~laypersons~~), no more than two of whom shall be ~~pastors~~ ordained ministers, from a list supplied by the
7 circuit counselors of the district.
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9 1.10.13.1 Each Dispute Resolution Panel shall consist of three voting members, at least one of whom shall be a
10 ~~pastor~~minister of religion—ordained and one a layperson.
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12 1.10.15.1 Each Review Panel shall consist of three voting members, at least one of whom shall be a ~~pastor~~minister
13 of religion—ordained, and at least one a layperson.
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15 **(D) Reappointment of Hearing Facilitators**
16 **(Bylaw 1.10.12)**
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18 **Rationale**
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20 Current Bylaws 1.10.12–1.10.12.3, which speak of the appointment and service of hearing facilitators, do not
21 address the question of reappointment after terms of service of six years. The Commission on Handbook proposes
22 the following addition to Bylaw 1.10.12 to address this issue.
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24 PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING
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26 1.10.12 After the training of the reconcilers and in consultation with the appropriate district presidents, the
27 Secretary of the Synod shall identify 25 of the reconcilers who exhibit skills in the proper conduct of a fair
28 and impartial hearing to comprise the Synod’s roster of hearing facilitators, who shall be trained for such
29 purpose.

30 (a) The term of service shall be six years, renewable without limit. Within three months after
31 conventions of the Synod, the Secretary of the Synod shall contact those hearing facilitators whose
32 terms have been completed to learn of their availability and willingness to continue for an additional
33 term.

34 (b) Any vacancies for an unexpired term or resulting from a decision not to continue at the end of a
35 term of service shall be filled in the same manner as described above as needed and as requested by the
36 Secretary of the Synod.
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38 **(E) Removal of Reconcilers from Office**
39 **(New Bylaw 1.10.10.4)**
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41 **Rationale**
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43 The administrator of the dispute resolution process surfaced the issue of the absence of a provision in the Bylaws for
44 the removal of district-appointed dispute resolution process reconcilers (Bylaw section 1.10). Strict adherence by
45 reconcilers to the instructions provided in the Bylaws and *Standard Operating Procedures Manual* is essential for
46 uniformity and good order as reconcilers do their important work. Given the absence of any bylaw provision to
47 allow a reconciler to be removed for cause, the Commission on Handbook proposes the following bylaw addition for
48 adoption by the 2013 LCMS convention.
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50 PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING
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52 1.10.10.4 A reconciler may be removed for cause from a district’s roster of reconcilers by that district’s board
53 of directors upon report of the administrator of the dispute resolution process after consultation with the
54 president of the district.
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1 (F) **Composition of Dispute Resolution and Appeal Panels**
2 (Bylaws 1.10.13.1, 1.10.13.2, 1.10.15.1, 1.10.15.2)

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4 **Rationale**

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6 In order to broaden district representation and to avoid the appearance of unfairness or the potential for undue
7 influence, the Commission on Handbook proposes the following changes to the bylaws governing the composition
8 of dispute resolution and appeal panels, for adoption by the 2013 LCMS convention.
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10 PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING

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12 1.10.13.1 Each Dispute Resolution Panel shall consist of three voting members, at least one of whom shall be a
13 ~~pastor~~ minister of religion—ordained and one a layperson.

14 (a) Nine names shall be selected by a blind draw from the dispute resolution roster.

15 (b) No member of a panel shall be from the district in which the dispute arose or, if it is a Synod
16 question, from any district in which a party holds membership. No two members of a panel shall be
17 from the same district.

18 (c) The list. ...
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20 1.10.13.2 The hearing facilitator shall be selected as follows:

21 (a) Three names shall be selected by a blind draw according to the *SOPM* from the hearing facilitator
22 roster.

23 (b) No hearing facilitator shall be from the district in which the dispute arose or from any district in
24 which a party holds membership or from any of the panel members' districts.

25 (c) The list. ...
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27 1.10.15.1 Each Review Panel shall consist of three voting members, at least one of whom shall be a ~~pastor~~ minister
28 of religion—ordained, and at least one a layperson.

29 (a) Nine names shall be selected by a blind draw according to the *SOPM* from the roster of reconcilers
30 of the Synod.

31 (b) No member of a panel shall be from the district in which the dispute arose or, if it is a Synod
32 question, from any district in which a party holds membership. No two members of a panel shall be
33 from the same district.

34 (c) The list. ...
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36 1.10.15.2 The hearing facilitator shall be selected as follows:

37 (a) Three names shall be selected by a blind draw according to the *SOPM* from the hearing facilitator
38 roster.

39 (b) No hearing facilitator shall be from the district in which the dispute arose or from any district in
40 which a party holds membership or from any of the panel members' districts.

41 (c) The list
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43 (G) **Responsibilities of an Appeal Panel**
44 (Bylaw 1.10.8.2)

45 **Rationale**

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47 Current Bylaw 1.10.8.2 provides no detail regarding the responsibilities of an Appeal Panel. Such responsibilities
48 and accompanying guidelines are currently provided in detail in the Bylaw section 1.10 *Standard Operating*
49 *Procedures Manual (SOPM)*. The Commission on Handbook proposes the following bylaw additions to include
50 these *SOPM* provisions in the *Handbook* of the Synod.
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52 PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING

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54 1.10.8.2 Within 30 days after receipt, an Appeal Panel shall be selected in the prescribed manner, and the Secretary
55 of the Synod shall send the appeal to each member.

1 (a) Copies of the entire official record of the case, including the full report of the reconciler, the
2 decision and all documentary evidence considered by the Dispute Resolution Panel, and the written
3 appeal request shall be provided to the members of the panel. The panel shall make its decision on the
4 basis of the minutes and written decision of the Dispute Resolution Panel and the documentary
5 evidence received and reviewed.

6 (b) The panel shall concern itself only with those issues originally addressed by the Dispute
7 Resolution Panel, unless issues were identified by the Dispute Resolution Panel for which it did not
8 make a decision.

9 (c) The panel shall decide only whether to approve reconsideration of the decision of the Dispute
10 Resolution Panel. The panel shall not approve a request for a new hearing on the basis of newly
11 discovered evidence unless such evidence was clearly not available to the Dispute Resolution Panel
12 and was not the fault of the party requesting the reopening of the case, and unless it is clear that the
13 absence of such evidence resulted in a gross miscarriage of justice.

14 (d) The standards of review, which define the parameters for the panel’s consideration of an appeal,
15 limit the panel’s review to three basic areas.

16 (1) Factual findings: The Appeal Panel shall review factual findings of the Dispute Resolution
17 Panel only to determine if they are supported by evidence. The Appeal Panel shall not ordinarily
18 sit in judgment of the Dispute Resolution Panel’s conclusions regarding evidence, since that
19 panel was in the best position to judge factual issues. The Appeal Panel must be convinced that
20 a mistake has been committed, that is, that the evidence is such that reasonable minds could not
21 disagree.

22 (2) Conclusions on authority: The Appeal Panel may approve an appeal if the Dispute
23 Resolution Panel was clearly outside its authority, e.g., a decision that the panel had no authority
24 to make under the Constitution and Bylaws, or a decision on an issue not identified by the
25 Dispute Resolution Panel, or a decision on a theological question that the panel had no authority
26 to make.

27 (3) Discretionary acts: The Appeal Panel may approve an appeal if there was a clear abuse of
28 discretion impacting the decision of the Dispute Resolution Panel, resulting in a gross
29 miscarriage of justice, or that involves an obvious and inappropriate bias or prejudice.

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31 **(H) Responsibilities of the Review Panel**
32 **(Bylaw 1.10.8.4)**

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34 **Rationale**

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36 If an Appeal Panel grants a request for reconsideration of the decision of a Dispute Resolution Panel and the matter
37 goes before a Review Panel, current bylaws advocate that the panel “shall generally decide the issue on the record
38 without further formal hearing,” though they also allow the panel to “follow the procedure used by a Dispute
39 Resolution Panel if deemed necessary.” In practice, this bylaw has been found to be less than realistic in its
40 advocacy of deciding disputed matters solely on the record of the Dispute Resolution Panel. In most cases, a serious
41 error by the earlier panel is the reason for granting a request for reconsideration by Review Panel. In addition, the
42 written record cannot convey the oral testimony and conversation that necessarily takes place during a hearing. For
43 these reasons, the Commission on Handbook advocates the following bylaw changes.

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45 **PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING**

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47 *Procedure of a Review Panel*

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49 1.10.8.4 If an appeal is granted, the Secretary of the Synod, or his representative, shall, within 21 days, select a
50 Review Panel in the prescribed manner (Bylaws 1.10.15ff.). The Review Panel shall generally decide the
51 issue by following the procedure used by a Dispute Resolution Panel (Bylaws 1.10.7ff.) ~~on the record~~
52 ~~without further formal hearing~~ but may follow the procedure used by a Dispute Resolution Panel decide the
53 issue on the record without further formal hearing if deemed necessary sufficient and appropriate.

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55 **(I) Special Three-Member Panel**
56 **(Bylaw 1.10.16.1–1.10.16.2)**

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2 **Rationale**
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4 From time to time the need arises for a decision by the “separate three-member panel of reconcilers” referred to in
5 Bylaw 1.10.16.1. The current bylaw offers no instruction regarding this panel other than that it shall be “drawn for
6 that purpose according to the *SOPM*.” Questions have resulted regarding the selection and performance of this
7 panel. The Commission on Handbook proposes the following changes to the bylaw.
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9 PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING
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11 1.10.16.1 Any party and/or parties to a dispute shall have the right to request disqualification of a reconciler, panel
12 member, or hearing facilitator. If that individual does not agree to the disqualification, the decision shall be
13 made by a separate three-member panel of reconcilers drawn for that purpose ~~according to the SOPM.~~

14 (a) Nine names shall be selected by blind draw from the Synod’s roster of reconcilers.

15 (b) The list shall be mailed simultaneously to each party, who shall be entitled to strike up to three
16 names. The list shall be returned to the Secretary of the Synod within one week after receipt.

17 (c) The Secretary of the Synod shall correct any problem with the list. No member of the panel shall
18 be from the district in which the dispute arose or any district of any party to the dispute. No two panel
19 members shall be from the same district. If more names remain than are needed, the final selection
20 shall be made by blind draw.

21 (d) In the event that additional names are needed, three names will be selected in the manner set forth
22 above, which names shall be submitted to each party, who shall have the right to strike one name
23 before returning the list to the Secretary of the Synod within one week.
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25 1.10.16.2 In the event that a reconciler, panel member, or hearing facilitator is disqualified, another individual shall
26 be chosen by blind draw ~~according to the SOPM.~~

27 (a) Three names shall be selected by blind draw from the Synod’s roster of reconcilers or hearing
28 facilitators as appropriate.

29 (b) The list shall be mailed simultaneously to each party, which shall be entitled to strike one of the
30 names. The list shall be returned to the Secretary of the Synod within one week after receipt.

31 (c) The Secretary of the Synod shall correct any problem with the list. No member of the panel shall
32 be from the district in which the dispute arose or any district of any party to the dispute. No two panel
33 members shall be from the same district. If more names remain than are needed, the final selection
34 shall be made by blind draw.

35 (d) In the event that additional names are needed, three names shall again be selected in the manner
36 set forth above, which names shall be submitted to each party, with the right to strike one name before
37 returning the list to the Secretary of the Synod within one week.
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39 **(J) Requests for CCM/CTCR Opinions**
40 **(Bylaw 1.10.18.1 [h])**
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42 **Rationale**
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44 In order to keep a dispute resolution process moving forward, it is important that time requirements be honored
45 throughout the process, including the 30-day requirement for the provision of Commission on Constitutional Matters
46 and Commission on Theology and Church Relations opinions requested by Dispute Resolution or Review Panels.
47 To underscore the need for these commissions to make such arrangements as are necessary to fulfill this
48 requirement, the Commission on Handbook advocates the following bylaw change.
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50 PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING
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52 1.10.18.1 (h) If any part of the dispute involves a specific question of doctrine or doctrinal application, each
53 party shall have the right to an opinion from the Commission on Theology and Church Relations. If it
54 involves questions of constitution or bylaw interpretation, each party shall have the right to an
55 interpretation from the Commission on Constitutional Matters. The request for an opinion must be

1 made through the Dispute Resolution Panel or Review Panel, which shall determine the wording of the
2 question(s).
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4 The request for an opinion must be made within four weeks of the final formation of the Dispute
5 Resolution Panel or Review Panel. If a party does not request such an opinion within the designated
6 time, such a request may still be made to the Dispute Resolution Panel or Review Panel that shall, at its
7 discretion, determine whether the request shall be forwarded. The Dispute Resolution Panel or Review
8 Panel shall also have the right, at any time, to request an opinion from the Commission on Theology
9 and Church Relations or the Commission on Constitutional Matters.
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11 The Commission on Constitutional Matters and the Commission on Theology and Church Relations
12 shall have in place a procedure for responding within this 30-day time frame to such requests for
13 opinions. Any opinion so requested shall be rendered within 30 days or such greater time as the
14 Dispute Resolution Panel may allow. When an opinion has been requested, the time limitations
15 governing the dispute resolution process will not apply until the opinion has been received by the
16 parties. Any opinion received ~~from the Commission on Theology and Church Relations and the~~
17 ~~Commission on Constitutional Matters~~ must be followed by the Dispute Resolution Panel or Review
18 Panel.
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The Synod's new slate of regional vice-presidents is introduced to the convention. From left to right, LCMS President Matthew C. Harrison, First Vice-President Herbert Mueller, Fifth Vice-President John Wohlrabe, Fourth Vice-President Daniel Preus, Second Vice-President Scott Murray, and Third Vice-President Nabil Nour, and Sixth Vice-President Robert Kuhn.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

To Encourage Further Support for Campus Ministry

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 1-15A

(TB, p. 324)

Add *Resolved* at line 30 to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Synod encourage title holders of existing campus ministry chapels to make every effort to retain them for their intended purpose, to the glory of God; and be it further

Submitted by:
Carol A. Hack Broome
Lay Delegate, California-Nevada Hawaii District

**To Continue to Support and Promote Black Ministry in The
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 3-09

(TB, p. 77)

Amend Resolution 3-09 by inserting the following as the fourth *Resolved* :

Resolved, That the Synod in convention affirm the value of telling the story of the mother of Black Lutheranism in the Black Belt and, give thanks to God for the work of Dr. Rosa Young as told in her book, “Light In The Dark Belt” and support the Rosa Young film project that is currently being produced; and be it further

Submitted by:
Rev. Dr. Willie P. Stallworth, Sr.
Pastoral Delegate, Southern Illinois District

To Update Synod’s Catechetical Materials

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 3-13A

(TB, p. 247)

Change the second *Resolved* in line 31 to read as follows:

Resolved, That the translation of *Luther’s Small Catechism* published by Concordia Publishing House (CPH) before 1986 be restored and printed with the revised Explanation; and be it further

Submitted by:
Christian Kopff
Lay Delegate, Rocky Mountain District

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3 **To Address Questions Re Service of Licensed Lay Deacons**

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5 **AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 4-06A**

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7 (TB, p. 249)

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9 Line 16, add a fifth *Resolved* :

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11 *Resolved* , That the Synod suspend permission to the districts to license any more lay deacons for Word and
12 Sacrament ministry until the plan and its proposed implementation are reported to the Synod, and until the Synod in
13 convention has implemented a plan that resolves both the confessional concerns and the pastoral supply needs
14 associated with the licensing of lay deacons for Word and Sacrament ministry.
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17 Submitted by:
18 Carol Hack Broome
19 Lay Delegate, CNH District
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22 **To Amend Bylaws Regarding Boards of Regents and**
23 **Concordia University System Board**

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25 **AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 5-05B**

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27 (TB, pp. 368,369–370, 372–373)

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29 Amendments to the following sections

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31 PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING

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33 3.6.6.3 The Board of Directors of Concordia University System shall be composed of nine voting members and
34 four nonvoting members (no more than one member elected by the Synod shall be from the same district,
35 and no executive, faculty member, or staff member from a Lutheran institution of higher education may
36 serve on the Board of Directors of Concordia University System as a voting member):
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38 *Voting Members:*

- 39 1. Two ministers of religion—ordained elected by the Synod
40 2. One minister of religion—commissioned elected by the Synod
41 3. Two laypersons elected by the Synod
42 4. Three laypersons appointed by the delegates of the members of Concordia University System
43 5. The President of the Synod or his representative
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45 *Nonvoting Advisory Members:*

- 46 1. A district president appointed by the Council of Presidents
47 2. The Chief Financial Officer of the Synod
48 3. The Chief Mission Officer or his representative
49 4. One university president
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51 Persons elected or appointed to the Concordia University System Board of Directors should have
52 demonstrated familiarity and support of the institutions, and shall support the doctrinal positions of our
53 synod and should possess two or more of the following qualifications: theological acumen, an advanced
54 degree, experience in higher education administration, administration of complex organizations, finance,
55 law, investments, technology, human resources, facilities management, or fund development.
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2 3.10.5.2 The board of regents of each college and university shall consist of no more than ~~47~~25 voting members:
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4 ~~1. One ordained minister, one commissioned minister, and two laypersons shall be elected by the~~
5 ~~conventions of the Synod.~~

6 ~~2. One ordained minister, one commissioned minister, and two laypersons shall be elected by the~~
7 ~~geographical district in which the institution is located.~~

8 ~~3. No less than four and no more than eight laypersons shall be appointed as voting members by the~~
9 ~~board of regents.~~

10 ~~4. The president of the district in which the college or university is located or a district vice president~~
11 ~~as his standing representative shall serve as an ex officio member.~~

12 1. Two ordained ministers, two commissioned ministers, and four laypersons shall be elected by the
13 conventions of the Synod.

14 2. One ordained minister, one commissioned minister, and two laypersons shall be elected by the
15 geographical district in which the institution is located.

16 3. The President of the Synod shall appoint one voting member from the region in which the
17 institution is located.

18 4. The president of the district in which the college or university is located or a district vice-president
19 as his standing representative shall serve as an *ex officio* voting member.

20 5. No less than four and no more than eleven lay persons shall be appointed for three years terms as
21 voting members by the board of regents. Appointment shall be made by the elected members, the
22 president of the district in which the college or university is located or his standing representative,
23 and the LCMS President's appointee.

24 ~~56.~~ College and university boards of regents members may be elected or appointed to serve a maximum
25 of three consecutive three-year terms and must hold membership in a member congregation of the
26 Synod.

27 ~~67.~~ Not more than two of the elected members shall be members of the same congregation.

28 ~~78.~~ Persons elected or appointed to a board of regents should ~~possess several of the following~~
29 ~~qualifications:~~ be knowledgeable regarding the region in which the institution is located and shall
30 demonstrate familiarity and support for the doctrinal positions of synod and should possess two or
31 more of the following qualifications: theological acumen, possess an advanced academic degree, and
32 have experience in higher education administration, administration of complex organizations, finance,
33 law, investments, technology, human resources, facilities management, or fund development.
34 Demonstrated familiarity and support of the institution is a desired quality in the candidate.
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37 3.12.3.5 The first meeting of the Committee for Convention Nominations shall be at the call of the Secretary of the
38 Synod at least six months prior to the convention of the Synod.

39 (a) The Secretary shall not serve as a member of the committee, but he shall convene the initial
40 meeting of the committee and be available, upon call, for consultation.

41 (b) The committee shall elect its own chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary and shall organize its
42 work in whatever way it deems necessary.

43 (c) The committee shall inform itself as to the duties and requirements of each position to be filled
44 and thereby be guided in its selection of nominees.

45 (d) In the case of the boards of regents of educational institutions of the Synod, the committee shall
46 consult with the President of the Synod or the Board of Directors of Concordia University System and
47 to receive their input for the committee's consideration.

48 (e) The committee for convention nominations shall establish and maintain a procedure to generate
49 and publish in advance of the convention a list of names from all who have been nominated for Synod
50 boards and commissions who meet the qualifications (Bylaws 3.10.5.2.7 and 3.6.6.3) to serve on a
51 Concordia University System Board of Regents or the Concordia University System Board of
52 Directors.
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55 3.12.3.7 The chairman of the Committee for Convention Nominations shall submit the committee's report in person
56 to the convention at one of its earliest sessions.

- 1 (a) The convention may amend the slate by nominations from the floor.
 2 (b) Floor nominations shall be brought individually before the convention for approval before being
 3 added to the ballot. No floor nominations shall be accepted which would preclude, by virtue of election
 4 limitations of such office, election of any pending nominee already on the slate of candidates received
 5 from the Committee for Convention Nominations without disclosing such potential effect immediately
 6 to the convention.
 7 (c) Such floor nominations may only be made from the list of names which have previously been
 8 offered to the Committee for Convention Nominations prior to the final deadline for the submission of
 9 nominations, unless the convention shall otherwise order by a simple majority vote.
 10 (d) If the convention approves the receipt of such additional nominations, any delegate making such a
 11 nomination shall have secured prior written consent of the candidate being nominated and shall
 12 immediately submit it to the chairman of the Committee for Convention Nominations, along with
 13 required pertinent information concerning the nominee as detailed in Bylaw 3.12.3.6 (c).
 14 (e) Whenever possible, chairman of the Committee for Convention Nominations shall have on hand at
 15 the convention a reserve list of nominees, approved by the committee, for use if required.
 16 (f) Whenever possible, the Committee for Convention Nominations should be informed in advance if
 17 any new board or commission is likely to be established at a convention of the Synod, so that it may
 18 have a slate of candidates in readiness.
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20 Submitted by:
 21 Carl Egger
 22 Lay Delegate, Iowa District East
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26 **To Revise Bylaw 3.10.5.5.2 re Election Process for College and University Presidents**
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28 **AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 5-09**
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30 Overture 5-08 (CW, p. 191)
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32 Line 27, add the following:
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34 WHEREAS, We should value and encourage direct participation in the presidential search process by our
 35 faithful rostered church workers serving our institutions of higher education, including deaconesses, DCEs, teachers,
 36 pastors and others, and our dedicated LCMS staff, for whose service we give thanks to God; therefore be it
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38 *Resolved*, That Bylaw 3.10.5.5.2(b)(1) be amended by adding on Line 48 after the words the staff:
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40 Faculty members on the committee shall be rostered church workers, and staff members on the committee
 41 shall be members of LCMS congregations.
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43 Submitted by:
 44 Mark O. Stern
 45 Lay Delegate, Northern Illinois District
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Resolved, That the Secretary of Synod mail the list of ministers of religion (ordained) who are on candidate or non-candidate status and eligible for a call to all vacant congregations of the Synod in October and April of each year; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of National Mission be encouraged to continue its service through Soldiers of the Cross; and be it finally

Resolved, That synod congregations and their members be encouraged to give to the Soldiers of the Cross annual fund drive.

Submitted by:
Rev. Charles Lehmann
Pastoral Delegate, Montana District



The Rev. Darrell Debowey, Central Illinois District delegate, listens to Floor Committee 7 Tuesday morning. Debowey is pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ill.

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Slate of Nominees

2013 Synod Convention

Office/Nominee	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
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First Vice-President				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1)	Total 1,030			
1. Fickenscher, Carl C. (IN)	8.5% (88)			
2. Mueller, Herbert C. (MO)	55.8% (575)			
3. Murray, Scott R. (TX)	11.4% (117)			
4. Preus, Daniel (MO)	11.8% (121)			
5. Wohlrabe, John C., Jr. (SW)	12.5% (129)			

Central Regional Vice-President				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1)	Total 965			
1. Bueltmann, David J. (CI)	7.6% (73)			
2. Gard, Daniel L. (IN)	8.2% (79)			
3. Noland, Martin R. (IN)	6.8% (66)			
4. Preus, Daniel (MO)	50.3% (485)			
5. Wenthe, Dean O. (IN)	27.2% (262)			

East-Southeast Regional Vice-President				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1)	Total 991	Total 926		
1. Buegler, David D. (OH)	8.9% (88)			
2. Diefenthaler, Jon T. (SE)	23.0% (228)	29.3% (271)		
3. Kuhn, Robert T. (FG)	42.8% (424)	50.9% (471)		
4. Michael, Gerhard C. (FG)	6.5% (64)			
5. Taylor, Dien A. (AT)	18.9% (187)	19.9% (184)		

Great Lakes Regional Vice-President				
Ministers of Religion—Ordained (elect 1)	Total 932			
1. Bender, Peter C. (SW)	9.4% (88)			
2. Davis, David A. (MI)	8.1% (75)			
3. Hoesman, C. William (MI)	16.4% (153)			
4. Weber, Paul A. (NW)	6.4% (60)			
5. Wohlrabe, Jr., John C. (SW)	59.7% (556)			

Great Plains Regional Vice-President				
Ministers of Religion—Ordained (elect 1)	Total 930	Total 912		
1. Bauman, Gene D. (SD)	10.9% (101)			
2. Buchhop, Mark J. (ND)	10.3% (96)			
3. Garwood, Ronald M. (WY)	14.1 (131)	15.0% (137)		
4. Nour, Nabil S. (SD)	45.5% (423)	60.2% (549)		
5. Turner, Steven D. (IW)	19.3% (179)	24.8% (226)		

Office/Nominee	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
West-Southwest Regional Vice-President				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (<i>elect 1</i>)	Total 1,004	Total 1,014		
1. Cwirla, William M. (PSW)	18.6% (187)	19.2% (195)		
2. Murray, Scott R. (TX)	44.5% (447)	59.2% (600)		
3. Preece, Robert C. (TX)	9.7% (97)			
4. Schrank, Jeffery T. (EN)	17.5% (176)	21.6% (219)		
5. Woolsey, William R. (TX)	9.7% (97)			

Regional Vice-President Ranking				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (<i>elect 1</i>)	Total 1,048			
2nd VP: Great Lakes Regional Vice-President; (Wohlrabe, Jr., John C.)	31.8% (333)			
3rd VP: Central Regional Vice-President (Preus, Daniel)	23.0% (241)			
4th VP West-Southwest Regional Vice-President (Murray, Scott R.)	17.9% (188)			
5th VP Great Plains Regional Vice-President (Nour, Nabil S.)	14.6% (153)			
6th VP East-Southeast Regional Vice-President (Kuhn, Robert T.)	12.7% (133)			

Office of Secretary				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (<i>elect 1</i>)	Total 1,003			
1. Gehlbach, Daryl D. (MNS)	16.4% (164)			
2. Hartwig, Raymond L. (MO)	83.7% (839)			

LCMS Board of Directors (Regional)				
Central Region		Total 984	Total 993	
Layperson (<i>elect 1</i>)				
1. Boesdorfer, Monica (CI)		6.4% (63)		
2. Garbe, Ernest E. (CI)		7.5% (74)		
3. Guengerich, Frederick P. (MDS)		8.4% (83)		
4. Hindman, Travis L. (CI)		2.9% (28)		
5. Israel, Herbert W. (MO)		10.7% (105)	13.2% (131)	
6. Schulz, Kathy A. (EN)		46.8% (460)	61.9% (615)	
7. Schwarz, Jeff (SI)		17.4% (171)	24.9% (247)	
West-Southwest Region		Total 1004	Total 1006	Total 1004
Layperson (<i>elect 1</i>)				
1. Broome, Carol Ann Hack (CNH)		31.9% (320)	40.5% (407)	44.8% (450)
2. Edwards, Gloria S. (CNH)		29.9% (300)	43.6% (439)	55.2% (554)
3. Hamann, Ernest (PSW)		2.5% (25)		
4. Karle, Fred G. (TX)		5.5% (55)		
5. Lorenz, Daniel C. (NOW)		8.2% (82)		
6. Moerbe, Ed H. (TX)		7.7% (77)		
7. Tobias, Damon J. (RM)		9.6% (96)	15.9% (160)	
8. Utberg, Douglas J. (NOW)		4.9% (49)		

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Office/Nominee	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
LCMS Board of Directors (At Large)				
Minister of Religion—Commissioned (<i>elect 1</i>)	Total 855			
1. Naumann, Cheryl D. (EN)	45.9% (392)			
2. Senske, Kurt M. (TX)	54.2% (463)			
Layperson (<i>elect 1</i>)	Total 908	Total 885		
1. Brashear, Kermit (NEB)	23.5% (213)	42.8% (379)		
2. Grosse, Michael H. (RM)	8.3% (75)			
3. Moerbe, Ed (TX)	13.3% (121)			
4. Pohl, Curtis (MNS)	8.5% (77)			
5. Preus, Christian A. (MNS)	46.5% (422)	57.2% (506)		

Commission on Theology & Church Relations				
Minister of Religion—Ordained\ (parish pastor - <i>elect 1</i>)	Total 917	Total 865		
1. Boehme, Armand J. (MNS)	21.3% (195)			
2. Dargatz, Robert A. (PSW)	49.0% (449)	64.7% (560)		
3. Johnson, John F. (SE)	29.8% (273)	35.3% (305)		
Layperson (<i>elect 1</i>)	Total 910	Total 941		
1. Kilcrease, Jack D. III (MI)	27.1 (247)	33.2% (312)		
2. Moldenhauer, Raymond A. (MNN)	17.4% (158)	15.8% (149)		
3. Nispel, Mark (NEB)	13.5% (123)			
4. Pitkus, Andrea (NI)	42.0% (382)	51.0% (480)		

Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors				
Ministers of Religion—Ordained (<i>elect 2</i>)	Total 907	Total 916	Total 914	
1. Baue, Frederic W. (EN)	36.2% (328)	39.4% (361)	70.4% (643)	
2. MacKenzie, Cameron A. (IN)	39.3% (356)	60.6% (555)		
3. Pautz, Jeffrey W. (IE)	9.9% (90)		11.6% (106)	
4. Stumpf, Eric C. (IN)	14.7% (133)		18.1% (165)	
Layperson (<i>elect 1</i>)	Total 945			
1. Dissen, Walter (EN)	20.5% (194)			
2. Klinger, John (SI)	79.5% (751)			

Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors				
Laypersons (<i>elect 4</i>)	(1a) Total 960	(2a) Total 954	(3a) Total 958	(1b) Total 925
1. Beumer, Robert E. (MO)	28.1% (270)	46.3% (442)	53.9% (516)	
2. Egger, Stephanie A. (IW)	20.9% (201)	34.1% (325)	46.1% (442)	52.7% (487)
3. Hill, Angela (WY)	20.2% (194)	19.6% (187)		14.6% (135)
4. Meyer, Eldon (TX)	4.5% (43)			5.3% (49)
5. Olson, Joseph L. (SW)	4.7% (45)			3.9% (36)
6. Raabe, Tom (MI)	4.4% (42)			3.1% (29)
7. Rochester, Nikki P. (SE)	7.4% (71)			12.8% (118)
8. Selle, Karol (NW)	4.5% (43)			3.2% (30)
9. Wolfmueller, Charles H. (NOW)	5.3% (51)			4.4% (41)

Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors (cont'd)				
Laypersons (<i>elect 4</i>)	(1c) Total 916	(1d) Total 933	(2d) Total 940	
1. Hill, Angela (WY)	52.2% (478)			
2. Meyer, Eldon (TX)	10.2% (93)	14.2% (132)		
3. Olson, Joseph L. (SW)	7.1% (65)	26.5% (247)	51.9% (488)	

Office/Nominee	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
4. Raabe, Tom (MI)	3.1% (28)	4.6% (43)		
5. Rochester, Nikki P. (SE)	20.3% (186)	37.4% (349)	48.1% (452)	
6. Selle, Karol (NW)	1.9% (17)	2.9% (27)		
7. Wolfmueller, Charles H. (NOW)	5.4% (49)	14.5% (135)		

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board of Directors				
Minister of Religion—Ordained or Minister of Religion—Commissioned (elect 1)	Total 901	Total 921		
1. Bahn, David L. (TX)	49.6% (447)	65.4% (602)		
2. Carnicom, Ronald R. (MNN)	25.4% (229)	34.6% (319)		
3. Sedney, Blaise C. (SE)	25.0% (225)			
Layperson (elect 2)	Total 940	Total 922		
1. Barnes, Linda K. (MDS)	20.0% (188)	18.7% (172)		
2. Elsholz, Susan J. (EN)	47.8% (449)	62.6% (577)		
3. Miller, Gregory J. (MO)	7.0% (66)			
4. Peltier, Richard T. (TX)	15.7% (148)	18.8% (173)		
5. Wuenschel, David E. (MO)	9.5% (89)			
Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board of Directors (cont'd)				
Layperson (elect 2)	(2a) Total 954	(2b) Total 953	(2c) Total 933	
1. Barnes, Linda K. (MDS)	34.5% (329)	38.8% (370)	45.9% (428)	
2. Miller, Gregory J. (MO)	12.3% (117)			
3. Peltier, Richard T. (TX)	36.3% (346)	46.2% (440)	54.1% (505)	
4. Wuenschel, David E. (MO)	17.0% (162)	15.0% (143)		

LCMS Foundation Board of Trustees				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1)	Total 917	Total 950		
1. Drews, Richard T. (NI)	36.6% (336)	52.6% (500)		
2. Hursh, Terry N. (EN)	26.6% (244)			
3. Zagore, Robert M (MI)	36.8% (337)	47.4% (450)		
Layperson (elect 1)				
1. Burgdorf, Barry D. (TX)	48.8% (450)			
2. Miller, Gregory J. (MO)	51.2% (472)			

Concordia University System Board of Directors				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1)	Total 906	Total 921		
1. Dissen, David V. (MO)	13.0% (118)			
2. Hein, Steven A. (RM)	39.9% (361)	43.5% (401)		
3. Walz, Orville C. (NEB)	47.1% (427)	56.5% (520)		

Board of Regents —Concordia University Texas, Austin, Texas				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1)	Total 928			
1. Dorn, Michael P. (TX)	54.6% (507)			
2. Taylor, Morris Alan (TX)	45.4% (421)			
Minister of Religion—Commissioned (elect 1)	Total 935	Total 923		
1. Bahr, Mark M. (TX)	25.4% (237)			

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Office/Nominee	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
2. Eggold, Stephen F. (TX)	40.6% (380)	64.6% (596)		
3. Wildauer, Charles F. (TX)	34.0% (318)	35.4% (327)		
Layperson (<i>elect 2</i>)	Total 927	Total 924	Total 942	Total 945
1. DeYoung, Mark K. (TX)	33.7% (312)	29.6% (273)	33.4% (315)	53.8% (508)
2. Linke, Noreen L. (TX)	36.6% (339)	49.7% (459)	66.6% (627)	
3. Matus, Kristi A. (NE)	24.9% (231)	20.8% (192)		41.1% (388)
4. Stayton, Janis Boeker (TX)	4.9% (45)			5.2% (49)

Board of Regents—Concordia College—New York, Bronxville, N.Y.				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (<i>elect 1</i>)	Total 961	Total 942		
1. Belasic, David S. (EA)	19.6% (188)			
2. Diefenthaler, Jon T. (SE)	44.3% (426)	60.7% (572)		
3. Kaster, Dale W. (EN)	36.1% (347)	39.3% (370)		
Minister of Religion—Commissioned (<i>elect 1</i>)	Total 932			
1. Hilgendorf, Mary E. (SW)	52.3% (487)			
2. Laabs, Jonathan C. (NI)	47.8% (445)			
Layperson (<i>elect 2</i>)	Total 907	Total 909	Total 926	
1. Bruening, Alice M. (SE)	16.2% (147)		12.6% (117)	
2. Fields, Heidi J. (FG)	45.6% (414)	64.7% (588)		
3. Jahnke, James T. (AT)	20.8% (189)	19.9% (181)	58.1% (538)	
4. Simon, Mary Manz (SE)	17.3% (157)	15.4% (140)	29.3% (271)	

Board of Regents—Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (<i>elect 2</i>)	Total 894	Total 907	Total 939	Total 922
1. Arp, Wally M. (SELC)	21.6% (193)	28.5% (258)	37.1% (348)	49.5% (456)
2. Bell, Dean M. (MNN)	21.5% (192)	13.8% (125)	39.4% (370)	50.5% (466)
3. Cwirla, William M. (PSW)	37.0% (331)	57.8% (524)		
4. Harmelink, Daniel N. (PSW)	7.7% (69)		9.7% (91)	
5. Pragman, James H. (MNS)	12.2% (109)		13.8% (130)	
Minister of Religion—Commissioned (<i>elect 1</i>)	Total 923			
1. Held, David P. (NEB)	79.3% (732)			
2. Terrell, Virginia I. (NI)	20.7% (191)			
Layperson (<i>elect 1</i>)	Total 943			
1. Johnson, Janet M. (NI)	46.6% (439)			
2. Vang, Mani (MNS)	53.5% (504)			

Board of Regents—Concordia University, Irvine, Calif.				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (<i>elect 1</i>)	Total 900			
1. Meyer, Thomas F. (PSW)	32.3% (291)			
2. Morehouse, Michael A. (EN)	67.7% (609)			
Minister of Religion—Commissioned (<i>elect 1</i>)	Total 966			
1. Mitchell, Shaina M. (IN)	47.1% (455)			
2. Wyneken- Manning, Heather H. (PSW)	52.9% (511)			

Office/Nominee	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
Layperson (<i>elect</i> 2)	Total 941	Total 974	Total 960	Total 944
1. Keithly, Cheryl (PSW)	21.2% (199)	17.9% (174)	20.4% (196)	
2. Lee, Peter K. S. (PSW)	22.4% (211)	27.1% (264)	41.4% (397)	54.3% (513)
3. Ostapowich, Sandra (IN)	42.9% (404)	55.0% (536)		
4. Piper, Glen (IN)	13.5% (127)		38.2% (367)	45.7% (431)

Board of Regents—Concordia University Wisconsin Mequon, Wisc.				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (<i>elect</i> 1)	Total 920			
1. Braun, Wayne M. (TX)	26.4% (243)			
2. Preus, Klemet (MNS)	55.9% (514)			
3. Raasch, Randolph H. (SW)	17.7% (163)			
Minister of Religion—Commissioned (<i>elect</i> 1)	Total 841	Total 830		
1. Fredericksen, Lynnette A. (WY)	43.3% (364)	50.5% (419)		
2. Jobst, Dwayne D. (SW)	36.0% (303)	49.5% (411)		
3. Weismantel, Paul O. (MI)	20.7% (174)			
Layperson (<i>elect</i> 2)	Total 885	Total 906	Total 921	Total 928
1. Anderson, Frederick M. (SW)	17.1% (151)	14.2% (129)		12.5% (116)
2. Bowman, Kenneth B. (EN)	30.5% (270)	45.8% (415)	57.8% (532)	
3. Feld, William (SW)	16.5% (146)	9.2% (83)		6.0% (56)
4. Knox, Robert M. (NI)	14.6% (129)			31.0% (288)
5. Wendorf, Janice M. (SW)	21.4% (189)	30.8% (279)	42.2% (389)	50.4% (468)

Board of Regents—Concordia University, Portland, Ore.				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (<i>elect</i> 1)	Total 861			
1. Scheer, Michael D. (EN)	62.1% (535)			
2. Thomas, Jonathan R. (PSW)	37.9% (326)			
Minister of Religion—Commissioned (<i>elect</i> 1)	Total 919			
1. Berger, David O. (MO)	30.1% (277)			
2. Brosz, Keith E. (PSW)	69.9% (642)			
Layperson (<i>elect</i> 2)	Total 928	Total 945	Total 954	
1. Broome, Carol Ann Hack (CNH)	19.4% (180)	11.0% (104)	19.6% (187)	
2. Diekmann, Scott L. (NOW)	43.2% (401)	55.0% (520)		
3. Sramek, Leslie K. (SI)	5.0% (46)		5.2% (50)	
4. White, Andrew T. (NOW)	32.4% (301)	34.0% (321)	75.2% (717)	

Board of Regents—Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Ill.				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (<i>elect</i> 1)	Total 960	Total 935		
1. Gallup, Roger B. (NI)	47.8% (459)	55.3% (517)		
2. O'Donnell, Lance A. (SW)	42.6% (409)	44.7% (418)		
3. Rottmann, Erik J. (MO)	9.6% (92)			
Minister of Religion—Commissioned (<i>elect</i> 1)	Total 910			
1. Denholm, George III (IN)	33.3% (303)			
2. Muehl, Mark P. (IN)	66.7% (607)			
Layperson (<i>elect</i> 2)	Total 964	Total 968		

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1. Grime, Debra (IN)	53.2% (513)			
2. Putz, Tina Wilks (IN)	9.0% (87)	9.1% (88)		
3. Schulz, Harvard P. (SD)	11.8% (114)	15.6% (151)		
4. Stern, Mark O. (NI)	25.9% (250)	75.3% (729)		

Board of Regents—Concordia Seminary, St. Louis				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 2)	Total 984	Total 959	Total 925	
1. Davidson, John C. (OH)	15.1% (149)		24.2% (224)	
2. Grunst, Mark P. (MT)	22.6% (222)	17.0% (163)	23.7% (219)	
3. Kumm, Shawn L. (WY)	23.5% (231)	29.5% (283)	52.1% (482)	
4. Marshall, Ulmer (SO)	38.8% (382)	53.5% (513)		
Minister of Religion—Commissioned (elect 1)	Total 949			
1. Bond, Gillian M. (CI)	48.5% (460)			
2. Wilke, LeRoy (MNS)	51.5% (489)			
Layperson (elect 1)	Total 952	Total 956	Total 965	
1. Buck, Johnny Crow (MT)	21.0% (200)			
2. Dissen, Walter (EN)	34.5% (328)	46.1% (441)	53.4% (515)	
3. Israel, Herbert W. (MO)	21.1% (201)	21.8% (208)		
4. Weingarh, Glenn K. (PSW)	23.4% (223)	32.1% (307)	46.6% (450)	

Board of Regents—Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn.				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1)	Total 984			
1. Preuss, David H. (MNS)	32.1% (316)			
2. Weber, Karl A. (MNN)	67.9% (668)			
Minister of Religion—Commissioned (elect 1)	Total 947			
1. Hublick, Angela (EN)	65.7% (622)			
2. Landskroener, Joel P. (MNS)	34.3% (325)			
Layperson (elect 2)	Total 945	Total 957	Total 924	
1. Fehrmann, Carol M. (MNS)	37.0% (350)	32.2% (308)	64.8% (599)	
2. Hein, Gregg (MT)	39.9% (377)	52.9% (506)		
3. Resch, Barbara J. (IN)	17.3% (163)	14.9% (143)	28.5% (263)	
4. Schuldheisz, Mary H. (NOW)	5.8% (55)		6.7% (62)	

Board of Regents—Concordia College Alabama, Selma, Ala.				
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1)	Total 835	Total 833		
1. Olson, Thomas L. (SE)	39.3% (328)	48.4% (403)		
2. Peters, Curtis H. (IN)	27.4% (229)			
3. Shamburger, Douglas M. (PSW)	33.3% (278)	51.6% (430)		
Minister of Religion—Commissioned (elect 1)	Total 783			
1. Robinson, David P. (MO)	35.5% (278)			
2. Sohn, Lawrence E. (SW)	64.5% (505)			
Layperson (elect 2)	Total 954	Total 848		
1. Gorski, Dennis P. (NI)	52.6% (502)			
2. McDaniels, Janis G. (SE)	36.4% (347)	58.7% (498)		
3. Putz, Tina Wilks (IN)	2.5% (24)	3.5% (30)		

Office/Nominee	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
4. Ziehr-Lange, Ellen R. (PSW)	8.7% (81)	37.7% (320)		

Board of Regents—Concordia University Nebraska, Seward, Neb.				
Minister of Religion—Ordained <i>(elect 1)</i>	Total 885			
1. Grimm, Keith H. (NEB)	73.5% (650)			
2. Phillips, Max A. (IW)	26.6% (235)			
Minister of Religion—Commissioned <i>(elect 1)</i>	Total 912			
1. Cooksey, Robert L. (MO)	62.5% (570)			
2. Dolak, Allison K. (MO)	37.5% (342)			
Layperson <i>(elect 2)</i>	Total 930	Total 929	Total 944	Total 963
1. Johnson, Jill (NEB)	35.2% (327)	36.6% (340)	38.9% (367)	54.0% (520)
2. Moll, Timothy L. (NEB)	37.7% (351)	49.4% (459)	61.1% (577)	
3. Schroeder, Timothy A. (MDS)	8.7% (81)			10.5% (101)
4. Wild, Jill (NEB)	18.4% (171)	14.0% (130)		35.5% (342)

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Minutes

Session 5

Tuesday a.m. – July 23, 2013

Morning Prayer

Day three of the convention was begun with the Order of Matins led by Rev. Benjamin Ball, with Phillip Magness serving as Cantor and Matthew Janssen as Instrumentalist. Rev. Bernhard Seter, Chairman of the Board for International Mission, preached the homily based on Acts 6:1–7. We prefer to be served rather than to serve, be waited on rather than wait on others. Jesus did otherwise, waiting on His disciples for three long years. Now he wants his disciples of all times to wait on others and not send them away, having the same mind as His.

Special Recognition – Newly elected and outgoing Praesidium

President Matthew Harrison called the assembly out of recess and to order. The newly elected vice-presidents were called forward and thanked for their willingness to serve. He also introduced Paul Maier, the out-going vice-president who decided not to allow his name to stand for election. The President thanked him for his great service to the Synod.

Committee 8 – Registration Report

Committee 8 Chairman Dan Gilbert, before providing an updated convention report, corrected the numbers provided a day earlier in Session 3, when the report should have read: 1,195 voting delegates, 155 advisory delegates, and 161 advisory representatives for a total of 1,511 registered and present. He then provided the current report:

Voting delegates	1,197
Advisory delegates	155
Advisory representatives	<u>158</u>
Total	1,510

The chair, hearing no objection, declared the report approved and accepted.

Committee 2 - Mercy

A video sharing the ministry of mercy of the Synod was viewed by the assembly. Committee 2 Chairman David Benke, President of the Atlantic District, introduced the committee.

Res. 2-01 “To Commend and Give Thanks for the Work of LCMS Disaster Response” (*TB*, p. 60) was introduced by the committee using a video and requesting that all in attendance affected by disasters during the past three years move to the front of the hall to underscore the need for and response of LCMS Disaster Response. The committee chair asked the President of the Synod to pray a prayer of thanksgiving for this ministry. The Director of LCMS Disaster Response, Rev. Glenn Merrit, also addressed the convention, thanking the Synod for its caring and generosity that makes the Synod’s disaster response possible. Hearing no objections, the vote was conducted by show of hands and Res. 2-01 was adopted without discussion.

1 Res. 2-02 “To Give Thanks and Praise to God for LIRS 75th Anniversary” (*TB*, pp. 60f.) was
2 introduced by the committee. Hearing no objections, the resolution was adopted by show of hands
3 without discussion. Linda Hartke of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services addressed the
4 convention regarding the work of her organization, commending the 2010 Synod resolution regarding
5 human trafficking.
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7 Res. 2-03A “To Give Thanks to God and Encourage Support for the Ministries of Lutheran Services
8 in America and Lutheran World Relief” (*TB*, p. 233) was introduced by the committee. The resolution
9 was adopted [Yes: 952; No: 23] without discussion. President and CEO of Lutheran Services in America
10 Charlotte Haberaecker addressed the convention. Dr. John Nunes, Outgoing President and CEO of
11 Lutheran World Relief, addressed the convention on behalf of Lutheran World Relief, expressing great
12 gratitude for the great and untiring support of the LCMS for LWR, offering four examples of God’s great
13 grace and mercy in action. He introduced Jeff Whisenant who will provide interim leadership to LWR,
14 who spoke of his journey of faith by association with the organization since 1987 and who thanked the
15 assembly for being the hands and feet of Christ.
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17 Res. 2-06 “To Encourage a Strong Finish of the Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI) and Give Thanks
18 for the Effect LMI Has Made in the Global Fight to End Malaria-Related Deaths in Africa” (*TB*, p. 64)
19 was introduced by the committee. Hearing no objection to voting without discussion, the resolution was
20 adopted by voice vote after prayer by Committee 8 Chairman David Benke. Martha Mitkos, who heads
21 the LCMS Lutheran Malaria Initiative, addressed the convention on its behalf, asking for two things:
22 prayer for all who suffer and prayer for the initiative that we may finish it strong. The chair called for the
23 Orders of the Day.
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25 *Committee 7 – Structure and Ecclesiastical Matters*
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27 Res. 7-05 “To Allow E-Meetings for Voting by Circuits, Districts, and Synod Agencies” (*TB*, pp.
28 149f.) was introduced by the committee after striking the words “in those manners” from the second
29 resolve paragraph. During discussion, a motion to amend was offered, changing the first resolve
30 paragraph to read: “*Resolved*, That circuits, districts, the Synod, and Synod agencies be allowed only on a
31 very limited basis and with the approval of the district president to use e-meeting technologies.” Upon
32 request of the chair, the convention agreed to vote on the amendment without discussion and it failed
33 [Yes: 154; No: 766]. Discussion continued on Res. 7-05 as printed until a substitute resolution was
34 proposed (*TB*, p.329) and the Behnken Rule was invoked. By voice vote, the substitute motion failed and
35 debate was ended on the resolution [Yes: 953; No: 59]. Res. 7-05 was then adopted without change [Yes:
36 874; No: 96].
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38 Res. 7-13 “To Address *Handbook* Issues re Bylaws Pertaining to District” (*TB*, pp. 171ff.) was
39 introduced by the committee with the following changes. Paragraph (f) of Bylaw 2.4.1 was changed by
40 the committee to read “Until a congregation formally adopts a revised constitution and/or bylaws using
41 this process, the Synod shall consider the existing constitution and bylaws to be in effect for all
42 purposes.” After brief discussion, debate was ended [Yes: 817; No: 106] and the resolution was adopted
43 as printed [Yes: 887; No: 79].
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45 Res. 7-15 “To Address District Membership/Ecclesiastical Supervision Issues” (*TB*, p. 178) was
46 introduced with explanation by the committee. After brief discussion, after the assembly determined by
47 voice vote to vote on the resolution, Res. 7-15 was adopted by voice vote.
48

49 *Convention Essay – Baptized for Mercy*
50

1 Rev. Ted Krey, Latin America Regional Director, using Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan, made
2 clear in his essay that "you are the neighbor if you show mercy." The priest passing by on the other side
3 can speak to us pastors, who have opportunity both to preach and heal—what do we teach our
4 congregations, also by our example? The Levite, a committed faithful servant of the church who hurried
5 on by on the other side of the road, can speak to us laymen—what is the nature of our congregations and
6 do we take the time to be who we are, baptized for mercy? The good Samaritan was not a popular person,
7 but he had compassion and desired to show mercy and dirty his hands—he is the neighbor, also today,
8 who shows mercy, as did our Lord Jesus Christ, as do we when our Lord Jesus has His way with us.

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10 *Committee 7 – Structure and Ecclesiastical Matters*

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12 Res. 7-18 "To Study Doctrinal Training for Reconcilers" (*TB*, p. 180) was introduced by the
13 committee and adopted [Yes: 668; No: 10] without discussion.

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15 Res. 7-16 "To Strengthen District Boards of Directors" (*TB*, pp.178f.) was introduced by the
16 committee and adopted [Yes: 684; No: 53] without discussion.

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18 Res. 7-14 "To Address *Handbook* Issues re Synod Conventions" (*TB*, p. 175) was introduced by the
19 committee with the addition in Bylaw 3.12.3.6 (a) of the words "at least" before the words "one
20 alternate." A friendly amendment to add the words "along with lay persons of the congregations of the
21 Synod" at the end of the new wording for paragraph (c) of Bylaw 3.12.3.4 was agreed to by the
22 commission before the amendment was adopted [Yes: 731; No: 24] without further discussion.

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24 Res. 7-11 "To Address *Handbook* Issues re Expulsion Process" (*TB*, pp. 158ff.) was introduced by
25 the committee and adopted [Yes: 770; No: 38] without discussion.

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27 Res. 7-09A "To Resolve Bylaw Issues Remaining from 2010 Convention Restructuring Decisions"
28 (*TB*, pp. 288ff.) was introduced by the committee after changing proposed Bylaw 7.1.1 (d) to include the
29 words "presentation to" following the words "prior to." The resolution was adopted as changed [Yes: 826;
30 No: 23] and without discussion.

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32 Res. 7-10 "To Adopt Four-Year Convention Cycle" (*TB*, pp. 157f.) was introduced by the committee.
33 The chair reminded the assembly that this resolution would require a 2/3 vote for adoption. After
34 discussion, the resolution was referred to committee without objection from the assembly.

35
36 *Mercy*

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38 Res. 2-04 "To Commend the LCMS National Housing Support Corporation" (*TB*, pp. 61f.) was
39 introduced by the Committee and adopted without debate [Yes: 867; No: 15]. Chief Executive Officer
40 Nicole Ridley addressed the assembly, explaining the work of her corporation, which begins with
41 recognizing neighborhoods in need not as obstacles but as opportunities for those communities and
42 LCMS churches in those neighborhoods.

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44 Res. 2-05B "To Allow Extension of Calls to Specialized Pastoral Ministers" (*TB*, pp. 360f.) was
45 introduced by the committee. After brief discussion, debate was ended [Yes: 792; No: 70] and the
46 resolution was adopted [Yes: 875; No: 61].

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48 Res. 2-07A "To Emphasize Biblical Teaching of Sexuality, Marriage, and Family" (*TB*, p. 235) was
49 introduced by the committee. After discussion, the chair asked whether there was objection to his ending
50 the debate. Hearing no objection, the vote was taken and the resolution was adopted [Yes: 901; No: 40].

1 Res. 2-12A “To Speak re Employment of Women in Military Combat” (TB, p. 361) was introduced
2 by the committee after striking the words “and/or participating in the selective service system and being
3 subject to a possible draft” at the end of the first resolve paragraph. Chaplains Jonathan Shaw and Donald
4 Muchow addressed the convention on behalf of the resolution. During discussion, a motion to amend the
5 resolution by replacing it with Overture 2-10 (*Convention Workbook*, pp. 147ff.) was ruled a substitute
6 motion, invoking the Behnken Rule. The assembly determined not to consider the substitute motion [Yes:
7 247; No: 758] and, upon suggestion by the chair, ended debate [Yes: 698; No: 308]. Res. 2-12A was
8 adopted as changed [Yes: 947; No: 63].
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10 Res. 2-11 “To Encourage Districts and Congregations to Utilize the *Planting Gospel Seeds While*
11 *Serving Human Needs Training Process*” (TB, pp. 67f.) was introduced by the committee and, after brief
12 discussion, was adopted [Yes: 869; No: 33].
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14 Res. 2-08 “To Challenge Congregations to Engage in Works of Mercy in Their Communities” (TB,
15 pp. 65f.) was introduced by the committee and adopted without discussion [Yes: 913; No: 22].
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17 Res. 2-09A “To Encourage Christian Citizenship and Vigilance” (TB, pp. 235f.) was introduced by
18 the committee. During discussion, a motion to amend the second resolve paragraph by replacing the
19 words “so long as the actions and” with the words “insofar as such” was accepted by the committee as a
20 friendly amendment. Further discussion was interrupted by the announcement of the Orders of the Day.
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22 Prior to the noon recess, the convention viewed a video from the Lord Mayor of the City of Wittenburg,
23 Germany.
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26 **Session 6**
27 **Tuesday a.m. – July 23, 2013**
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29 *Midday Prayer*
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31 Convention Chaplain William Weedon led the assembly in Midday Prayer, assisted by Canton Phillip
32 Magness, instrumentalists, and the Perry County Lutheran Chorale and Ensemble. Rev. Alexey Streltsov,
33 Rector, Lutheran Theological Seminary—Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church preached the homily
34 based on Titus 3:4–8. We Lutherans are used to talking about from what we are saved, but by the mercy
35 of our Lord, he has brought us from death to life and a true expression of gratitude for what God has done
36 for us. We are saved so that we may devote ourselves to good works, being merciful to others.
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38 *Minutes*
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40 With Vice-President Daniel Preus assuming the chair, he called attention to the minutes from
41 Sessions 3 and 4 of the convention (TB, pp. 394ff.) and called on the Secretary for a correction to line 45
42 on page 398, where the number 509 should be changed to 591. With no other corrections offered, the
43 minutes were declared approved as corrected.
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45 *Committee 8 – Registration and Elections*
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47 Committee 8 Chairman Dan Gilbert provided the latest registration report: 1,197 delegates registered.
48 The report was accepted as provided. After several announcements regarding the elections process, the
49 elections to all remaining positions was begun.
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51 LCMS Board of Directors At-Large Positions

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Minister of Religion--Commissioned

Cheryl D. Naumann 392
Kurt M. Senske 463 (elected)

Layperson

Kermit Brashear 213 379
Michael H. Grosse 75
Ed Moerbe 121
Curtis Pohl 77
Christian A. Preus 422 506 (elected)

Commission on Theology and Church Relations

Parish Pastor

Armand J. Boehme 195
Robert A Dargatz 449 560 (elected)
John F. Johnson 273 305

Layperson

Jack D. Kilcrease III 247 312
Raymond A. Moldenhauer 158 149
Mark Nispel 123
Andrea Pitkus 382 480 (elected)

Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors

Ministers of Religion—Ordained (elect 2)

Frederick W. Baue 328 361
Cameron A. MacKenzie 356 555 (elected)
Jeffrey W. Pautz 90
Eric C. Stumpf 133
Frederick W. Baue 643 (elected)
Jeffrey W. Pautz 106
Eric C. Stumpf 165

Layperson

Walter Dissen 194
John Klinger 751 (elected)

Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors

Laypersons (elect 4)

1				
2	Robert E. Beumer	270	442	516 (elected)
3	Stephanie A. Egger	201	325	442
4	Angela Hill	194	187	
5	Eldon Meyer	43		
6	Joseph L. Olson	45		
7	Tom Raabe	42		
8	Nikki P. Rochester	71		
9	Karol Selle	43		
10	Charles H. Wolfmueller	51		

11				
12	Stephanie A. Egger	487		(elected)
13	Angela Hill	135		
14	Eldon Meyer	49		
15	Joseph L. Olson	36		
16	Tom Raabe	29		
17	Nikki P. Rochester	118		
18	Karol Selle	30		
19	Charles H. Wolfmueller	41		

20				
21	Angela Hill	478		(elected)
22	Eldon Meyer	93		
23	Joseph L. Olson	65		
24	Tom Raabe	28		
25	Nikki P. Rochester	186		
26	Karol Selle	17		
27	Charles H. Wolfmueller	49		

28				
29	Eldon Meyer	132		
30	Joseph L. Olson	247	488	(elected)
31	Tom Raabe	43		
32	Nikki P. Rochester	349	452	
33	Karol Selle	27		
34	Charles H. Wolfmueller	135		

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36 Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board of Directors

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38 *Minister of Religion—Ordained or –Commissioned*

39				
40	David L. Bahn	447	602	(elected)
41	Ronald R. Carnicom	229	319	
42	Blaise C. Sedney	225		

43
44 *Laypersons (elect 2)*

45				
46	Linda K. Barnes	188	172	
47	Susan J. Elsholz	449	577	(elected)
48	Gregory J. Miller	66		
49	Richard T. Peltier	148	173	
50	David E. Wuenscher	89		

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1	Linda K. Barnes	329	370	428
2	Gregory J. Miller	117		
3	Richard T. Peltier	346	440	505 (elected)
4	David E. Wuenschel	162	143	

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6 LCMS Foundation Board of Trustees

7
8 *Minister of Religion--Ordained*

9				
10	Richard T. Drews	336	500	(elected)
11	Terry N. Hursh	244		
12	Robert M. Zagore	337	450	

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14 *Layperson*

15				
16	Barry D. Burgdorf	450		
17	Gregory J. Miller	472		(elected)

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19 Concordia University System Board of Directors

20
21 *Minister of Religion—Ordained*

22				
23	David V. Dissen	118		
24	Steven A. Hein	361	401	
25	Orville C. Walz	427	520	(elected)

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27 Board of Regents – Concordia University Texas

28
29 *Minister of Religion--Ordained*

30				
31	Michael P. Dorn	507		(elected)
32	Morris Alan Taylor	421		

33
34 *Minister of Religion—Commissioned*

35				
36	Mark M. Bahr	237		
37	Stephen F. Eggold	380	596	(elected)
38	Charles F. Wildauer	318	327	

39
40 *Laypersons (elect 2)*

41				
42	Mark K. DeYoung	312	273	315
43	Noreen L. Linke	339	459	627 (elected)
44	Kristi A. Matus	231	192	
45	Janis Boeker Stayton	45		
46				
47	Mark K. DeYoung	508		(elected)
48	Kristi A. Matus	388		
49	Janis Boeker Stayton	49		

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51 Board of Regents – Concordia College New York

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Minister of Religion--Ordained

David S. Belasic	188	
Jon T. Diefenthaler	426	572 (elected)
Dale W. Kaster	347	370

Minister of Religion—Commissioned

Mary E. Hilgendorf	487	(elected)
Jonathan C. Laabs	445	

Laypersons (elect 2)

Alice M. Bruening	147	
Heidi J. Fields	414	588 (elected)
James T. Jahnke	189	181
Mary Manz Simon	157	140

Alice M. Bruening	117	
James T. Jahnke	538	(elected)
Mary Manz Simon	271	

The chair called for the Orders of the Day.

Special Recognitions

Vice-President Preus called forward former officers present in the hall for special recognition. Responding to his call were Dean Nadasdy, who served as Third and Fourth Vice-President, and Norman Sell, who served as the Synod’s Treasurer from 1974 until 2001.

He also called forward special guests from other church bodies: Rev. Peter Prange of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Dr. Lawrence Welch of the St. Louis Archdiocese, and Rev. David Wendel of the North American Lutheran Church.

And he called forward the leaders of partner church bodies: Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee of Lutheran Church—Canada; Rev. Gennadij Khonin of Evangelical Lutheran Congregation “People of God” of Kazakhstan; Rev. Amos Bolay, Rev. Samuel S. Y. Navoh, and Rev. James Kollie of the Lutheran Church in Liberia; Archbishop Christian Ekong of the Lutheran Church of Nigeria; and Rev. Alexey Streltsov and Bishop Vsevolod Lytkin of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Omnibus Resolution C

The chair brought forward Omnibus Resolution C for consideration by the convention. The chairman of Floor Committee 3 announced his committee’s intention to remove Overture 3-16 from the resolution. A motion was made and seconded to remove Overture 3-16, and the motion carried [Yes: 557; No: 178]. With no further discussion, Omnibus Resolution C was adopted as amended [Yes: 712; No: 23].

A delegate obtained the attention of the chair and introduced a resolution from the floor as printed on page 383 of *Today’s Business*. As the time for calling for the Orders of the Day was near, the chair asked the assembly whether it wished to handle this matter immediately. The assembly voted its intention to



1 finish the matter [Yes: 731; No: 183]. Debate was ended [Yes: 760; No: 163] and the resolution was
2 defeated [Yes: 182; No: 732].

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4 Before calling for the Orders of the Day, the chair called forward the staff from the *Today's Business*
5 Office for recognition by the convention.

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7 *Elections (Continued)*

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9 Committee 8 Chairman Dan Gilbert returned to the podium to complete the board elections.

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11 Board of Regents – Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

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13 *Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 2)*

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15 Wally M. Arp 193 258
16 Dean M. Bell 192 125
17 **William M. Cwirla** 331 **524** (elected)
18 Daniel N. Harmelink 69
19 James H. Pragman 109

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21 Wally M. Arp 348 456
22 **Dean M. Bell** 370 **466** (elected)
23 Daniel N. Harmelink 91
24 James H. Pragman 130

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26 *Minister of Religion--Commissioned*

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28 **David P. Held** **732** (elected)
29 Virginia I. Terrell 191

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31 *Layperson*

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33 Janet M. Johnson 439
34 **Mani Vang** **504** (elected)

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36 Board of Regents – Concordia University Irvine

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38 *Minister of Religion--Ordained*

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40 Thomas F. Meyer 291
41 **Michael A. Morehouse** **609** (elected)

42
43 *Minister of Religion--Commissioned*

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45 Shaina M. Mitchell 455
46 **Heather H. Wyneken-Manning** **511** (elected)

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48 *Laypersons (elect 2)*

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50 Cheryl Keithly 199 174
51 Peter K. S. Lee 211 264

1	Sandra Ostapowich	404	536	(elected)
2	Glen Piper	127		
3				
4	Cheryl Keithly	196		
5	Peter K. S. Lee	397	513	(elected)
6	Glen Piper	367	431	

8 Board of Regents – Concordia University Wisconsin

10 *Minister of Religion—Ordained*

12	Wayne M. Braun	243		
13	Klemet Preus	514		(elected)
14	Randolph H. Raasch	163		

16 *Minister of Religion—Commissioned*

18	Lynnette A. Fredericksen	364	419	(elected)
19	Dwayne D. Jobst	303	411	
20	Paul O. Weismantel	174		

22 *Laypersons (elect 2)*

24	Frederick M. Anderson	151	129	
25	Kenneth B. Bowman	270	415	532 (elected)
26	William Feld	146	83	
27	Robert M. Knox	129		
28	Janice M. Wendorf	189	279	389
30	Frederick M. Anderson	116		
31	William Feld	56		
32	Robert M. Knox	288		
33	Janice M. Wendorf	468		(elected)

35 Board of Regents – Concordia University Portland

37 *Minister of Religion--Ordained*

39	Michael D. Scheer	535		(elected)
40	Jonathan R. Thomas	326		

42 *Minister of Religion—Commissioned*

44	David O. Berger	277		
45	Keith E. Brosz	642		(elected)

47 *Laypersons (elect 2)*

49	Carol Ann Hack Broome	180	104	
50	Scott L. Diekmann	401	520	(elected)
51	Leslie K. Sramek	46		



1	Andrew T. White	301	321
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3	Carol Ann Hack Broome	187	
4	Leslie K. Sramek	50	
5	Andrew T. White	717	(elected)
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7 Board of Regents – Concordia University Chicago

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9 *Minister of Religion—Ordained*

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11	Roger B. Gallup	459	517 (elected)
12	Lance A. O’Donnell	409	418
13	Erik J. Rottmann	92	
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15 *Minister of Religion—Commissioned*

16			
17	George Denholm III	303	
18	Mark P. Muehl	607	(elected)
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20 *Laypersons (elect 2)*

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22	Debra Grime	513	(elected)
23	Tina Wilks Putz	87	
24	Harvard P. Schulz	114	
25	Mark O. Stern	250	
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27	Tina Wilks Putz	88	
28	Harvard P. Schulz	151	
29	Mark O. Stern	729	(elected)
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31 When it was time to call for the Orders of the Day, a motion to set the Orders aside and continue with
32 elections was introduced and carried [Yes: 734; No: 237].

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34 Board of Regents – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

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36 *Ministers of Religion—Ordained (elect 2)*

37			
38	John C. Davidson	149	
39	Mark P. Grunst	222	163
40	Shawn L. Kumm	231	283
41	Ulmer Marshall	382	513 (elected)
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43	John C. Davidson	224	
44	Mark P. Grunst	219	
45	Shawn L. Kumm	482	(elected)
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47 *Minister of Religion—Commissioned*

48			
49	Gillian M. Bond	460	
50	LeRoy Wilke	489	(elected)
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1	<i>Layperson</i>			
2				
3	Johnny Crow Buck	200		
4	Walter Dissen	328	441	515 (elected)
5	Herbert W. Israel	201	208	
6	Glenn K. Weingarth	223	307	450

8 Board of Regents – Concordia University St. Paul

10 *Minister of Religion—Ordained*

11	David H. Preuss	316		
13	Karl A. Weber	668		(elected)

15 *Minister of Religion—Commissioned*

17	Angela Hublick	622		(elected)
18	Joel P. Landskroener	325		

20 *Laypersons (elect 2)*

22	Carol M. Fehrmann	350	308	
23	Gregg Hein	377	506	(elected)
24	Barbara J. Resch	163	143	
25	Mary H. Schuldheisz	55		
27	Carol M. Fehrmann	599		(elected)
28	Barbara J. Resch	263		
29	Mary H. Schuldheisz	62		

31 Board of Regents – Concordia College Alabama

33 *Minister of Religion--Ordained*

35	Thomas L. Olson	328	403	
36	Curtis H. Peters	229		
37	Douglas M. Shamburger	278	430	(elected)

39 *Minister of Religion--Commissioned*

41	David P. Robinson	278		
42	Lawrence E. Sohn	505		(elected)

44 *Laypersons (elect 2)*

46	Dennis P. Gorski	502		(elected)
47	Janis G. McDaniels	347		
48	Tina Wilks Putz	24		
49	Ellen R. Ziehr-Lange	81		
51	Janis G. McDaniels	498		(elected)



1	Tina Wilks Putz	30
2	Ellen R. Ziehr-Lange	320

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Board of Regents – Concordia University Nebraska

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Minister of Religion—Ordained

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Keith H. Grimm	650 (elected)
Max A. Phillips	235

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Minister of Religion—Commissioned

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Robert L. Cooksey	570 (elected)
Allison K. Dolak	342

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Laypersons (elect 2)

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Jill Johnson	327	340	367
Timothy L. Moll	351	459	577 (elected)
Timothy A. Schroeder	81		
Jill Wild	171	130	

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Jill Johnson	520 (elected)
Timothy A. Schroeder	101
Jill Wild	342

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With President Harrison again chairing the meeting, departing and newly elected Board of Directors members were called forward for recognition.

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Committee 5 – Seminary and University Education

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After viewing a video from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Committee 5 Chairman Dale Sattgast brought forward Res. 5-16 “To Give God Praise and Glory for Concordia Seminary’s 175th Anniversary” (TB, pp. 375f.). With no objection from the assembly, the chair called for a rising vote to sing the Doxology.

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Res. 5-03B “To Amend Bylaw 2.13.1 re Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program (TB, pp. 364f.) was introduced by the committee. After discussion, a motion was introduced to refer the resolution back to the floor committee. As this was being discussed, debate was ended [Yes: 869; No: 91] and the motion to refer was carried [Yes: 630; No: 393].

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Committee 6 – Administration and Finance

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Committee 6 was called forward to continue its presentation of its resolutions to the convention.

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Res. 6-12A “To Amend Bylaw 3.7.1.3 re membership on Concordia Plans Board” (TB, pp. 326f.) was introduced by the committee. After brief discussion, debate was ended [Yes: 858; No: 47] and the resolution was adopted [Yes: 880; No: 49].

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Res. 6-13 “To Amend Bylaws re Removal and Filling of Vacancies of LCEF Members” (TB, pp. 139f.) was adopted without discussion [Yes: 801; No: 50].

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1 Res. 6-14 “To Amend Bylaw 3.6.5.2.1 re Terms of Office of LCMS Foundation Board Members”
2 (*TB*, pp. 140f.) was adopted without discussion by voice vote.

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4 Res. 6-15 “To Amend Bylaws re Removal and Filling of Vacancies of LCMS Foundation Board
5 Members” (*TB*, pp. 141f.) was adopted without discussion by voice vote.

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7 Res. 6-05 “To Revise Definitions in the *Handbook*” (*TB*, pp. 129ff.) was adopted without discussion
8 by voice vote.

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10 Res. 6-06 “To Address Synod Handbook Issues re Synodwide Corporate Entity Governing
11 Instruments” (*TB*, p. 132) was adopted without discussion by voice vote.

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13 Res. 6-07 “To Address Synod Handbook Issues Regarding Required Background Checks” (*TB*, pp.
14 132f.) was adopted without discussion by voice vote.

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16 Res. 6-08 “To Clarify the Appointment Process for Various Representatives and Offices” (*TB*, pp.
17 133f.) was adopted without discussion by voice vote.

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19 Res. 6-09 “To Clarify the Process for Appointment of the Executive Directors of the Offices of
20 National and International Mission” (*TB*, p. 134) was adopted without discussion by voice vote.

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22 Res. 6-10 “To Clarify Appointment of Chief Executives of Synodwide Corporate and Trust Entities
23 and Executive Director of Commission on Theology and Church Relations” (*TB*, pp. 134ff.) was adopted
24 without discussion by voice vote.

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26 Res. 6-11A “To Strengthen Nominations Process for Boards of Directors of Synodwide Corporate
27 Entities” (*TB*, p. 276) was adopted without discussion by voice vote.

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29 Res. 6-01A “To Promote Financially Healthy Universities, Seminaries, and Church Workers” (*TB*,
30 pp. 275f.) was introduced by the committee. After discussion, debate was ended [Yes: 828; No: 51] and
31 the resolution was adopted [Yes: 859; No: 61].

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33 Res. 6-02 “To (Joy)fully Fund Career and GEO Missionaries” (*TB*, pp. 127f.) was introduced by the
34 committee and, after brief discussion, adopted by voice vote.

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36 Res. 6-04 “To Restore the Secretary of Synod as a Voting Member of the Commission on
37 Constitutional Matters (CCM)” (*TB*, p. 129) was introduced by the committee. After discussion, debate
38 was ended [Yes: 745; No: 124] and the resolution was adopted [Yes: 586; No: 328].

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40 Res. 6-16A “To Encourage Conversation and Education About Commission on Constitutional
41 Matters Opinions” (*TB*, p. 278) was introduced by the committee. A motion was introduced to consider
42 the substitute resolution printed on pp. 292–293. The convention voted not to consider the substitute
43 motion [Yes: 307; No: 621] in time for the Orders of the Day to be called.

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45 The session was closed with prayer by President Harrison.

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Notices

Our Convention Hymn, “Baptized into Christ Jesus’ Death,” is now available from Concordia Publishing House as a free PDF download for both accompaniment and reproducible congregational pages for congregational use through December 31, 2013. Go to cph.org/ConventionHymn to download.

Floor Committee Seven (7) will meet in Room 130 at 10:00 a.m. today for additional business. Announcement from floor committee chairman Richard Boche.

District Luncheons

The Mid-South District will be in room 225
Southeaster District will be in room 232

Evening Event

8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. President-Elect’s Reception America’s Center Ballroom

Volunteer shirts available for purchase during the lunch hour today at the Information Booth. Cash or check only, \$10 for t-shirts; \$20 for polos.

Concordia Seminary, Class of 1973 is invited to a time of fellowship on Wednesday evening. We will meet in Room 1631 of the Renaissance Hotel, the room of President Ken Hennings (Texas District) at 8:30 p.m.

Thank You! Pastor David would like to express “thanks” to the technical staff providing our convention with the typed dialogue being projected on the screens. You are doing a fantastic job!

Winner of iPad from Educational Opportunities Tours is Dale Mueller of St. Charles, MO. Congratulations! Drawing the winner was Dr. Paul Maier who will be leading his second and third cruise with Educational Opportunities Tours in 2014 (EOT.Travel).

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans congratulates the following drawing winners who were selected to designate a \$250 grant to the Lutheran nonprofit of their choice:

- Rev. Dr. Vernon Wendt, Jr. of Elmwood Park, IL
- Rev. David Dittmer of St. Louis, MO
- Joshua Parrish, Prior Lake, MN
- Willard Strenge, Beecher, IL

Thrivent will contact the winners following the convention.

2013 District Delegation Photo Schedule

All photos of district delegations will be taken at the Convention Center in room 120. Please gather promptly in the room at the date and time listed below. You will see that, as a rule, two district delegations are scheduled during each 10-minute time slot. Photos will be made available electronically to the district headquarters. Headshots of district presidents will be taken at the same time. Please urge your delegates to be in the room at or before their scheduled time. Due to time constraints, we cannot do re-shoots if delegates are not present at the appointed time.

<i>District</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Number*</i>
Oklahoma	6:15 p.m.	Wednesday, July 24	20 delegates
Pacific Southwest	6:15 p.m.	Wednesday, July 24	64 delegates
Rocky Mountain	6:25 p.m.	Wednesday, July 24	39 delegates
SELC	6:25 p.m.	Wednesday, July 24	8 delegates
South Dakota	6:35 p.m.	Wednesday, July 24	20 delegates
South Wisconsin	6:35 p.m.	Wednesday, July 24	67 delegates
Southeastern	6:45 p.m.	Wednesday, July 24	48 delegates
Southern	6:45 p.m.	Wednesday, July 24	28 delegates
Southern Illinois	6:55 p.m.	Wednesday, July 24	27 delegates
Texas	6:55 p.m.	Wednesday, July 24	89 delegates
Wyoming	7:05 p.m.	Wednesday, July 24	13 delegates

*Includes Advisory Delegates

Prayers for your petitions:

“Pray without ceasing!” the Apostle urges. Thank you for the opportunity to pray with and for you. Though we have not been able to include *publicly* all the petitions we’ve received (the prayer requests simply overflowed today – praise God!), please be assured that the Chaplains have lifted to the throne of grace each petition received. We will continue to pray publicly as we are able. Thank you for your understanding.

- For Pr. Joel & Judy Vano. Thanks be to God for 25 years of marriage for my wife and me. God has been so good to us and given us innumerable blessings. We ask for continued blessings in our marriage as we go forward under His grace and mercy for as many more years as God shall give us as husband and wife.
- For the Mills family as they mourn the death of mother/grandmother/great-grandmother, Lois Fischer.
- For Pat and her children who are homeless.
- For Michael Eugene Pearson and his family, for their safety, protection and blessing.
- For the family of Ryan Ruth, who died in Christ.
- For Pastor Ken Booth of Trinity, Sulphur, LA, who awaits a heart transplant.
- For Mike Beard and his family, who suffers from esophageal cancer.
- For Carl, nephew of Adam Hengeved, who was born prematurely and recovers from surgery.
- For those who suffer from Alzheimer's disease and all forms of dementia, and for their caregivers.
- For Brody Lenz, an infant with brain damage.
- For the family of Charles (Duke) Wilson, brother-in-law of delegate Paul Pillsbury, who was called to eternal rest Sunday.
- For Andrew, a 5th grader at Trinity Lutheran School, Utica, MI, who remains hospitalized in critical condition following an ATV accident.
- For Mary and all those whose injuries prevent them from work.
- For Stuart, who is receiving treatment for myeloma.
- For Kristine who has terminal cancer, to continue both in the faith and in the comfort of eternal life.
- For Gabriel Behrens, grandson of Sandra Walker, who is hospitalized with HAE.
- For all those who seek employment, especially Carolyn, Ami, Beth, Steve and the Ratliffe family.
- For Mary Hasz, mother of Pastor Marty Hasz, who has liver cancer and is awaiting transplant.
- For Alan, who suffers from mental illness, which has led him to doubt the faith.
- For Jane who suffers from rare and debilitating illness.



- For St. John, Lake Charles, LA, as they celebrate their 125th anniversary.
- For Christi Gottschalk, sister-in-law of Pastor William Kilps, who is undergoing her second back surgery today in the past two weeks.
- For Rev. Mark Anderson, IDE missionary to the deaf, suffering from complications of diabetes.
- For the family of Rev. Ronald Krug of Hartland, WI, who died in Christ on Monday.
- For Bambi Lynn Minor, facing urgent surgery.
- For Martha, suffering chronic pain, health issues and financial instability.
- For Elaine Lanier, recovering from surgery.
- For Callie Peters, recovering from surgery.
- For the family of Shannon Coronall, who suffered a heart event on Friday and has had no brain activity since that time.
- For Geri Richey in her four-year battle with cancer, especially as she celebrated her 70th birthday yesterday, a milestone not thought possible.
- For the family of Laura McQuilkin, friend of delegate Don Denby, whose husband died yesterday.
- For Pastor Timothy Carr, Trinity, Toledo, OH, undergoing chemotherapy and radiation therapy and upcoming surgery.
- For those struggling with hidden sexual sins.
- For those recovering from sexual abuse.
- For Emmy Pontz fighting breast cancer.
- For Sharon Arndt fighting breast cancer.
- For Sgt. Michael A. Kinne, son of Rev. Timothy Kinne, and for all LCMS military service personnel.
- For Bob Melvin, experiencing life threatening complications following back surgery.
- In thanksgiving for the birth of a granddaughter to Leroy Hight.
- For Jeffrey Freeburg who underwent surgery yesterday.
- For SID President Emeritus Alvin Kollmann.
- For Tanya Thompson, battling cancer.
- For Bonnie Gilbert, near death.
- For Sandy, sister of Bruce Kintz, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- For Jonathan Titus, 8 month old born with special needs, and for his caregivers.
- For Rev. Harold Baldwin, Pueblo, CO, who suffers from heart ailments.
- In thanksgiving for the 26th wedding anniversary on Thursday for Carol Hack Broome and Rod Broome.
- For Jacob and Luke, that the Holy Spirit would keep them strong in faith in Christ and in understanding of His Word.
- For Richard Stoern, dying of cancer, and peace for him and his family.
- For Julie, incarcerated due to drug addiction and for her daughter Amber during this separation.
- For Pat, suffering from the long-term effects of anorexia, for peace, comfort and strength of her body and soul.
- For the family of Pastor Brian Davies, at the death of his father Roy.
- For guidance for Pati.
- For Cynthia Cullen, undergoing surgery for cancer.
- For Emil Johanson, for surgery due to a growth in his neck.
- For Bonnie Price, diagnosed with breast cancer.

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