

# CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS



## The Fifty-Fifth Convention

*"IGNITING CHRIST'S CHURCH IN MISSION"*

**English District**  
**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

June 17-20, 2015  
Concordia University  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

The logo for the 55th Regular Convention of the English District Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod was designed by Arlen Meyer.

Arlen explains the logo represents: "Our God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - He gives His love and grace to all and leaves it up to those in the church, those who revel in His grace, to make God's great love known. We are those people!"

The upper portion of the logo features the creative Hand of God to symbolize our Trinity, and he used red imagery to focus on the Son and Holy Spirit. Arlen also blended his art to reflect the multi-cultural aspects of the English District.

It is with great thanks to Arlen Meyer that we have such a beautiful representation in this logo and that we can use it for this year's convention.

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of  
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**ELECTED COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

<u>REGION</u>	<u>PASTORS</u>	<u>LAYPERSONS</u>
Eastern	The Rev. Luke Zimmerman*	Mr. William Magill
Lake Erie	The Rev. Eric Forss	Mrs. Heather Thomason
Midwest	The Rev. William Meier	Mr. Chris Cassel
Western	The Rev. Dan Pezzica*	Mr. Tom Honebrink

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Eastern Region	The Rev. Fred Gerlach
Lake Erie Region	Mr. Troy Lindsey*
Midwest Region	Ms. Rosalie Streng
Western Region	Mr. Tom Schlitt
Canada Corporation	The Rev. Raymond Kirk
English District President	The Rev. Dr. David Stechholz
English District Treasurer	Mrs. Sally Naglich
Board of Directors Representative	Mr. Ernest Seaman

**APPOINTED COMMITTEES**

**CAMPUS MINISTRY TASK FORCE**

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The Rev. Peter Bauernfeind, The Rev. Dr. Thomas Kraus\*, The Rev. Luke Zimmerman

**DISTRICT ARCHIVIST**

The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Jr.

**EVANGELIZATION TEAM**

The Rev. Eric Carlson, The Rev. John Diener\*, The Rev. Daniel Grams, DCE Heidi Koehler, The Rev. Adam Koontz, Mr. Thomas Kuwazaki, DCE Lavern Kruse, The Rev. Fred Reaman\*, The Rev. Dr. David Stechholz

**LIFELINE**

The Rev. Michael Brown\*, The Rev. John Diener, Deaconess Jeri Morrison, The Rev. Dr. David Stechholz, The Rev. Jeffrey Webb, DCE Suzanne Zobel

**MINISTERIAL HEALTH**

The Rev. Dr. Ronald Farah\*, Mrs. Talitha Farah, Dr. Jennifer Gramzow, The Rev. Paul R. Koester, The Rev. Dr. Dean Pittelko

**MISSION COUNCIL**

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**WORSHIP**

The Rev. Wayne Berkesch\*, The Rev. David Rutter

\*Chair

# Requires Board ratification

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## REGISTERED DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES

### VOTING DELEGATES

	<u>ORDAINED</u>	<u>LAY</u>
<b><u>Circuit #1 - New York</u></b>		
Ewing, NJ	Bethany	Rev. Fred Gerlach
Flushing, NY	Immanuel	
Palisades Park, NJ	Grace	
Palisades Park, NJ	Cho Won Korean	
Pennsauken, NJ	Martin Luther Chapel	Jane Duffy
Princeton, NJ	Messiah	Rev. Martin Erhardt
Saint Albans, NY	Redeemer	Herbert Gishlick
Scarsdale, NY	Trinity	Rev. Ronald Rieger
Valley Stream, NY	Our Saviour	Michael Coffey
<b><u>Circuit #2 - Philadelphia</u></b>		
Blue Bell, PA	Gloria Dei	
Blue Bell, PA	Philadelphia True Light	
Chesapeake, VA	Faith	Rev. Christian Morales
Harrisburg, PA	Gloria Dei	Walter Dissen
Lititz, PA	Mount Calvary	Rev. Adam Koontz
Mechanicsburg, PA	Calvary	Rev. Luke Zimmerman
Springfield, PA	Saint John	Rev. Robert Kieselowsky
Warminster, PA	Grace	John Zampino
<b><u>Circuit #3 - Florida</u></b>		
Jacksonville, FL	Celebration	Rev. Jeffrey Webb
Naples, FL	Faith	
Ocala, FL	Trinity	
Palm Coast, FL	Shepherd of the Coast	Rev. William Douthwaite
		Peter Brand
		Stephanie Johnson
<b><u>Circuit #4 - Georgia</u></b>		
Alpharetta, GA	Christ the Shepherd	Rev. Kevin Elseroad
Atlanta, GA	Ascension	Rev. David Miller
		Gary Church
		Justin Morr
<b><u>Circuit #5 - Buffalo</u></b>		
Amherst, NY	Calvary	
Buffalo, NY	Nazareth	Rev. Dwayne Hendricks
Erie, PA	Trinity	
Kenmore, NY	Pilgrim	Rev. Ben Eder
North Tonawanda, NY	Redeemer	Rev. David Beutel
Syracuse, NY	Hope Community	
		Carol George
		Carol Obot
		Kathleen Beutel
		Deacon Emmanuel Nyema
<b><u>Circuit #6 - Pittsburgh</u></b>		
Butler, PA	Faith	Rev. Brian Westgate
McMurray, PA	Peace	Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy
Oakmont, PA	Redeemer	Rev. Jonathan Naumann
Slippery Rock, PA	All Saints	Rev. Michael Scheer
		Bethanie Westgate
		Paul Stanis
		Jeffrey Meier
		James Mennell
<b><u>Circuit #7 - Canada East</u></b>		
Aurora, ON	Christ	Rev. Jeffrey Kunsman
Golden Lake, ON	Saint John	
Mississauga, ON	Saint Mark	Rev. Jeffrey Miskus
North York, ON	Saint Luke	Rev. J. Derek Mathers
Pembroke, ON	Saint John	Rev. Stephen Alles
Toronto, ON	Saint Matthew	Rev. Dereck Pillay
		Bob Ernst
		Welland Schroeder
		Doug Askew
		Ian Farquharson
		Samuel Biggs
		Getahun Demisse

**Circuit #8 - Canada West**

Chatham, ON Our Saviour's  
 Kitchener, ON Hope  
 Mitchell, ON Grace  
 Sarnia, ON Redeemer  
 Windsor, ON Gethsemane  
 Windsor, ON Peace

**ORDAINED**

Rev. Daniel Murray  
 Rev. Dr. Terry Hursh  
 Rev. Gerald Luck  
 Rev. Dr. Roger Ellis  
 Rev. Robert Voelker  
 Rev. Gregory Lutz

**LAY**

William Schwarz  
  
 Glenn Kahle  
 Michel Poliquin  
 Wayne Sallach  
 Ron Schertzer

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Akron, OH Concordia  
 Akron, OH Fairlawn  
 Akron, OH Good Shepherd  
 Akron, OH Grace  
 Cleveland Heights, OH Mount Olive  
 Northfield, OH Epiphany  
 Streetsboro, OH Saint Thomas

Rev. Robert Tauscher, Jr.  
 Rev. James Gau  
  
 Rev. Ryan Beffrey  
 Rev. Dr. Christian Just

Rich Wilson  
 Robert Fischer  
 Eric Fink  
  
 Ashley Beffrey  
 Rebecca Wilson  
 Gilbert Ayers

**Circuit #10 - Cleveland-West**

Cleveland, OH Holy Cross  
 Cleveland, OH Iglesia  
 Elyria, OH Grace  
 Medina, OH Prince of Peace  
 North Olmsted, OH Ascension  
 Oberlin, OH Grace

Rev. Robert Weldon  
  
 Rev. Anthony Appel  
 Rev. Joshua Moldenhauer

Richard Jennings  
 Terry Leu  
 Mark English  
 Fred Feddeck

**Circuit #11 - Detroit-South**

Allen Park, MI Angelica  
 Detroit, MI Zion  
 Grosse Pointe Woods, MI Christ the King  
 Plymouth, MI Risen Christ  
 Rockwood, MI Christ Our Redeemer  
 Sylvania, OH King of Glory  
 Toledo, OH Good Shepherd  
 Toledo, OH Holy Cross

Rev. Jonathan Sachs  
 Rev. Mark Braden  
 Rev. Randy Boelter  
  
 Rev. Bradford Scott  
 Rev. Peter Burfeind

Terry Turner  
 Michael Edwards  
 Noel Paavola  
  
 Paul Jentzen  
  
 David Jahn  
 Tracy Omodon

**Circuit #12 - Detroit-North**

Beverly Hills, MI Ascension of Christ  
 Redford, MI Grace  
 Rochester Hills, MI Epic  
 Saint Clair Shores, MI Saint Paul  
 Sandusky, MI Holy Redeemer  
 West Bloomfield, MI Shepherd King  
 West Branch, MI New Beginnings

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 Rev. Timothy Halboth  
  
 Rev. David Rutter  
  
 Rev. Timothy Holzerland

Susan Elsholz  
 Jeffrey Mezigan  
  
  
 Beverly White

**Circuit #13 - Western Michigan**

Dorr, MI Epiphany  
 East Lansing, MI Martin Luther Chapel  
 Grand Rapids, MI Hope  
 Hartland, MI Our Savior  
 Howell, MI Immanuel  
 Lakeview, MI Holy Trinity  
 Lansing, MI Christ  
 Wyoming, MI Grace

Rev. Jonathon Krenz  
 Rev. Curtis Dwyer  
  
 Rev. Christopher Thoma  
 Rev. Eric Forss  
 Rev. Steven Voelker  
 Rev. Zerit Yohannes  
 Rev. John Diener

Chelsie MacIntosh  
 John Engle  
 Jason Harnish  
  
  
 Paul Schleusener  
 Robert Reneker, Jr.



**Circuit #14 - Indiana**

Florence, KY Abiding Faith  
Fort Wayne, IN Bethany  
Fort Wayne, IN Jacob's Well  
Fort Wayne, IN Redeemer  
Fort Wayne, IN Saint Michael  
Fremont, IN Peace  
LaPorte, IN Trinity  
Stroh, IN Prince of Peace  
Zionsville, IN Advent

**ORDAINED**

Rev. Chad Trouten  
  
Rev. Michael Frese  
  
Rev. Wayne Berkesch  
  
Rev. James Elsner  
Rev. Dr. John Fiene

**LAY**

Ed Lawrence  
Dorothy Trouten  
  
Paul Lagemann  
  
Gerry Ferrell  
  
Edwin Spornhauer

**Circuit #15 - Chicago-North**

Arlington Heights, IL Faith  
Chicago, IL Bethany  
Chicago, IL Bethesda  
Chicago, IL Christ English  
Chicago, IL Grace English  
Chicago, IL Our Savior  
Elk Grove Village, IL Holy Spirit  
Elmhurst, IL Redeemer  
Villa Park, IL Trinity

Rev. Thomas Sanders  
  
Rev. Dr. Paul Bacon  
  
Rev. Dr. Dean Pittelko  
Rev. Eric Carlson  
Rev. Timothy Manwell  
  
Rev. Robert Rogers

Andrew Wegner  
Richard Tank  
  
Joan Shogren  
Carol Klingbeil  
Jerry Jacobson  
  
Jim Van Ewyk

**Circuit #16 - Chicago-South**

Berwyn, IL Concordia  
Chicago, IL Chatham Fields  
Chicago, IL Ephphatha  
Chicago, IL Faith  
Chicago, IL Good Shepherd  
Chicago, IL New Hope  
Chicago, IL Saint John the Divine  
Elmhurst, IL Messiah  
Markham, IL Markham  
New Lenox, IL Trinity

Rev. James Huenink  
  
Rev. Prentice Marsh  
  
Rev. Brad Maxon  
Rev. Larry Schneekloth  
Rev. Douglas Hoag

Barb Lambert  
  
Daniel Maxon  
Nancy Griffin  
Rex Toepke

**Circuit #17 - Milwaukee**

Forest Lake, MN Messiah  
Hales Corners, WI Hales Corners  
Hastings, MN Hope  
Janesville, WI Saint Mark  
Lake Mills, WI Christ  
Menomonee Falls, WI Prince of Peace  
Mount Pleasant, WI Living Hope  
New Berlin, WI Peace  
Shawano, WI Resurrection  
Sheboygan, WI Saint Mark  
Watertown, WI Faith  
West Allis, WI Greenfield Park

Rev. Joe Robb  
  
Rev. Paul Speerbrecker  
  
Rev. Thomas Engler  
Rev. Cashius Myers  
Rev. Kenneth Rankin  
Rev. Ronald Raddatz  
Rev. Brett Matz  
  
Rev. Fred Reaman

Sarah Robb  
  
Sue Speerbrecker  
  
Norman Schwantes  
Kay Romahn  
Bill Vath  
  
Charles Porter

**Circuit #18 - Saint Louis**

Hannibal, MO	Saint John
Lee's Summit, MO	Beautiful Savior
Lincoln, NE	Redeemer
O'Fallon, MO	Peace
Saint Louis, MO	Chapel of the Cross
Saint Peters, MO	Chapel of the Cross
Vine Grove, KY	Grace

**ORDAINED**

Rev. Michael Stoerger
Rev. Jon Gruen
Rev. Mark Ebert
Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner
Rev. Ted Laesch
Rev. Dr. Mark Hoehner
Rev. David Tannahill

**LAY**

Rick Chapman
Chris Cassel
Paul Jud
Ellory Glenn
Daniel Clemens
Stephen White

**Circuit #19 - Arizona-North**

Overgaard, AZ	Faith
Parker, AZ	Messiah
Payson, AZ	Shepherd of the Pines
Phoenix, AZ	Family of Christ
Pinetop, AZ	Shepherd of the Mountains

Rev. Nicholas Wirtz
Rev. Steve De Santo
Rev. Dr. Wade Butler
Rev. R. Wayne Morton

Don Grotberg
Ned Hines
David Anderson
Beth Morton

**Circuit #20 - Arizona-South**

Benson, AZ	Peace in the Valley
Green Valley, AZ	Risen Savior
Rio Rico, AZ	Christus Rex
Sahuarita, AZ	Gracepoint
Tucson, AZ	Ascension
Tucson, AZ	Catalina
Tucson, AZ	Faith
Tucson, AZ	Holy Trinity
Tucson, AZ	Messiah
Tucson, AZ	Mount Olive

Rev. Dr. John Stieve
Rev. James Thelen
Rev. Michael Morehouse
Rev. Luther Esala
Rev. Dr. Frank Ciampa

Daniel James
Richard Loesch
Tracy Huffstetler
Laurel Tatge
Andrew Wellik
Roni Grad
Sheryl Gregory
Richard Matties
Jeffrey Rundquist

**Circuit #21 - Nevada/Utah**

Mesquite, NV	Prince of Peace
North Las Vegas, NV	Trinity
Saint George, UT	Our Savior's

Rev. Travis Lauterbach
Rev. Arthur Drehman

Don Selking
Neal Smith

**Circuit #22 - San Diego**

Borrego Springs, CA	Borrego
El Cajon, CA	Christ the King
El Cajon, CA	First
Lakeside, CA	Morning Star
Mira Mesa, CA	Crossroads
Pine Valley, CA	Inter-Mountain
San Diego, CA	Living Water

Rev. Justin Laughridge
Rev. Steven Duescher

Deacon Thomas Kuwazaki
Theodore Davis

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Los Angeles, CA	Highland Park
Mission Hills, CA	Chapel of the Cross
Palm Desert, CA	Peace
Sherman Oaks, CA	Sherman Oaks

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Rev. Brian Pratt
Rev. Daniel Pezzica

Clifford Johnson
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**Circuit #24 - San Francisco**

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Fremont, CA	Hope
San Francisco, CA	New Life Chinese
San Francisco, CA	West Portal

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Rev. Todd Arnold

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## ADVISORY DELEGATES

### Advisory Ordained

Rev. Dr. Fred Baue, St. Louis, MO  
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Rev. Dr. Gary Danielsen, Alpharetta, GA  
Rev. Dr. David Dressel, East Lansing, MI  
Rev. Raymond Kirk, Waterloo, ON  
Rev. Paul Koester, West Allis, WI  
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Rev. Dr. David Ritt, Aurora, IL  
Rev. Jeffrey Siegel, Des Moines, IA  
Rev. Ron York, Oro Valley, AZ

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Vicki Helmling, Oak Park, IL  
DCE Daniel Huth, Brighton, MI  
Andrea Johnson, Brighton, MI  
Deaconess Jeri Morrison, Green Valley, AZ

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Mary Rinda, Elmhurst, IL

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Rosalie Streng, Des Plaines, IL

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Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, Saint Louis, MO  
Rev. Theodore Krey, Cerro Alto, Santiago, DR

Rev. Dr. Joel Lehenbauer, St. Louis, MO  
Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, St. Louis, MO  
Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker, Saint Louis, MO  
Rev. Dr. John Wohlrabe, St. Francis, WI

## YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

William Webb, Florida Circuit #3  
Noah Hardy, Pittsburgh Circuit #6  
Micah Ruppert, Pittsburgh Circuit #6  
Jordan Davidson, Canada-East Circuit #7  
Jody Zane, Cleveland-West Circuit #10  
Victoria Mrozek, Western Michigan Circuit #13

Chandler Barry, Chicago-North Circuit #15  
Luke Eiden, Milwaukee Circuit #17  
Kendra Condojani, Arizona-North Circuit #19  
Gibson Huffstetler, Arizona-South Circuit #20  
Timothy Arnold, San Francisco Circuit #24

## **CONVENTION COMMITTEES**

**Nominations Committee**..... Co-chairs: The Revs. Daniel Pezzica and Luke Zimmerman with  
The Rev. Dr. Robert Fitzpatrick, District Secretary, Advisor

Floor Committees:

**Committee #1 Church and Theology**..... The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Naumann with  
Committee members of the Buffalo Circuit #5 & Pittsburgh Circuit #6  
The Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Advisor

**Committee #2 Missions/Evangelization**..... The Rev. Steve Duescher with  
Committee members of the Nevada-Utah, San Diego, & Los Angeles Circuits #21, 22, & 23  
The Rev. R. Wayne Morton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Advisor

**Committee #3 Administration/Structure**..... The Rev. Stephen Alles with  
Committee members of the Canada East & West Circuits #7 & 8  
The Rev. Derek Mathers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Advisor

**Committee #4 Congregational Services**..... The Rev. Douglas Hoag with  
Committee members of the Chicago North & South Circuits #15 & 16  
The Rev. Rob Rogers, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Advisor

**Committee #5 Elections**..... The Rev. Bob Tauscher with  
Committee members of the Cleveland West & Akron/Cleveland East Circuits #9 & 10  
The Rev. Kenneth Rankin & The Rev. Peter Bauernfeind, Advisors

Special Committees/Positions:

**Convention Chaplains**..... The Rev. James Elsner and The Rev. Nicholas Wirtz

**Parliamentarian**..... The Rev. Dr. John Stieve

**Ministerial Health Commission** ..... The Rev. Dr. Ronald Farah, Chair

**Worship Committee**..... The Rev. Wayne Berkesch, with  
The Rev. David Rutter, Convention Organist;  
The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Voelker (Convention Hymn); and  
Jonathan Swett, Choir Director

**District Convention Essayist**..... The Rev. Ted Krey, DRLM Lead Missionary  
& Latin America-Caribbean Regional Director

**Theological Convocation Facilitator**..... The Rev. Dr. Joel Lehenbauer, CTCR Executive Director

**Convention Homilist**..... The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President, LCMS (Opening Service)

**Transportation Committee**..... Detroit North & South Circuits # 11 & 12

**Banquet Committee**..... Western Michigan Circuit #13, with The Rev. Jonathon Krenz, MC,  
and banquet music by The Rev. Rennie Kaufmann & Esther Kaufmann

**Youth Delegate Coordinators**..... Congregational Services Exec. DCE Lavern Kruse  
DCE Dan Huth and Mrs. Mary Ann Holvenstot with The Rev. Justin Laughridge

**Convention Banner**..... Kay Ardner

Consideration has been given to not always utilizing the same Circuits and Circuit Visitors, but rather, in reviewing of previous District Convention appointments, to spread around and share Committee responsibilities.

## CONVENTION SCHEDULE AS ADOPTED

### *"IGNITING CHRIST'S CHURCH IN MISSION"*

#### **Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

		<b>Location</b>
1:00 – 6:00 pm	Registration	Cardinal's Nest/Student Union
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Orientation for first-time delegates	Krieger Hall, Rm 109
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Open Hearings of Convention Floor Committees	Krieger Hall
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Meeting of Youth Delegates	Dorm-Jonathon
3:00 – 6:00 pm	Ministry Tent Open	West Campus Parking
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Dinner	Cafeteria/Student Union
4:30 pm	Seminary Presentations	Gymnasium
6:30 pm	Convention Group Picture	Student Union Patio
7:00 pm	Convention Divine Service	Chapel of Holy Trinity
Following Service	Meet the Candidates Reception	Central Campus

#### **Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

6:45 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Cafe./Student Union
7:10 – 7:45 am	Lifeline Session	Nest/Student Union
7:30 – 8:00 am	Orientation for first-time delegates (for those unable to attend Wednesday session)	Gymnasium
9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Ministry Tent Open	West Campus Parking
8:15 am	Hymn Sing	Gymnasium
8:30 am	Opening of the 55 <sup>th</sup> Convention of the English District-LCMS Opening Convention Devotion and Presentation - The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President Doctor of Divinity Presentation	
10:15 am	Break	Ministry Tent
10:30 am	Committee #6 Nominations - Bishop/President and Vice Presidents Committee #5 Elections - Bishop/President Ministerial Health Commission - The Rev. Dr. Ron Farah, Chair Committee #5 Elections - Vice Presidents Emeriti Presidents/Bishops - The Rev. Drs. Roger Pittelko and David Ritt Presentation " <i>Theology of Mission</i> " - The Rev. Ted Krey	Gymnasium
12:30 pm	Lunch (East & Midwest Regions to Cafe. and Lake Erie & West Regions to Ministry Tent)	Cafe./Student Union
2:00 pm	Bishop/President and Staff Presentation Committee #6 Nominations - Secretary and Board of Directors Triennial Board of Directors Report - The Rev. Dr. John Stieve By-Laws/Policy Review - The Rev. Dr. John Stieve Endowment Fund Report - The Rev. Fred Gerlach	Gymnasium
3:30 pm	Break	Ministry Tent
3:45 pm	Committee #5 Elections - Secretary and Board of Directors Welcome to Concordia University - Dr. Patrick Ferry, President Concordia Plan Services - Jim Sanft, President	Gymnasium
5:15 pm	Announcements/Closing Prayer	
6:00 pm	Presidential Banquet Pre-dinner beverages available at the Manor tent. The dinner and program will start at 6:15.	Manor Tent

## Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## Location

6:45 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Cafe./Student Union
7:10 – 7:45 am	Lifeline Session	Nest/Student Union
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Ministry Tent Open	West Campus
8:00 am	Hymn Sing/Morning Devotion	Gymnasium
	Recognition of New Congregations	
	Lutheran Church Extension Fund – Max Biesenthal, Ministry Support and The Rev. David Thiele, LCEF Vice President - English District	
	Convention Actions on Overtures: Floor Committee #4 - Congregational Services	
	English District Mission Council/Evangelization Team	
10:00 am	Break	Ministry Tent
10:15 am	Theological Convocation - The Rev. Dr. Joel Lehenbauer “The Mission of Christ’s Church in an Age of Moral Collapse”	Gymnasium
12:00 pm	Lunch (Lake Erie & West Region to Cafe. and East & Midwest Regions to Ministry Tent)	Cafe./Student Union
1:45 pm	Elected Bishop/President Address	Gymnasium
	Committee #5 Elections - Committee on Nominations, Endowment Fund Board of Managers, Ratification of Circuit Visitors	
	Stewardship - The Rev. Heath Curtis and District Stewardship Committee	
3:00 pm	Convention Actions on Overtures: Floor Committee #1 - Church & Theology Floor Committee #2 - Missions & Evangelization Floor Committee #3 - Administration & Structure Floor Committee #4 - Congregational Services	Gymnasium
	English District LifeLine Team	
	Convention Actions on Overtures - continued	
5:45 pm	Announcements/Closing Prayer	
6:00 pm	All Circuit Caucuses, Comm. Ministers Caucus, and Canada Corporation	See Announcements for locations
6:30 pm	Dinner	Cafe./Student Union
8:00 pm	Ice Cream Social (welcome all newly elected Officers, Board Members, Circuit Visitors)	Student Union

## Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

6:45 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Cafe./Student Union
7:10 – 7:45 am	Lifeline Session	Nest/Student Union
8:00 am	Hymn Sing/Devotion - Youth Representatives	Gymnasium
	(Jubilarians please proceed to left side of stage immediately following the campus ministries presentation)	
	Campus Ministries	
	Recognition of Jubilarians	
9:00 am	Unfinished Convention Business	
10:00 am	Convention Closing	
10:15 am	Convention Memorial Closing Divine Service	Chapel of Holy Trinity
	(Installation of Bishop/President, Vice Presidents, District Secretary, Circuit Visitors, Board of Directors)	
11:45 pm	Divine Service ends	
	Boxed Lunches available	Student Union
12:15 PM	Bus departs for airport	West Campus Dorm Parking Lot

**“...You will be My witnesses...”**  
**Acts 1:8**

**Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Opening of the 55<sup>th</sup> Convention**  
**English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

**Meeting at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI the English District** of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod began its triennial convention.

The 55<sup>th</sup> Convention of the **English District** of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod began with orientation for the first-time delegates at Krieger Hall. Open hearings of the convention floor committees followed with a Convention group picture on campus. The evening worship service was held at the Chapel of Holy Trinity, with the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President, preaching. After worship there was fellowship and a “Meet the Candidates” reception on the Central Campus.

**Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Opening of the 55<sup>th</sup> Convention**  
**English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**  
**Morning Proceedings**

Following a brief orientation for first-time delegates, the convention began with a hymn sing.

8:27 a.m. “Opening of the 55<sup>th</sup> Convention of the English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.”

Voting Delegates were directed to move to the blue sections, the advisory to the red sections, and guests to the back section. Recognized were the youth sitting in the back, the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President, the Rev. John Wohlrabe, Jr., Second Vice-President, and the Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker. The English District staff were introduced as well as the English District Secretary and Parliamentarian.

Following a brief orientation information and introductions, it was moved and seconded to accept the standing rules of the Convention on page 1-4 of the Convention Workbook. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion to adopt the agenda with one change: eliminate the break from the agenda on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. This will then move up the Floor Committee resolutions to start at 3 p.m. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President, was introduced to the assembly.

Opening devotion was presented by the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, “What is the church about?” based on Galatians 2:9. President Harrison then presented the Synodical report, based on Witness - Mercy - Life Together.

Following the report President Harrison took questions from the delegates on a number of subjects. Video was shown. “Upon This Rock” will be the Convention Theme for the 2016 Synod Convention.

The honorary title of "Doctor of Divinity" was bestowed upon the Rev. Dr. Roger Ellis, pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sarnia, Ontario. His wife, Lynda Ellis, was brought to the podium with Pastor Ellis.

Changes to the resolutions by the floor committees were passed out. Please add the letter "a" behind the designation number of the revised resolutions.

The initial Credentials Report was provided by the Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, District Secretary.

Voting Pastoral Delegates	102
Voting Lay Delegates	101

**Total Voting Delegates 203**

Total Advisory Pastors, Commissioned Ministers 18

Youth Representatives	11
Board Members	7
District Support Staff	9
Visitors/Guests	58

**Total in Attendance 306**

Electronic voting procedures were practiced. Jacob Wood helped with electronic voting devices, explaining how to use the devices.

Committee #6 - Nominations Committee

Co-chairs: The Revs. Daniel Pezzica and Luke Zimmerman; The Rev. Daniel Pezzica presented the slate of candidates nominated for office of President.

The slate for President is the Rev. Ben Eder, the Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy, and the Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner.

Pastor James Elsner was called upon to offer a word of prayer before elections.

Elections Chair, the Rev. Robert Tauscher, was called on to begin the elections. Pastor Tauscher then presented for vote of the convention the slate for District President. The votes were posted: 198 votes

The Rev. Ben Eder	55
The Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy	68
The Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner	75

Pastor Ben Eder's name was removed from the ballot.

The votes for the second ballot were posted: 196 votes

The Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy	100
The Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner	96



**The Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy** was elected District President.

For Vice President, the Rev. Luke Zimmerman announced the nominees.

Elections Chair, the Rev. Robert Tauscher, presented the slate for the office of Vice President, Eastern Region. The Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy withdrew his name leaving Rev. Ben Eder as sole candidate.

Prayer was then given by the Rev. Dr. David P. Stechholz, Bishop/President, before elections.

Pastor Tauscher presented the slate for the office of Vice President of the Eastern Region, asking Secretary Fitzpatrick to cast one ballot closing the election for the Eastern Region. Secretary Fitzpatrick cast a single ballot, thereby closing the election. **The Rev. Ben Eder** was elected to a first term.

Pastor Tauscher presented the slate for the office of Vice President of the Lake Erie Region. The votes on the first ballot were posted: 193 votes

The Rev. Michael Frese	89
The Rev. Zerit Yohannes	104

**The Rev. Zerit Yohannes** was elected to a first term.

Pastor Tauscher presented the slate for the office of Vice President of the Midwestern Region asking Secretary Fitzpatrick to cast one ballot closing the election for the Midwestern Region. Secretary Fitzpatrick cast a single ballot, thereby closing the election. **The Rev. Rob Rogers** was elected to a first term.

Pastor Tauscher presented the slate for the office of Vice President of the Western Region. The votes on the first ballot were posted: 191 votes

The Rev. Todd Arnold	75
The Rev. Daniel Pezzica	62
The Rev. Nicholas Wirtz	54

Pastor Nicholas Wirtz's name was removed from the ballot.

Pastor Tauscher presented the second slate for the office of Vice President of the Western Region. The votes on the second ballot were posted: 191 votes

The Rev. Todd Arnold	98
The Rev. Daniel Pezzica	93

**The Rev. Todd Arnold** was elected to a first term.

The Rev. Dr. Ronald Farah, Chair of the Ministerial Health Commission, was welcomed to the podium, noting on behalf of the Commission, "We're here to help you."

President Stechholz called for a vote of the assembly to accept the election of the four Vice Presidents. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Vice Presidents as elected.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The elected Vice Presidents were then ranked. The votes on the first ballot were posted:

The Rev. Ben Eder	96
The Rev. Zerit Yohannes	45
The Rev. Robert Rogers	22
The Rev. Todd Arnold	29

Pastor Rogers' name was removed from the ballot.

The votes on the second ballot were posted:

The Rev. Ben Eder	116
The Rev. Zerit Yohannes	52
The Rev. Todd Arnold	24

The Rev. Ben Eder is 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Pastor Tauscher presented the slate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. The votes on the third ballot were posted:

The Rev. Zerit Yohannes	104
The Rev. Robert Rogers	30
The Rev. Todd Arnold	58

The Rev. Zerit Yohannes is 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Pastor Tauscher presented the slate for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. The votes on the fourth ballot were posted:

The Rev. Robert Rogers	72
The Rev. Todd Arnold	117

The Rev. Todd Arnold is 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, and The Rev. Robert Rogers is 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President.

Newly elected President/Bishop the Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy and Vice Presidents, the Rev. Ben Eder, the Rev. Zerit Yohannes, the Rev. Todd Arnold and the Rev. Robert Rogers, came up to the stage for photos.

Emeriti Presidents/Bishops Rev. Dr. David Ritt, Rev. Dr. Roger Pittelko were acknowledged. Bishop Emeritus David Ritt then addressed the convention floor.

The Rev. Ted Krey, LCMS Regional Director for Latin America and Caribbean, came forward to present "Theology of Mission."

Following announcements and prayer, it was moved and seconded to recess for lunch (noting that the Eastern and Midwestern Regions were dismissed to Cafeteria and Lake Erie and Western Regions were dismissed to ministry tent) to reconvene at 2 p.m. **Motion passed.**

**Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Opening of the 55<sup>th</sup> Convention**  
**English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**  
**Afternoon Proceedings**

2:00 p.m. The 55<sup>th</sup> Convention of the English District – LCMS was reconvened by Bishop/President Stechholz.

Bishop Stechholz announced that offering from the Wednesday night service was \$3,790.11.

Bishop/President Stechholz presented his report to the Convention, with his staff bringing reports from their departments: Congregational Services Executive Lavern Kruse, School Ministry Executive Gail Holzer, and District Business and Finance Executive and Treasurer, Sally Naglich. Gail Holzer presented Bishop Stechholz with a Lifetime Service Award, thanking him for his time and hard work.

Bishop Stechholz honored the Rev. Dr. Thomas Kraus for his hard work and dedication of service for over 30 years on the Committee on Constitutions and Membership. The Rev. Dr. John Stieve was also honored, having over thirty years of service. The support staff was called to the stage to be recognized for their service to the District: Lavern Kruse, Gail Holzer, Sally Naglich, Evelyn Jentzen, Mary Ann Holvenstot, Peggy Oke and Lynne Cobb. Also acknowledged was LCEF Vice President, the Rev. David Thiele. Bishop Stechholz addressed the convention. Ephesians 3:20, ESV, "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think (imagine, NIV), according to the power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

The Credentials Report was provided by District Secretary Fitzpatrick as follows:

Voting Pastoral Delegates	94
Voting Lay Delegates	96

***Total Voting Delegates*    190**

Total Advisory Pastors, Commissioned Ministers 20

Youth Representatives	11
Board Members	7
District Staff	9
Visitors/Guest	60

***Total in Attendance*    297**

Co-chairs the Revs. Daniel Pezzica and Luke Zimmerman presented the slate for Board of Directors – Ordained, Commissioned, Lay Persons, and At Large. The slate of candidates for Ordained member of the Board of Directors from the Eastern/Lake Erie Regions was presented and the Rev. Ben Eder's name was removed (elected as 1<sup>st</sup> VP). Nominations were then opened to the floor for any additional names. Nominated from the floor for Midwestern/Western Regions – Ordained was the Rev. R. Wayne Morton. Nomination accepted.

The Rev. Dr. John Stieve presented the Triennial Board of Directors Report. The Rev. Dr. John Stieve, convention parliamentarian, presented the information on the Board's on-going Policy Review and its Corporate Operations Manual.

The Rev. Fred Gerlach presented the Endowment Fund Report.

The Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, President Concordia Seminary St. Louis, MO brought greetings to the convention.

The Rev. Al Wingfield, business manager of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, addressed the convention on behalf of Dr. Lawrence R. Rast, Jr., President of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN.

The Rev. Nicholas Wirtz was called upon for prayer.

Elections Chair, Pastor Tauscher, introduced the candidates for the office of District Secretary and called for the ballot. The votes on the ballot were posted:

The Rev. Robert Weldon, Sr.	49
The Rev. Luke Zimmerman	128

**The Rev. Luke Zimmerman** was elected to a first term.

The Rev. James Elsner was called upon for prayer.

The slate of candidates for Ordained member of the Board of Directors from the Eastern/Lake Erie Regions was presented, and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted: 177

The Rev. Ben Eder (name removed, elected as regional VP)

The Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick	111
The Rev. Jonathon Krenz	66

**The Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick** was elected to a first term.

The slate of candidates for Ordained member of the Board of Directors from the Midwestern/Western Regions was presented and the ballot was called for.

Motion to show the results by Jamison Hardy without R. Wayne Morton's bio being passed out. **Motion passed** - results were shown.

The votes were posted:

The Rev. Todd Arnold (name removed, elected as regional VP)

The Rev. Ted Laesch, Jr.	55
The Rev. R. Wayne Morton	116

**The Rev. R. Wayne Morton** was elected to a first term.

The slate of candidates for Commissioned Minister member of the Board of Directors from the Eastern/Lake Erie Regions was presented and the ballot was called for. Deaconess Jennifer

Miller is the sole candidate for member of the Board of Directors from the Eastern/Lake Erie Regions. The Secretary was directed to cast a single ballot electing **Jennifer Miller**.

The slate of candidates for Commissioned Minister member of the Board of Directors from the Midwestern/Western Regions was presented and the ballot was called for.

Commissioned Minister Albert Amling was the sole candidate for member of the Board of Directors from the Midwestern/Western Regions. The Secretary was directed to cast a single ballot electing **Albert Amling** to the Board.

The slate of candidates for Lay Member of the Board of Directors from the Eastern Region was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Rande Casaday	24
Jane Duffy	56
Carol George	56
William Magill	27

Rande Casaday's name was removed from the ballot.

The second ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Jane Duffy	62
Carol George	69
William Magill	34

William Magill's name was removed from the ballot.

The third ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Jane Duffy	79
Carol George	77

**Jane Duffy** was elected to a second term.

The slate of candidates for Lay Member of the Board of Directors from the Lake Erie Region was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Paul Lagemann	70
Terry Leu	62
William Wissman	27

William Wissman's name was removed from the ballot.

The second ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Paul Lagemann	90
Terry Leu	74

**Paul Lagemann** was elected to a second term.

The slate of candidates for Lay Member of the Board of Directors from the Midwest Region was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Christopher Cassel	82
Mary Rinda	76

**Christopher Cassel** was elected to a first term.

The slate of candidates for Lay Member of the Board of Directors from the Western Region was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

John Duncan	31
Richard Hesselroth	64
Shirley Holle	68

John Duncan's name was removed from the ballot.

The second ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Richard Hesselroth	70
Shirley Holle	92

**Shirley Holle** was elected to a first term.

Greetings from Concordia University – Dr. Patrick Ferry

The Rev. Dr. Patrick T. Ferry, President, Concordia University Mequon, Wisconsin, addressed the convention and thanked the English District for their support and acknowledged newly elected President Jamison Hardy.

The slate of candidates for the two At-Large Lay Members of the Board of Directors was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

**Carol George and Terry Leu** were elected as At-Large members.

Jim Sanft, President of Concordia Plan Services, brought greetings to the Convention.

Announcements – prayer request booklet available.

Recognition of new English District congregations in this triennium (2012-2015):

Prince of Peace, Mesquite, Nevada, March 21, 2013 - The Rev. Travis Lauterbach

Trinity, North Las Vegas, Nevada, March 17, 2013 - The Rev. Gary Oehlerts

Living Hope, Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin, March 24, 2013 - The Rev. Cashius Myers

New Jersey Korean Cho Won, Palisades Park, New Jersey, May 5, 2013 - The Rev. Philip Sangcho Rey

Advent, Zionsville, Indiana, May 15, 2013 - The Rev. John Fiene

Resurrection, Shawano, Wisconsin, June 9, 2013 - The Rev. Ronald Raddatz

Christ Our Redeemer, Rockwood, Michigan, June 23, 2013 - The Rev. Mark Raitz/Paul Jentzen

Crossroads, Mira Mesa, California, December 8, 2013 - The Rev. Justin Laughridge

Hope Community, Syracuse, New York, November 30, 2014 - Deacon Emmanuel Cholo Nyema

Abiding Faith, Florence, Kentucky, February 22, 2015 - The Rev. Robert A. Brockhoff, Vacancy Pastor/Ed Lawrence

Closing Prayer – The Rev. Derek Mathers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

Following announcements, President Stechholz called for a motion to recess until the next morning. The motion was made, seconded and passed. The President's Banquet followed at the Manor Tent.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick  
Secretary, English District – LCMS

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The third session of the 55<sup>th</sup> Convention of the English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod began with hymn sing.

The Rev. R. Wayne Morton led the devotional meditation. Isaiah 12:1-6

Announcements –

The Rev. John C. Wohlrabe, Jr., Second Vice-President, was acknowledged as being Synod's representative for today. Missionary Daniel and Kathryn Conrad were introduced.

August 10, 11, 12 will be the first meeting of the newly-elected Board of Directors.

Moved and seconded to accept the meeting minutes of the Convention's first session as presented. **Passed unanimously.**

The Rev. Dr. David Maier, President of the Michigan District, addressed the convention.

Recognition of new English District congregation in triennium (2012-2015): Advent, Zionsville, Indiana, May 15, 2013 - The Rev. John Fiene

Presentation by LCEF Representative Max Biesenthal and the Rev. David Thiele, LCEF Vice President.

President David Stechholz called the Convention to order at 8:52 a.m.

The Credentials Report was provided by the Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, District Secretary.

Voting Pastoral Delegates	91
Voting Lay Delegates	92

<b>Total Voting Delegates</b>	<b>183</b>
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Total Advisory, Pastors, Commissioned Ministers 20

Youth Representatives	11
Board Members	7
District Staff	9
Visitors/Guests	61
<b>Total in Attendance</b>	<b>291</b>

Deacon Emmanuel Cholo Nyema ("Temba") was brought to stage to recognize the Hope Community mission in Syracuse, NY. In "passing the hat" to take up a free will offering for the congregation, \$1,806.95 was collected in U.S. and Canadian currency.

The Rev. Doug Hoag, Chair of Congregational Services Committee #4, presented Resolution 2, page 6-16, To Eliminate Student Indebtedness. The committee withdrew the resolution from consideration. The action was explained.

Resolution 3a, To Establish a Legal Fund, page 6-16, was presented. The committee moved adoption.

Yes	149
No	16

**Motion passed.**

LMWL English District President Jan Simmons brought greetings and gave a brief overview of their mission work.

Chair of Mission Council, the Rev. R. Wayne Morton, addressed the convention and introduced the Mission Council team members: the Rev. Eric Carlson, the Rev. John Diener, the Rev. Daniel Grams, Mr. Seth Hoepfner, DCE Heidi Koehler, Mr. Jerry Lancour, the Rev. Justin Laughridge, Mr. Bill Magill, the Rev. Fred Reaman, the Rev. Dr. Bob Roegner, the Rev. R. Wayne Morton and the Rev. Dr. David Stechholz.

The Rev. John Diener, Co-chair of the Evangelization Team, addressed the convention and introduced the Evangelism team members: the Rev. Eric Carlson, the Rev. John Diener, the Rev. Daniel Grams, DCE Heidi Koehler, the Rev. Adam Koontz, Mr. Tom Kuwazaki, DCE Lavern Kruse, the Rev. Fred Reaman (Co-chair), the Rev. Mark Wood (LCMS Outreach) and the Rev. Dr. David Stechholz.

The Rev. Dr. John Stieve, Board of Directors Chair, put together a Convention questionnaire/evaluation.

#1 - I am a

First-time delegate	72
Returning delegate	87

#2 - Pre-convention information was

Clear and helpful	100
Could have been clearer	52
Not clear	6

#3 - Campus Accommodations

Very good	8
Good	36
Average	42
Poor	18
Not applicable	53

#4 - Procedural explanation was

Clear	121
Partially clear	36
Unclear	6



#5 - Verbal Reports were  
Helpful 57  
Interesting 56  
Unnecessary 51

#6 - Election Procedures were  
Very clear 126  
Somewhat clear 32  
Unclear 4

#7 - The convention Hall was  
A good setting 82  
An average setting 80  
A poor setting 3

#8 - From the Convention, my understanding of the English District is  
Much better 46  
Somewhat better 55  
About the same 67

Theological Convocation - The Rev. Dr. Joel Lehenbauer, Executive Director of the LCMS Commission on Theology & Church Relations, presented, "The Mission of Christ's Church in an Age of Moral Collapse".

Following his presentation, Dr. Lehenbauer took questions from the floor.

Following announcements and prayer, it was moved, seconded and passed to recess for lunch and to reconvene at 1:45 p.m.

Lunch at the Cafeteria/Ministry Tent - Lake Erie and Western Regions in the Cafeteria; Eastern and Midwest Regions to the ministry tent. Stewardship Committee with the Rev. Heath Curtis in Nest during lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick  
Secretary, English District – LCMS

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President Stechholz reconvened the assembly at 1:45 p.m.

Elected President/Bishop Jamison Hardy addressed the assembly, thanking significant individuals in his life and sharing insights into his vision for the District and administration for the coming triennium.

Prior to action on the various floor committee resolutions, Secretary Fitzpatrick provided the credentials report.

Voting Pastoral Delegates	86
Voting Lay Delegates	90

**Total Voting Delegates**      **176**

Advisory Pastors and Commissioned Ministers	20
Youth Representatives	11
Board Members	7
District Staff	9
Visitors/Guests	63

**Total in Attendance**      **286**

Committee #5, Elections/Ratification: Circuit Visitors, District Committee on Nominations, Endowment Board of Managers

Secretary Fitzpatrick presented the slate of Circuit Visitors to the delegates. The Visitors have been elected by their respective circuits, and the results are presented to the Convention for ratification.

*Eastern Region*

Circuit #1 New York/New Jersey – Peter Bauernfeind

Circuit #2 Philadelphia – Vacant (*Luke Zimmerman removed, elected as Secretary*)

Circuit #3 Florida – Jeff Webb

Circuit #4 Georgia – David Miller

Circuit #5 Buffalo – Dwayne Hendricks

Circuit #6 Pittsburgh – Jonathan Naumann

*Lake Erie Region*

Circuit #7 Canada-East – Stephen Alles  
Circuit #8 Canada-West – Robert Voelker  
Circuit #9 Cleveland-Akron – Ryan Beffrey  
Circuit #10 Cleveland-West – Michael Taylor  
Circuit #11 Detroit-South – Brad Scott  
Circuit #12 Detroit-North – Daniel Grams  
Circuit #13 Western Michigan – Eric Forss  
Circuit #14 Indiana – Chad Trouten

*Midwest Region*

Circuit #15 Chicago-North – Dean Pittelko  
Circuit # 16 Chicago-South – James Huenink  
Circuit #17 Milwaukee – Fred Reaman  
Circuit #18 St. Louis – Michael Stoerger

*Western Region*

Circuit #19 Arizona-North – Steve DeSanto  
Circuit #20 Arizona-South – Vernon Schindler  
Circuit #21 Nevada-Utah – Gary Oehlerts  
Circuit #22 San Diego – Steven Duescher  
Circuit #23 Los Angeles – Daniel Pezzica  
Circuit #24 San Francisco – Vacant (*Todd Arnold removed, elected as Vice President*)

Secretary Fitzpatrick moved ratification of the election of the Circuit Visitors.

It was moved to table the ratification until Saturday morning due to incorrect listing of names being presented to the Convention on the screens. The motion to table was adopted (Y - 113; N - 50).

The slate of candidates for the Committee on Nominations, Pastor, Eastern was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Rev. Martin Erhardt	50
Rev. Christian Morales	36
Rev. Michael Scheer	39
Rev. Brian Westgate	30

Rev. Brian Westgate was removed from the Ballot

The second ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Rev. Martin Erhardt	59
Rev. Christian Morales	38
Rev. Michael Scheer	54

Rev. Christian Morales was removed from the Ballot

The third ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Rev. Martin Erhardt	63
Rev. Michael Scheer	86

***Rev. Michael Scheer was elected.***

The slate of candidates for the Committee on Nominations, Pastor, Lake Erie was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Rev. Ryan Beffrey 71  
Rev. Eric Forss 84

**Rev. Eric Forss was elected.**

The slate of candidates for the Committee on Nominations, Pastor, Midwest was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Rev. Michael Brown 70  
Rev. Paul Speerbrecker 75

**Rev. Paul Speerbrecker was elected.**

The slate of candidates for the Committee on Nominations, Pastor, Western was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Rev. Peter Ledic 74  
Rev. Daniel Pezzica 87

**Rev. Daniel Pezzica was elected.**

The slate of candidates for the Committee on Nominations, Commissioned/Lay (Eastern) was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Carolyn Alessi 75  
Richard Drachenberg 73

**Carolyn Alessi was elected.**

The slate of candidates for the Committee on Nominations, Commissioned/Lay (Lake Erie) was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Donna Hay 67  
Nathaniel Pullmann 82

**Nathaniel Pullmann was elected.**

The candidate for the Committee on Nominations, Commissioned/Lay (Midwest) was presented:

Rod Lane

The Acting Secretary was directed to cast a single ballot **electing Rod Lane** to the committee.

The candidate for the Committee on Nominations, Commissioned/Lay (Western) was presented: Thomas Honebrink

The Acting Secretary was directed to cast a single ballot **electing Thomas Honebrink** to the committee.

The election for members of the Nominations Committee for the 2018 Convention are as follows:

Eastern Region (Ordained):	Rev. Michael Scheer
Lake Erie Region (Ordained):	Rev. Eric Forss
Midwest Region (Ordained):	Rev. Paul Speerbrecker
Western Region (Ordained):	Rev. Daniel Pezzica

Eastern Region (Commissioned/Lay): Carolyn Alessi  
Lake Erie Region (Commissioned/Lay): Nathaniel Pullmann  
Midwest Region (Commissioned/Lay): Rod Lane  
Western Region (Commissioned/Lay): Thomas Honebrink

The slate of candidates for Endowment Fund Manager (Eastern) was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Rande Casaday 55  
Rev. Fred Gerlach 104

***Rev. Fred Gerlach was elected.***

The slate of candidates for Endowment Fund Manager (Lake Erie) was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Rev. Ray Kirk 83  
Troy Lindsey 55

***Rev. Ray Kirk was elected.***

The slate of candidates for Endowment Fund Manager (Midwest) was presented and the ballot was called for. Rosalie Streng asked to have her name withdrawn from the ballot, leaving only Alan Zacharias as a candidate. The Secretary was directed to cast a single ballot ***electing Alan Zacharias*** to the Board.

The slate of candidates for Endowment Fund Manager (West) was presented and the ballot was called for. The votes were posted:

Tom Schlitt 73  
Paul Sticha 71

***Tom Schlitt was elected.***

The election for members of the Endowment Fund Board of Managers:

Eastern Region: Rev. Fred Gerlach  
Lake Erie Region: Rev. Ray Kirk  
Midwest Region: Alan Zacharias  
Western Region: Tom Schlitt

President Stechholz called upon the District Stewardship Committee. The Committee was granted time to present about the topic of stewardship to the delegates. The Committee elected to give its time to the Rev. Dr. Heath Curtis, the LCMS Coordinator for Stewardship, to address the Convention.

The members of the District Stewardship Committee who served during the 2012-2015 triennium were Al Achepohl, Kerry Buttke, Carol George, Troy Lindsey, Ted Radke, Michael Stoerger, Gary Timm, and Ralph Trendle.

President Stechholz called on Floor Committee #1 (Church & Theology) chaired by the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Naumann. President Stechholz noted the "two-minute rule" concerning length of speeches being made by delegates during debate.

Committee #1 introduced Resolution #1-1A ("*To Evaluate the Theological Implications of the Practice of Cremation*" on p. 6-9) for adoption. During the debate, 1st Vice President Wayne

Morton assumed the chair. Following debate, Resolution #1-1A was adopted as presented [Y - 114; N - 43].

President Stechholz reassumed the chair.

Committee #1 introduced Resolution #1-2A (*"To Reaffirm the Six-Day Creation"* on p. 6-10) for adoption. Following debate, Resolution #1-2A was adopted as presented [Y - 116; N - 39].

Committee #1 introduced Resolution #1-3A (*"To Reaffirm in Practice the Biblical Understanding of Marriage and the Biblical Qualifications for the Office of the Holy Ministry in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod"* on p. 6-11) for adoption. During debate, a motion was made to refer the resolution to committee; the motion to refer to committee was adopted [Y - 108; N - 54].

Committee #1 introduced Resolution #1-4 (*"To Educate the Church on the Practice of Reiki"* on p. 4-18) for adoption. During debate, a motion was made to refer the resolution to committee; the motion to refer to committee was adopted [Y - 135; N - 28].

Committee #1 was dismissed for the remainder of the afternoon session.

President Stechholz called upon Floor Committee #2 (Missions & Evangelism), chaired by the Rev. Steve Duescher.

Committee #2 introduced Resolution #2-1A (*"To Encourage Every Circuit of the English District to Consider the Study, Implementation, and Financial Support of a New Mission Start within Its Circuit Boundaries"* on pp. 6-13 and 6-14) for adoption. During debate, an amendment was proposed: In Line 40 after *"Triennium"* add *"subject to Synodical protocol agreements already in place"*. The amendment was approved [Y - 81; N - 70]. Following debate, the amended resolution was adopted [Y - 108; N - 49].

Committee #2 introduced Resolution #2-2 (*"To Promote Personal Witnessing and Congregational Outreach by All the Churches, Schools, Ministries, and Congregational Members of the English District—LCMS"* on pp. 4-21 and 4-22) for adoption. During debate, an amendment was proposed: In Line 44 after *"each congregation"* add *"be encouraged to"*. The amendment was received by the Committee. Following debate, the amended resolution was adopted [Y - 121; N - 24].

Committee #2 introduced Resolution #2-3 (*"To Memorialize Synod to Develop and Identify Resources to be Used in Reaching Out to Our Muslim Neighbors with the Gospel"* on p. 4-22) for adoption. Following debate, the resolution was adopted as presented [Y - 140; N - 11].

Committee #2 introduced Resolution #2-4A (*"To Adopt a Synod-Wide North American Evangelism Effort"*) for adoption. During debate, an amendment was proposed: in Line 35 (p. 6-17) to strike *"exclusively and solely"*. The amendment was received by the Committee. During debate, an amendment was proposed: in Line 35 (p. 6-17) to insert *"exclusively and solely"* after the words *"be used"*. The amendment was adopted [Y - 132; N - 19]. During debate, an amendment was proposed: in Line 31 (p. 6-17) replace *"a Synod-wide offering"* with *"Synod-wide offerings"*. The amendment was received by the Committee. During debate, an amendment was proposed: In Line 4 (p. 6-18) to strike Point 1-A from the Memorandum and to

renumber all other points under Point 1. The amendment was adopted [Y - 75 ; N - 71]. Following debate, the amended resolution was approved [Y - 123; N - 27].

Floor Committee #2 was dismissed for the Convention.

The District Lifeline Task Force presented about the Task Force's work being conducted in the past triennium, in particular results of a survey sent to District congregations concerning the life ministries that they participate in. Members of the Lifeline Task Force are Rev. Michael Brown, Rev. John Diener, Deaconess Jeri Morrison, President Stechholz, Rev. Robert Voelker, Rev. Jeffrey Webb, and DCE Suzanne Zobel.

President Stechholz called upon Floor Committee #3 (Administration & Structure), chaired by the Rev. Stephen Alles.

Floor Committee #3 introduced Resolution #3-1A (*"To Affirm the District's Canadian Congregations"* on p. 6-14) for adoption. Following debate, the resolution was adopted as presented [Y - 131; N - 11].

Floor Committee #3 introduced Resolution #3-4 (*"To Amend District Bylaw IV.A.4"* on pp. 4-25 and 4-26) for adoption. During debate, an amendment was proposed to strike lines 34-36 (the third Whereas clause) from the resolution; this amendment was received by the Committee. Following debate, the resolution was adopted as amended [Y - 78; N - 74].

Floor Committee #3 introduced Resolution #3-5A (*"To Amend Synod Constitution and Bylaws"* on p. 6-15) for adoption. Following debate, the resolution was adopted [Y - 89; N - 66].

Floor Committee #3 was dismissed for the afternoon session.

The Rev. Dr. Gary Danielsen provided information on Operation Barnabas, a ministry to military veterans.

Following announcements all Circuits will meet at 6:00 p.m. for their respective caucuses as will the Commissioned Ministers Caucus and the Canada Corporation.

After prayer by 2nd Vice President Jamison Hardy, President Stechholz called for a motion to recess until the next morning. The motion was seconded and passed.

Circuits disbursed for their circuit caucuses.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Luke T. Zimmerman  
Acting Secretary

**Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**55<sup>th</sup> Convention**  
**ENGLISH DISTRICT of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod**

Following a hymn-sing at 8:00 a.m., the morning devotion was presented by the Circuit Youth Delegates, who were introduced by the 4th Vice President, the Rev. Rob Rogers. The Circuit Youth Delegates who attended the 55th Convention of the English District were William Webb (Circuit 3), Noah Hardy (Circuit 6), Micah Ruppert (Circuit 6), Jordan Davidson (Circuit 7), Jody Zane (Circuit 10), Victoria Mrozek (Circuit 13), Chandler Barry (Circuit 15), Luke Eiden (Circuit 17), Kendra Condojani (Circuit 19), Gibson Huffstetler (Circuit 20), and Timothy Arnold (Circuit 24).

President Stechholz called the Convention to order at 8:21 a.m. He then called the delegates attention to the minutes of the June 19, 2015 session. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes; the motion passed.

The Credentials Report was provided by Acting Secretary Zimmerman.

Voting Pastoral Delegates	72
Voting Lay Delegates	76
<b>Total Voting Delegates</b>	<b>148</b>

Total Advisory, Pastors, Commissioned Ministers 20

Youth Representatives	11
Board Members	7
District Support Staff	7
Visitors/Guests	28

**Total in Attendance 221**

The slate of Circuit Visitors was presented by Acting Secretary Zimmerman:

*Eastern Region*

- Circuit #1 New York/New Jersey – Peter Bauernfeind
- Circuit #2 Philadelphia – Robert Kieselowsky
- Circuit #3 Florida – Jeff Webb
- Circuit #4 Georgia – David Miller
- Circuit #5 Buffalo – Dwayne Hendricks
- Circuit #6 Pittsburgh – Jonathan Naumann



### *Lake Erie Region*

- Circuit #7 Canada-East – Stephen Alles
- Circuit #8 Canada-West – Robert Voelker
- Circuit #9 Cleveland-Akron – Ryan Beffrey
- Circuit #10 Cleveland-West – Michael Taylor
- Circuit #11 Detroit-South – Brad Scott
- Circuit #12 Detroit-North – Daniel Grams
- Circuit #13 Western Michigan – Eric Forss
- Circuit #14 Indiana – Chad Trouten

### *Midwest Region*

- Circuit #15 Chicago-North – Dean Pittelko
- Circuit # 16 Chicago-South – James Huenink
- Circuit #17 Milwaukee – Fred Reaman
- Circuit #18 St. Louis – Michael Stoerger

### *Western Region*

- Circuit #19 Arizona-North – Steve DeSanto
- Circuit #20 Arizona-South – Vernon Schindler
- Circuit #21 Nevada-Utah – Gary Oehlerts
- Circuit #22 San Diego – Steven Duescher
- Circuit #23 Los Angeles – Daniel Pezzica
- Circuit #24 San Francisco – Charles Fox

The slate of Circuit Visitors was adopted by voice vote.

President Stechholz called the Campus Ministry Task Force to the dais to present information concerning the work being done among colleges and universities of the United States and Canada by District congregations and ministries. The Campus Ministry Task Force for the past triennium were Rev. Todd Arnold, Rev. Peter Burfeind, Rev. Dr. Frank Ciampa, Rev. Dr. David Dressel, Rev. Curtis Dwyer, Rev. Dr. Martin Erhardt, Rev. Robert Kieselowsky, Mrs. Augusta Mennell, Rev. Joshua Moldenhauer, Rev. Michael Morehouse, Rev. Michael Scheer, Rev. Bradford Scott, Rev. Dr. David Stechholz, and Rev. Robert Voelker.

Rev. Dr. David Dressel, chairman of the Campus Ministry Task Force, highlighted the opportunities for missions and Christian formation that campus settings present. Active campus ministries within the District are found at Princeton University, Slippery Rock University, University of Toledo, Michigan State University, University of Arizona, San Francisco State University, and Oberlin College & Conservatory.

President Stechholz recognized the Jubilarians, both ordained and commissioned, by asking them to come forward to receive the appreciation of the assembly. Certificates were presented to the Jubilarians.

President Stechholz called upon Floor Committee #1.

Floor Committee #1 presented Resolution #1-5 (*To Require Educational Training as Part of Pastoral Formation* on p. 4-19) for adoption. During debate, an amendment was proposed: In Line 24 to insert the words *“be encouraged to”* after *“the seminaries”*. This amendment was

received by the Committee. Following debate, the resolution was adopted as amended (Y - 117; N - 12).

Floor Committee #1 presented Resolution #1-6A (*"To Memorialize the Synod to Restore Procedure for Appeals"* on p. 6-12) for adoption. Following debate, the resolution was adopted as presented (Y - 116; N - 14).

Floor Committee #1 presented Resolution #1-3B (*"To Reaffirm in Practice the Biblical Qualifications for the Office of the Holy Ministry in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod"* on p. 6-37) for adoption. Delegates approved reception of the resolution from the Committee by voice vote. Following debate, the resolution was adopted as presented (Y - 79; N - 53).

Floor Committee #1 presented Resolution #1-4B (*"Warning Against Occult Pseudoscience Practices"* on p. 6-37) for adoption. Delegates approved reception of the resolution from the Committee by voice vote. The resolution was adopted as presented (Y - 110; N - 15).

President Stechholz dismissed Floor Committee #1.

A delegate moved adoption of Overture #3-02 (*"To Review Nominations"* on p. 4-9). Floor Committee #3 responded against consideration of the overture. Convention delegates chose to decline consideration of the overture (Y - 44; N - 83).

President Stechholz dismissed Floor Committee #3.

A delegate moved to honor President Stechholz by conferring upon him the title "Bishop Emeritus". The motion was adopted by voice vote.

Delegates sang the Convention Hymn "Igniting Christ's Church in Mission", which was written by Robert & Sandra Voelker.

There being no further business, President Stechholz, following announcements, called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed. He gaveled the 55<sup>th</sup> Convention of the English District adjourned in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit at 9:58 a.m.

At the Convention Memorial Service the Bishop/President, Vice Presidents, District Secretary, Circuit Counselors, Board of Directors were installed in their various offices.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Luke T. Zimmerman  
Acting Secretary

## ELECTION RESULTS

### District President

The Rev. Ben Eder

***The Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy - Elected***

The Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner

### Vice President – Western Region

***The Rev. Todd Arnold - Elected***

The Rev. Daniel Pezzica

The Rev. Nicholas Wirtz

### Vice President – Eastern Region

***The Rev. Ben Eder - Elected***

### Vice President – Lake Erie Region

The Rev. Michael Frese

***The Rev. Zerit Yohannes - Elected***

### Ranking of Regional Vice Presidents

The Rev. Ben Eder – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

The Rev. Zerit Yohannes – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

The Rev. Robert Rogers – 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President

The Rev. Todd Arnold – 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

### Vice President – Midwestern Region

***The Rev. Rob Rogers - Elected***

### District Secretary

The Rev. Robert Weldon, Sr.

***The Rev. Luke Zimmerman - Elected***

### Board of Directors – Ordained—Eastern/Lake Erie Regions

The Rev. Ben Eder (name removed, elected as regional VP)

***The Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick - Elected***

The Rev. Jonathon Krenz

### Board of Directors – Ordained—Midwestern/Western Regions

The Rev. Todd Arnold (name removed, elected as regional VP)

The Rev. Ted Laesch, Jr.

***The Rev. R. Wayne Morton - Elected***

### Board of Directors – Commissioned—Eastern/Lake Erie Regions

***Deaconess Jennifer Miller - Elected***

### Board of Directors – Commissioned—Midwestern/Western Regions

***Commissioned Minister Albert Amling - Elected***

### Board of Directors – Lay—Eastern Region

Rande Casaday

***Jane Duffy - Elected***

Carol George

William Magill

### Board of Directors – Lay—Lake Erie Region

***Paul Lagemann - Elected***

Terry Leu

William Wissman

### Board of Directors – Lay—Midwestern Region

***Christopher Cassel - Elected***

Mary Rinda

Board of Directors – Lay–Western Region

John Duncan  
Richard Hesselroth  
**Shirley Holle - Elected**

Board of Directors – Lay–At-Large

Rande Casaday  
John Duncan  
**Carol George - Elected**  
Richard Hesselroth  
**Terry Leu - Elected**  
William Magill  
Mary Rinda  
William Wissman

Committee on Nominations – Ordained–Eastern Region

Rev. Martin Erhardt  
Rev. Christian Morales  
**Rev. Michael Scheer - Elected**  
Rev. Brian Westgate

Committee on Nominations – Ordained–Lake Erie Region

Rev. Ryan Beffrey  
**Rev. Eric Forss - Elected**

Committee on Nominations – Ordained–Midwestern Region

Rev. Michael Brown  
**Rev. Paul Speerbrecker - Elected**

Committee on Nominations – Ordained–Western Region

Rev. Peter Ledic  
**Rev. Daniel Pezzica - Elected**

Committee on Nominations – Commissioned/Lay–Eastern Region

**Carolyn Alessi - Elected**  
Richard Drachenberg

Committee on Nominations – Commissioned/Lay–Lake Erie Region

Donna Hay  
**Nathaniel Pullmann - Elected**

Committee on Nominations – Commissioned/Lay–Midwestern Region

**DCE Rod Lane - Elected**

Committee on Nominations – Commissioned/Lay–Western Region

**Thomas Honebrink - Elected**

Endowment Fund Manager – Eastern Region

Rande Casaday

**Rev. Fred Gerlach - Elected**

Endowment Fund Manager – Lake Erie Region

**Rev. Ray Kirk - Elected**

Troy Lindsey

Endowment Fund Manager – Midwestern Region

Rosalie Streng (name withdrawn by nominee)

**Alan Zacharias - Elected**

Endowment Fund Manager – Western Region

**Tom Schlitt - Elected**

Paul Sticha

Slate of Circuit Visitors - Ratified

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Circuit #1 New York/New Jersey – Peter Bauernfeind

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Circuit #22 San Diego – Steven Duescher

Circuit #23 Los Angeles – Daniel Pezzica

Circuit #24 San Francisco – Charles Fox

## STANDING RULES AS ADOPTED

1. Delegates wishing to address the Convention, when recognized by the Chair, shall state their names and the name of their congregation or other entity of the district they represent.
2. An electronic response system shall ordinarily be used to register votes. When not in use for motions before the Convention, the Chair shall call for a voice vote and the raising of the right hand.
3. Questions of privilege shall ordinarily be addressed in writing to the chair, or its appointee, instead of consuming Convention time.
4. Resolutions prepared by the floor committees which are not acted upon by the Convention before adjournment die. The subject matter may be **reintroduced at the next Convention** by means of an overture.
5. Unless covered by these standing rules of the convention, parliamentary procedure shall be governed by the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
6. When speaking to the question on the floor, a delegate shall attempt to speak directly for or against the question. When the chair notes that there are many delegates waiting to speak to a given question, the chair may, at his discretion, invoke a two-minute speaking rule. The chair shall notify the assembly when this rule becomes effective.
7. The use of electronic devices (e.g. iPads, cell phones, and laptops) shall be permitted in the delegate section of the Convention. These devices must have the sound on "mute" at all times and should only be used for Convention business, such as viewing the Convention Workbook online. Courtesy, discernment, and good churchmanship should be demonstrated at all times with the use of such devices and must not distract from each delegate's responsibilities.

**ENGLISH DISTRICT of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD  
Newly Elected/Appointed: 2015-2018 Triennium**

**OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT:** The Rev. Dr. Jamison J. Hardy  
107 Carol Drive, McMurray, PA 15317-3274

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44 Chapel Road, Kenmore, NY 14217-2060

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New York: The Rev. Peter Bauernfeind  
Philadelphia: The Rev. Robert Kieselowsky  
Florida: The Rev. Jeffrey Webb  
Georgia: The Rev. David Miller  
Buffalo: The Rev. Dwayne Hendricks  
Pittsburgh: The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Naumann  
Canada-East: The Rev. Stephen Alles  
Canada-West: The Rev. Robert Voelker  
Cleveland-Akron: The Rev. Ryan Beffrey  
Cleveland-West: The Rev. Michael Taylor  
Detroit-South: The Rev. Bradford Scott  
Detroit-North: The Rev. Daniel Grams

Western Michigan: The Rev. Eric Forss  
Indiana: The Rev. Chad Trouten  
Chicago-North: The Rev. Dr. Dean Pittelko  
Chicago-South: The Rev. James Huenink  
Milwaukee: The Rev. Frederic Reaman  
St. Louis: The Rev. Michael Stoerger  
Arizona-North: The Rev. Steven De Santo  
Arizona-South: The Rev. Dr. Vernon Schindler  
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LCEF Vice President

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## **ELECTED BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Albert Amling	Ms. Carol George	Mrs. Jennifer Miller
The Rev. Todd Arnold	The Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy	The Rev. R. Wayne Morton
Mr. Chris Cassel	Ms. Shirley Holle	Mrs. Sally Naglich
Mrs. Jane Duffy	Mr. Stuart Kahle	The Rev. Robert Rogers
The Rev. Ben Eder	Mr. Paul Lagemann	The Rev. Zerit Yohannes
The Rev. Dr. Robert Fitzpatrick	Mr. Terry Leu	The Rev. Luke Zimmerman

### **CANADA CORPORATION**

The Rev. Dr. Roger Ellis	The Rev. Jeffrey Miskus
Mr. Stuart Kahle*	Mr. Bert Risto
Mr. Michael Gondosch	The Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy
The Rev. Gregory Lutz	Mrs. Sally Naglich

### **COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

<u>REGION</u>	<u>PASTORS</u>	<u>LAYPERSONS</u>
Eastern	The Rev. Michael Scheer	Ms. Carolyn Alessi
Lake Erie	The Rev. Eric Forss	Mr. Nathaniel Pullmann
Midwest	The Rev. Rev. Paul Speerbrecker	Mr. Rodrick Lane
Western	The Rev. Dan Pezzica	Mr. Tom Honebrink

### **ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF MANAGERS**

Eastern Region	The Rev. Fred Gerlach
Lake Erie Region	The Rev. Raymond Kirk
Midwest Region	Mr. Alan Zacharias
Western Region	Mr. Tom Schlitt
Canada Corporation	To be appointed by Canada Corporation
English District President	The Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy
English District Treasurer	Mrs. Sally Naglich
Board of Directors Representative	Mr. Terry Leu

## **APPOINTED COMMITTEES**

### **CAMPUS MINISTRY FOCUS GROUP**

The Rev. Todd Arnold, The Rev. Peter Burfeind, The Rev. Dr. Frank Ciampa, The Rev. Dr. David Dressel\*, The Rev. Curtis Dwyer, The Rev. Dr. Roger Ellis, The Rev. Thomas Engler, The Rev. Dr. Martin Erhardt, The Rev. Robert Kieselowsky, The Rev. Joshua Moldenhauer, The Rev. Michael Morehouse, The Rev. Daniel Pezzica, The Rev. Michael Scheer, The Rev. Robert Voelker

### **CONSTITUTIONS & MEMBERSHIP #**

The Rev. Peter Bauernfeind, The Rev. Ryan Beffrey, The Rev. Daniel Grams\*

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Rev. Mark Braden\*

### **DISTRICT ARCHIVIST**

The Rev. Dr. David Stechholz

### **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Eric Carlson, The Rev. John Diener\*, The Rev. Daniel Grams, Mr. Thomas Kuwazaki, The Rev. Fred Reaman, The Rev. Mark Wood, The Rev. Ronald York

### **HUMAN CARE & DISASTER RELIEF**

The Rev. Theodore Laesch, The Rev. Brian Westgate\*

### **LIFELINE**

The Rev. Michael Brown\*, The Rev. John Diener, Deaconess Jeri Morrison, The Rev. Robert Voelker, The Rev. Jeffrey Webb, DCE Suzanne Zobel

### **MINISTERIAL HEALTH**

The Rev. Dr. Ronald Farah\*, Mrs. Talitha Farah, Dr. Jennifer Gramzow, The Rev. Jonathan Gruen, The Rev. Paul R. Koester, The Rev. Gregory Lutz, The Rev. Dr. Dean Pittelko

### **MISSION COUNCIL**

The Rev. Thomas Engler, The Rev. Dale Kaster, The Rev. Justin Laughridge\*, The Rev. Derek Mathers, The Rev. Daniel Pezzica

### **RECONCILERS #**

The Rev. Dr. Richard Drews, The Rev. Theodore Predoehl, Mr. Richard Zimmermann

### **REFORMATION 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Mark Ebert, The Rev. Ben Eder, The Rev. Thomas Engler, Ms. Gayle Godek, The Rev. Nicholas Wirtz, Mrs. Patty Wirtz



**APPOINTED COMMITTEES - continued**

**STEWARDSHIP #**

Mr. Al Achepohl, The Rev. Kerry Buttke, The Rev. Mark Ebert, Mrs. Carol George, The Rev. Jonathon Krenz\*, Mr. Troy Lindsey, The Rev. Edward Radke, The Rev. Michael Stoerger\*, Mr. Gary Timm, Mr. Ralph Trendle

**WORSHIP**

The Rev. Ryan Beffrey, The Rev. Jeffrey Miskus\*, The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Naumann, The Rev. David Rutter

**AUXILIARY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Gregory Lutz\*

\*Chair

# Requires Board ratification

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD ENGLISH DISTRICT

## BYLAWS

Adopted in Convention: June 15, 1997

Revisions Adopted in Convention: June 20, 2009

Revised at request of Synod by Board of Directors: August, 2011, May, 2012

Revisions Adopted in Convention June 29, 2012

Revisions Adopted in Convention June 20, 2015

### **PREAMBLE**

In 1872 an initial conference of English-speaking Lutherans was held in Gravelton, Missouri. In 1888 the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri was organized and in 1911 was invited to join the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States as the English Mission District. An agreement dated May 15, 1911, in Saint Louis, Missouri (*Delegatensynod von Missouri, Ohio u.a. St.*, 1911, pages 31-35) made the English District official. Because of this origin the English District is unique among the districts of the Synod (Denver Convention *Proceedings*, 1969, Resolution 5-15). Since the English District is a district of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, the Constitution of the Synod as given in the *Handbook* is also the Constitution of the District. Also, the Bylaws of the Synod are primarily the Bylaws of the District. The District's objectives are as noted in the Synod's Constitution (see *2010 Handbook*), Article III Objectives:

The Synod, under Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, shall –

1. Conserve and promote the unity of the true faith (Ephesians 4:3-6; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:10), work through its official structure toward fellowship with other Christian church bodies, and provide a united defense against schism, sectarianism (Romans 16:17), and heresy;
2. Strengthen congregations and their members in giving bold witness by word and deed to the love and work of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and extend that Gospel witness into all the world;
3. Recruit and train pastors, teachers and other professional church workers, and provide opportunity for their continuing growth;
4. Provide opportunities through which its members may express their Christian concern, love and compassion in meeting human needs;
5. Aid congregations to develop processes of thorough Christian education and nurture, to establish agencies of Christian education such as elementary and secondary schools, and to support Synod colleges, universities and seminaries;
6. Aid congregations by providing a variety of resources and opportunities for recognizing, promoting, expressing, conserving and defending their confessional unity in the true faith;
7. Encourage congregations to strive for uniformity in church practice but also to develop an appreciation of a variety of responsible practices and customs which are in harmony with our common profession of faith;
8. Provide evangelical supervision, counsel and care for pastors, teachers and other professional church workers of the Synod in the performance of their official duties;
9. Provide protection for congregations, pastors, teachers and other church workers in the performance of their official duties and the maintenance of their rights;

10. Aid in providing for the welfare of pastors, teachers and other church workers and their families in the event of illness, disability, retirement, special need and death.

Thus in the light of the Synod's objectives the mission of the English District is to seize every opportunity to serve the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ, the whole Church in the whole world, and the whole person in the whole society, and in fulfillment of this mission, it shall seek to utilize its unique character to:

- A. Assist congregations of the District in their ministries to their own communities with their own characteristics and needs;
- B. Serve as a progressive element in the church body, both in applying the Gospel to new and changing situations and in demonstrating concern about community problems and ecumenical opportunities;
- C. Begin new churches and support new ministries with particular emphasis on openness to new challenges;
- D. Assist in the revitalization of existing congregations and ministries;
- E. Assist ministries in communities that are changing;
- F. Focus on special, ethnic, urban and campus ministries;
- G. Support mission initiatives of The Lutheran Church– Missouri Synod;
- H. Support life-long educational ministries within the District; and
- I. Provide opportunities and avenues for congregations and their members to live out their love for God through the Christian stewardship of their time, talents and treasures.

#### **ARTICLE I**

##### **CONGREGATIONS OF THE DISTRICT**

- A. The congregations of the District shall exercise their authority through delegate convention which shall consist of all duly certified delegates from member congregations.
- B. The District shall exercise its authority in harmony with the goals and directives of the Synod and under the guidance of the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.
- C. The District shall delegate its authority as hereinafter prescribed. The exercise of such delegated authority shall always be subject to review by the District.

#### **ARTICLE II**

##### **ADMINISTRATION**

- A. The District shall establish an organizational structure for the effective operation of its programs and conduct of its affairs which shall include the District Convention (*referenced throughout as "Convention"*), the officers of the District, the Board of Directors, and such other staff and personnel as that Board may deem necessary and appropriate.
- B. The administration of the affairs shall be conducted on three levels:
  1. The Convention, which shall consist of the District at large through its delegates in convention assembled, and shall be the governing body of the District subject to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions of Synod, and to these Bylaws;
  2. The elected officers of the District, who shall have primary responsibility for the implementation of decisions of the Convention and the Board of Directors;

3. The Board of Directors elected by the Convention, which serves as the legal representative of the District and the custodian of all property of the District. Between conventions the Board shall provide for implementation within the District of the decisions of the Synod and District conventions, establish and review policy, determine general priorities, approve program budgets, allocate necessary funds for the support of the Synod and District budgets, review program performance, make provisions for necessary staff, and review the performance of the District President. It shall report its activities to the Convention.
- C. Dispute Reconcilers shall be chosen in such manner and exercise such jurisdiction as provided by the Bylaws of the Synod (see *2010 Handbook* bylaw 1.10.10ff).
- D. A Committee on Nominations shall be elected at each Convention to prepare the ballot for the next convention. One pastor and one layperson or commissioned minister by name from each conference region will be elected. The Committee will organize itself nine months prior to the convention in accordance with the District's *Corporate Operations Manual*.
- E. A Committee for Stewardship shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to comply with the stewardship programs and goals of the Synod (see *2010 Handbook* Bylaw 4.6).

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **OFFICERS**

- A. There shall be a President (Bishop), four Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, an appointed Treasurer, and Circuit Counselors.
- B. The duties of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Circuit Counselors are described Bylaw 5.2 (see *2010 Handbook*) and in the resolutions of the conventions.
- C. The Vice-Presidents shall advise the President, serve as his representatives, and assist him in bringing to the Board of Directors any needed recommendations.
- D. All staff shall be directly accountable to the President.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES**

- A. Elections
  1. All elections shall take place at the regular Convention.
  2. The President and all other elected officers, board and committee members shall be elected by a majority of votes cast.
  3. One Vice-President from each of the four regions shall be elected by the delegates. The convention shall determine their rank.
  4. Officers, members of the Board of Directors, Committee on Nominations, Committee for Stewardship, and Circuit Counselors shall serve for a term of three years. A person's tenure in the same office or function shall be limited to four (4) consecutive full three-year terms. These persons may be elected to their previous office or function after an interval of no less than three (3) years, or be appointed to fill an unexpired term after an interval of no less than two (2) years.

## B. Vacancies

1. In the event that the Board of Directors determines that the President is unable to serve in that capacity because of prolonged illness or disability, the duties and responsibilities of the office of President shall be performed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President shall remain as the Acting President until the Board determines such illness or disability has been removed, the President resigns or dies, or the Board determines that the illness or disability is permanent.
2. In the event that the office of President becomes vacant because of the resignation, death or permanent disability of the President, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President shall succeed to the office of President and shall serve until the next Convention.
3. The successor need not terminate his current position while completing the unexpired term.
4. Any Vice-President, who by the terms of this Article succeeds to the office of President, may decline such office; in which event:
  - a. The next ranking Vice-President shall become President of the District;
  - b. All other Vice-Presidents shall move up one rank;
  - c. The declining Vice-President shall fill the last ranking vacant Vice-Presidency.
  - d. In the event that all Vice-Presidents decline the office of President, the ranking of the Vice-Presidents shall remain unchanged, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President shall serve as Acting President until the next convention, when a President shall be elected. He need not leave his current position while serving as Acting President.
5. A vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the voting members of the Board.
6. A vacancy on the Committee on Nominations or in the Vice-Presidents shall be filled by the Board of Directors.
7. Vacancies that occur in the office of Circuit Counselor between conventions shall be filled by appointment by the District President.
8. Persons appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors or other elected or appointed positions shall serve until successors have been elected by the Convention or appointed under the terms of the bylaws.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **CONFERENCES**

- A. The President shall confer with the Board of Directors to arrange for the official conferences of the professional ministers of the District.
- B. There shall be four regional pastoral conferences, which shall meet not less than once each year.
- C. There shall be at least one District Conference for Commissioned Ministers per triennium.
- D. Circuit forums shall meet at the call of their Circuit Counselors to select their Circuit Counselors no later than the time established by the District and following the procedures noted in Synod Bylaws 5.2.2 & 5.3 (see *2010 Handbook*).
- E. The Circuit Counselors and any other officers of the circuit shall have the primary responsibility of preparing the agenda for the Circuit Convocation (see Bylaw 5.4, *2010 Handbook*).

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **POWERS**

The District shall have legal powers as follows:

- A. To purchase, acquire, hold, administer, sell, transfer, mortgage and convey property of every description, both personal and real, in the interest of the District;
- B. To accept, hold, administer, sell, transfer and convey legacies, gifts, donations, commercial papers and legal documents of every description in the performance of its work;
- C. To delegate to the Board of Directors who shall exercise the aforementioned powers. No individual or officer of the District shall have the power to usurp this authority.
- D. No action on the part of the members of the Board of Directors shall be prerequisite to the borrowing of money or the execution of any mortgage upon personality or realty.
- E. There shall be no shares of stock issued in connection with the District.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. The Board of Directors shall be composed of twelve (12) voting members: the President and the Secretary of the District; two (2) pastors, one of whom shall be elected from the Eastern/Lake Erie Regions and one from the Midwestern/Western Regions; two (2) commissioned ministers, one of whom shall be elected from the Eastern/Lake Erie Regions and one from the Midwestern/Western Regions; and six (6) lay persons, one from each of the four (4) regions and two (2) elected at-large. The Board shall also include six (6) non-voting members: four (4) Vice-Presidents, the appointed Treasurer, and the President of the English District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (Canada Corporation). They shall serve only in an advisory capacity. The Board shall elect its own chair and vice-chair from among the voting members of the Board after each convention. The President and Secretary may not serve as chair or vice-chair.
- B. The Board of Directors shall have such powers and duties as are accorded to it by the Constitution, Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, resolutions, and policies of the Synod, as well as those of the District. The Board's chief responsibility is developing and amending policy.
  1. Subject to such limitations, it shall operate within the applicable federal and state laws.
  2. It shall be vested with the general management and supervision of the District's business and legal affairs and shall adopt policies and require procedures which assure that said management and supervision is affected.
  3. In fulfilling its functions and in coordinating its work with the Synod, the Board shall be guided generally by the functions of the Board of Directors of the Synod as defined in Synod Bylaws 3.3.5ff (see *2010 Handbook*) as these apply to districts.
  4. Between conventions it shall provide for implementation within the District of the decisions of the Synod and District conventions and allocate necessary funds for the support of the Synod and District budgets.
- C. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least four (4) times a year at such time and place as the Board shall determine.

- D. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or upon request of seven (7) board members at any time, by means of written or email notice, at least three (3) days in advance of the time, place and purpose thereof to each director. Special meetings may be held by means of conference telephone, video conferencing, or similar communications equipment through which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. A director participating by such means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.
- E. A majority of the voting directors shall constitute a quorum.
- F. If and when all voting directors have been polled and a majority consent in writing to any action to be taken by the District, such action shall be as valid corporate action as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors.
- G. The Board of Directors shall have power to appoint such other officers and agents as the Board may deem necessary for the transaction of the business of the District.
- H. The Board of Directors may require any officer or agent to file with the District a satisfactory fidelity bond.
- I. Execution of instruments.
  - 1. All checks, drafts and orders for payment of money shall be signed in the name of the District and may be countersigned by such officers or agents as the Board of Directors designates for that purpose or by the Treasurer alone.
  - 2. When the execution of any contract, conveyance or other instrument has been authorized without specification of the executing officers, the President and the Secretary may execute the same in the name of and on behalf of the District and may affix the corporate seal thereto. The Board of Directors shall have power to designate the officers and agents who shall have authority to execute any instrument on behalf of the District.
- J. The Board of Directors shall act on behalf of the District to borrow money the Board deems necessary and appropriate. In such case the Board may authorize the proper officers of the District to make, execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of the District such notes, bonds and other evidence of indebtedness as the Board should deem proper. It shall have full power to mortgage the property of the District, or any part thereof, as security for such indebtedness, and no action on the part of the membership of the District shall be requisite to the validity of any such note, bond, evidence of indebtedness or mortgage.
- K. The Board of Directors shall establish and maintain the District's *Corporate Operations Manual* and shall approve appropriate modifications. Only the District in Convention, however, shall have the power to amend the *Corporate Operations Manual* with respect to sections dealing with the election of officers and the Board. Modifications, approved by the Board to any other sections, shall be reported at the next Convention.
- L. The Board of Directors shall establish the annual District budget.
- M. The Board of Directors shall establish the salary of the District President on an annual basis.
- N. The Board of Directors shall report at each Convention.
- O. The Board of Directors shall conduct, supervise, and manage all affairs of the District not otherwise assigned.
- P. The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to exercise any and all of the powers set forth in Article VI.

- Q. No member of the Board of Directors shall receive remuneration (beyond allowable reimbursement) for service on the Board.
- R. Each Board member shall avoid conflicts of interest and shall disclose to the Board chair any potential conflicts of interest.
- S. A member of the Board of Directors may be removed for witness or actions that are contrary to the mission and ministry of the District or to the functions of a Board member. Such removal requires an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members of the Board present at a duly noticed and constituted Board meeting. All actions must be in accord with Synod Bylaw 1.5.7 (see *2010 Handbook*).

### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **ENGLISH DISTRICT ENDOWMENT FUND**

- A. The District shall establish and maintain an endowment fund, providing a stewardship opportunity for congregations and their members and a resource for the support of District and Synod ministries. (The structure and operation of the fund is described in the English District *Corporate Operations Manual*.)
- B. The Board of Directors shall exercise oversight for the English District Endowment Fund (EDEF).
- C. The Board shall assure that the EDEF Board of Managers reports on its work at least annually to the Board.
- D. The Board shall elect one of its voting members to serve on the EDEF Board of Managers.

### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **CONFLICTS**

- A. No article of the Bylaws of the District shall be valid which conflicts with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod.
- B. Any matter, rule or regulation not specifically herein contained in the Bylaws shall be governed by comparable provision in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod.

### **ARTICLE X**

#### **AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS**

Changes, additions and alterations to the Bylaws may be made provided they:

- A. Are not contrary to the Constitution or Bylaws of the Synod;
- B. Are separately considered and acted upon by the Board of Directors;
- C. Are presented for review to the Commission on Constitutional Matters of the Synod prior to consideration by a District convention;
- D. Are presented in writing to the District in convention; and
- E. Are passed by a majority of the voting delegates in convention.



# RESOLUTIONS

## Resolution 1-1A

### To Evaluate the Theological Implications of the Practice of Cremation

WHEREAS, the practice of cremation is gaining acceptance in the United States; and

WHEREAS, our church body has stated nothing official regarding the practice of cremation; and

WHEREAS, many pastors have encouraged the use of cremation, and may have for themselves drawn plans to be cremated; and

WHEREAS, many pastors and church leaders are unsure of their advice with respect to cremation; and

WHEREAS, requests concerning the Scriptural acceptance or condemnation of cremation continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Dr. Alvin Schmidt (LCMS) has written a book entitled *Dust to Dust, Ashes to Ashes: A Biblical and Christian Examination of Cremation* (Salisbury, MA: Regina Orthodox Press, 2005), which condemns the practice of cremation, and this is the only book known among us to address this topic, but does not represent the official theological position of the synod; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod memorialize the Synod in the 2016 Convention, to assign to our two Seminaries the task of evaluating the theological implications of the practice of cremation; and be it finally

*Resolved*, that they render a published opinion to be disseminated and considered by our Synod during her 2019 Convention.

*Adopted at June 19 afternoon session [Y - 114; N - 43].*

## **Resolution 1-2A**

### **To Reaffirm the Six-Day Creation**

WHEREAS, the Scriptures teach that God is the Creator of all that exists, and is therefore the Author (Acts 3:15) and giver of life (Nicene Creed, third article); and

WHEREAS, Genesis Chapter 1 details the creation of the world by God in six days, each of which consists of 24 hours; and

WHEREAS, this interpretation is explicitly corroborated by other passages of Scripture, such as Exodus 20:8-11; and

WHEREAS, the Synod has previously and consistently taught and affirmed this position; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the English District in convention reaffirm the literal six-day creation as revealed in Genesis; and be it finally

*Resolved*, that the English District memorialize Synod to reaffirm her position concerning the literal six-day creation, as it is revealed in Genesis, during the 2016 convention.

*Adopted at June 19 afternoon session [Y - 116; N - 39].*

## **Resolution 1-3B**

### **To Reaffirm in Practice the Biblical Qualifications for the Office of the Holy Ministry in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

WHEREAS, Scripture clearly teaches that marriage is a lifelong union between one man and one woman (1 Cor 7:39; Rom 7:2; Mt 5:32; Lk 16:18); and

WHEREAS, St. Paul clearly states that the Christian minister must be the husband of one wife (1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:6), as Christ is the husband of one bride, the Church; and

WHEREAS, it has become the practice in our Synod that our seminaries admit, certify and place candidates who are divorced and remarried, while the first wife is still living; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that English District in convention memorialize The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to reaffirm the biblical qualifications for pastors, by forbidding admission to seminary, and the certification, placement, calling, and ordination of candidates who are the husbands of more than one wife, according to the scriptural understanding of marriage.

*Adopted at June 20 morning session [Y - 79; N - 53].*

## **Resolution 1-4B**

### **Warning Against Occult Pseudoscience Practices**

WHEREAS, the technique of Reiki and other occult pseudoscience therapies are being practiced in various healthcare institutions; and

WHEREAS, the origins of such practices are rooted in beliefs that are contrary to the Christian faith; and

WHEREAS, many of our members lack understanding of the occult nature of, and the dangers that such occult pseudoscience practices pose to the Christian faith; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the District encourage its members not to participate in ungodly occult pseudoscience practices, and be it further

*Resolved*, that the District encourage the dissemination of information contained in the CTCR Evaluation of Religious Organizations and Movements; and be it finally

*Resolved*, that the District in convention memorialize the Synod to do the same.

*Adopted at June 20 morning session [Y - 110; N - 15].*

## **Resolution 1-5**

### **To Require Educational Training as Part of Pastoral Formation**

WHEREAS, pastoral candidates are not required to complete courses on teaching that would provide them with tools to help them be more effective teachers; and

WHEREAS, the Scriptures tell us that one of the requirements of an overseer is to be "able to teach" (1 Tim 2:3); and

WHEREAS, it is expected of our Pastors to be the primary teachers of the young and adult catechism classes and of additional Bible study classes; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that Pastors have sufficient knowledge to be qualified as teachers, they generally lack the tools needed to be effective in their teaching and efficient in their preparation; and

WHEREAS, Doctor Luther said: *"...schoolteachers are used to speaking in school and somewhat more daring [than pastors]. They also teach in their school language how one must treat and interpret the language of the Holy Scriptures. I wish that no one would be chosen as a preacher unless he had first taught school"* (Lewis W. Spitz in Bulletin 2, March 1943, Lutheran Education Association), therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the seminaries be encouraged to offer at least two teacher training classes as required courses for graduation; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the substance of these courses include skills in class management, tools for lesson preparation, and an introduction to the philosophy of education; and be it finally

*Resolved*, that these courses be taught by qualified teaching (education) professionals, the details of which are to be coordinated with our Synodical seminaries and colleges.

*Adopted at June 20 morning session [Y - 117; N - 12].*

## **Resolution 1-6A**

### **To Memorialize the Synod to Restore Procedure for Appeals**

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's process of ecclesiastical supervision could be improved by providing a better system of checks and balances; and

WHEREAS, since 2004, if the District President fails to proceed in a case of doctrinal supervision, the person bringing the complaint presently has no further recourse; and

WHEREAS, our system would be improved by giving the person bringing a complaint the right to appeal a determination or decision of a District President or referral panel to the Praesidium of Synod; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the English District memorialize The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention to restore the procedure in ecclesiastical supervision cases that enables a complainant to appeal the case to the Praesidium of the Synod.

*Adopted at June 20 morning session [Y - 116; N - 14].*

## **Resolution 2-1A**

### **To Encourage Every Circuit of the English District to Consider the Study, Implementation, and Financial Support of a New Mission Start within Its Circuit Boundaries**

WHEREAS, the Lord Jesus Christ has told His Church to go and make disciples of all nations (peoples) by baptizing and teaching (Matthew 28:18-20) and to be His witnesses as the priesthood of all believers (Acts 1:8, 1 Peter 2:1-10); and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod through its Department of Witness and Outreach in the Office of National Mission and the English District-LCMS through its Bishop/President, Staff, Presidium, Circuit Visitors, Board of Directors, Mission Council, and Evangelization Team have promoted personal witnessing, congregational outreach and new mission starts; and,

WHEREAS, we in North America are the third largest world mission field; and,

WHEREAS, our blessed Lord Jesus Christ died for the sins of all people and rose triumphantly in having achieved the victory over sin, death, and hell, and that people are dying without hearing or coming to receive the grace of God in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit because the Word of God has not been continually shared or received in their lives; and,

WHEREAS, His Word is proclaimed and His Sacraments are distributed within His Church and Jesus Christ has promised in Matthew 18:20, "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them;" and,

WHEREAS, it is our humble desire to align with Christ's mission as congregations and individuals, guided by faithful pastors who "do the work of an evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:1-5), and to do this with a deep sense of urgency for the salvation of souls; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that each English District congregation and their Circuit be encouraged to pray regularly for opportunities to begin a new mission start within its Circuit boundaries during the next Triennium; and, be it further

*Resolved*, that each English District Circuit strongly be encouraged to develop a new mission start committee made up of laity and pastors from within the congregations of the Circuit to study, implement, and put together a plan including a financial plan to plant a new congregation within its Circuit boundaries during the next Triennium subject to Synodical protocol agreements already in place; and, be it further

*Resolved*, that we memorialize The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in her 2016 Convention, through her Department of Witness and Outreach, and the English District-LCMS through its Bishop/President, Staff, Presidium, Circuit Visitors, Board of Directors, Mission Council, and Evangelization Team to provide assistance as requested by each English District Circuit in the study, implementation, and plan including a financial plan to plant a new congregation within its Circuit boundaries during the next Triennium; and be it finally

*Resolved*, that we in this Convention see ourselves as living stones connected to The Living Stone, Jesus Christ, disciples of Jesus who are His witnesses, and to do all under God's grace

to promote witness and outreach in our Synod, District, Circuit, Congregation, School, and community.

*Adopted at June 19 afternoon session [Y - 108; N - 49].*



## **Resolution 2-2**

### **To Promote Personal Witnessing and Congregational Outreach by All the Churches, Schools, Ministries, and Congregational Members of the English District-LCMS**

WHEREAS, the Lord Jesus Christ has told His Church to go and make disciples of all nations 13 (peoples) by baptizing and teaching (Matthew 28:18-20) and to be His witnesses as the priesthood of all believers (Acts 1:8, 1 Peter 2:1-10); and

WHEREAS, the resurrected Lord Jesus had empowered every individual member of His Church to bear witness through the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23, Acts 2:32-33); and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod through its Department of Witness and Outreach in the Office of National Mission and the English District-LCMS through its Bishop/President, Staff, Praesidium, Circuit Visitors, Board of Directors, Missions Council, and Evangelization Team have promoted personal witnessing and congregational outreach; and,

WHEREAS, we in North America are the third largest world mission field; and,

WHEREAS, our blessed Lord Jesus Christ lived the perfect life, died for the sins of all people and rose triumphantly in having achieved the victory over sin, death, and hell, and that people are dying without hearing or coming to receive the grace of God in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit because the Word of God has not been continually shared or received in their lives; and,

WHEREAS, it is our humble desire to align with Christ's mission as congregations and individuals, guided by faithful pastors who "do the work of an evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:1-5), and to do this with a deep sense of urgency for the salvation of souls; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that each congregational member be encouraged to pray regularly and fervently for opportunities to give personal witness in their lives; and, be it further

*Resolved*, that each congregational member be encouraged to joyfully give personal witness in word and in acts of personal and with congregation mercy/human care ministry to family, neighbors, co-workers, school classmates, people in their neighborhood, and in other contexts of vocation or association; and be it further

*Resolved*, that each congregation be encouraged to have an Evangelization Team, Committee, or Board to help promote the above two "resolves" among congregational members and encourage ways for witness and outreach; and be it further

*Resolved*, that our schools through Pastor, Principal, Faculty, Staff, and member families seek those in the "mission field" of their own schools to share the love of God in Christ and lead people by the power of the Holy Spirit into the family of Christ, His Church; and be it finally

*Resolved*, that we in this Convention see ourselves as living stones connected to The Living Stone, Jesus Christ, disciples of Jesus who are His witnesses, and to do all under God's grace to promote witness and outreach in our Synod, District, Circuit, Congregation, School, and community.

*Adopted at June 19 afternoon session [Y - 121; N - 24].*

### **Resolution 2-3**

#### **To Memorialize Synod to Develop and Identify Resources to be Used in Reaching Out to Our Muslim Neighbors with the Gospel**

WHEREAS, the religion of Islam continues to gain adherents throughout the United States and the world, and

WHEREAS, the Lord Jesus has commissioned His Church to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19) through the proclamation of the Gospel, therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod memorialize the Synod in her 2016 Convention to adopt as a priority the development and identification of resources (e.g. written and visual materials, convocations, expert human resources within our synod, and other such resources) which will assist Districts and Congregations to boldly and faithfully reach out to Muslims with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Adopted at June 19 afternoon session [Y - 140; N - 11].*

## **Resolution 2-4A**

### **To Adopt a Synod-wide North American Evangelism Effort**

WHEREAS, our Synod's Constitution states as one of the Synod's Objectives is to "Strengthen congregations and their members in giving bold witness by word and deed to the love and work of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and extend that Gospel witness into all the world" [LCMS Constitution, Article III.2]; and

WHEREAS, our Synod's Constitution further states that a further objective is to "Aid congregations by providing a variety of resources and opportunities for recognizing, promoting, expressing, conserving, and defending their confessional unity in the true faith" [LCMS Constitution, Article III.6] ; and

WHEREAS, one of the reasons our Synod's Articles of Incorporation states for our Synod's existence is "To spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by means of radio and television broadcasting," [LCMS Articles of Incorporation, Article II.e]; and

WHEREAS, our Synod is formed "To provide assistance and resources to the congregations, schools, Sunday schools, preaching stations, and agencies of the Synod for the dissemination of the Christian Gospel." [LCMS Articles of Incorporation, Article II.f]; and

WHEREAS, it would be desirable for a Synod wide effort to reach out to people in North America with a sound Law/Gospel presentation; and

WHEREAS, having heard the Gospel some contact between those hearing the message and a congregation in their area is desirable so that they could hear more about the Savior; and

WHEREAS, our Synod is only as strong as its congregations; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that we memorialize Synod, in her 2016 Convention, to take Synod-wide offerings for the purpose of creating material to be presented over the broadcast, cable, and internet communication media existing in North America; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the funds gathered be used exclusively and solely for: developing material for broadcast on television channels and/or cable at the seminaries of our synod, securing broadcast time on television channels and/or cable, and developing and fabricating material for Synodical and congregational use on their respective web sites and as electronic media as part of this effort; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this gathering of funds and carrying out of the above resolutions be under the direction of the Board for National Mission; and be it finally

*Resolved*, that the attached memorandum be conveyed to the Board for National Mission for their consideration in constructing the manner in which this effort will be conducted.

## MEMORANDUM ABOUT SYNOD WIDE EVANGELISM EFFORT IN NORTH AMERICA

- [1] Have 2 or more Law/Gospel Evangelism presentations made for broadcast on television:
  - A. 15 minutes at max
  - B. Advertise Synod's web site in presentation
  - C. Have available other material for further presentation placed on Synod's web site
  
- [2] Leave 5 to 10 minutes for local congregation's Law/Gospel presentation:
  - A. Presentation ties in with theme of [1] above
  - B. Presentation advertises local congregation
  - C. Advertise Congregation's web site in presentation
  - D. Have available other material for further presentation on congregation's web site
  
- [3] Explore possibility of local radio broadcast by local congregation
  - A. Devotion
  - B. Bible Study
    1. Topic - based on Scripture lesson [ex. Parable]
    2. Topic - proof texts in context [ex. Marriage]
  
- [4] Make DVDs based on [1] and [2] above:
  - A. Include extra material
    1. Topic - based on Scripture lesson [ex. Parable]
    2. Topic - proof text in context [ex. Marriage]
  - B. Include extra material based on local congregation as ending message on DVD
    1. History
    2. Worship service
    3. Directions to church, times of worship, Sunday School
    4. Other [day school info, pastor info, community service info, etc.]
    5. Local congregation is responsible for local material
  - C. Distribute DVDs to visitors at local congregations
  
- [5] Run as a pilot program in several districts of the Synod:
  - A. Run as pilot first and solicit comments before expanding
  - B. Expand to more districts if results are positive
  - C. Consider continuing if results are positive as an evangelism effort of the Synod
  - D. Develop criteria for evaluating

*Adopted at June 19 afternoon session [Y - 123; N - 27].*

## **Resolution 3-1A**

### **To Affirm the District's Canadian Congregations**

WHEREAS, the English District has member congregations in Canada; and

WHEREAS, the English District (Canada Corporation) is a registered charity and corporation in Canada; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church—Canada jointly have a mission and ministry Protocol Agreement encouraging their congregations to work in harmony; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the English District in Convention reaffirm the policy of Synod that the congregations of the two Canadian circuits of the District continue to discuss mission and ministry with the congregations of Lutheran Church—Canada and work in harmony with one another; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the English District in Convention affirm the place of the Canadian circuits in the English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the English District hereby celebrate these as active member congregations.

*Adopted at June 19 afternoon session [Y - 131; N - 11].*

## **Resolution 3-4**

### **To Amend District Bylaw IV.A.4**

WHEREAS, the members of the English District must elect individuals for service as District officers (Synod Bylaw 4.3.1), members of a Board of Directors (Synod Bylaw 4.5.1), members of a Committee on Nominations (Synod Bylaw 4.7.2), and Circuit Visitors (Synod Bylaw 5.2.2); and

WHEREAS, limitation of tenure for its elected officers may be determined by the English District (Synod Bylaw 4.7.5); and

WHEREAS, the current three-term limit for the District President can deter individuals from offering themselves for service in that office; and

WHEREAS, uniformity in limitation of tenure for elected officers, board and committee members is the current agreed practice within the English District; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the English District determine that its President and all elected officers, board and committee members be made eligible to be elected to serve consecutively in the same office or function for a maximum of 12 years; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Bylaws of the English District be so amended:

#### **Article IV Elections and Vacancies**

##### **A. Elections**

1. All elections shall take place at the regular Convention.
2. The President and all elected officers, board and committee members shall be elected by a majority of votes cast.
3. One Vice-President from each of the four regions shall be elected by the delegates. The Convention shall determine their rank.
4. Officers, members of the Board of Directors, Committee on Nominations, Committee for Stewardship, and Circuit Visitors shall serve for a term of three years. A person's tenure in the same office or function shall be limited to four (4) ~~three (3)~~ consecutive full three-year terms. These persons may be elected to their previous office or function after an interval of no less than three (3) years, or be appointed to fill an unexpired term after an interval of no less than two (2) years.;

and be it finally

*Resolved*, that any amendments to Bylaw Article IV.A.4 be implemented subsequent to the election of the District President, officers, board and committee members at the Fifty-Fifth Convention of the English District in 2015.

*Adopted at June 19 afternoon session [ Y - 78; N - 74].*

### **Resolution 3-5A**

#### **To Amend Synod Constitution and Bylaws**

*Resolved*, that the English District memorialize The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod meeting in its 66th Regular Convention in 2016 to amend its Constitution and Bylaws to adopt a four-year cycle of Conventions and a term of four years for its officers.

*Adopted at June 19 afternoon session [Y - 89; N - 66]*

### **Resolution 4-3A**

#### **To Establish a Legal Fund**

WHEREAS, society at large is becoming increasingly hostile to the truth of the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, the state is increasingly seeking to “turn its coercive powers on the church and hinder its mission”<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, rostered church workers and church entities are increasingly vulnerable to lawsuits and potentially even prison time<sup>1</sup> for their defense of the Gospel; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the English District memorialize The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to establish a legal defense fund to aid in the defense of rostered church workers or church entities who come under legal attack for their witness to God's truth.

<sup>1</sup> Pr. Matt Harrison, quoted in: Harrison encourages LCMS to “not grow weary” in public square. Reporter Online; [blogs.lcms.org/2014/not-grow-weary](http://blogs.lcms.org/2014/not-grow-weary), accessed 11/18/14.

*Adopted at June 19 morning session [Y - 149; N - 16].*

## **Jubilarians - Ordained**

Ordination/Colloquy Anniversary

### **25 years (1988, 1989, 1990)**

The Rev. Thomas E. Engler  
The Rev. Eric C. Forss  
The Rev. James A. Gau  
The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth  
The Rev. Dale W. Kaster  
The Rev. Dr. Dean D. Pittelko  
The Rev. Wayne R. Rasmussen  
The Rev. Robert A. Rogers  
The Rev. Dr. David R. Schmitt  
The Rev. Keith A. Speaks  
The Rev. James E. Thelen

### **30 years (1983, 1984, 1985)**

The Rev. Paul W. Anderson  
The Rev. Randy S. Boelter  
The Rev. Kerry D. Buttke  
The Rev. Keith P. Christiansen  
The Rev. Steven J. Duescher  
The Rev. Mark H. Ebert  
The Rev. Ben C. Eder  
The Rev. Charles A. Fox  
The Rev. Daniel J. Gruenwald  
The Rev. J. Derek Mathers  
The Rev. Bradford C. Maxon  
The Rev. Robert J. Nemoyer  
The Rev. Steven E. Sutterer  
The Rev. Karl E. Schmidt  
The Rev. Bradford E. Scott  
The Rev. Michael S. Taylor  
The Rev. Robert E. Voelker

### **35 years (1978, 1979, 1980)**

The Rev. John W. Berg  
The Rev. Venice C. Douglas  
The Rev. Dr. John W. Fiene  
The Rev. Marvin R. Hinkle  
The Rev. Thomas J. Sanders  
The Rev. Paul E. Speerbrecker  
The Rev. Dr. David P. Stechholz  
The Rev. Robert W. Tauscher  
The Rev. Dr. Stanley J. Zyskowski

### **40 years (1973, 1974, 1975)**

The Rev. David A. Beutel  
The Rev. Dr. Gary L. Danielsen  
The Rev. Dr. Michael S. Ernst  
The Rev. Luther P. Esala  
The Rev. Dr. Christian F. Just  
The Rev. David R. Liefeld  
The Rev. Dr. Gilbert C. Meilaender  
The Rev. Christian G. Morales  
The Rev. Dr. Frank J. Pies  
The Rev. Dr. Larry G. Schneekloth  
The Rev. Norman A. Timmermann

### **45 years (1968, 1969, 1970)**

The Rev. Robert L. Alsleben  
The Rev. Dr. David A. Dressel  
The Rev. Dr. Robert L. Fitzpatrick  
The Rev. Dr. John M. Goerss  
The Rev. Peter C. Hoffmann  
The Rev. Paul W. Krause  
The Rev. David E. Krueckeberg  
The Rev. Robert W. Maass  
The Rev. Dr. Garry D. McClure  
The Rev. Henry O. Millhorn  
The Rev. Edward F. Radke  
The Rev. Dr. David H. Ritt  
The Rev. Arthur W. Schiemann  
The Rev. Dr. John W. Stieve  
The Rev. John A. Strohschein  
The Rev. Roger R. Stuenkel  
The Rev. Dr. Dusan Toth  
The Rev. Mark L. Viets

### **50 years (1963, 1964, 1965)**

The Rev. Robert A. Brockhoff  
The Rev. Norman A. Bumby  
The Rev. Don E. Burch  
The Rev. Robert F. Burke  
The Rev. Paul H. Dorr  
The Rev. Dr. Charles J. Evanson  
The Rev. Dr. Ronald R. Farah  
The Rev. Noble P. Lach  
The Rev. Ronald H. Laue  
The Rev. Theodore G. Predoehl  
The Rev. Guy A. Vogel

### **55 years (1958, 1959, 1960)**

The Rev. William C. Beckmann  
The Rev. Jerome H. Groth  
The Rev. Dr. Simon S. Johann  
The Rev. Dr. Thomas D. Kraus  
The Rev. Orlen W. Lapp  
The Rev. William G. Naumann  
The Rev. Richard W. Patt  
The Rev. Dr. Roger D. Pittelko  
The Rev. Dr. Louis N. Scholl  
The Rev. Jonathan P. Stein

### **60 years (1953, 1954, 1955)**

The Rev. Howard E. Claycombe, Jr.  
The Rev. Dr. Joseph P. Fabry  
The Rev. Robert W. Kavasch  
The Rev. Robert F. Mayer  
The Rev. Robert J. Weinhold  
The Rev. Nicholas Zipay

### **65 years (1948, 1949, 1950)**

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Pourchot



## Jubilarians - Commissioned

Graduation Anniversary

### **25 years (1988, 1989, 1990)**

Jimmy W. Fritz-Halsted  
Donna L. Grunewald  
Sherri T. Steigerwalt  
Catherine A. Wurster

### **30 years (1983, 1984, 1985)**

Janet L. Begley  
Cheryl A. Gruenwald  
Daniel V. Holt  
Lucy B. Honig  
Herman E. Koenig  
Kevin Kolander  
Karla K. Rendahl  
Kimberly S. Roeske  
Nadine L. Schilke  
Mark W. Sieger  
Patricia A. Zanta  
Suzanne E. Zobel

### **35 years (1978, 1979, 1980)**

Michaëlle J. Angerman  
Steve D. Armbrust  
Mary L. Becker  
Brenda S. Granley  
Darla J. Gremel  
Vicki J. Helmling  
Robert W. Kaun, Jr.  
Douglas S. Mertz  
Susan E. Monfre  
George T. Moore  
Diane L. Ott-Hager  
Randy L. Potts  
Christine R. Seiler  
Susan J. Taylor  
Mary Beth Terhaar

### **40 years (1973, 1974, 1975)**

Ethel M. Garrett  
Carl E. Hoppe  
Andrea L. Johnson  
Sandra K. Kocab  
Toni L. Krone  
Gloria M. Lawrence  
Cheryl E. Sanders  
Janet L. Stechholz  
Kathryn B. Trinklein

### **45 years (1968, 1969, 1970)**

Joann E. Grepke  
James M. Harbke  
Waldemar C. Heuer  
Kay L. Matthews  
Bruce L. Voeltz

### **50 years (1963, 1964, 1965)**

Annette L. Bacon  
Harold L. Bacon  
Dr. Elaine R. Bryant  
Marlene M. Cleland  
John R. Fredel  
Theodore O. Geheb  
Donna D. Hay  
Rozanne M. Heinzl  
Judith D. Hughes  
Dennis N. Schultz  
Susan A. Stults  
Donald F. Wachholz

### **55 years (1958, 1959, 1960)**

Robert J. Clegg  
Lucy M. Hauer  
Ronald L. Kasten  
Rex T. Kollmorgen  
Sandra J. Kollmorgen  
John W. Speckhard  
Gerald J. Warmbier  
Hilbert W. Wiedenkiller

### **60 years (1953, 1954, 1955)**

Donald W. Bauer  
Carl G. Gruendler

## **CALLED TO GLORY**

### **ORDAINED**

The Rev. Wilferd A. Hansel	January 27, 2013
The Rev. Dr. Ihno A. Janssen	October 22, 2013
The Rev. Marvin P. Janz	May 6, 2014
The Rev. John E. Jaster	January 15, 2014
The Rev. Milford C. Murray	July 21, 2014
The Rev. Ervin B. Rasmussen	February 12, 2014

### **COMMISSIONED**

Thomas M. Eggerding	May 11, 2012
Kenneth Greve	February 22, 2012
Pamela M. Keiser	April 22, 2015
Albert F. Mueller	December 12, 2012
Lyle W. Saeger	March 28, 2013
Judy C. Thompson	March 17, 2015
Janet C. Tindall	May 1, 2013
Laureen A. Wudy	December 17, 2013