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Member Congregations of the English District-LCMS:

The English District Board of Directors decided **to defer the 57th English District Convention to June 20–22, 2022**. This decision was taken following the referendum of Synod congregations that resulted in deferring the Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023 and allowing Districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022.

So that District congregations can fully participate in the convention process and the District Convention can conduct its business, I am sending this reminder about pre-convention actions:

(1) Nominations for District President and District Vice-President

District Bylaws IV.B.3 and IV.C.3 state that the District Secretary can receive congregational nominations for District President and District Vice-President *“up to four months prior to the opening date of the District Convention.”* So the **deadline for receiving congregational nominations is February 20, 2022**. Any nominations that have already been submitted remain valid. If for some reason a nominee submitted by a congregation becomes ineligible for election, the nominating congregation will be notified that they can submit a replacement nomination. Any congregation needing nominating ballots for District President and District Vice-President should inform me as soon as possible. Names of individuals nominated and their nomination vote totals will be published in the *Convention Workbook*, as required by District Bylaws IV.B.3 and IV.C.3.

(2) Nominations for Other District Offices

As required by District Bylaws IV.D.2 and IV.E.3, the **deadline for submitting suggested names for other elected offices within the District is February 20, 2022**. These nominations can be submitted to the Committee on Nominations by the congregational and individual members of the District, as well as the laypersons who are members of District congregations. Any nominations that have already been submitted remain valid.

(3) Election of Circuit Visitors

Circuit Visitors are elected by the Circuit Forums of the Visitation Circuits, then ratified by the District Convention. Some Visitation Circuits of the District have held a Circuit Forum to elect a Circuit Visitor; those election results remain valid. If your Visitation Circuit has not yet elected a Circuit Visitor, it needs to do so and report the election result to me by **February 20, 2022**. If a Visitation Circuit has elected a Circuit Visitor who becomes ineligible to hold that position, it will be notified to convene again to hold a new election.

(4) Submission of Overtures

Overtures (proposed resolutions) can be submitted by Congregations, Circuit Forums, and plenary or regional District Church Worker Conferences to District President Jamison Hardy for consideration. President Hardy has **set the deadline for receiving overtures at February 20, 2022**. Previously submitted overtures remain valid.

(5) Election & Registration of Convention Delegates

Each congregation has the right to elect one pastoral delegate and one lay delegate to represent it at the District Convention. An alternate lay delegate should also be elected. If a congregation's voters assembly has already elected convention delegates, those results remain valid. If a congregation's voters assembly has not yet elected their delegates, doing so should be a priority agenda item for an upcoming meeting.

To assist the District staff with convention planning, including accurate housing and meal needs, please return the Convention Delegate Accreditation Form to the District office by **February 20, 2022**. A separate registration form for convention lodging and meals will be sent to accredited delegates in March 2022.

Helpful forms and instructions for District Convention activities will continue to be available via the English District website: <https://englishdistrict.org/events/57th-english-district-convention>.

I will also be able to render assistance to you, as together we navigate the District Convention process. Should you have any questions, please ask them, either by email (EnglishDistrictSecretary@gmail.com) or by telephone (717-636-1545). District Staff may also be able to answer your questions (248-476-0039).

Christ's peace and blessings be with you all!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Luke T. Zimmerman" followed by a stylized flourish.

Rev. Luke T. Zimmerman
Secretary, English District—LCMS