

1 **RESOLUTION 1-03A**

2 *(Overture 1-03)*

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**To Decline Overture 1-03**

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**(To Improve the Specific Ministry Pastor Program, p. 4-6)**

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7 WHEREAS, 2022 Overture 1-03 has been received by Floor Committee 1; and

8 WHEREAS, Overture 1-03 is a copy, verbatim, of the same resolution submitted to, and acted upon, by  
9 the 2018 English District in Convention; and

10 WHEREAS, 2022 Overture 1-03 was accepted as a resolution by the 2018 English District in Convention,  
11 and forwarded as an Overture to the 2019 LC-MS Synodical Convention; and

12 WHEREAS, At the 2019 Synodical Convention the Overture was combined by the Floor Committee on  
13 Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries (2019 Synod Res. 6-03A; text provided on following pages) with several  
14 other Overtures of the same topic, the SMP Program; and

15 WHEREAS, The Overture was significantly changed in the process, eliminating the requirement that SMP  
16 candidates complete all coursework before Ordination; and

17 WHEREAS, A motion from the floor was made to restore the eliminated language by amendment to the  
18 combined Resolution; and

19 WHEREAS, Said amendment was rejected by the Synod in Convention, and the Resolution was passed  
20 without it; and

21 WHEREAS, English District 2022 Convention Overture 1-02 proposes the establishment of an Oversight  
22 Board for the SMP Program, satisfying many of the “resolveds” in Overture 1-03; be it therefore

23 *Resolved*, That the English District 2022 Floor Committee 1 respectfully declines consideration of  
24 Overture 1-03.

25 6. PASTORAL MINISTRY AND SEMINARIES | PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2019 (67TH) LCMS CONVENTION  
26 (pages 159-160)

27 To Enhance the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program RESOLUTION 6-03A Report R66 (CW, 375–  
28 84)

29 Overtures 6-02–03, 6-05–09 (CW, 448–52); Overture L6-22 (TB, 1:33)

30 **WHEREAS**, Jesus said “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to  
31 the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matt. 9:37– 38); and

32 **WHEREAS**, The Constitution of the Synod states that “the Synod, under Scripture and Lutheran  
33 Confessions, shall...recruit and train pastors” and as part of that duty Synod in its 2007 Convention  
34 passed Res. 5-01B establishing the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program; and

35 **WHEREAS**, The Pastoral Formation Committee “shall be responsible for ensuring that the Synod’s  
36 objective of training pastors is fulfilled consistently,” and “The committee shall consider long term  
37 strategic direction of the pastoral formation within the Synod and facilitate discussion of the same  
38 with the two seminary boards of regents in their annual joint meeting.” (Bylaws 3.10.4 and 3.10.4.5);  
39 and

40 **WHEREAS**, The 2016 Res. 13-03 Task Force report noted the existence of Notprediger, emergency  
41 pastors, in the early Reformation, which were seen as a temporary way of providing more men to  
42 serve in the ministry by abbreviating their training, with the full intention of preparing these men and  
43 future men with more comprehensive instruction in the future, so that when the church sends a man  
44 regularly to preach and teach and administer the sacraments he be called and ordained and thus  
45 clearly recognized as a pastor; and

46 **WHEREAS**, The task force also recommended that the Pastoral Formation Committee “work with the  
47 seminary boards of regents to recommend any needed improvements to the standards for pastoral  
48 formation, including the interplay of academics and confession”; and

49 **WHEREAS**, The Lord of the Church has blessed and privileged our Synod for over 172 years, providing  
50 pastors for the care of souls entrusted to them, and over the years the total number of pastors has been  
51 declining, and for over a decade the SMP program has provided our church body an opportunity to care  
52 for flocks in specific Word and Sacrament ministry contexts, and the total number of specific ministry  
53 pastors continues to increase; therefore be it Resolved, That the SMP vicars and pastors be commended  
54 for their service to the Savior, the congregations, and the Synod, and that the seminaries, districts,  
55 district presidents, SMP Committee, and the Pastoral Formation Committee be commended for  
56 faithfully carrying out their respective responsibilities by order of, and in the name of, the congregations  
57 of the Synod, for the sake of the mission; and be it further

58 **Resolved**, That the Pastoral Formation Committee work to enhance the curriculum and standards of the  
59 SMP program between the two seminaries, in light of the curriculum and standards of the residential  
60 seminaries, including instruction in biblical languages; and be it further Resolved, That the Pastoral  
61 Formation Committee review the SMP program regarding the optimal timing

62 for vicarage and ordination and report its recommendations to the joint boards of regents at its 2020  
63 meeting, as well as to the Synod at large; and be it further

64 **Resolved**, That the joint board of regents prepare an overture to the Synod on the timing of vicarage and  
65 ordination for the SMP program for consideration in convention in 2022; and be it further

66 **Resolved**, That the Council of Presidents in coordination with the Pastoral Formation Committee draft  
67 guidelines and training to enhance the mentoring and supervision of specific ministry pastors, taking into  
68 account the wide variety of abilities of pastors and the contexts in which they serve, to assist district  
69 presidents, circuit visitors, and supervising pastors in supporting the SMP pastors under their care; and  
70 be it finally Resolutions Resolved, That the LCMS encourage the districts to provide funding for SMP  
71 students as needed, so that no one be deprived of entering or completing the SMP program due to  
72 financial hardships.

73 **Action:** Adopted (7) In Session 6, Res. 6-03A was read and introduced by the committee, and the  
74 Pastoral Formation Committee expressed, through Chief Mission Officer Kevin Robson, its support.  
75 The chair, noting the orders of the day, inquired of delegates and found they desired debate; when  
76 discussion resumed in Session 7, it was moved and seconded to amend the resolution by adding to  
77 Res. 6-03A the third resolve of Res. 6-03 (TB, 1:96), as follows:

78 Resolved, That the provisions of the SMP program as outlined in 2007 Res. 5-01B be modified to  
79 require students enrolling in the SMP programs after the 2020 academic year to finish all academic  
80 requirements of the SMP program before ordination and placement on the minister of religion–  
81 ordained roster of the Synod; and be it further

82 After discussion, it was moved and seconded to close debate on the amendment; this carried [Yes:  
83 883; No: 29]. The amendment failed [Yes: 304; No: 617].

84 There being objection to proceeding to a vote on the main motion, closure of debate was moved,  
85 seconded, and carried [Yes: 782; No: 127], whereupon Res. 6- 03A was adopted as presented [Yes: 643;  
86 No: 272].

1   **RESOLUTION 1-8**

2           **To Encourage our Seminaries to Increase Educational Training as Part of Pastoral Formation**

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4   WHEREAS, The Scriptures teach that a requirement of the Pastoral Office is to be “able to teach” (1 Tim  
5   2:3; 2 Tim 2:2, 24); and

6   WHEREAS, It is expected of our Pastors to be the primary teachers of both the young and adult  
7   catechism classes, and of Bible classes, and much of the work of the Pastor is teaching; and

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

10   WHEREAS, Pastoral candidates are not required to complete courses on the philosophies, techniques  
11   and practice of teaching that would provide them with tools to help them be more effective teachers;  
12   and

13   WHEREAS, The English District in Convention in 2015 passed Resolution 1-5, “To Require Educational  
14   Training as Part of Pastoral Formation”, and as a result letters were sent to both seminaries encouraging  
15   them to “offer at least two teacher training classes as required courses for graduation”; and

16   WHEREAS, No significant increase in teacher training has been implemented at our seminaries, be it  
17   therefore

18   *Resolved* That the seminaries again be strongly encouraged require for graduation from any program  
19   leading to ordination at least two teacher training classes, which include skills in class management,  
20   tools for lesson preparation, and instruction in the philosophy of education as is appropriate in Lutheran  
21   Christian education.

1 **RESOLUTION 1-9**

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3 **To Prevent Harmful Philosophies, Ideologies and Contemporary Movements Contrary to the Christian**  
4 **Faith from Damaging Our Congregations, Schools, Colleges and Seminaries**  
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6 WHEREAS, God created all people equal, but not interchangeable (Gen 1:26-27), and

7 WHEREAS, God created male and female, and no other gender (Gen 1:27), and

8 WHEREAS, The fall into sin ruined and perverted the creation (Gen 3:14-19), which was once very good  
9 (Gen 1:31), hence an order was instituted by God for the relationship between man and woman (Gen  
10 3:16), and

11 WHEREAS, After the fall into sin, man and woman remained equal but not interchangeable (Gen 3:20),  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, All people are subject to the stain of original sin, but now also have been equally redeemed  
14 by the blood of Christ as the only way to be reconciled to God and to each other (Rom 3:23-26), and

15 WHEREAS, Because of sin, racism (the sinful notion that some races are inherently superior or inferior to  
16 others), misunderstanding, and strife are present in the world and experienced in our congregations and  
17 communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Christ teaches us to love all peoples and nations, and consequently The Lutheran Church—  
19 Missouri Synod (LCMS) abhors racism, and in convention has passed resolutions repudiating all racism,  
20 (see 1992 Res. 3-03 and 2019 Res. 11-04A); and

21 WHEREAS, Contemporary ideologies and movements such as Black Lives Matter (BLM), “Diversity,  
22 Equity and Inclusion” (DEI), and “Critical Race Theory” (CRT) have become common, multifaceted, and  
23 controversial theories, based in non-Christian and anti-Christian tenets, which divide people based solely  
24 on the basis of “sexual orientation” or race; therefore be it

25 *Resolved*, That the LCMS reject any doctrine that teaches that one’s race, ancestry, or nationality are  
26 inherently superior to the race, ancestry, or nationality of another; or that any individual is inherently  
27 racist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously, based solely on his or her race, ancestry, or  
28 nationality; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the LCMS reject any doctrine that assumes or allows for any categories of gender other  
30 than those intrinsic to God’s created order, viz. “male and female” (Gen. 1:27); and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the English District in convention reject BLM, DEI, CRT, and similar ideologies and world  
32 views, as they are contrary to Scripture and counterproductive to true racial conversation and  
33 reconciliation, for they pursue “equality of outcome” or “equity” between racial groups, which requires  
34 treating individuals unequally based on race; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, that the English District, together with all our congregations, schools, universities and  
36 seminaries, also reject all organizations, ideologies, philosophies, movements, petitions, and doctrines  
37 that present the BLM, DEI or CRT world views, or related anti-Scriptural world views or doctrines in a  
38 positive manner; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the LCMS English District be encouraged to engage members of  
40 their communities in conversations that build unity among all men in light of the Saving Gospel of Jesus  
41 Christ; and be it further

42 *Resolved*, That we commend those within the LCMS English District who, in the light of our Lord's charge  
43 known as the "Great Commission", intentionally proclaim and work to reach out with the Gospel of  
44 Jesus to all peoples regardless of race, gender, nationality or ethnicity with the goal of bringing them  
45 into the blessed unity we have in Christ our Head (Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 12:27; Eph 2:19-22, 4:25); and be it  
46 finally

47 *Resolved*, That the English District memorialize the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as it gathers at its  
48 2023 Convention to do the same.

1 **RESOLUTION 3-03a**

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3 **To Amend District Bylaws 5.2 and 5.3**

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5 *The numeric references to the District Bylaws used in this resolution assume favorable adoption of the*  
6 *District Bylaw reformatting proposed in Resolution 3-01. If that reformatting proposal is not adopted,*  
7 *this resolution will be withdrawn and a revised resolution will be presented to the delegates by the Floor*  
8 *Committee.*

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10 WHEREAS, The current District Bylaws anticipate having multiple candidates for District President (*cf.*  
11 *Bylaw 5.2.1*) and District Vice-President (*cf. Bylaw 5.3.1*); and

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13 WHEREAS, Recent elections for District President and Vice-President have seen slates of nominees  
14 without multiple candidates, leaving no choice for voting delegates; and

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16 WHEREAS, Between the close of the nominations process and the election at the district convention,  
17 circumstances may dictate that a nominee is no longer eligible to stand for election (eg. taking a call  
18 outside of the region or the district, etc.) thus leaving voting delegates no option to nominate additional  
19 candidates; and

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21 WHEREAS, Other Districts within the Synod grant the ability of voting delegates to make floor nominations  
22 where multiple candidates do not exist for District President and/or Vice-President; and

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24 WHEREAS, No specific guidance is given in the current District Bylaws in case there is a tie for the final  
25 places on the ballot for District President and Vice-President; therefore be it

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27 *Resolved*, That District Bylaws 5.2 and 5.3 be amended as follows:

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29 ***5.2 Nomination and Election of District President***

30 5.2.1 Each member congregation of the District shall be entitled to nominate from the clergy roster of  
31 the Synod two (2) ordained ministers as candidates for District President:

32 (a) Six months prior to opening date of the District Convention, the District Secretary shall send  
33 a letter to the member congregations of the District requesting each congregation to submit  
34 nominations.

35 (b) Nominations for District President shall be accepted by the District Secretary up to four  
36 months prior to the opening date of the District Convention. He shall report in the *Convention*  
37 *Workbook* the names and tallies of all ordained ministers who have received nominating  
38 votes.

39 (c) The names of the five (5) ordained ministers who receive the highest number of nominating  
40 votes and consent to serve shall form the slate of candidates. When a tie occurs for the last  
41 place(s) on the ballot, all names involved in the tie shall be included, up to a total of eight (8)  
42 candidates on the ballot. If the total of candidates would exceed this number, the District  
43 Secretary will conduct a blind draw of the names of those tied for the last place on the ballot  
44 to determine the final ballot. ~~There shall be no opportunity provided for additional~~  
45 nominations.

46 (d) The District Secretary shall request from each candidate a description of the candidate's  
47 experience and qualifications, as well as a statement concerning his candidacy. These shall be

48 published and distributed to all the convention delegates at least six weeks prior to the  
49 convention.

50 (e) No nominations may be made on the floor of the convention unless fewer than two  
51 candidates result from the congregation nominating process. No individual who had  
52 previously been nominated by a congregation may be nominated from the floor. Written  
53 consent and biographical materials shall be presented to the District Secretary at or before  
54 the time of nomination. If the opportunity for floor nominations is provided and results in  
55 having fewer than two candidates, the slate of candidates shall be closed.

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57 5.2.2 The District Convention shall elect the District President:

58 (a) A majority of votes cast shall be required for election.

59 (b) Balloting will proceed with the candidate receiving the least number of votes eliminated from  
60 consideration until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, who shall be declared  
61 elected.

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### 63 **5.3 Nomination and Election of District Vice-Presidents**

64 5.3.1 Each member congregation of a region of the District shall be entitled to nominate two (2)  
65 ordained ministers from the clergy roster of the District who hold membership in a District  
66 congregation within its region as candidates for Vice-President:

67 (a) Six months prior to opening date of the District Convention, the District Secretary shall send  
68 a letter to the member congregations of the District requesting each congregation to submit  
69 nominations.

70 (b) Nominations for Vice-President shall be accepted by the District Secretary up to four months  
71 prior to the opening date of the District Convention. He shall report in the *Convention*  
72 *Workbook* the names and tallies of all ordained ministers who have received nominating  
73 votes.

74 (c) The names of the three (3) ordained ministers from each region who receive the most  
75 nominating votes and consent to serve shall form the slate of candidates. When a tie occurs  
76 for the last place(s) on the ballot, all names involved in the tie shall be included, up to a total  
77 of six (6) candidates on the ballot. If the total of candidates would exceed this number, the  
78 District Secretary will conduct a blind draw of the names of those tied for the last place on  
79 the ballot to determine the final ballot. ~~There shall be no opportunity provided for additional~~  
80 nominations.

81 (d) The District Secretary shall request from each candidate a description of the candidate's  
82 experience and qualifications, as well as a statement concerning his candidacy. These shall be  
83 published and distributed to all the convention delegates at least six weeks prior to the  
84 convention.

85 (e) No nominations may be made on the floor of the convention unless fewer than two  
86 candidates result from the congregation nominating process. No individual who had  
87 previously been nominated by a congregation may be nominated from the floor. Written  
88 consent and biographical materials shall be presented to the District Secretary at or before  
89 the time of nomination. If the opportunity for floor nominations is provided and results in  
90 having fewer than two candidates, the slate of candidates shall be closed.

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- 93 5.3.2 The District Convention shall elect one (1) Vice-President from each of the four regions of the  
94 District:
- 95 (a) A majority of votes cast shall be required for election.
  - 96 (b) Balloting will proceed with the candidate receiving the least number of votes eliminated from  
97 consideration until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, who shall be declared  
98 elected.
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- 100 5.3.3 Upon the election of the Vice-Presidents, a final election will take place ranking the Vice-  
101 Presidents by separate ballots with a simple majority of voting delegates determining the first,  
102 second, third, and fourth Vice-Presidents in line of succession.

1 **RESOLUTION 4-01a**

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3 **To Memorialize the LCMS to Have the Next Available Convention of Synod in Detroit, Michigan**

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5 WHEREAS, Detroit, Michigan, has not hosted a Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
6 since 1965; and,

7 WHEREAS, Since the Pittsburgh Convention in 1992 Synod has deemed it wise to move the triennial  
8 Convention of Synod to various cities across the United States, assuming competitive rates for hotels,  
9 travel, and convention sites, and thus helping create a deeper appreciation for our Synod and her  
10 faithful, biblical, doctrinal stances, confession, and practices; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Detroit metropolitan area has an historically large LCMS population and has notable  
12 historic congregations, cemeteries, and history, as well as nearby Concordia University-Ann Arbor, and is  
13 a major international airport and a hub of Delta Air Lines; and,

14 WHEREAS, Bylaw 3.1.9(j) of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod states that “A district may submit an  
15 invitation to host the convention. In such case, a host group shall determine the minimum requirements  
16 from the convention manager, agree to provide any needed local support, and submit a proposal to the  
17 Board of Directors of the Synod for evaluation and consideration;” and,

18 WHEREAS, The Michigan District and English District have headquarter buildings in the nearby area, and  
19 our partner synod, The Lutheran Church-Canada, has a concentration of congregations in Ontario and  
20 just across the Detroit River in Windsor and nearby counties; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Michigan and English Districts could team together in hosting the Convention; and,

22 WHEREAS, Significant Lutheran heritage and sight-seeing is available in relatively-close Frankenmuth,  
23 Michigan, as well as in Dearborn (Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village) and other cultural and  
24 sports amenities; and,

25 WHEREAS, The Detroit metro area is a huge mission field, a highly multi-ethnic milieu, and one of the  
26 largest Black concentrations in the nation at a time when it would be wise for the LCMS to show her  
27 support of the Black community, in particular; and,

28 WHEREAS, The Detroit metro area is also home to a huge mission field of Arabic and Islamic peoples  
29 who need to hear the Gospel of life and salvation in Jesus Christ; and,

30 WHEREAS, The Detroit area congregations, schools, pastors, and church workers have demonstrated a  
31 high level of confessional witness and missionary support (one of the OIM Regional Director families is  
32 from Windsor, ON, and a member of a Detroit congregation); therefore, be it

33 *Resolved*, That the English District, together with the Michigan District, determine to act as host by  
34 determining the minimum requirements from the convention manager, agreeing to provide any needed  
35 local support, and submitting a proposal to the Board of Directors of the Synod and be it further

36 *Resolved*, that upon consultation and approval from the Board of Directors of the Synod, the English  
37 District, together with the Michigan District, invite the next available Convention of The Lutheran  
38 Church—Missouri Synod to Detroit, Michigan after the 2023 Synod Convention.

1 **RESOLUTION 4-02a**

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3 **To Recognize and Thank the LCMS for the Strengthened and Expanded “Soldiers of the Cross”**  
4 **COVID-19 Response Initiative**

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6 WHEREAS, The Pandemic of 2020 shuttered schools in the middle of the school year, furloughed workers  
7 and caused others to pivot towards a digital presence for which they were unprepared; and

8 WHEREAS, Many of our teachers and school workers were without the additional tuition or budget income  
9 needed to support the immediate response to the transition and additional regulations that were placed  
10 upon them through the Centers for Disease Control and the Executive orders of local, state, and national  
11 government; and

12 WHEREAS, The need for compassionate support and financial assistance was great; and

13 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)  
14 worked together to identify funds for immediate assistance for all who served in Lutheran ministries; and

15 WHEREAS, Many of our school and child development workers who were both rostered and lay benefited  
16 tremendously from this generous act of compassion; and

17 WHEREAS, As of August 2021 more than \$1,577,835 was awarded to 939 workers; and

18 WHEREAS, This support has been even further extended and is still ongoing; therefore be it

19 *Resolved*, That on behalf of the workers of our Lutheran churches, schools, and centers, the English District  
20 in Convention publicly thank God for the generosity of His people, the LCMS and the LCEF for supporting  
21 all who serve in our schools and child care centers.

1 **RESOLUTION 4-03a**

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**To Direct LCMS Life Ministry to Support Congregations in Developing  
4 Mercy Ministries to Promote a Culture of Life**

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6 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has long supported the pro-life movement, both  
7 politically and culturally; and

8 WHEREAS, A one-million dollar grant has been established by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
9 available as matching funds for congregations to support local life issues; and

10 WHEREAS, There are many pro-life organizations whose primary purpose is to inform people on pro-life  
11 issues and engage them in the political process; and

12 WHEREAS, The duplication of these services wastes precious time and resources; and

13 WHEREAS, Establishing a culture of life begins in our churches and communities; therefore be it

14 *Resolved*, That the English District in convention memorialize Synod that the Life Ministry of The  
15 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod continue to support congregations in establishing new mercy  
16 ministries that support a culture of life; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the English District in convention memorialize Synod that the Life Ministry of The  
18 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod continue to establish support and training material for the  
19 aforementioned to write grants and support their efforts; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the English District in convention memorialize Synod to extend life ministries, support,  
21 and training materials, including but not limited to production of policy manuals, grant writing  
22 instruction, guidance to life ministry agencies, encouragement to access grants from allied institutions,  
23 and maintaining LifeLine as a resource for life and mercy ministries.

## SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS



**Rev. Keith Speaks** grew up in Loami, Illinois, a small town southwest of Springfield. He graduated from New Berlin High School in 1979. Paula and Keith were married August 21, 1982. Together they have been blessed with three sons: Aaron and his wife Sarah, with granddaughter #1, Evie, and grandson #1, Emerson, in North Carolina; Jacob, with granddaughter #2, Harper, in Milwaukee; and Jordan, who is single, living in Milwaukee.

Pastor Keith played football, baseball, and basketball, ran track and played tennis throughout high school. He played small college baseball and basketball. Then he travelled around the country playing rugby.

Pastor Keith is a 1987 graduate of Concordia, Chicago and a 1990 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Pastor Keith has served parishes in Iowa, Texas, North Carolina, and now Hales Corners Lutheran Church in Wisconsin.



**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) William G. Boykin** serves as Family Research Council's Executive Vice President.

He was one of the original members of the U.S. Army's Delta Force. He was privileged to ultimately command these elite warriors in combat operations, having been involved in numerous high-profile missions, including the 1980 Iran hostage rescue attempt, the 1992 hunt for Pablo Escobar in Colombia, and the "Black Hawk Down" incident in Mogadishu, Somalia. He is an author and teaches at Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia. Later, William Boykin commanded all the Army's Green Berets as well as the Special Warfare Center and School.

In all, Lt. Gen. Boykin spent 36 years in the army, serving his last four years as the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence. He has a passion for spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and encouraging Christians to become warriors in God's Kingdom.

William and his wife Ashley enjoy spending time with their five children and growing number of grandchildren.



**Jack Phillips** opened Masterpiece Cakeshop in 1993 and has served the community of Lakewood, Colorado ever since.

Jack serves all customers; but as a creative professional, he can't create custom cakes that would express messages or celebrate events in conflict with his religious beliefs. For example, he's declined to create custom cakes that celebrate Halloween or express anti- American themes. In July 2012, two men asked Jack to design a custom wedding cake celebrating their same-sex marriage. Jack politely declined the request but offered to design cakes for other occasions or to sell them anything else in his shop.

The couple filed a complaint with the Colorado Civil Rights Division alleging that Jack and his shop discriminated against them on the basis of sexual orientation. On June 4, 2018, the Supreme Court ruled 7 to 2 in Jack's favor, finding that the government acted with impermissible hostility toward his faith. Despite the Supreme Court's ruling, the State of Colorado targeted Jack again for declining to create a custom cake with a pink and blue design to celebrate and reflect a gender transition. In response, Jack sued various state officials in federal court, and after more evidence of the Commission's anti-religious bias surfaced, the state agreed to end its campaign against Jack.

Most recently, the lawyer who sparked Colorado's second prosecution filed a private lawsuit against Jack based on his decision not to create the requested gender transition cake. Jack's attorneys are currently defending him against this lawsuit.



**Jake Warner** serves as legal counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom, where he is a key member of the Center for Conscience Initiatives.

Since joining ADF in 2017, Warner has focused on protecting the conscience rights of individuals being unjustly forced to compromise their beliefs under threat of heavy fines and punishment. His practice also includes defending the freedom of Christians to exercise their faith in the marketplace without government interference.

Prior to joining ADF, Warner served as a judicial law clerk to Senior United States District Judge Malcolm J. Howard in the Eastern District of North Carolina. Before his clerkship, Warner also engaged in private practice with the firm of Perry, Perry & Perry, in Kinston, North Carolina, where he primarily represented criminal defendants in both federal and state courts.

Warner earned his J.D. at the Regent University School of Law, graduating magna cum laude in 2011. He obtained his B.A. in history and political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2006.

Warner is admitted to practice in Arizona, North Carolina, and the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as several federal district and appellate courts.



**Jim Sanft** has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Concordia Plans since 2008.

Prior to joining CPS in 1999, Sanft worked in the group insurance industry as an actuary for Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. in Lincoln, Nebraska and with Minnesota Life (now Securian) in St. Paul, Minnesota. He began his professional career as a mathematics and computer science teacher at Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Jim has a B.S. in Education from Concordia University, Nebraska and a M.S. in Mathematics and Statistics from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. Sanft is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

An active leader in the church benefits community, Jim serves as Chair of the Church Alliance (CA), a coalition of his peers from nearly 40 church benefit programs, including mainline and evangelical Protestant denominations, branches of Judaism, and Catholic dioceses, schools and institutions. This work frequently takes Sanft to Washington, D.C. to meet with members of Congress, regulators, and other officials to discuss issues and concerns of church benefit plans. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Church Benefits Association (CBA). Collectively, CBA and CA organizations provide retirement and health benefits to more than one million clergy, lay workers, and their family members. Sanft has also served on the Policy Board of Directors of the American Benefits Council as the CA representative.

Jim and his wife Janell are blessed with three sons and daughters-in-law, along with one incredible grandson! They make their home in Columbia, Illinois and are members of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Jim enjoys traveling and hiking with Janell, golfing with his sons and sharing their love for Manchester United soccer and Nebraska Cornhusker football.

## 2022 CONVENTION DELEGATES

		<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>LAYPERSON</u>
<b><u>Circuit #1 - New York</u></b>			
Ewing, NJ	Bethany	Rev. Dr. Elwood Mather	Bradley Bastedo
Flushing, NY	Immanuel		
Palisades Park, NJ	Grace		
Palisades Park, NJ	New Jersey Chowon	Rev. Phillip Sang Rey	
Pennsauken, NJ	Martin Luther Chapel		
Princeton, NJ	Messiah	Rev. Dr. Martin Erhardt	Herbert Gishlick
Scarsdale, NY	Trinity	Rev. Gordon Naumann	Kenneth Connelly
St Albans, NY	Redeemer	Rev. Steven Hicks	
Valley Stream, NY	Our Saviour		
<b><u>Circuit #2 - Philadelphia</u></b>			
Alexandria, VA	Immanuel	Rev. Noah Rogness	Josef Hageman
Blue Bell, PA	Gloria Dei		
Chesapeake, VA	Faith		James Dobberteen
Lititz, PA	Mount Calvary	Rev. Christopher Seifferlein	Steve Kurtz
Mechanicsburg, PA	Calvary	Rev. Luke Zimmerman	James Blockus
Philadelphia, PA	Rehoboth Afaan		
Springfield, PA	Saint John	Rev. Robert Kieselowsky	John Zampino
Warminster, PA	Grace		
<b><u>Circuit #3 - Florida</u></b>			
Inverness, FL	Tree of Life		Ron Hansen
Naples, FL	Faith		
Ocala, FL	Trinity		
Palm Coast, FL	Shepherd of the Coast	Rev. William Douthwaite	Marsha Asbury
Saint John's, FL	Celebration	Rev. Steve De Santo	William Gilzinger
<b><u>Circuit #4 - Georgia</u></b>			
Alpharetta, GA	Christ the Shepherd	Rev. Aaron Sterling	Gary Church
Atlanta, GA	Ascension	Rev. David Miller	Brian Beckman
<b><u>Circuit #5 - Buffalo</u></b>			
Albion, PA	Holy Trinity	Rev. Michael Taylor	Dale Klobusnik
Amherst, NY	Calvary		
Buffalo, NY	Nazareth	Rev. Dwayne Hendricks	
Erie, PA	Trinity	Rev. Travis Schmidt	Carol George
Kenmore, NY	Pilgrim	Rev. Ben Eder	Ruth Whitmer
North Tonawanda, NY	Redeemer		
Syracuse, NY	Hope Community		
<b><u>Circuit #6 - Pittsburgh</u></b>			
Clarksburg, WV	Saint John's	Rev. Stanley Lacey	Ray Higginbotham
McMurray, PA	Peace	Rev. Justin Schmidt	Rick Crain
Oakmont, PA	Redeemer	Rev. Brian Westgate	Connor Hagey
Pittsburgh, PA	First Trinity	Rev. Dr. Douglas Spittel	Brandon Price
Slippery Rock, PA	All Saints		Peter Rigney



## 2022 CONVENTION DELEGATES

	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>LAYPERSON</u>
<b><u>Circuit #7 - Canada East</u></b>		
Aurora, ON	Christ	Bob Ernst
Golden Lake, ON	Saint John's	
Mississauga, ON	Saint Mark	Ken Freeman
Pembroke, ON	Saint John's	Paul Douglas
Toronto, ON	Saint Luke	Ian Farquharson
Toronto, ON	Saint Matthew	David Issenberg
<b><u>Circuit #8 - Canada West</u></b>		
Chatham, ON	Our Saviour's	
Kitchener, ON	Hope	
Mitchell, ON	Grace	Rev. Gerald Luck
Sarnia, ON	Redeemer	Ruth Luck
Windsor, ON	Gethsemane	
Windsor, ON	Peace	Rev. James Leistico
<b><u>Circuit #9 - Cleveland-Akron</u></b>		
Akron, OH	Concordia	Mark Thomas
Fairlawn, OH	Fairlawn	
Fairlawn, OH	Grace	
North Royalton, OH	Our Savior	Rev. Jonathan McCall
Streetsboro, OH	Saint Thomas	Rev. Dr. Christian Just
<b><u>Circuit #10 - Cleveland-West</u></b>		
Cleveland, OH	Holy Cross	Rev. Michael Sheer
Cleveland, OH	Iglesia	Dan Kenney
Elyria, OH	Grace	Rev. Robert Weldon, Sr.
Medina, OH	Prince of Peace	Rev. Daniel Haberkost
North Olmsted, OH	Ascension	Rev. Joshua Ulm
Oberlin, OH	Grace	Rev. Joshua Moldenhauer
<b><u>Circuit #11 - Detroit-South</u></b>		
Allen Park, MI	Angelica	Rev. Jonathan Sachs
Allen Park, MI	Christ Our Redeemer	Edward Stephens
Detroit, MI	Zion	Rev. Mark Braden
Grosse Pte Woods, MI	Christ the King	Rev. Randy Boelter
Plymouth, MI	Risen Christ	Joel Solomon
Sylvania, OH	King of Glory	Edward Fleck
Toledo, OH	Good Shepherd	Rev. Paul Schmidlin
		Rev. Bradford Scott
		Matthew Davenport

## 2022 CONVENTION DELEGATES

		<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>LAYPERSON</u>
<b><u>Circuit #12 - Detroit-North</u></b>			
Beverly Hills, MI	Ascension of Christ	Rev. Daniel Grams	David Lambert
Redford, MI	Grace	Rev. Timothy Halboth	Ralph Trendle
Saint Clair Shores, MI	Redeemer	Rev. Todd Seaver	David Kursinsky
Saint Clair Shores, MI	Saint Paul's	Rev. David Rutter	Paul Blackwell
Sandusky, MI	Holy Redeemer		
Shelby Township, MI	Epic	Rev. John Hile	David Boer
West Bloomfield, MI	Shepherd King	Rev. Timothy Holzerland	Tony Pauza
West Branch, MI	New Beginnings	Rev. Daniel Jansen	Richard Hegenauer
<b><u>Circuit #13 - Western Michigan</u></b>			
Bellaire, MI	Hope	Rev. Wade Seaver	Andrew Fleet
Dorr, MI	Epiphany	Rev. Ryan Beffrey	Ashley Beffrey
East Lansing, MI	Martin Luther Chapel	Rev. James Robinson	Richard Bearup
Grand Rapids, MI	Hope	Rev. Christopher Nuttelman	Jay Harnish
Hartland, MI	Our Savior	Rev. Christopher Thoma	Scott Morris
Howell, MI	Immanuel	Rev. Eric Forss	Dukane Carlos
Lakeview, MI	Holy Trinity	Rev. Alexander Sabol	
Marshall, MI	Agnus Dei	Rev. Peter Burfeind	Aidan Quick
Wyoming, MI	Grace	Rev. Zachary Marklevitz	Jeff DeYoung
<b><u>Circuit #14 - Indiana</u></b>			
Fort Wayne, IN	Bethany	Rev. Chad Trouten	Dain Christensen
Fort Wayne, IN	Redeemer	Rev. Dr. David Petersen	Colin Casey
Fort Wayne, IN	Jacob's Well		
Fremont, IN	Peace	Rev. Jeffrey Teeple	Michael Carr
Hudson, IN	Prince of Peace	Rev. Brian Pratt	
La Porte, IN	Trinity		
Zionsville, IN	Advent	Rev. Marcus Mackay	Monte Weimer
<b><u>Circuit #15 - Chicago-North</u></b>			
Arlington Heights, IL	Faith		
Chicago, IL	Bethany		
Chicago, IL	Bethesda	Rev. Dr. Paul Bacon	Roop Charles
Chicago, IL	Christ English	Rev. C. J. Wright	
Chicago, IL	Grace English		
Elk Grove Village, IL	Holy Spirit	Rev. Daniel Greg	Jerry Jacobson
Elmhurst, IL	Redeemer	Rev. Anthony Oliphant	Francine Holmes
Villa Park, IL	Trinity	Rev. Robert Rogers	Scott Golz
<b><u>Circuit #16 - Chicago-South</u></b>			
Berwyn, IL	Concordia		
Chicago, IL	Chatham Fields		
Chicago, IL	Ephphatha		
Chicago, IL	Faith		
Chicago, IL	New Hope		
Chicago, IL	Saint John the Divine		
Elmhurst, IL	Messiah		
Markham, IL	Markham		
New Lenox, IL	Trinity	Rev. Douglas Hoag	Timothy King

## 2022 CONVENTION DELEGATES

		<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>LAYPERSON</u>
<b><u>Circuit #17 - Milwaukee</u></b>			
Forest Lake, MN	Messiah	Rev. Gregory Musolf	
Hales Corners, WI	Hales Corners	Rev. Keith Speaks	Tim Dittloff
Hastings, MN	Hope	Rev. Kenneth Boudreau	Christopher Nelson
Janesville, WI	Saint Mark	Rev. Brad Urlaub	Andrew Speth
Lake Mills, WI	Christ		
Menomonee Falls, WI	Prince of Peace	Rev. Thomas Engler	Norm Schwantes
New Berlin, WI	Peace	Rev. Gregory Michel	Susan Slotke
Racine, WI	Living Hope		
Sheboygan, WI	Saint Mark		
Watertown, WI	Faith	Rev. Seth Hoepfner	
West Allis, WI	Greenfield Park		Charles Porter
<b><u>Circuit #18 - Saint Louis</u></b>			
Hannibal, MO	Saint John's		
Lee's Summit, MO	Beautiful Savior	Rev. Jonathan Gruen	Christopher Troester
Lincoln, NE	Redeemer	Rev. Joel Dietrich	Doug Garrison
O'Fallon, MO	Peace		
St Louis, MO	Chapel of the Cross		David Stahlhut
Vine Grove, KY	Grace	Rev. Ryan Schneider	Regis (Terry) O'Neil
<b><u>Circuit #19 - Arizona-North</u></b>			
Mesa, AZ	Eternal Life		
Overgaard, AZ	Faith		
Parker, AZ	Messiah		
Payson, AZ	Shepherd of the Pines		
Phoenix, AZ	Family of Christ	Rev. Fred Gerlach	
Pinetop, AZ	Shepherd of the Mountains	Rev. Daniel Warner	John Bremer
<b><u>Circuit #20 - Arizona-South</u></b>			
Benson, AZ	Peace in the Valley	Rev. Ron York	
Cortaro, AZ	Messiah		
Green Valley, AZ	Risen Savior	Rev. Todd Arnold	Richard Loesch
Rio Rico, AZ	Christus Rex		
Sahuarita, AZ	Crosspoint		Keith Christiansen
Tucson, AZ	Ascension		Andy Wellik
Tucson, AZ	Catalina		Shirley Holle
Tucson, AZ	Faith	Rev. Marcus Zill	Judy Hughes
Tucson, AZ	Holy Trinity		
Tucson, AZ	Mount Olive	Rev. Isaac Wirtz	Jonathan Wiens
<b><u>Circuit #21 - Nevada/Utah</u></b>			
Mesquite, NV	Prince of Peace	Rev. Robert Bruggeman	Colin Metzger
Saint George, UT	Our Savior's	Rev. Arthur Drehman	

## 2022 CONVENTION DELEGATES

		<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>LAYPERSON</u>
<b><u>Circuit #22 - San Diego</u></b>			
Borrego Springs, CA	Borrego		
El Cajon, CA	First	Rev. James Huenink	Leslie Lucas
La Mesa, CA	St. Luke's		
San Diego, CA	Living Water	Rev. Steven Duescher	
<b><u>Circuit #23 - Los Angeles</u></b>			
Long Beach, CA	Saint Paul's		
Los Angeles, CA	Highland Park		
Mission Hills, CA	Chapel of the Cross	Rev. Manuel De La Rosa	Josue De La Rosa
Orange, CA	Immanuel	Rev. Robert Dargatz	Lawrence Washburn
Palm Desert, CA	Peace	Rev. Steve Okpiz	Dawn Okpiz
San Dimas, CA	Trinity		
Sherman Oaks, CA	Sherman Oaks	Rev. Titus Utecht	David Seaver
<b><u>Circuit #24 - San Francisco</u></b>			
Danville, CA	Messiah	Rev. Peter Ledic	Joel Ross
Fremont, CA	Hope		
Hayden, ID	Blessed Sacrament	Rev. Marcus Williams	Nathaniel MacPherson
Moses Lake, WA	Apostolic	Rev. Winston Grieser	
San Francisco, CA	New Life	Rev. Charles Fox	Ed Yee
San Francisco, CA	West Portal	Rev. Curtis Binz	Richard Bass

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*Canada-West Circuit #8*  
*Canada-West Circuit #8*  
*Cleveland-West Circuit #10*  
*Cleveland-West Circuit #10*  
*Western Michigan Circuit #13*  
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*Chicago-North Circuit #15*  
*Milwaukee Circuit #17*  
*San Francisco Circuit #24*

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Nyathiel Wuol-Kouth  
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Jonathan Leistico  
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Nathaniel Hardy  
Jacob Kimble  
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#### 25 years (1994, 1995, 1996, 1997)

The Rev. Todd W. Arnold  
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The Rev. Curtis E. Dwyer  
The Rev. John T. Kelling  
The Rev. Eric R. Linthicum  
The Rev. Gregory R. Lutz  
The Rev. Gregory S. Michel  
The Rev. Peter E. Mills  
The Rev. Jeffrey G. Miskus  
The Rev. Dr. R. Wayne Morton  
The Rev. Steven J. Okpiz  
The Rev. Dr. David H. Petersen  
The Rev. Robb C. Ring  
The Rev. Jonathan B. Sachs  
The Rev. Raymond W. Scholle  
The Rev. Robert J. Stevens  
The Rev. Chad D. Trouten  
The Rev. Charles E. Varsogea  
The Rev. Nicholas D. Wirtz  
The Rev. Marcus T. Zill

#### 30 years (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)

The Rev. David C. Adams  
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The Rev. Eric C. Forss  
The Rev. James A. Gau  
The Rev. Henry V. Gerike  
The Rev. Mel H. Graham  
The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth  
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The Rev. Stephen C. Alles  
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The Rev. William Douthwaite, III  
The Rev. Steven J. Duescher  
The Rev. Ben C. Eder  
The Rev. Daniel R. Haberkost  
The Rev. Patrick D. Henry  
The Rev. J. Derek Mathers  
The Rev. Bradford C. Maxon  
The Rev. Karl E. Schmidt

#### 35 years (1984, 1985, 1986, 1987) cont.

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan E. Shaw  
The Rev. Steven E. Sutterer  
The Rev. David S. Tannahill  
The Rev. Michael S. Taylor  
The Rev. Donald E. Treglown  
The Rev. Robert E. Voelker  
The Rev. Clarence J. Wright, Sr.

#### 40 years (1979, 1980, 1981, 1982)

The Rev. Dr. Frederic W. Baue  
The Rev. Thomas P. Braun  
The Rev. Kevin P. Elseroad  
The Rev. Dr. James L. Hoke  
The Rev. Kenneth J. Kramer  
The Rev. Peter Ledic  
The Rev. Allen D. Lunneberg  
The Rev. Prentice D. Marsh  
The Rev. Dr. Elwood E. Mather, III  
The Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Naumann  
The Rev. Kevin K. Saylor  
The Rev. George D. Schaetzle  
The Rev. Robert W. Tauscher  
The Rev. David L. Thiele  
The Rev. Dr. Larry M. Vogel

#### 45 years (1974, 1975, 1976, 1977)

The Rev. Robert A. Dargatz  
The Rev. Luther P. Esala  
The Rev. Joel M. Holls  
The Rev. David R. Liefeld  
The Rev. Paul R. Schmidlin  
The Rev. Norman A. Timmermann

#### 50 years (1969, 1970, 1971, 1972)

The Rev. Jeffrey O. Anderson  
The Rev. Dr. David A. Dressel  
The Rev. Dr. Roger C. Ellis  
The Rev. Dr. Robert L. Fitzpatrick  
The Rev. Dr. John M. Goerss  
The Rev. Paul J. H. Haberstock  
The Rev. Raymond V. Kirk  
The Rev. Paul R. Koester  
The Rev. Dr. Garry D. McClure  
The Rev. Edward F. Radke  
The Rev. Dr. David H. Ritt  
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

#### 55 years (1964, 1965, 1966, 1967)

The Rev. Dr. Paul E. Bacon  
The Rev. Norman A. Bumby  
The Rev. Robert F. Burke  
The Rev. Paul H. Dorr  
The Rev. Michael P. Drews  
The Rev. Richard L. Ingmire  
The Rev. Dr. Keith L. Johnson  
The Rev. Charles D. Lentner  
The Rev. Larry L. Leuthaeuser  
The Rev. Neville Mirtschin  
The Rev. Theodore G. Predoehl  
The Rev. Myron K. Prok  
The Rev. Dr. Vernon L. Schindler  
The Rev. Paul R. Sutterer  
The Rev. Charles A. Weinrich  
The Rev. Dr. David J. Zersen

#### 60 years (1959, 1960, 1961, 1962)

The Rev. Hans O. Andrae  
The Rev. Dr. Richard D. Drews  
The Rev. Dr. Simon S. C. Johann  
The Rev. Dr. Peter E. Mealwitz  
The Rev. William E. Meier  
The Rev. Joseph Molitoris  
The Rev. William Naumann  
The Rev. Richard W. Patt  
The Rev. Arthur C. Repp, Jr.  
The Rev. Dr. Daniel G. Reuning  
The Rev. Dr. Louis N. Scholl  
The Rev. Dr. David T. Stein  
The Rev. Dr. Arthur R. Stennett  
The Rev. C. David Stuckmeyer

#### 65 years (1954, 1955, 1956, 1957)

The Rev. Howard E. Claycombe, Jr.  
The Rev. Robert F. Mayer  
The Rev. Raymond W. Wypich

#### 70 years (1949, 1950, 1951, 1952)

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Pourchot



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Concordia Theological Seminary  
Concordia University Chicago  
Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor  
Campus Ministry  
English District Saga book signing  
Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society  
Immigrant Mission Field Network  
International Lutheran Council  
Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)  
LCMS Foundation  
LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces  
LCMS Office of National Mission  
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Luther Classical College  
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Universal Church Directory

1 **RESOLUTION 3-05**

2 **To Amend the Articles of Incorporation of the English District**

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4 WHEREAS, The English District is incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Illinois; and  
5 WHEREAS, Section 110.20 of the State of Illinois General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986 states  
6 how not-for-profit corporations can amend their articles of incorporation:

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8 Sec. 110.20. Amendments by Directors and Members. Where a corporation has members  
9 entitled to vote on amendments, one or more amendments shall be adopted in the following  
10 manner:

11 (a) The board of directors shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment  
12 and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members entitled to vote on  
13 amendments which may be either an annual or a special meeting;

14 (b) Written or printed notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the  
15 changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each member entitled to vote on amendments  
16 at such meeting within the time and in the manner provided in this Act for the giving of notice of  
17 meetings of members. If such meeting be an annual meeting, the proposed amendment, or a  
18 summary as aforesaid, may be included in the notice of such annual meeting;

19 (c) At such meeting, at which there is a quorum of members, a vote of the members entitled  
20 to vote on the proposed amendment shall be taken. The proposed amendment shall be adopted  
21 by receiving the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes present and voted either in person  
22 or by proxy, unless any class of members is entitled to vote as a class in respect thereof, in which  
23 event the proposed amendment shall be adopted by receiving the affirmative vote of at least  
24 two-thirds of the votes of the class present and voted either in person or by proxy;

25 (d) The articles of incorporation or the bylaws of a corporation may supersede the two-  
26 thirds vote requirement of subsection (c) by specifying any smaller or larger vote requirement  
27 not less than a majority of the votes which members entitled to vote on such amendment shall  
28 vote, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting at which there is a quorum.

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31 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in its 2016 convention adopted Resolution 9-02A  
32 regarding the Articles of Incorporation of the Districts of the LCMS, and also amended the Synod’s  
33 Bylaws, adding Bylaw 1.5.3.6:

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35 Notwithstanding anything in the Bylaws to the contrary, the Articles of Incorporation or other  
36 governing documents of each agency shall provide:

37 (a) That all provisions of its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are subject to the provisions  
38 of the Constitution, the Bylaws, and the resolutions of the Synod in convention; and

39 (b) That in the event of dissolution other than by direction from the Synod in convention, the  
40 assets of such agency, subject to its liabilities, shall be transferred, consistent with applicable  
41 state and federal laws, as follows:

42 (1) In the case of a synodwide corporate entity, district, university, college, or seminary,  
43 to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as may be more specifically described  
44 elsewhere in these Bylaws;

45 (2) In the case of a corporation formed by an agency (as defined in these Bylaws), to the  
46 agency that formed the dissolving corporation, or if such forming agency is not then in  
47 existence, to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod itself.

48 An agency may submit any concerns related to the inclusion of subsections (a) or (b) in its  
49 governing documents to the Board of Directors of the Synod, and the Board of Directors may  
50 determine to permit the removal or modification of these provisions for an affected agency.

51 ; and



52 WHEREAS, The Articles of Incorporation of the English District must comply with both the Bylaws of the  
53 Synod and the civil law of the State of Illinois; and

54 WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the English District has adopted a resolution that sets forth proposed  
55 amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the English District meet those requirements; therefore  
56 be it

57 *Resolved*, That the English District in Convention amend its Articles of Incorporation to read as follows:

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59 **Article 1 — Name**

60 The name of this corporation shall be “The English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri  
61 Synod.”

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64 **Article 2 — Purposes**

65 a. This corporation shall be a religious not-for-profit corporation.

66 b. The purposes of the corporation are:

67 1. To unify in a corporate body the congregations, pastors, and commissioned ministers who  
68 are members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod rostered with the English District.

69 2. To carry out with the resources of the English District the objectives of The Lutheran  
70 Church—Missouri Synod, as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and  
71 Bylaws of said Synod.

72 c. This corporation is not a condominium association under the Condominium Property Act, a  
73 Cooperative Housing Corporation as defined in Section 216 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,  
74 or a Homeowner’s Association which administers a common-interest community as defined in  
75 subsection (c) of Section 9-102 of the code of Civil Procedure.

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78 **Article 3 — Membership and Directors**

79 a. The membership of this corporation is the congregations, and the ordained and  
80 commissioned ministers of religion of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod rostered with  
81 the English District. The power of this corporation shall be lodged with the accredited pastoral  
82 and lay delegates of those same congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
83 which are rostered with the English District.

84 b. The Board of Directors of the corporation shall be comprised of the President, the Vice  
85 Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of this corporation, and such additional directors  
86 who shall be elected from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws of this corporation.

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89 **Article 4 — Meetings**

90 This corporation shall have general meetings in the years prescribed by the HANDBOOK of Synod.  
91 Special meetings may be called in such manner as may be provided by the Constitution and Bylaws  
92 of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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95 **Article 5 — Officers**

96 a. The officers of this corporation shall consist of a President, Vice Presidents as specified by the  
97 bylaws of this corporation, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

98 b. The officers and members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the general meetings  
99 of the corporation for such terms as shall be specified by the Bylaws of this corporation and  
100 shall serve until their successors are duly elected and have qualified.

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102 **Article 6 — Property**

103 This corporation shall have power to acquire by gift, grants, demise, devise, bequest, purchase,  
104 or otherwise, property of every kind and description, real, personal, or mixed; to hold and use  
105 such property and deal with, or dispose of, any or all such property by sale, exchange, or gift,  
106 when necessary or expedient to carry out the objectives and purposes of the corporation;  
107 provided that all such property shall be acquired, dealt with, or disposed of in a manner not in  
108 conflict with the laws of the State of Illinois or the laws of any State in which said property is  
109 located.

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112 **Article 7 — Constitution and Bylaws**

- 113 a. The Constitution of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is also the Constitution of this  
114 corporation.
- 115 b. The Bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod shall primarily be the Bylaws of this  
116 corporation. This corporation may adopt additional bylaws that are not in conflict with the  
117 Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod.
- 118 c. All provisions of these Articles of Incorporation and associated Bylaws are subject to the  
119 provisions of the Constitution, the Bylaws, and the resolutions of The Lutheran Church—  
120 Missouri Synod in convention.

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123 **Article 8 — Dissolution**

- 124 d. In the event this corporation is dissolved or its existence otherwise terminates or is  
125 terminated, all of its assets, minus its liabilities, shall be transferred to The Lutheran Church—  
126 Missouri Synod.
- 127 e. If, however, on the date of such proposed dissolution, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod,  
128 a Missouri Corporation, or its successor, is no longer in existence, the assets of the corporation  
129 may be distributed to any other Section 501(c)(3) organization as designated by the Board of  
130 Directors.

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133 **Article 9 — Amendments**

134 Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made at any time at a regularly called  
135 meeting of this corporation by a majority of the voting delegates present at such meeting,  
136 provided such amendments are not inconsistent with the Constitution or the laws of the United  
137 States or the State of Illinois or the Constitution or Bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri  
138 Synod, and with prior approval of the Commission on Constitutional Matters of said Synod.