

### **THIRD SESSION – TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 21, 2022**

At 8:00 AM, delegates and guests reconvened in the gymnasium. President Hardy brought the Convention to order.

Morning prayers were conducted by Rev. Jeffrey Miskus, First Vice-President of the English District, and Rev. Dr. Douglas Spittel. Rev. Miskus provided a devotional homily based on Jude 17-25.

At 8:20 AM, President Hardy introduced a slide presentation of the congregations and school added to the District Roster during the 2018-2022 triennium extended:

- Agnus Dei – Marshall, MI
- Blessed Sacrament – Hayden, ID
- Redeemer – St. Clair Shores, MI
- Rehoboth Afaan Oromo – Philadelphia, PA
- St. John’s – Clarksburg, WV
- St. Luke’s – La Mesa, CA
- Eternal Life – Mesa, AZ
- Holy Trinity – Albion, PA
- Hope – Bellaire, MI
- Immanuel – Alexandria, VA
- Immanuel – Orange, CA
- Trinity – San Dimas, CA
- Redeemer Classical School – Fort Wayne, IN

President Hardy invited representatives from the Synod’s two seminaries to the dais to greet the delegates. A video about the seminaries was shown to the delegates. Delegates were informed about the need for students to take up the vocations of church work. The seminary representatives asked pastors to involve their parishioners to develop future church work students.

#### ***Summary of Synod President’s Report***

At 8:25 AM, President Hardy invited Synod President Harrison to present his report of the Synod to the delegates. In his report, he highlighted the blessings that were found even during the challenges faced in COVID-19 pandemic; an unexpected blessing was that contributions to the Synod actually increased by \$1 million. He spoke about the 963 Soldiers of the Cross amplified grants that were distributed during the pandemic made possible by the generosity of Synod members. He mentioned the 30 post-COVID “Take Heart” Doxology retreats provided to church workers; more are being offered.

Synod President Harrison informed delegates about the 7-03 Task Force dealing with the Concordia University System concerning Lutheran identity and mission. The task force is looking at reforming the governance structure of the Synod universities. The proposal would divide the governance responsibilities of the universities, allowing more self-governance in the business aspects of the schools, while establishing more ecclesiastical oversight. He also spoke about the recent controversies at the universities, particularly one involving a professor at Concordia University Wisconsin speaking about the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) movement entering the school. He indicated that he is moving toward appointing a task force to address the matter of anti-racism.

Synod President Harrison informed delegates about church relations between the Synod and other Lutheran church bodies. One partner church highlighted was the Malagasy Lutheran Church. The Synod

has over 40 official partner Lutheran church bodies around the world; including those, around 90 total church bodies are in dialogue with the Synod at various levels. He also commented about the religious freedom issues faced by members of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland, one of the most recent partner churches of the Synod. Developments with Lutherans in South Sudan may lead to a new partnership. He also reported that over \$3 million has been raised to support individuals affected by the war in Ukraine.

Synod President Harrison commented favorably about the continued work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to support activities in the Synod. He stated that the number of Synod missionaries is low due to COVID-19. Despite this, the average missionary is currently funded for one year out. Another international development is the Livonian Lutheran Project, a church planting project in Europe. The seminary in the Dominican Republic has graduated over 200 pastors and 160 deaconesses in the past decade; a new hymnal in Spanish has also been produced, which will also be made available in a mobile application. Developments in Lutheran church bodies in Taiwan and Japan have led to processes to disaffiliate with church bodies and seminaries in those locations. At the same time, the Synod is affiliated with 15 seminaries in Africa to train church workers. The seminary in India has been recently rebuilt after being destroyed by a typhoon.

Synod President Harrison noted new conferences in the *Making Disciples for Life* program are being held. Within the Synod, 20,000 individuals have been trained to serve in Lutheran Emergency Response Teams (LERT). This has helped to expand domestic disaster relief efforts. He discussed the 1 John 3 Million Dollar Life Match that is currently in place to help fund life ministry efforts taking place in congregations. The Synod Youth Gathering to be held in 2022 has 19,000 registrants. A new Child Protection Program is being developed for the Synod.

Synod President Harrison stated that the Synod is in its best financial shape ever. This is due both to increased giving to the Synod and implementation of budgetary constraints.

Synod President Harrison spoke about the matter of church planting. A review of church planting has been conducted by the Synod, leading to several conclusions being incorporated into a new church planting initiative. The Synod is implementing a \$2 million church planting grant to be distributed in matching grants to congregations involved in planting new churches.

A question-and-answer session followed President Harrison's report. Delegates asked about various topics:

- What has resulted from the official visit to Concordia University Texas?
- How to encourage individuals, particularly from immigrant families, to take up the vocation of church work.
- If the Council of Presidents is addressing congregations trying to creating long-distance members via online worship services.
- Would a Synod campus ministry position be reestablished if the Synod is reaching financial stability?
- What standard is there for mentally disabled/low-functioning individuals to be communed?
- What plans might be developed to reconnect individuals who have been baptized/confirmed, but now have disconnected from parish involvement?

At 10:00 AM, President Hardy called on Rev. Dr. David Stechholz, President Emeritus of the English District, to offer greetings to the Convention.

Following this, President Hardy informed the delegates that there would be a break in convention business until 10:30 AM.

At 10:30 AM, President Hardy reconvened the meeting. He reminded delegates about the ongoing mission collection with its \$10,000 matching grant.

President Hardy then called for approval of the minutes of the June 20 sessions of the Convention. Secretary Zimmerman directed the delegates' attention to the copies of the minutes from the June 20 sessions of the Convention (*June 21 Workbook Addendum, pp. 6-27 to 6-37*). Motion: **"To approve the minutes as presented."** Motion carried [Y - 95; N - 3].

At 10:33 AM, President Hardy had the District Evangelization Team present a video about their work within the District. The video focused on the individual members of the team and how the team functions, as well as the tools for evangelism that are available to District congregations.

### ***Convention Speaker Summary***

At 10:45 AM, President Hardy called Rev. Christopher Thoma to the dais to introduce the Convention Speaker, Lieutenant General (ret.) William Boykin. General Boykin now serves as Family Research Council's Executive Vice President.

General Boykin spoke to the delegates about showing the love of God in a hostile world. His presentation indicated that the persecution foretold by Jesus in Luke 21 is present among us, not just something yet to happen. He stated that the Church needs to be prepared to stand against this persecution and the evil that has been brought into the country. His presentation shared details of controversy brought about by his comments in a 2003 speech concerning his 1993 interaction with Osman Atto in Somalia. Through the difficulties faced in this controversy, including investigation by the Department of Defense, he found his focus turned away from himself to ways he could demonstrate the Christian life. The controversy also showed how God was present with him and the support that can be given by fellow believers in the midst of persecution. He exhorted delegates to read the Holy Scriptures diligently, because that is the way that believers are prepared by God to stand firm within persecution and to bring support to their fellow believers.

Delegates had opportunity to offer questions of General Boykin, including about the challenges being faced by theologically conservative chaplains within the armed forces, the various threats that face the nation from outside and within, and the philosophy of the military.

At 11:45 AM, President Hardy had a video from the District Campus Ministry Task Force played. The video informed delegates about the college town congregations/campus ministries found within the District and a 2022 conference for campus ministries held by the District. Delegates were invited to consider contacting the task force for information about starting campus ministries at local colleges.

President Hardy then invited Jubilarians to be recognized for their years of service within the Synod. (*The listing of the Jubilarians can be found in the Convention Workbook, pp. 2-11 and 2-12.*) After recognition was offered, President Hardy declared the Convention in recess until 1:30 PM. Delegates were dismissed to the ministry tent and the cafeteria.

## **FOURTH SESSION – TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 21, 2022**

At 1:30 PM, delegates and guests reconvened in the gymnasium. President Hardy brought the Convention to order.

Afternoon prayer was led by Rev. David Rutter, presenting Nehemiah 1:4-11 to the delegates.

At 1:35 PM, President Hardy then introduced members of the District Staff to the delegates, thanking them for their service to the District and the District congregations. Staff recognized were Albert Amling, Ron Grimm, Natalya Hrecznyj, Rev. Daniel Lepley, Rev. J. Derek Mathers, Jill McGarr, Sally Naglich, Peggy Oke, and Kathy Stanis.

District Staff members offered reports on the work within the District that they help to oversee or coordinate.

Mr. Albert Amling, School Ministry Executive, spoke about how congregations can support school ministry, even if they do not have schools themselves. COVID-19 took a major toll on school ministries and the teachers conducting them. A great need exists for new school ministry workers, whether finding individuals to enroll in teacher education courses at Synod colleges or going through the colloquy program. Congregations may also contribute to District scholarships that are given, perhaps even providing matching grants.

Mr. Ron Grimm, LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor, spoke about the gift planning that he helps to coordinate with members of District congregations. This gift planning focuses on wills and endowment funding. The work of the LCMS Foundation allows LCMS ministries to have access to a sophisticated, diversified investment model at a low cost. His work can assist congregations in creating ongoing sources of income.

Rev. Daniel Lepley, LCEF District Vice-President, spoke about the investment and loan opportunities that LCEF provides to District congregations and their members. He informed delegates that the Federal Reserve interest rates are not directly tied to the cost of funds for LCEF. He also mentioned the newly established saving accounts that were created for church workers on the LCMS roster.

Rev. Derek Mathers, Mission Executive and Assistant to the Bishop, spoke about the varied aspects of his work for the District. He mentioned some of the ongoing issues that some church workers are having with COVID-19; there is support for such individuals, including the Ministerial Health Commission. Another program under his oversight is Re:Vitality, a Synod initiative to strengthen and build up congregational ministries. He also discussed the work of the District Missions Council that focuses on ways to promote and connect new mission in the District; the District's 1-1-1 mission funding initiative is also under their auspices. Rev. Mathers encouraged congregations and circuits to become aware of the mission opportunities that are present in their settings; these missions would be outreach efforts to people outside the kingdom of God in their location. He also spoke of a new concept being developed of planting a new church that becomes a center in which church planting can be learned and further churches can be planted.

Mrs. Sally Naglich, District Treasurer and Business Manager, reported about the financial state of the District. She provided delegates with a Statement of Financial Position – Summary. Overall total assets have increased by \$1.9 million over the past four years from \$5.7 million to \$7. million; the increase in

assets includes investment gains of the Endowment Fund and receiving properties from disbanding congregations. She stressed that the District’s financial activities would not be possible without the ongoing support of the District by its congregations and their members. It would be greatly beneficial if all District congregations would support the District by direct contribution as they are able.

At 2:40 PM, President Hardy called upon Rev. Jeffrey Teeple, Convention Chaplain, to offer prayer for specific needs requested by delegates and for wisdom in voting decisions.

At 2:42 PM, Secretary Zimmerman provided the third credentials report of the Convention. The credentials report at the opening of the convention at 1:30 PM on June 21, 2022, was as follows:

Voting Delegates – Ordained:	87
Voting Delegates – Lay:	85
<b>Total Voting Delegates:</b>	<b>172</b>
<i>Total Advisory Delegates:</i>	<i>31</i>
Youth Representatives:	15
Board Members:	2
District Staff:	7
Guests/Presenters:	34
<b>Total in Attendance</b>	<b>261</b>

The credentials report was adopted.

Following the credentials report, President Hardy opened the floor for nominations for the District Endowment Fund Board of Managers and the Committee on Nominations. With no floor nominations offered, the slates of candidates were closed.

At 2:45 PM, President Hardy summoned Floor Committee 1 (Church & Theology) to the dais. Rev. Mark Braden, Committee Chairman, introduced members of the committee.

Floor Committee 1 moved adoption of Resolution 1-03A: “To Decline Overture 1-03” (*June 20 Addendum, p. 6-1*). Rev. Braden explained why the Floor Committee drafted a resolution to decline Overture 1-03, which had been submitted by the Detroit Circuits. The declination was due to actions taken by the 2019 Synod Convention. Without discussion, the motion carried [*Y - 134; N - 13*].

Floor Committee 1 moved adoption of Resolution 1-08: “To Encourage Our Seminaries to Increase Educational Training as Part of Pastoral Formation” (*June 20 Addendum, p. 6-4*). Delegates inquired how encouragement would take place, whether educational requirements are mandated prior to enrollment at seminary, and how educational classes could be conducted. After discussion, the motion carried [*Y - 115; N - 40*].

Floor Committee 1 moved adoption of Resolution 1-09: “To Prevent Harmful Philosophies, Ideologies and Contemporary Movements Contrary to the Christian Faith from Damaging Our Congregations, Schools, Colleges and Seminaries” (*June 20 Addendum, p. 6-5 to 6-6*). Motion to amend: **“To strike references to BLM from the Resolveds within the resolution.”** Discussion of the motion to amend ensued; following extensive discussion about the motion to amend, it failed [*Y - 70; N - 90*]. Discussion returned to the main motion. Delegates asked whether other entities should be listed; other delegates questioned whether any

particular entity should be listed. Further comment about the merits of the resolution were offered. Seeing no further speakers, President Hardy put the question to the assembly; motion carried [Y - 117; N - 44].

At 3:25 PM, President Hardy informed the delegates that there would be a break in convention business until 3:50 PM.

At 3:50 PM, President Hardy invited Rev. Kevin Wilson, President of the Ohio District, to the dais. Ohio District President Wilson thanked the District for its cooperation with congregations in his district where help has been sought.

At 3:52 PM, President Hardy invited Mr. James Sanft of Concordia Plans to the dais. Mr. Sanft informed delegates about the role that Concordia Plans serves as a business entity within the Synod. The work of Concordia Plans is to carry out part of Objective 10 listed in Article III of the Synod Constitution. The entity manages the benefit plans of the Synod, as well as other ancillary programs. Concordia Plans offers multiple health and wellness programs to participants in order to improve overall health, instead of simply covering medical care and treatment. It also offers two different types of retirement plans for church workers. Retirement ready workers would participate in a combination of both retirement plans offered by Concordia Plans, as well as Social Security and individual saving/investments; this is part of the shared responsibility for retirement. Mr. Sanft stated that the retirement aspect of Concordia Plans is currently fully funded for its beneficiaries.

At 4:15 PM, President Hardy summoned Rev. Tauscher, Elections Committee Chairman, to the dais to conduct the elections for Circuit Visitors, Endowment Fund Board of Managers, and Committee on Nominations. He also asked Rev. Jeffrey Teeple, Convention Chaplain, to offer prayers for specific requests and prior to voting.

Rev. Tauscher then explained how the Circuit Visitor nominations were conducted prior to the Convention. Changes to the initial slate (*Convention Workbook, pp. 5-15 and 5-16*) due to pastors having been elected to other District offices were identified.

Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of Circuit Visitors for ratification by the Convention:

<b>Circuit 1 - New York/New Jersey</b>	Rev. Gordon Naumann
<b>Circuit 2 - Philadelphia</b>	Rev. Christopher Seifferlein
<b>Circuit 3 - Florida</b>	Rev. William Douthwaite, III
<b>Circuit 4 - Georgia</b>	Rev. David Miller
<b>Circuit 5 - Buffalo</b>	Rev. Dwayne Hendricks
<b>Circuit 6 - Pittsburgh</b>	Rev. Brian Westgate
<b>Circuit 7 - Canada-East</b>	Rev. Dr. Terry Hursh
<b>Circuit 8 - Canada-West</b>	Rev. James Leistico
<b>Circuit 9 - Cleveland-Akron</b>	Rev. Jonathan McCall
<b>Circuit 10 - Cleveland</b>	Rev. Joshua Moldenhauer
<b>Circuit 11 - Detroit-South</b>	Rev. Bradford Scott
<b>Circuit 12 - Detroit-North</b>	Rev. Timothy Holzerland
<b>Circuit 13 - Western Michigan</b>	Rev. Peter Burfeind
<b>Circuit 14 - Indiana</b>	Rev. Chad Trouten
<b>Circuit 15 - Chicago-North</b>	Rev. Anthony Oliphant
<b>Circuit 16 - Chicago-South</b>	Rev. Doug Hoag

<b>Circuit 17 - Milwaukee</b>	Rev. Fred Reaman
<b>Circuit 18 - St. Louis</b>	Rev. Jonathan Gruen
<b>Circuit 19 - Arizona-North</b>	Rev. Steven Resner
<b>Circuit 20 - Arizona-South</b>	Rev. Dr. John Stieve
<b>Circuit 21 - Nevada/Utah</b>	Rev. Arthur Drehman
<b>Circuit 22 - San Diego</b>	Rev. James Huenink
<b>Circuit 23 - Los Angeles</b>	Rev. Robert Dargatz
<b>Circuit 24 - San Francisco</b>	Rev. Curtis Binz

The convention proceeded with the vote to ratify the election of Circuit Visitors and the results were posted:

<b>Yes</b>	<b>159</b>
No	3

The slate of Circuit Visitors was ratified as presented.

Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for the Endowment Fund Board of Managers (Eastern Region):

Michael Coffey

With no other candidates standing for election, the Elections Committee instructed the Secretary to cast one vote for Michael Coffey for the Endowment Fund Board of Managers (Eastern Region). The result of the election was 1-0. Michael Coffey was elected to a second term as District Endowment Fund Manager.

Rev. Tauscher reported that due to the result of prior elections at the Convention, no candidate would be presented for the Endowment Fund Board of Managers (Lake Erie Region). With no candidate presented, no ballot was conducted. The seat on the Endowment Fund Board of Managers will be filled by the process spelled out in District Bylaw 6.2.5(a).

Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for the Endowment Fund Board of Managers (Midwestern Region):

Matthew Thompson  
Rex Toepke

The ballot was conducted and the results were posted:

Matthew Thompson	63	(49.61 %)
<b>Rex Toepke</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>(50.39 %)</b>

Mr. Rex Toepke was elected to a second term as District Endowment Fund Manager.

Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for the Endowment Fund Board of Managers (Western Region):

Rev. Fred Gerlach  
Paul Sticha

The ballot was conducted and the results were posted:

<b>Rev. Fred Gerlach</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>(65.07 %)</b>
Paul Sticha	51	(34.93 %)

Rev. Fred Gerlach was elected to a second term as District Endowment Fund Manager.

Prior to electing the members of the Committee on Nominations, Secretary Zimmerman reminded the delegates that the limitation of holding one elected office did not apply to the Committee on Nominations, as it is regarded as an *ad hoc* Convention Committee, in line with Synod Bylaw 3.12.3.

Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for Committee on Nominations (Ordained – Eastern Region):

- Rev. Robert Kieselowsky
- Rev. Brian Westgate

The ballot was conducted and the results were posted:

Rev. Robert Kieselowsky	74	(46.25 %)
<b>Rev. Brian Westgate</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>(53.75 %)</b>

Rev. Brian Westgate was elected to the Committee on Nominations.

Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for Committee on Nominations (Commissioned/Lay – Eastern Region):

- Connor Hagey

With no other candidates standing for election, the Elections Committee instructed the Secretary to cast one vote for Connor Hagey for Committee on Nominations (Commissioned/Lay – Eastern Region). The result of the election was 1-0. Connor Hagey was elected to the Committee on Nominations.

Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for Committee on Nominations (Ordained – Lake Erie Region):

- Rev. Mark Braden
- Rev. Peter Burfeind

The ballot was conducted and the results were posted:

<b>Rev. Mark Braden</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>(67.97 %)</b>
Rev. Peter Burfeind	49	(32.03 %)

Rev. Mark Braden was elected to the Committee on Nominations.

Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for Committee on Nominations (Commissioned/Lay – Lake Erie Region):

- Terry Leu

With no other candidates standing for election, the Elections Committee instructed the Secretary to cast one vote for Terry Leu for Committee on Nominations (Commissioned/Lay – Lake Erie Region). The result of the election was 1-0. Terry Leu was elected to the Committee on Nominations.



Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for Committee on Nominations (Ordained – Midwestern Region):

Rev. Gregory Michel  
Rev. David Petersen  
Rev. C. J. Wright

The ballot was conducted and the results were posted:

Rev. Gregory Michel	42	(27.10 %)
<b>Rev. David Petersen</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>(47.74 %)</b>
Rev. C. J. Wright	39	(25.16 %)

With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Rev. C.J. Wright's name was removed. A second ballot was conducted and the results were posted:

Rev. Gregory Michel	57	(37.01 %)
<b>Rev. David Petersen</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>(62.99 %)</b>

Rev. David Petersen was elected to the Committee on Nominations.

Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for Committee on Nominations (Commissioned/Lay – Midwestern Region):

Rod Lane

With no other candidates standing for election, the Elections Committee instructed the Secretary to cast one vote for Rod Lane for Committee on Nominations (Commissioned/Lay – Midwestern Region). The result of the election was 1-0. Rod Lane was elected to the Committee on Nominations.

Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for Committee on Nominations (Ordained – Western Region)

Rev. Fred Gerlach  
Rev. Michael Morehouse

The ballot was conducted and the results were posted:

Rev. Fred Gerlach	60	(38.22 %)
<b>Rev. Michael Morehouse</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>(61.78 %)</b>

Rev. Michael Morehouse was elected to the Committee on Nominations.

Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for Committee on Nominations (Commissioned/Lay – Western Region):

Roni Grad  
Karina Lindsey von Hindenburg

The ballot was conducted and the results were posted:

Roni Grad	72	(49.32 %)
<b>Karina Lindsey-von Hindenburg</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>(50.68 %)</b>

Ms. Karina Lindsey-von Hindenburg was elected to the Committee on Nominations.

With all elections having been conducted, President Hardy thanked the Elections Committee for their work during the Convention.

At 4:30 PM, President Hardy invited Rev. Jonathan Naumann to the dais to speak briefly about his work in the Dominican Republic on behalf of the LCMS Board for International Missions. He invited delegates to converse with him during the rest of the Convention and to pray for the missionaries serving in the Latin America and Caribbean Region.

At 4:35 PM, President Hardy invited Rev. Jawed & Julie Dass to the dais to speak about their work within Pakistan. Rev. Dass announced that five Lutheran churches have been planted in Pakistan. He now oversees the Lutheran Confessional Church Pakistan as bishop. Julie Dass highlighted aspects of the mission that grew out of initial support from Faith – Naples, FL and has blossomed within Pakistan. Along with the English District, the Florida-Georgia District has also served as a partner with this mission. Seminarians have begun instruction that will lead to ordination.

At 4:45 PM, President Hardy summoned Floor Committee 1 to return to the dais.

Floor Committee 1 moved adoption of Resolution 1-04: “To Establish a National Lutheran Teacher Student Debt Assistance Program for LCMS Commissioned Ministers—Teachers” (*Convention Workbook*, pp. 4-54 to 4-55). No delegate desired to speak to the motion, leading directly to a vote. Motion carried [Y - 143; N - 11].

Floor Committee 1 moved adoption of Resolution 1-02: “To Establish a Specific Ministry Pastor Program Oversight Board and to Revise the Bylaws Governing the SMP Program” (*Convention Workbook*, pp. 4-50 to 4-52) with the removal of Lines 80-84 on p. 4-51. Rev. Braden explained that the proposal would affect Synod Bylaws. The Floor Committee was informed that the content of Lines 80-84 would conflict with Synod Bylaws, necessitating removal of those lines from the proposed resolution. After brief discussion, the motion carried [Y - 133; N - 24].

Floor Committee 1 moved adoption of Resolution 1-05: “To Exhort All Parishes to Celebrate the Mass Every Sunday Even if Civil Government Interferes” (*Convention Workbook*, pp. 4-56 to 4-57). Rev. Braden noted that the authors of the resolution wanted delegates to note that the content of the resolution was not simply to address past incidents but also what may be faced in the future. After brief discussion, the motion carried [Y - 126; N - 34].

Floor Committee moved adoption of Resolution 1-06: “To Restore Both Biblical Languages to the Education of Future Pastors on All Pathways to the Office of the Holy Ministry” (*Convention Workbook*, pp. 4-58). Delegates inquired whether exceptions might be established, whether currently rostered ordained ministers could pass competency exams in the Biblical languages now, the maintenance of Biblical Hebrew competency in the field, and the example of Jesus’ knowledge of Greek and Hebrew. After discussion, motion carried [Y - 121; N - 39].

At 5:20 PM, President Hardy declared the Convention in recess until 7:30 PM. Delegates were informed that dinner would be provided in the cafeteria at 6:00 PM. Members of the Canadian Circuits were instructed that they would assemble to hold their required session of the Canada Corporation elections.

## FIFTH SESSION – TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 21, 2022

At 7:30 PM, delegates and guests reconvened in the gymnasium. President Hardy brought the Convention to order.

President Hardy had a video summarizing the start of the mission congregation in Hayden, ID—Blessed Sacrament Lutheran Church—shown to the delegates. This video had previously been presented during the virtual gala held on June 12, 2022. President Hardy commented upon the work done by Rev. John Bombaro in organizing the congregation.

President Hardy had a video presentation about the English District Endowment Fund shown to the delegates. The video identified how gifts and earnings are added to the Endowment Fund, as well as the different uses of monies gained from the interest raised from the corpus of the fund. The video highlighted how the English District Endowment Fund has become another income source for the District to support missions, human care/outreach efforts, and campus ministries.

At 7:50 PM, President Hardy reported to the Convention that he was in Pittsburgh earlier in 2022 to present Rev. Hans O. Andrae with the Roger D. Pittelko *Ille Dilexit Ecclesiam* award. A summary of Rev. Andrae's biography was read for the delegates. President Hardy then invited Rev. Charles D. Lentner to the dais to present him the Roger D. Pittelko *Ille Dilexit Ecclesiam* award. A summary of Rev. Lentner's biography was read for the delegates. Rev. Lentner thanked the convention for the honor.

At 8:00 PM, President Hardy summoned Floor Committee 2 (Missions & Evangelization) to the dais. He also had Rev. Jeffrey Teeple, Convention Chaplain, to offer prayer for specific requests and for wisdom in voting.

Floor Committee 2 moved adoption of Resolution 2-02: "To Increase Continuing Education (CEU) Opportunities throughout Synod" (*Convention Workbook, p. 4-63*). With no delegate desiring to speak on the motion, the delegates moved directly to a vote. Motion carried [Y - 136; N - 9].

Floor Committee 2 moved adoption of Resolution 2-01: "To Affirm the Need for Open Churches During Times of Plague, Pestilence and Pandemic" (*Convention Workbook, pp. 4-61 to 4-62*). Delegates inquired how this resolution differed from Resolution 1-05; the committee noted that this resolution focused on congregational openings and functions beyond just the weekly Divine Service. Another delegate questioned the value of protective equipment mentioned in the resolution. Motion to amend: "**To strike the text of Lines 75 & 76 from the resolution.**" Discussion on the amendment ensued; following discussion, the motion to amend carried [Y - 123; N - 25]. Discussion then moved to the motion as amended. A second motion to amend: "**To replace the word 'opposes' in Line 71 with the word 'condemns.'**" The second motion to amend carried [Y - 127; N - 24]. The twice-amended resolution was put to the delegates for adoption; motion carried [Y - 137; N - 13].

Floor Committee 2 reported that their work had been completed. President Hardy dismissed Floor Committee 2 for the remainder of the Convention.

At 8:25 PM, President Hardy summoned Floor Committee 4 to the dais.

Floor Committee 4 moved adoption of Resolution 4-01A: “To Memorialize the LCMS to Have the Next Available Convention of Synod in Detroit, Michigan” (*June 20 Addendum, p. 6-10*). With no delegate desiring to speak on the motion, the delegates moved directly to a vote. Motion carried [Y - 115; N - 34].

Floor Committee 4 moved adoption of Resolution 4-02A: “To Recognize and Thank the LCMS for the Strengthened and Expanded ‘Soldiers of the Cross’ COVID-19 Response Initiative” (*June 20 Addendum, p. 6-11*). Rev. Derek Mathers, District Mission Executive, was invited to speak about his role in administering the District’s part within this initiative. With no delegate desiring to speak on the motion, the delegates moved directly to a vote. Motion carried [Y - 147; N - 1].

Floor Committee 4 moved adoption of Resolution 4-03A: “To Direct LCMS Life Ministry to Support Congregations in Developing Mercy Ministries to Promote a Culture of Life.” Rev. Derek Mathers, District Mission Executive, was invited to speak about sources of funding currently available to Synod congregations involved in local life ministries. With no delegate desiring to speak on the motion, the delegates moved directly to a vote. Motion carried [Y - 145; N - 3].

Floor Committee 4 reported that their work had been completed. President Hardy dismissed Floor Committee 4 for the remainder of the Convention.

At 8:40 PM, President Hardy summoned Floor Committee 3 to the dais.

Floor Committee 3 moved adoption of Resolution 3-04: “To Restrict Synod Conventions on Sundays” (*Convention Workbook, p. 4-78*). With no delegate desiring to speak on the motion, the delegates moved directly to a vote. Motion carried [Y - 126; N - 12].

Floor Committee moved adoption of Resolution 3-02: “To Amend English District Bylaw 5.1 to Remove Term Limits” (*Convention Workbook, p. 4-75*). Delegates discussed the merits of the resolution, several noting the potential stifling of leadership development and succession within the District, while others spoke about keeping good leaders in place. After multiple speakers, a motion to close debate was held and carried [Y - 106; N - 47]. The Convention proceeded to a vote on adoption. Motion failed [Y - 42; N - 111].

At 8:58 PM, President Hardy declared the Convention to be in recess until 8:00 AM on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. He informed delegates that the Ohio District Convention was slated to begin later on Wednesday, necessitating the vacating of the gymnasium by 10:00 AM, so that it could be prepared for that District’s use. Installation of District Officers would take place in the gymnasium. Delegates were dismissed for the evening.