

# ENGLISH DISTRICT LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

58<sup>th</sup> Convention

June 26-28, 2025

Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI

**June 11, 2025** – Virtual - **Open Hearings** of Convention Floor Committees (start at 7 pm Eastern Time – 1/2 hour each Committee) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84953308816>

**June 12, 2025** – Virtual - **New Delegate Orientation** – 7 pm Eastern Time <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85754230108>

## ***Thursday, June 26, 2025***

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast	Cafeteria/Student Union
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Vendor/Exhibitor/Ministry Tent setup	Ministry Tent/West Campus
11:00 am	Registration opens	Gymnasium
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Ministry Tent
11:00 am – 6:00 pm	Ministry Tent Open	West Campus Parking
1:30 pm	<b>Divine Worship Service</b> Preacher: Rev. Christopher Esget, LCMS 5th Vice President Convention Group Photo	Chapel of the Holy Trinity
3:00 pm	Break (snacks and beverages courtesy of LCEF)	Ministry Tent
3:30 pm	<b>Opening of the 58th Convention of the LCMS English District</b> Welcome and Opening comments and Report – Bishop/President Rev. Jeffrey Miskus Introductions and Standing Rules Announcements/Electronic Voting procedures Election – Bishop/President Greetings Board of Directors Report – Terry Leu, Chair Election and Ranking – Vice Presidents Nominations from the Floor for other elections	Gymnasium
5:00 pm	Dinner	Cafeteria/Student Union
6:30 pm	Reconvene Greetings Ministerial Health Commission – Rev. Timothy Holzerland Essayist – Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall, Associate VP for Church Relations and Mission, CU Chicago Elections – Secretary & Board of Directors Recognition of new congregations and schools Recognition of Jubilarians Recess for the evening	Gymnasium

## ***Friday, June 27, 2025***

6:45 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Cafeteria/Student Union
9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Ministry Tent Open	West Campus Parking
8:00 am	Devotions – Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse, West Region Vice President Treasurer’s Report – Sally Naglich Campus Ministry Report – Rev. Curt Dwyer Greetings – Rev. Dr Thomas Egger – Concordia Seminary St Louis, President Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Report – Rev. Peter Lange, LCMS First Vice President	Gymnasium
9:45 am	Break (snacks and beverages courtesy of LCEF)	Ministry Tent
10:15 am	Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Report continued	Gymnasium
10:35 am	Essayist – Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall Floor Committees Elections – Synod Committee on Nominations Concordia Plans – James Sanft, President & CEO Greetings – Rev. Dr. David Stechholz, Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy	
12:00 pm	Lunch	Ministry Tent
1:30 pm	Devotions – Rev. Zachary Marklevitz, Lake Erie Region Vice President Floor Committees Roger D. Pittelko Award Presentation Staff Reports – Albert Amling, Rev. Derek Mathers	Gymnasium
2:40 pm	Essayist – Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall	
3:25 pm	Break (snacks and beverages courtesy of LCEF)	Ministry Tent
3:55 pm	Mission Action Team – Rev. Justin Laughridge Elections – Circuit Visitors, Comm. on Nominations, and Endowment Fund Board of Managers Greetings LCMS Foundation – Ron Grimm Floor Committees	Gymnasium
6:00 pm	Dinner	Cafeteria/Student Union
	Evening session as needed	Gymnasium

## ***Saturday, June 28, 2025***

6:45 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Cafeteria/Student Union
8:00 am	Devotions – Rev. Robert Kieselowsky, East Region Vice President	Gymnasium
8:25 am	President Address/Convention Business Lifeline Report Endowment Fund Report Floor Committees LCEF – Rev. Bart Day, CEO; John Hoover, English District LCEF Vice President Unfinished Business Adjourn to Chapel <b>Convention Memorial Closing Divine Service</b> Installation of Officers Preacher: Rev. Robert Rogers, Midwest Region Vice President	Chapel of the Holy Trinity
11:45 am	Bus departs for Airport	Campus Main Entrance

1 **RESOLUTION 1-01A**

2  
3 **To Encourage the English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to Affirm Unequivocally the**  
4 **Practice of First Communion Prior to Confirmation as a God-pleasing Practice so as to Encourage**  
5 **Member Congregations and Pastors of the English District to Recognize the Validity of the**  
6 **Aforementioned Practice and, On That Basis, Commune Visiting Children Who, Though Not Yet**  
7 **Confirmed, Are Nevertheless Communicant Members in Good Standing and Who, Therefore, Should**  
8 **Not Be Denied the Lord's Body and Blood Because They Have Not Yet Been Confirmed.**  
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10 WHEREAS, Many member congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod receive children as  
11 communicants to the Lord's Supper through the Rite of First Communion Prior to Confirmation (LSB:  
12 Agenda 25-27), and, therefore, have non-Confirmed, yet communicant children who regularly and  
13 faithfully commune at their home congregations; and  
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15 WHEREAS, The majority of our Member Congregations do not receive children as full communicant  
16 members until they have completed Confirmation and have gone through the Rite of Confirmation (LSB:  
17 Agenda, 28-31); and  
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19 WHEREAS, Both the Rite of First Communion Prior to Confirmation as well as the Rite of Confirmation  
20 are countenanced and legitimated by Synod as evidenced by the presence of each rite in and use out of  
21 the *Lutheran Service Book: Agenda*; and  
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23 WHEREAS, Both rites exist, not by divine command, but as human ordinances and thus neither have the  
24 status of a Sacrament (Ap. XIII.6); and  
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26 WHEREAS, Neither rite confers the status of worthy communicant, which is determined, not by a human  
27 ordinance, "but that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: AGiven and  
28 shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," (SC VI; cf., 1Cor.11:27-29); and  
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30 WHEREAS, Both rites fulfill the prescription of the Lutheran Confessions that "people are admitted only  
31 if they first had an opportunity to be examined and heard" (AC XXIV.6-7) and "the sacrament is made  
32 available to those who wish to partake of it, after they have been examined and absolved" (Ap XXIV.1);  
33 (see General Notes for both rites, p. 25 and 28 respectively; and  
34

35 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Confessions do not require uniform rites, ordinances, and ceremonies for the  
36 sake of the unity of faith and the Church (AC VII.3; cf., Ap XV.18), thus allowing disparate rites to admit  
37 children to the Lord's Supper; and  
38

39 WHEREAS, The Rite of First Communion Prior to Confirmation continues as the minority practice in the  
40 Synod, there have been anecdotal cases of children being refused Communion at sister congregations,  
41 not on the basis of their unworthiness, determined by whether or not they believe the promise of Jesus  
42 "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," but on the basis, either of their non-Confirmed  
43 status or, otherwise, an arbitrary age restriction; and  
44

45 WHEREAS, Refusal to Commune such visiting children who have been legitimately received to the Lord's  
46 Table through instruction, examination, and absolution, which precedes the Rite of First Communion  
47 Prior to Confirmation, causes such little ones, whose angels always behold the face of their Father in  
48 heaven, to stumble through confusion and offense (Matt. 18:6: ; see Ap XV.49 regarding how "traditions

49 are truly traps of consciences"); therefore be it

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51 *Resolved*, That the English District in convention unequivocally affirm the practice of First Communion  
52 Prior to Confirmation as a God-pleasing practice and a legitimate way to faithful reception of the Lord's  
53 Supper; and be it further

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55 *Resolved*, That the English District in convention encourage Member Congregations and Pastors of the  
56 English District to recognize the validity of the aforementioned practice of First Communion Prior to  
57 Confirmation so as to commune visiting children who, though not yet confirmed, are nevertheless  
58 communicant members in good standing at their home congregations; and be it further

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60 *Resolved*, That the English District in convention reject and condemn the error of refusing the body and  
61 blood of Jesus Christ to visiting communicant children on the basis of their non-Confirmed status or an  
62 arbitrary age restriction; and be it further

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64 *Resolved*, That the English District in convention encourage the Synod in Convention to adopt the same  
65 position; and be it further

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67 *Resolved*, That the English District survey her Member Congregations in order to determine the  
68 percentage of congregations making use of the rite of First Communion Prior to Confirmation, and  
69 publish the results of said survey among our congregations; and be it further

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71 *Resolved*, That the English District in convention encourage the Synod in Convention to survey all  
72 Member Congregations in order to determine the percentage of congregations making use of the rite of  
73 First Communion prior to confirmation, and publish the results of said survey among the congregations  
74 of Synod; and be it finally

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76 *Resolved*, That the English District prepare a tool kit for congregations and Pastors that both equips  
77 Pastors who desire to implement such a rite to teach about the practice of First Communion Prior to  
78 Confirmation and that, likewise, equips Pastors to instruct congregations who do not yet understand the  
79 God-pleasing nature of the rite of First Communion Prior to Confirmation so that such congregations  
80 who do not observe this practice gladly welcome and receive visiting communicant children who desire  
81 to receive the Lord's Supper, and that encourages all communicant members to announce for  
82 Communion when visiting congregations other than their own.

1 **RESOLUTION 1-02A**

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3 **To State Religious Objection to Government Interference of Parents' Duty**

4  
5 WHEREAS, The Small Catechism confesses that God has created and given to each person "my body";  
6 and

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8 WHEREAS, The body of the baptized is the temple of the Holy Spirit and belongs not to government or  
9 its institutions (such as schools: public or private), but to God (1 Corinthians 6:19); and

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11 WHEREAS, The Fourth Commandment, as explained in the Large Catechism, places all authority over a  
12 child on the parents of that child, so that we confess, "All authority flows and is born from the authority  
13 of parents. Where a father is unable alone to educate his child, he uses a schoolmaster to teach the  
14 child. So all whom we call "masters" are in the place of parents and must get their power and authority  
15 to govern from them" (para 141-142; emphasis added); and

16  
17 WHEREAS, The Scriptures (and the Catechism) do not limit parental authority to a particular age, but  
18 state that God has given authority to parents over all children who live in their household; and

19  
20 WHEREAS, Government in our society at federal, state, and local levels has attempted or may attempt to  
21 step between children and their parents (impeding the parents' duty to raise their children in the faith  
22 and life of the Christian confession) in various ways, including but not limited to

- 23
- 24 • Laws that mandate vaccines for children even without parents' approval
  - 25 • Laws that allow, recommend, or give children sex-change operations or medical procedures
  - 26 for "transitioning" minors without parents' approval
  - 27 • Laws that permit minors to get an abortion without parents' approval
  - 28 • Laws that label parents who refuse their minor children vaccines, sex-change operations and
  - 29 procedures, or abortions as engaging in child abuse
  - 30 • Laws that remove children from the custody of parents who refuse their minor children
  - 31 vaccines, sex-change operations and procedures, or abortions
  - 32 • School policies that teach children various anti-scriptural social agendas without parents'
  - 33 approval
  - 34 • School policies that mandate vaccines for children even without parents' approval
  - 35 • School policies that encourage children to "transition" or use gender-confusing language or
  - 36 introduce sexual or gender identities that do not conform with the child's birth sex without
  - 37 parents' approval

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39 Therefore, be it

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41 *Resolved*, That the English District boldly, unequivocally, and plainly state its objection on the grounds  
42 of religious belief to any federal, state, or local law or mandate, or any school policy, that imposes the  
43 government's will over the parents' duty to raise their children or that aids the minor child's will to be  
44 kept secret from the parents; and further be it

45  
46 *Resolved*, That the English District state plainly its willingness and readiness to support, come to the aid  
47 of, and speak in defense of any parents within sister congregations of the English District who face the  
challenge of government laws or school policies interfering with parents' duties to raise their children  
in the fear of the Lord; and be it further

48 *Resolved*, That the English District urge The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention and each  
49 and every one of her districts to boldly, unequivocally, and plainly state their unconditional agreement  
50 with this religious objection to government interference in the Christian parent’s duty to raise their  
51 children in the faith and life of the Christian confession; and be it further  
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53 *Resolved*, That the English District urge The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and each and every one  
54 of her districts to boldly, unequivocally, and plainly denounce any teachings of any church bodies which  
55 seek to advocate for or tolerate the government interfering with parents’ duties in raising their children  
56 in the Christian faith and life. Such teachings are unbiblical, unchristian, heretical, opposed to God, and  
57 worthy of condemnation; and be it finally  
58

59 *Resolved*, That the English District urge her congregations and all their families to benefit their children  
60 with the use of Lutheran schools or Lutheran homeschools/hybrid co-ops, or to become involved in  
61 their local public school government, that the parents may safeguard their God-given responsibility,  
62 and that the children may be protected from such government overreach and godless agendas and  
63 may be raised in the proper fear of the Lord.

1 **RESOLUTION 1-03A**

2  
3 **To Reject Kinism**

4  
5 WHEREAS, We are all descended from Adam and Eve, who were created in God's image, and therefore  
6 are members of one human race, each formed by Him and with a special status in His created order  
7 (Genesis 1:26-28, 3:20, 9:6; Psalm 8:4-8, 139:13-16; Acts 17:25-26; Ephesians 3:15); and

8  
9 WHEREAS, We are all equally sinners for whom Christ died and rose again, that all who believe in Him  
10 should not perish but have eternal life (Psalm 51:10; John 3:16-17; Romans 4:25; Ephesians 2:5); and

11  
12 WHEREAS, By His will, God's Church on earth includes members from a great diversity of backgrounds (1  
13 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 2:11-14); and

14  
15 WHEREAS, God shows no partiality among His people (Deuteronomy 10:17; Job 34:19; Acts 10:34;  
16 Romans 2:10-11; Galatians 2:6; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:25; 1 Peter 1:17); and

17  
18 WHEREAS, We are called to deeply love and serve one another as God has first loved us (Leviticus 19:18;  
19 Matthew 19:19, 22:39; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27; Romans 13:9; Galatians 5:14, 6:10; 1 Corinthians 9:22; 2  
20 Corinthians 6:3; James 2:8; 1 Peter 2:17; 1 John 4:10,19); and

21  
22 WHEREAS, We joyfully anticipate the Last Day, when we will be numbered among a great multitude  
23 from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages eternally in God's presence, and singing His  
24 praise (Revelation 7:9-10; cf. Revelation 5:8-9); and

25  
26 WHEREAS, Hatred of the brother is a grievous sin akin to murder, violating the sanctity of human life,  
27 and with grave impact on one's eternal salvation (Exodus 20:13 [Deuteronomy 5:17]; Matthew 5:21-22;  
28 Galatians 5:21; 1 John 3:14-15; Revelation 21:8; SC The Fifth Commandment); and

29  
30 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Committee on Theology and Church Relations  
31 released the report *Racism and the Church: Overcoming the Idolatry* in February, 1994 which  
32 condemned the hatred of our brothers, stating, "It is time to let our light shine and, through the  
33 proclamation of the glorious Gospel of our blessed God, to lead the way to the inclusion of all our sisters  
34 and brothers in Christ in the full exercise of the rights and privileges that belong to them as priests.  
35 What a beautiful opportunity we have to let God's will be done on earth as it most certainly is done in  
36 heaven, where there is not now, nor will there ever be, any partiality shown to anyone. We must all  
37 continually seek God's help in helping each other in our Synod to resist the temptations toward racist  
38 thinking and to eradicate its poisonous effects in our lives, that we may walk together in true unity of  
39 mind, heart, and purpose, even as we are one in Christ."; and

40  
41 WHEREAS, The Synod in convention has over time adopted numerous resolutions condemning hatred  
42 based on race in all of its manifestations across the political and ideological spectrum, including 2019  
43 Resolution 11-04A, To Affirm the Common Humanity of All People and Ethnicities; and 2023 Resolution  
44 11-02A, To Reject All Forms of Racism and Affirm Our Witness to All People; and

45  
46 WHEREAS, Kinism promotes the belief that God has ordained separation of races in all areas of life,  
47 twists Scripture to divide the Church by race, and promote racial superiority and segregation ("Has God  
48 indeed said...?", cf. Genesis 3:1); and

49 WHEREAS, Kinism has been roundly condemned by the Synodical leadership; and  
50  
51 WHEREAS, Individuals, some of whom are members of LCMS congregations, have promoted Kinism  
52 online, at times attacking Synod as a whole, and at times individual members of Synod, sadly attempting  
53 to lure the faithful away from the truth of Scripture (Matthew 24:11; Acts 20:30; 2 Corinthians 11:13; 1  
54 Timothy 4:1; 2 Peter 2:1-3; Jude 4); therefore be it  
55  
56 *Resolved*, That the English District reject and publicly condemn Kinism, affirming that all baptized  
57 believers are one in Christ (Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 10:17, 12:12,20; Ephesians 2:19, 4:4-5,16;  
58 Colossians 3:15), and encourage Synod to do the same; and be it further  
59  
60 *Resolved*, That the English District encourage her Pastors to make their congregations aware of the  
61 challenge of Kinism, and refute it through the lens of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, and  
62 encourage Synod to do the same; and be it further  
63  
64 *Resolved*, That the English District encourage her Pastors in the course of their teaching, to intentionally  
65 teach sound hermeneutical principles to the members of their congregations, to equip the laity to respond  
66 to this or any temptation of “Has God indeed said...?” (Genesis 3:1) by appealing to Scripture rightly read  
67 and understood (Matthew 4:1-11; 1 John 4:1), and encourage the Synod to do the same; and be it further  
68  
69 *Resolved*, Resolved, that the English District in convention grant her support for the Bishop, insofar as he  
70 deems necessary, to publicly support any clergymen, congregation, or active member of the LCMS  
71 who/that is targeted, attacked, or threatened by individuals infected by Kinism, and encourage Synod to  
72 do the same; and be it finally  
73  
74 *Resolved*, That English District call on Pastors and laity to mark and avoid those who work to “cause  
75 divisions and create obstacles in the Church”, and “deceive hearts” contrary to God’s Truth (Romans  
76 16:17-18), praying that they repent, receive His absolution and cleansing, restoration to His Church, and  
77 eternal life in Him (Luke 15:1-10; 1 John 1:9), and encourage Synod to do the same.

1 **RESOLUTION 1-04A**

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3 **To Encourage Unity Among Our Churches**

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5 **Preamble**

6 With geopolitical and socio-economic strife is on the rise between Canada, the United States, and many  
7 other nations; and because these tensions are spilling into the hearts of the members of our  
8 congregations; and because the English District is part of God's holy Church and a "District without  
9 borders", we respectfully ask that the District issue a public statement encouraging repentance, amity,  
10 unity and prayer among our congregations.

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12 WHEREAS, Geopolitical tension and socio-economic strife is creating division and antagonism between  
13 peoples and nations; and

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15 WHEREAS, This political tension is being felt by members of our English District congregations; and

16  
17 WHEREAS, The Kingdom of God is not of this world (*John 18:36*), Christ is undivided (*1 Corinthians 1:13*),  
18 and so too His Body (*Colossians 3:12-15*); and

19  
20 Whereas, Luther's explanation of the eighth commandment in the *Small Catechism* states that we do  
21 not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead, we are to  
22 come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the kindest way;  
23 Therefore, be it

24  
25 *Resolved*, That the English District issue a public statement encouraging the Pastors and members of our  
26 congregations to repent of any sinful or divisive behaviors, receive the forgiveness and comfort Christ  
27 alone can give, pursue peace and unity with one another across international borders, and pray for and  
28 bless one another, beseeching the Father, Son and Holy Spirit's power and presence as they pray.

**RESOLUTION 3-01A**

**To Realign and Rename Visitation Circuits**

**Preamble**

Visitation Circuits are created by Districts and exist for the benefit of congregations and the rostered church workers of those congregations.

LCMS Bylaw 5.1.1 defines the purpose of Visitation Circuits:

5.1.1 A visitation circuit is a network of congregations that “walks together” for mutual care, support, advice, study, ecclesiastical encouragement, service, coordination, resources, and counsel—all for the sake of greater congregational participation in God’s mission.

LCMS Bylaw 5.1.2 governs how Visitation Circuits are established, which is understood to mean that the establishment of Visitation Circuits is done by action of the District Convention, unless District Bylaws provide for another process:

5.1.2 Districts shall establish visitation circuits according to geographical criteria.

**Rationale**

Visitation Circuit 9 (Cleveland–Akron) and Visitation Circuit 10 (Cleveland–West) have seen a decline in member congregations and communicant members. For many years, these two Visitation Circuits have met together and continue to meet as essentially one Circuit. For the past several triennia, these two Visitation Circuits have been joined to create one Electoral Circuit for the purpose of electing delegates to the Synod Convention. These two Visitation Circuits desire to be combined into one Visitation Circuit.

The merger of Visitation Circuits 9 & 10 would eliminate a Visitation Circuit, requiring a renumbering of the Visitation Circuits of the District. The geographic location of several congregations would allow them to be better served by being moved to different Visitation Circuits. Additionally, several Visitation Circuits have begun to refer to themselves by new names to better reflect their member congregations.

Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the current Visitation Circuits 9 & 10 be merged into one Visitation Circuit; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Visitation Circuits of the English District be realigned and renamed as follows:

**Circuit 1 – New York**

Bethany – Ewing, NJ  
Grace – Palisades Park, NJ  
Korean Cho Won – Palisades Park, NJ  
Martin Luther – Pennsauken, NJ  
Messiah – Princeton, NJ  
Immanuel Korean – Flushing, NY  
Redeemer – St. Albans, NY  
Trinity – Scarsdale, NY  
Our Saviour – Valley Stream, NY

**Circuit 2 – Philadelphia**

Gloria Dei – Blue Bell, PA  
Mount Calvary – Lititz, PA  
Calvary – Mechanicsburg, PA

Rehoboth Afaan Oromo – Ridley Park, PA  
St. John – Springfield, PA  
Grace – Warminster, PA  
Immanuel – Alexandria, VA

**Circuit 3 – Southeast**

Tree of Life – Inverness, FL  
Faith – Naples, FL  
Trinity – Ocala, FL  
Shepherd of the Coast – Palm Coast, FL  
Celebration – Saint John’s, FL  
Christ the Shepherd – Alpharetta, GA  
Ascension – Atlanta, GA

64	<b>Circuit 4 – Buffalo</b>	112	Christ the King – Grosse Pointe Woods, MI
65	Calvary – Amherst, NY	113	Risen Christ – Plymouth, MI
66	Pilgrim – Kenmore, NY	114	King of Glory – Sylvania, OH
67	Redeemer – North Tonawanda, NY	115	Good Shepherd – Toledo, OH
68	Hope Community – Syracuse, NY	116	
69	Holy Trinity – Albion, PA	117	<b>Circuit 10 – Detroit-North</b>
70	Trinity – Erie, PA	118	Ascension of Christ – Beverly Hills, MI
71		119	Grace – Redford Township, MI
72	<b>Circuit 5 – Pittsburgh</b>	120	Redeemer – St. Clair Shores, MI
73	Peace – McMurray, PA	121	St. Paul – St. Clair Shores, MI
74	Redeemer – Oakmont, PA	122	Holy Redeemer – Sandusky, MI
75	First Trinity – Pittsburgh, PA	123	Epic – Shelby Township, MI
76	All Saints – Slippery Rock, PA	124	Shepherd King – West Bloomfield, MI
77	St. John’s – Bridgeport, WV	125	New Beginnings – West Branch, MI
78		126	
79	<b>Circuit 6 – Canada-East</b>	127	<b>Circuit 11 – West Michigan</b>
80	Christ – Aurora, ON	128	Hope – Bellaire, MI
81	St. John – Golden Lake, ON	129	Epiphany – Dorr, MI
82	St. Luke – North York, ON	130	Martin Luther – East Lansing, MI
83	St. Mark – Mississauga, ON	131	Hope – Grand Rapids, MI
84	St. John’s – Pembroke, ON	132	Our Savior – Hartland, MI
85	St. Matthew – Scarborough, ON	133	Immanuel – Howell, MI
86		134	Holy Trinity – Lakeview, MI
87	<b>Circuit 7 – Canada-West</b>	135	Agnus Dei – Marshall, MI
88	Our Saviour’s – Chatham, ON	136	Christ – West Olive, MI
89	First – Kingsville, ON	137	Grace – Wyoming, MI
90	Hope – Kitchener, ON	138	
91	Grace – Mitchell, ON	139	<b>Circuit 12 – Indiana</b>
92	Redeemer – Sarnia, ON	140	Bethany – Fort Wayne, IN
93	Gethsemane – Windsor, ON	141	Jacob’s Well – Fort Wayne, IN
94	Peace – Windsor, ON	142	Redeemer – Fort Wayne, IN
95		143	Peace – Fremont, IN
96	<b>Circuit 8 – Cleveland</b>	144	Prince of Peace – Hudson, IN
97	Concordia – Akron, OH	145	Trinity – La Porte, IN
98	Cristiana Hispana – Cleveland, OH	146	Advent – Zionsville, IN
99	Holy Cross – Cleveland, OH	147	
100	Grace – Elyria, OH	148	<b>Circuit 13 – Chicago-South</b>
101	Fairlawn – Fairlawn, OH	149	Concordia – Berwyn, IL
102	Prince of Peace – Medina Township, OH	150	Chatham Fields – Chicago, IL
103	Ascension – North Olmsted, OH	151	Ephphatha Deaf – Chicago, IL
104	Our Savior – North Royalton, OH	152	Faith – Chicago, IL
105	Grace – Oberlin, OH	153	St. John the Divine – Chicago, IL
106	St. Thomas – Streetsboro, OH	154	Messiah – Elmhurst, IL
107		155	Markham – Markham, IL
108	<b>Circuit 9 – Detroit-South</b>	156	Trinity – New Lenox, IL
109	Angelica – Allen Park, MI	157	
110	Christ Our Redeemer – Allen Park, MI	158	<b>Circuit 14 – Chicago-North</b>
111	Zion – Detroit, MI	159	Faith – Arlington Heights, IL

160	Bethany – Chicago, IL	208	Holy Trinity – Tucson, AZ
161	Bethesda – Chicago, IL	209	Messiah – Tucson, AZ
162	Christ English – Chicago, IL	210	Mount Olive – Tucson, AZ
163	Grace English – Chicago, IL	211	
164	Holy Spirit – Elk Grove Village, IL	212	<b>Circuit 20 – San Diego</b>
165	Redeemer – Elmhurst, IL	213	Borrego – Borrego Springs, CA
166	Trinity – Villa Park, IL	214	First – El Cajon, CA
167		215	St. Luke – La Mesa, CA
168	<b>Circuit 15 – Milwaukee</b>	216	Living Water – San Diego, CA
169	Messiah – Forest Lake, MN	217	
170	Hope – Hastings, MN	218	<b>Circuit 21 – Los Angeles</b>
171	Hales Corners – Hales Corners, WI	219	St. Paul – Long Beach, CA
172	St. Mark – Janesville, WI	220	Highland Park – Los Angeles, CA
173	Christ – Lake Mills, WI	221	Chapel of the Cross – Mission Hills, CA
174	Prince of Peace – Menomonee Falls, WI	222	Immanuel – Orange, CA
175	Peace – New Berlin, WI	223	Peace in the Desert – Palm Desert, CA
176	St. Mark – Sheboygan, WI	224	Sherman Oaks – Sherman Oaks, CA
177	Faith – Watertown, WI	225	
178	Greenfield Park – West Allis, WI	226	<b>Circuit 22 – Northwest</b>
179		227	Messiah – Danville, CA
180	<b>Circuit 16 – St. Louis</b>	228	St. Mark – Ferndale, CA
181	Grace – Vine Grove, KY	229	Hope – Fremont, CA
182	St. John's – Hannibal, MO	230	New Life Chinese – San Francisco, CA
183	Beautiful Savior – Lee's Summit, MO	231	West Portal – San Francisco, CA
184	Chapel of the Cross – St. Louis County, MO	232	Blessed Sacrament – Hayden, ID
185	Redeemer – Lincoln, NE	233	Apostolic – Moses Lake, WA
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187	<b>Circuit 17 – Texas</b>		
188	St. Thomas – Magnolia, TX		
189	St. Paul – Paris, TX		
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191	<b>Circuit 18 – Arizona-North</b>		
192	Shepherd of the Canyon – Gold Canyon, AZ		
193	Eternal Life – Mesa, AZ		
194	Faith – Overgaard, AZ		
195	Messiah – Parker, AZ		
196	Shepherd of the Pines – Payson, AZ		
197	Family of Christ – Phoenix, AZ		
198	Shepherd of the Mountains – Pinetop, AZ		
199	Prince of Peace – Mesquite, NV		
200			
201	<b>Circuit 19 – Arizona-South</b>		
202	Risen Savior – Green Valley, AZ		
203	Christus Rex – Rio Rico, AZ		
204	Crosspoint – Sahuarita, AZ		
205	Ascension – Tucson, AZ		
206	Catalina – Tucson, AZ		
207	Faith – Tucson, AZ		

1 **Resolution 3-05A**

2  
3 **To Amend English District Bylaws 5.4 and 9.1.1**

4  
5 WHEREAS, The elected voting membership of the English District Board of Directors currently consists of  
6 six (6) ministers of religion [four (4) ordained ministers—President, Secretary, one (1) ordained minister  
7 from the Eastern or Lake Erie Region, and one (1) ordained minister from the Midwestern or Western  
8 Region—and two (2) commissioned ministers] and six (6) laypersons [one (1) from each District Region  
9 and two (2) from the District at-large] who are elected by the District Convention (EN Bylaws 5.2.2, 5.4.4,  
10 5.4.5, 5.5.3, and 9.1.1); and  
11

12 WHEREAS, Regional representation by ordained ministers to the District Board of Directors is currently  
13 provided by the four Regional Vice-Presidents, who “shall advise the President, serve as his  
14 representatives, and assist him in bringing to the Board of Directors any needed recommendations” (EN  
15 Bylaw 4.3) and also serve as non-voting members of the Board of Directors (EN Bylaw 9.1.2); and  
16

17 WHEREAS, The English District may be better served by electing ordained ministers with various skill sets  
18 (legal, finance, investment, administration, etc.) to its Board of Directors without limitation by District  
19 Region; and  
20

21 WHEREAS, The election of commissioned ministers as voting members of the Board of Directors is no  
22 longer limited by District Region (cf. 2018 Resolution 3-03A); and  
23

24 WHEREAS, The proposed bylaw amendments would not change the existing practice of the District  
25 Convention electing six (6) ministers of religion and six (6) laypersons to serve as voting members of the  
26 Board of Directors; and  
27

28 WHEREAS, The nomination process for election of ordained ministers to the Board of Directors at the 2025  
29 English District Convention has been conducted under the current limitation by District Region (EN Bylaw  
30 5.4.1); therefore be it  
31

32 *Resolved*, That English District Bylaw 5.4 be amended as follows:

33 **PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING**

34 5.4.4 The District Convention shall elect ~~one (1) ordained minister from the Eastern or Lake Erie Region,~~  
35 ~~one (1) ordained minister from the Midwestern or Western Region,~~ two (2) ordained ministers  
36 from the clergy roster of the District and two (2) commissioned ministers from the commissioned  
37 minister roster of the District; and one (1) layperson from each of the four regions of the District:

- 38 (a) A majority of votes cast shall be required for election.  
39 (b) Balloting will proceed with the candidate receiving the least number of votes eliminated  
40 from consideration until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, who shall be  
41 declared elected.  
42 (c) No more than one ordained minister or commissioned minister shall be elected from the  
43 same congregation.  
44

45 5.4.5 The District Convention shall elect one (1) layperson from each of the four regions of the District:

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

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

5.4.56 The District Convention shall elect two (2) laypersons as at-large members of the Board of Directors:

- (a) All candidates not elected to a Lay Regional Board of Director positions shall form the ballot for the Lay At-Large Board of Directors positions. All candidates not elected to a Lay Regional Board of Director position, excluding any individual holding membership in the same congregation as an individual elected to a Lay Regional Board of Director position, shall form the ballot for the Lay At-Large Board of Directors positions.
- (b) A majority of votes cast shall be required for election.
- (c) When a second or succeeding ballot is required for a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes and all candidates receiving less than 15 percent of the votes cast shall be dropped from the ballot, unless fewer than two candidates receive 15 percent or more of the votes cast, in which case the three highest candidates shall constitute the ballot.

and be it further

*Resolved*, That English District Bylaw 9.1.1 be amended as follows:

PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING

9.1.1 The Board of Directors shall have no more than fifteen (15) voting members, as follows:

- (a) The President of the District
- (b) The Secretary of the District
- (c) Two (2) ministers of religion—ordained, ~~one of whom shall be elected from either the Eastern Region or Lake Erie Region and one whom shall be elected from either the Midwestern Region or Western Region~~
- (d) Two (2) ministers of religion—commissioned
- (e) One (1) layperson elected from each of the four regions of the District.
- (f) Two (2) laypersons elected from the District at large
- (g) Up to three (3) at-large laypersons appointed by the elected voting members of the Board of Directors to obtain needed additional skill sets (legal, finance, investment, administration, etc.)

and be it finally

*Resolved*, That these amendments to English District Bylaws 5.4 and 9.1.1 be enacted following the election of the Board of Directors at the 2025 English District Convention and become effective upon adoption.

1 **RESOLUTION 4-01A**

2  
3 **To Request a Comprehensive Review of the Theological Concerns and Practical**  
4 **Procedures When a Call Is Terminated or Self-Terminated**  
5

6 **Preamble**

7 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has committed to caring for pastors and  
8 church workers in one of its seven mission priorities, to wit: "To promote and nurture the spiritual,  
9 emotional, financial, and physical well-being of pastors and professional church workers;" and  
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11 WHEREAS, There are a number of reasons a person might self-terminate a Divine Call, e.g. age of  
12 retirement, mental or physical health concerns or incapacitations, personal conviction, etc.; and  
13

14 WHEREAS, There is biblical precedent for the non-death ending of a tenure of service, e.g. Numbers  
15 8:23-26; and  
16

17 WHEREAS, The Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) discussed termination of Divine  
18 Call in its 2003 Report "Theology and Practice of 'The Divine Call'" only from the perspective of outside  
19 termination and not self-termination; and  
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21 WHEREAS, Care should be given to the worker and the people of God served by the worker throughout  
22 the length of a Divine Call, including if a Call is terminated or self-terminated; and  
23

24 WHEREAS, There is a paucity of theological rationale and practical direction in the Synod for the many  
25 ways a Divine Call might be self-terminated before death; and  
26

27 WHEREAS, There can be confusion in the Church over legitimate and illegitimate reasons for terminating  
28 or self-terminating a Divine Call which might result in anxiety over Candidate status; therefore be it  
29

30 *Resolved*, That church workers and congregations be given clear teaching on the theological and  
31 practical procedures when a Divine Call is terminated or self-terminated; and be it further  
32

33 *Resolved*, That the English District memorialize Synod to instruct the CTCR to offer clarity regarding  
34 theological and practical considerations for the ways a Divine Call might be legitimately or illegitimately  
35 terminated or self-terminated; and be it further  
36

37 *Resolved*, That the English District in convention memorialize Synod that the COP is to establish support  
38 and training materials for church workers who self-terminate their Divine Call legitimately; and be it  
39 further  
40

41 *Resolved*, That district presidents and circuit visitors work with the workers and congregations of their  
42 district to support their called church workers before, during, and aftertimes of termination and self  
43 termination; and be it finally  
44

45 *Resolved*, That the English District convention send this resolution as an overture to the 2026 Synod  
46 convention.

1 **RESOLUTION 4-02A**

2  
3 **To Direct the Office of National Mission to Perform a Systematic Review of All Registered Service**  
4 **Organizations (RSOs)**  
5

6 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has historically emphasized accountability and  
7 doctrinal integrity in its affiliations, ensuring that those organizations receiving its endorsement or  
8 partnership remain faithful to the teachings of Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions (Titus 1:9,  
9 “He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in  
10 sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it”); and  
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12 WHEREAS, The LCMS recognizes certain organizations as Registered Service Organizations (RSOs),  
13 granting them recognition and endorsement, and in some cases financial and institutional support, on  
14 the basis that their mission and practices align with biblical and confessional Lutheran teaching, as  
15 outlined in LCMS Bylaw 6.2, which establishes the process and requirements for RSO status within the  
16 Synod; and  
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18 WHEREAS, LCMS Bylaw 6.2.1 states that RSOs must “function in harmony with the programs of the  
19 boards of the Synod and in furtherance of the mission and ministry of the church”, making it necessary  
20 to ensure ongoing compliance with doctrinal standards; and  
21

22 WHEREAS, LCMS Bylaw 6.2.6 places oversight of RSOs under the Office of National Mission (ONM),  
23 which evaluates and reviews RSOs to determine whether they remain in alignment with LCMS doctrine  
24 and practice; and  
25

26 WHEREAS, Faithful stewardship requires ongoing review to ensure that these organizations continue to  
27 uphold sound doctrine and biblical practices; and  
28

29 WHEREAS, There is a growing need for transparency and accountability in the work of all organizations  
30 affiliated with the church, ensuring that they adhere to biblical principles in matters of faith, morality,  
31 and financial stewardship (Luke 16:10, “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much”); and  
32

33 WHEREAS, The LCMS must take seriously its responsibility to avoid supporting or endorsing organizations  
34 that have drifted from the teachings of Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions (Romans 16:17, “I  
35 appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the  
36 doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them” ); therefore, be it  
37

38 *Resolved*, That the LCMS Office of National Mission, in coordination with the various mission offices and  
39 the council of presidents, conduct a systematic review of all RSOs, ensuring that each organization  
40 maintains alignment with biblical teaching and the doctrinal position of the LCMS; and be it further  
41

42 *Resolved*, That this review assess each RSO’s doctrinal stance, financial stewardship, and ethical practices  
43 in light of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions; and be it further  
44

45 *Resolved*, That the ONM, in coordination with the various mission offices and the council of presidents  
46 and in accordance with LCMS Bylaw 6.2.6, take corrective action regarding any RSO found to be  
47 doctrinally or ethically out of alignment with LCMS teachings, including but not limited to placing the

organization on probationary status, requiring doctrinal correction, or, if necessary, revoking RSO status; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the LCMS ONM, in coordination with the various mission offices and the council of presidents, shall take immediate action to revoke the RSO status of any organization that is publicly known to be acting in direct opposition to the doctrine of the Synod, including but not limited to those engaged in unlawful activity, those who abet lawbreakers, those who affirm or promote same-sex relationships, or those who facilitate the adoption of children to same-sex couples; and be it further

*Resolved*, That any RSO whose status has been revoked due to doctrinal or ethical violations may apply for reinstatement, provided that the organization demonstrates repentance, publicly renounces its previous errors, and affirms in writing its adherence to the biblical and confessional teachings of the LCMS; and be it further

*Resolved*, That organizations found to be out of alignment with LCMS doctrine be given a clear path to correction and reinstatement, provided they demonstrate repentance and a return to biblical and confessional teaching (Galatians 6:1, “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness”); and be it further

*Resolved*, That the findings of this review be reported in their entirety to the Synod and made available for the benefit of congregations and members of the LCMS; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That the LCMS reaffirm its commitment to biblical stewardship, ensuring that all partnerships and affiliations reflect the mission and values of Christ’s Church as taught in Holy Scripture and confessed in the Lutheran Confessions.

1 **RESOLUTION 4-03A**

2  
3 **To Affirm the Board of Regents and Administration of Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor**  
4 **in Their Efforts to Resolve Financial Deficits**  
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6 WHEREAS, In February 2024 the Board of Regents of Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor  
7 (CUWAA), President Erik Ankerberg, and the administration of both campuses were confronted with  
8 financial realities that included a growing financial deficit; and  
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10 WHEREAS, The Ann Arbor campus had been unable to generate auxiliary revenue sufficient to meet its  
11 needs leading to an annual average operational shortfall of \$4 million for the entire university; and  
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13 WHEREAS, We recognize that CUWAA is a Lutheran higher education community of The Lutheran  
14 Church—Missouri Synod serving a focused educational mission in the world accountable for responsible  
15 stewardship; and  
16

17 WHEREAS, Christians may disagree over how to handle challenging situations which may be concerning  
18 and painful for many to hear, especially students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, and other CUAA and  
19 CUW stakeholders and the Ann Arbor community; and  
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21 WHEREAS, The Board of Regents, President Ankerberg, and the administration of CUWAA have  
22 demonstrated resolve and intentional strategic thought as they considered a variety of initiatives  
23 designed to better position CUWAA for the future; and  
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25 WHEREAS, The Board of Regents, President Ankerberg, and the administration of CUWAA have  
26 demonstrated faithful Christian leadership in their service to the students, faculty, staff, and Synod in a  
27 fair, reasonable, and responsible manner recognizing that as sinful, fallible mortals their communication  
28 efforts could have been handled better; therefore be it  
29

30 *Resolved*, That the Board of Regents, President Ankerberg, and the administration of CUWAA be  
31 commended for making the necessary decisions to ensure that CUWAA is financially secure and  
32 sustainable for future generations; and be it further  
33

34 *Resolved*, That by our prayers they would be encouraged in their responsibility to be "steadfast,  
35 immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain"  
36 (1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV); and be it further  
37

38 *Resolved*, That the English District continue to pray in good faith for the ongoing efforts of the Board of  
39 Regents, President Ankerberg, and the administration of CUWAA; and be it further  
40

41 *Resolved*, That the English District continue to pray for the students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, and  
42 other stakeholders of Concordia Ann Arbor as these initiatives have and continue to have impact on the  
43 Ann Arbor campus; and be it finally  
44

45 *Resolved*, That since CUWAA directly impacts our churches, schools, and ministries and in the spirit of  
46 fraternal support and encouragement; the English District receive a report at its next Convention  
47 regarding the outcomes, benefits, and the ongoing efforts of the Board of Regents, President Ankerberg,  
48 and the entire administration of CUWAA.

## SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS



**Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall** serves as the Associate Vice President for Church Relations and Mission and Associate Professor of Theology at Concordia University Chicago. He served as a pastor for twenty years. Dr. Kendall was Associate Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake, Iowa, from 2002–2008. He then served as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lowell, Indiana, from 2008–2020. He came to St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Illinois, in 2020, where he served as Associate Pastor.

Dr. Kendall served as an adjunct professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, from 2015–2021, teaching in the deaconess program. Dr. Kendall graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. He attended Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and received a Master of Divinity degree in 2002. He would go on to get a Ph.D. in missiology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

In 2021, Dr. Kendall had a chapter included in a book in honor of Dr. William Weinrich titled, *One of the Holy Trinity Suffered for Us: Essays in Honor of William C. Weinrich*. His chapter is titled, “No Longer Ἐθνη: Paul’s Use of the Old Testament in 1 Corinthians.” In addition, he has written articles in *The Lutheran Witness* and *For the Life of the World*. He continues to teach continuing education courses for church workers at Concordia Theological Seminary. He is married to Stacie (32 years), and they have two children and a grandson.



**Jim Sanft** has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Concordia Plan Services since 2008. Joining CPS in 1999, Sanft served in a variety of leadership roles including Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

In 2022 Sanft was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Concordia University, Nebraska. He also holds a M.S. in Mathematics and Statistics from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and a B.S. in Education from Concordia University, Nebraska.

Sanft is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries and worked as an actuary in the group insurance and employee benefit field for over 10 years prior to joining CPS.

An active leader in the church benefits community, Jim serves as Chair of the Church Alliance, 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 previously served on the Board of

Directors of the Church Benefits Association and on the Policy Board of Directors of the American Benefits Council as the Church Alliance representative.

Under Sanft's leadership, CPS has been recognized multiple times as a top workplace in St. Louis. CPS has also been recognized as one of the healthiest workplaces in St. Louis and in 2014 CPS was named to a list of the top 100 healthiest workplaces in the country.

Sanft was commended by the 2016 LCMS Convention for his work in caring for church workers. He was honored in 2019 by the Atlantic District of the LCMS with the "Witness in the Public Square" award for his work in Washington, D.C. on behalf of church benefit programs and their participating ministries and members.

Jim and his wife Janell are blessed with three sons and daughters-in-law, along with two incredible grandsons! 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.



**Rev. Bart Day** is currently serving as President and CEO of Lutheran Church Extension Fund. He has served as a parish pastor, headmaster of an elementary school, executive to oversee domestic mission work, and now head of the church's financial institution.

Bart received his bachelor's degree from Concordia University, Nebraska, a master's degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and an EMBA from Washington University, St. Louis.

He enjoys hiking, attending sports events and concerts, and spending time with his wife, Julie, and their six children and two dogs. He believes in the satisfaction that comes from hard work, the enjoyment of a job well done, and the beauty of joy and laughter in working alongside similarly motivated people. Bart serves on various nonprofit boards that serve the church and world.

## 2025 CONVENTION VOTING DELEGATES

		<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>LAYPERSON</u>
<b><u>Circuit #1 - New York</u></b>			
Ewing, NJ	Bethany		
Flushing, NY	Immanuel		
Palisades Park, NJ	Grace		
Palisades Park, NJ	New Jersey Chowon	Rev. Phillip Sang Cho Rey	Daysung Lee
Pennsauken, NJ	Martin Luther Chapel		Jane Duffy
Princeton, NJ	Messiah	Rev. Dr. Martin Erhardt	Herb Gishlick
Saint Albans, NY	Redeemer		
Scarsdale, NY	Trinity	Rev. Curtis Stephens	Sandra Coffey
Valley Stream, NY	Our Saviour		
<b><u>Circuit #2 - Philadelphia</u></b>			
Alexandria, VA	Immanuel	Rev. Christopher Esget	Andrew Scheck
Blue Bell, PA	Gloria Dei		
Lititz, PA	Mount Calvary	Rev. Christopher Seifferlein	Gabriel Edwards
Mechanicsburg, PA	Calvary	Rev. Luke Zimmerman	Karen Appel
Philadelphia, PA	Rehoboth Afaan		
Springfield, PA	Saint John	Rev. Robert Kieselowsky	David Carlson
Warminster, PA	Grace		
<b><u>Circuit #3 - Florida</u></b>			
Inverness, FL	Tree of Life	Rev. Eric Linthicum	
Naples, FL	Faith	Rev. Owen Duncan	
Ocala, FL	Trinity	Rev. Danlias Howe	Cathleen Howe
Palm Coast, FL	Shepherd of the Coast	Rev. Gregory Michel	Marsha Asbury
Saint John's, FL	Celebration		
<b><u>Circuit #4 - Georgia</u></b>			
Alpharetta, GA	Christ the Shepherd		
Atlanta, GA	Ascension	Rev. David Miller	Will Davis
<b><u>Circuit #5 - Buffalo</u></b>			
Albion, PA	Holy Trinity	Rev. Michael Taylor	David Lindenmuth
Amherst, NY	Calvary		
Erie, PA	Trinity	Rev. Travis Schmidt	Carol George
Kenmore, NY	Pilgrim	Rev. David Walsh	Ed Walsh
North Tonawanda, NY	Redeemer		
Syracuse, NY	Hope Community		
<b><u>Circuit #6 - Pittsburgh</u></b>			
Bridgeport, WV	Saint John's	Rev. Christopher Harrison	Joseph Solberg
McMurray, PA	Peace	Rev. Justin Schmidt	Thomas Schell
Oakmont, PA	Redeemer	Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz	Connor Hagey
Pittsburgh, PA	First Trinity	Rev. Benjamin Janssen	Brandon Price
Slippery Rock, PA	All Saints		Peter Rigney

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		<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	Rev. Philip Gai	Doug Woods
Pembroke, ON	Saint John's	Rev. Stephen Alles	Mary Ann Alles
Toronto, ON	Saint Luke	Rev. Justin Laughridge	Ian Farquharson
Toronto, ON	Saint Matthew	Rev. Dereck Pillay	Derick Ackloo
<b><u>Circuit #8 - Canada West</u></b>			
Chatham, ON	Our Saviour's		
Kingsville, ON	First		
Kitchener, ON	Hope		Glenn Kahle
Mitchell, ON	Grace	Rev. Gerald Andersen	
Sarnia, ON	Redeemer	Rev. Colton LaMay	
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		
North Royalton, OH	Our Savior	Rev. Jonathan McCall	Charles Parnell
Streetsboro, OH	Saint Thomas	Rev. Blake Martzowka	Rory Wolff
<b><u>Circuit #10 - Cleveland-West</u></b>			
Cleveland, OH	Holy Cross		Daniel Kenney
Cleveland, OH	Iglesia		
Elyria, OH	Grace	Rev. Robert Weldon Sr.	David Darmstadt
Medina, OH	Prince of Peace	Rev. Jim Bretthauer	Terry Leu
North Olmsted, OH	Ascension	Rev. Joshua Ulm	Mark English
Oberlin, OH	Grace		
<b><u>Circuit #11 - Detroit-South</u></b>			
Allen Park, MI	Angelica		Ed Stephens
Allen Park, MI	Christ Our Redeemer	Rev. Joel Holls	Vincent Tobias
Detroit, MI	Zion	Rev. Mark Braden	Thomas Habitz Jr.
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI	Christ the King	Rev. Solomon Spangler	Edward Fleck
Plymouth, MI	Risen Christ		
Sylvania, OH	King of Glory		
Toledo, OH	Good Shepherd	Rev. Bradford Scott	LeAnne Scott

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		<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>LAYPERSON</u>
<b><u>Circuit #12 - Detroit-North</u></b>			
Beverly Hills, MI	Ascension of Christ	Rev. Larry Loree Jr.	David Lambert
Redford, MI	Grace	Rev. Timothy Halboth	Michael Spear
Saint Clair Shores, MI	Redeemer		
Saint Clair Shores, MI	Saint Paul's	Rev. Simeon Cornwell	Joseph Finazzo
Sandusky, MI	Holy Redeemer		
Shelby Township, MI	Epic		
West Bloomfield, MI	Shepherd King	Rev. Timothy Holzerland	Tony Pauza
West Branch, MI	New Beginnings	Rev. Daniel Jansen	Larry Watson
<b><u>Circuit #13 - Western Michigan</u></b>			
Bellaire, MI	Hope	Rev. Wade Seaver	Mark Harris
Dorr, MI	Epiphany	Rev. Ryan Beffrey	Ashley Beffrey
East Lansing, MI	Martin Luther Chapel	Rev. Curt Dwyer	Susan Beyerlein
Grand Rapids, MI	Hope	Rev. Christopher Nuttelman	Andrew Silagi
Hartland, MI	Our Savior	Rev. Dr. Christopher Thoma	Charles Cole
Howell, MI	Immanuel	Rev. Eric Forss	Neal Forss
Lakeview, MI	Holy Trinity	Rev. Alexander Sabol	
Marshall, MI	Agnus Dei	Rev. Peter Burfeind	Aidan Quick
West Olive, MI	Christ		
Wyoming, MI	Grace	Rev. Zachary Marklevitz	Jeffrey DeYoung
<b><u>Circuit #14 - Indiana</u></b>			
Fort Wayne, IN	Bethany	Rev. Chad Trouten	Ethan Richards
Fort Wayne, IN	Redeemer	Rev. Dr. David Petersen	Jonathan Busarow
Fort Wayne, IN	Jacob's Well		
Fremont, IN	Peace	Rev. Jared Rudolph	
Hudson, IN	Prince of Peace		
La Porte, IN	Trinity		
Zionsville, IN	Advent	Rev. Aaron Schultz	Mark Werling
<b><u>Circuit #15 - Chicago-North</u></b>			
Arlington Heights, IL	Faith		John Coates
Chicago, IL	Bethany		
Chicago, IL	Bethesda	Rev. Dr. Paul Bacon	Roop Charles
Chicago, IL	Christ English		
Chicago, IL	Grace English		
Elk Grove Village, IL	Holy Spirit	Rev. Daniel Greg	Scott Fredrick
Elmhurst, IL	Redeemer	Rev. Anthony Oliphant	Daniel Anderson
Villa Park, IL	Trinity	Rev. Robert Rogers	Bert Dale
<b><u>Circuit #16 - Chicago-South</u></b>			
Berwyn, IL	Concordia		
Chicago, IL	Chatham Fields		
Chicago, IL	Ephphatha	Rev. Prentice Marsh	
Chicago, IL	Faith		
Chicago, IL	Saint John the Divine		
Elmhurst, IL	Messiah		
Markham, IL	Markham		Bernardine Postlewaite
New Lenox, IL	Trinity	Rev. Douglas Hoag	Timothy King

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		<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. Todd Liefer	
Hastings, MN	Hope		
Janesville, WI	Saint Mark		
Lake Mills, WI	Christ		
Menomonee Falls, WI	Prince of Peace	Rev. Thomas Engler	Phil Hagedorn
New Berlin, WI	Peace	Rev. Scott Kruse	Carol Fontanez
Sheboygan, WI	Saint Mark	Rev. Tyler Werner	Jeff Leffin
Watertown, WI	Faith	Rev. Seth Hoepfner	
West Allis, WI	Greenfield Park	Rev. Fred Reaman	Chuck Porter
<b><u>Circuit #18 - Saint Louis</u></b>			
Hannibal, MO	Saint John's		
Lee's Summit, MO	Beautiful Savior	Rev. Devin Burmeister	Chris Troester
Lincoln, NE	Redeemer		Derek Johnson
Saint Louis, MO	Chapel of the Cross	Rev. Theodore Laesch	David Stahlhut
Vine Grove, KY	Grace	Rev. Jonathan Lackey	Regis O'Neil
<b><u>Circuit #19 - Arizona-North</u></b>			
Gold Canyon, AZ	Shepherd of the Canyon	Rev. Dr. Mark Wood	Mary Ellen Wood
Mesa, AZ	Eternal Life	Rev. Brian Crane	Andrew Grant
Overgaard, AZ	Faith	Rev. Rodney Schmeltz	Brian Parker
Parker, AZ	Messiah		
Payson, AZ	Shepherd of the Pines		Nancy Cox
Phoenix, AZ	Family of Christ	Rev. Fred Gerlach	Benjamin Wirtz
Pinetop, AZ	Shepherd of the Mountains	Rev. Michael Mathews	
<b><u>Circuit #20 - Arizona-South</u></b>			
Green Valley, AZ	Risen Savior	Rev. Todd Arnold	Dennis Betz
Rio Rico, AZ	Christus Rex		
Sahuarita, AZ	Crosspoint	Rev. Jason Hong	Keith Christiansen
Tucson, AZ	Ascension		Andy Wellik
Tucson, AZ	Catalina	Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse	Tom Honebrink
Tucson, AZ	Faith		Judy Hughes
Tucson, AZ	Holy Trinity		
Tucson, AZ	Messiah		
Tucson, AZ	Mount Olive	Rev. Isaac Wirtz	Jonathan Wiens
<b><u>Circuit #21 - Nevada/Utah</u></b>			
Magnolia, TX	Saint Thomas	Rev. Stanley Lacey	Glen Piper
Mesquite, NV	Prince of Peace	Rev. Robert Bruggeman	Colin Metzger
Paris, TX	Saint Paul	Rev. Toby Byrd	Jonathan Fitzgerald

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		<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	Kathleen Vaughn
La Mesa, CA	Saint Luke's	Rev. Dr. Mark Menacher	
<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	Sara De La Rosa
Orange, CA	Immanuel		
Palm Desert, CA	Peace	Rev. James Bowes	Lauren Bowes
Sherman Oaks, CA	Sherman Oaks	Rev. Titus Utecht	Laura Warshawsky
<b><u>Circuit #24 - San Francisco</u></b>			
Danville, CA	Messiah	Rev. Kevin Belter	Joseph Pleinis
Ferndale, CA	Saint Mark		
Fremont, CA	Hope		
Hayden, ID	Blessed Sacrament	Rev. Marc DiConti	Wade Arndt
Moses Lake, WA	Apostolic		
San Francisco, CA	New Life	Rev. Charles Fox	Ed Yee
San Francisco, CA	West Portal	Rev. Curtis Binz	

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*Denise DeDonatis*

*Harria Dweh*

*Gerogena Elliot*

*Simon Ficken*

*Andrew Koch*

*Faith Washington*

*Rebecca Wharton*

### CONGREGATION

Peace, Palm Desert, CA

Christ the King, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

Hope Community, Syracuse, NY

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Eternal Life, Mesa, AZ

Mt. Olive, Tucson, AZ

Hope Community, Syracuse, NY

First, El Cajon, CA



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