

1                                   **The 58<sup>th</sup> Convention of the English District**  
2                                   **of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**  
3                                   **June 26–28, 2025**

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5   The English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod met in convention June 26–28, 2025, at the  
6   Ann Arbor, MI campus of Concordia University Wisconsin Ann Arbor. The Convention Theme was “Living  
7   Our Baptized Life in Christ” drawn from Galatians 2:20.

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9   Prior to the convention, floor committees utilized teleconferencing technology to hold open hearings.  
10   These took place on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. Orientation for new delegates was also conducted via  
11   teleconference on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

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15   **OPENING DIVINE SERVICE – THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025**

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17   At 1:30 PM, convention attendees and other guests gathered at the Chapel of the Holy Trinity for the  
18   opening Divine Service.

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20   The Divine Service was sponsored by Epiphany Lutheran Church – Dorr, MI. It was conducted according  
21   to the order of *Lutheran Service Book* Divine Service, Setting Three with the propers from the *Lutheran*  
22   *Service Book Lectionary* for the First Sunday after Trinity. Rev. Christopher Esget, Eastern/Southeastern  
23   Regional Vice-President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, served as preacher; Rev. Ryan Beffrey,  
24   served as celebrant. Other liturgical leaders included District President Rev. Jeffrey Miskus, Rev. Jonathan  
25   McCall, and Rev. Christopher Seifferlein. Mr. Gabriel Edwards from Mount Calvary – Lititz, PA supplied  
26   musical leadership. The offering collected at the service was designated to benefit the Dominican Republic  
27   Lutheran Mission.

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29   Following the Divine Service, a group picture of convention delegates and other attendees was taken.

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33   **FIRST SESSION – THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 26, 2026**

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35   Delegates and guests assembled in the gymnasium of Concordia University—Ann Arbor, Michigan. At 3:30  
36   PM, Rev. Jeffrey Miskus, President of the English District, called the Convention to order. President Miskus  
37   conducted the Rite of Opening a Convention of a District.

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39   Following the opening of the convention, President Miskus introduced two individuals who would help  
40   conduct the convention: Rev. John Stieve, parliamentarian, and Rev. Luke Zimmerman, District Secretary.

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42   President Miskus also introduced two pastors of the District who would serve as chaplains for the  
43   Convention: Rev. Mark DiConti and Rev. Jonathan Lackey. He informed delegates and guests that a small  
44   prayer chapel was located within the gymnasium building and that chaplains would be available to receive  
45   prayer requests and hear confessions from delegates.

At 3:35 PM, President Miskus introduced the Convention Agenda and the Proposed Standing Rules for the Convention. Secretary Zimmerman was asked to highlight several of the proposed standing rules for the delegates. President Miskus presented the standing rules for adoption: ***“To adopt the standing rules as proposed.”*** Motion carried.

Following the adoption of the standing rules, President Miskus presented the agenda for adoption: ***“To adopt the agenda as presented.”*** Motion carried.

At 3:40 PM, President Miskus offered his report to the convention. He thanked the District for the opportunity to serve as District President following the resignation of Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy in June 2024. He highlighted the activities that he had conducted during his time as District President:

- Visiting District congregations and mission starts.
- Praying for the District’s congregations and church workers.
- Holding online meetings with nearly every active pastor within the District.
- Attending meetings of the LCMS Council of Presidents and the District Board of Directors.
- Conferring with Vice-Presidents and Circuit Visitors.
- Visting the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission.

He also spoke about the five major roles of the District to serve its congregations and church workers:

- Connecting the congregation to synod and other congregations.
- Providing ecclesiastical authority to pastors and congregations.
- Providing support to congregations in missions and church planting.
- Providing support to congregations in education and schools.
- Providing support for congregations in terms of funding.

His report ended with a series of statements of gratitude to individuals who were of great help to him when taking up the role of District President.

At 4:00 PM, Secretary Zimmerman provided the first credentials report of the convention. The credentials report at the opening of the convention on June 26, 2025, was as follows:

Voting Delegates – Ordained:	90
Voting Delegates – Lay:	86
<b>Total Voting Delegates:</b>	<b>176</b>
<b>Total Advisory Delegates:</b>	<b>20</b>
Youth Representatives:	8
Board Members:	5
District Staff:	5
Guests/Presenters:	34
<b>Total in Attendance:</b>	<b>248</b>

The credentials report was accepted without objection.

At 4:05 PM, President Miskus invited 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Robert Rogers to assume the Chair.

Vice-President Rogers summoned the Elections Committee to the dais to conduct the election of District President. Rev. Robert Tauscher, Chairman of the Elections Committee, provided a brief tutorial to the

delegates about the electronic voting devices that would be used for elections and other votes, including practice ballots. Secretary Zimmerman outlined the processes by which nominations for both District President and District Vice-Presidents took place prior to the Convention. Following that presentation, Rev. Mark DiConti, Convention Chaplain, offered prayers for delegates who were about to participate in elections during the first business day of the Convention.

Vice-President Rogers directed Rev. Robert Tauscher, Chairman of the Elections Committee, to conduct the election of the District President. Following this, Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for District President:

Rev. Jeffrey Miskus

Rev. Dr. David Petersen

The ballot for District President was conducted and the results posted:

<b>Rev. Jeffrey Miskus</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>(61.63 %)</b>
Rev. Dr. David Petersen	66	(38.37 %)

Rev. Jeffrey Miskus was elected to a first term as District President. He was invited to address the delegates following his election. He thanked the delegates for placing their trust in him and placing him into office.

At 4:25 PM, President Miskus reassumed the Chair.

President Miskus invited Rev. David Davis, LCMS Michigan District President, to offer greetings to the Convention. He shared the text of a resolution adopted by the recent Michigan District Convention that commended the work of the English District and its partnership with the District and its congregations.

President Miskus called on Mr. Terry Leu, Chairman of the District Board of Directors, to present his report. Chairman Leu highlighted the changes that the Board of Directors experienced during the past triennium. Major developments during the past triennium involving actions by the District Board of Directors included the transfer of ownership of the Canada Corporation to Lutheran Church Extension Fund and receiving new congregations in Texas. The Board also acted as the custodian of properties and funds transferred to the District by closing congregations; some of the monies received have been used to fund new missions and congregational efforts, support church worker student scholarships, provide financial gifts to the Synod, and increase investments in the Endowment Fund.

At 4:35 PM, President Miskus summoned the Elections Committee to return to the dais to conduct the election and ranking of District Vice-Presidents. Rev. Tauscher announced to the delegates that two of the District's regions had only one candidate accept nomination for election: Eastern District – Rev. Robert Kieselowsky; Midwestern Region – Rev. Anthony Oliphant. Rev. Tauscher asked that the Secretary cast one vote for each of these candidates, electing them to office.

Rev. Robert Kieselowsky was elected to a first term as Eastern Region Vice-President.

Rev. Anthony Oliphant was elected to a first term as Midwestern Region Vice-President.

Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for Lake Erie Region Vice-President:

Rev. James Leistico

Rev. Zachary Marklevitz

144 The ballot for Lake Erie Region Vice-President was conducted and the results posted:

145	Rev. James Leistico	47	(31.76 %)
146	<b>Rev. Zachary Marklevitz</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>(68.24 %)</b>

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148 Rev. Zachary Marklevitz was elected to a first term as Lake Erie Region Vice-President.

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150 Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for Western Region Vice-President:

151 Rev. Kevin Belter

152 Rev. James Huenink

153 Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse

154 Rev. Steven Resner

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156 The first ballot for Western Region Vice-President was conducted and the results posted:

157	Rev. Kevin Belter	21	(13.13 %)
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158	Rev. James Huenink	28	(17.5 %)
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159	<b>Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>(60.63 %)</b>
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160	Rev. Steven Resner	14	(8.75 %)
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162 Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse was elected to a second term as Western Region Vice-President.

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164 At 4:40 PM, the convention proceeded to rank the newly-elected Vice-Presidents. Rev. Tauscher presented  
165 the slate of elected Vice-Presidents presented and instructed delegates to vote for who should serve as  
166 First Vice-President of the English District. The results of the first ballot were posted:

167	Rev. Robert Kieselowsky	52	(31.14 %)
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168	Rev. Zachary Marklevitz	29	(17.37 %)
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169	Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse	67	(40.12 %)
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170	Rev. Anthony Oliphant	19	(11.38 %)
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172 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Rev. Anthony Oliphant's name was removed. A  
173 second ballot was conducted and the results posted:

174	Rev. Robert Kieselowsky	65	(38.46 %)
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175	Rev. Zachary Marklevitz	27	(15.98 %)
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176	Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse	77	(45.56 %)
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179 ballot was conducted and the results posted:

180	Rev. Robert Kieselowsky	81	(47.65 %)
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181	<b>Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>(52.35 %)</b>
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183 Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse was ranked as First Vice-President of the English District.

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185 The slate of candidates for Second-Vice President of the English District was presented. A first ballot was  
186 conducted and the results posted:

187	<b>Rev. Robert Kieselowsky</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>(70.06 %)</b>
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188	Rev. Zachary Marklevitz	31	(18.56 %)
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189	Rev. Anthony Oliphant	19	(11.38 %)
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191 Rev. Robert Kieselowsky was ranked as Second Vice-President of the English District.

The slate of candidates for Third Vice-President of the English District was presented. The ballot was conducted and the results posted:

<b>Rev. Zachary Marklevitz</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>(64.24 %)</b>
Rev. Anthony Oliphant	59	(35.76 %)

Rev. Zachary Marklevitz was ranked as Third Vice-President of the English District. Rev. Anthony Oliphant was ranked as Fourth Vice-President of the English District.

President Miskus thanked Rev. Tauscher and the Elections Committee for completing the election and ranking of the District Vice-Presidents.

At 4:47 PM, President Miskus recognized the congregations and educational institutions that were added to the District during the past triennium.

At 4:49 PM, President Miskus opened the floor to nominations for District Secretary and District Board of Directors. No floor nominations were offered. After this, the slate of candidates for District Secretary and District Board of Directors was declared closed.

At 4:52 PM, President Miskus invited Rev. Lackey to give thanks for the first session of the convention and to conduct the blessing for the meal. President Miskus declared the Convention to be in recess until 6:30 PM. Delegates were dismissed for dinner.

## **SECOND SESSION – THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 26, 2025**

At 6:30 PM, delegates and guests reconvened in the gymnasium. President Miskus brought the Convention to order.

After the convention was brought to order, President Miskus called on the English District Ministerial Health Commission to present about its work among the rostered workers of the District and their families. Rev. Tim Holzerland, co-chair of the Ministerial Health Commission, introduced the commission's work of following the direction of 1 John 3:18 to show love in deed and truth for District church workers and their families. Members of the commission spoke about the services offered by the commission, when the services should be requested, and how those services can be accessed. Following the presentation, President Miskus thanked the Ministerial Health Commission members for their work.

### ***Convention Essayist, Part 1 Summary***

At 6:50 PM, President Miskus introduced Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall, Associate Vice President for Church Relations and Mission and Associate Professor of Theology at Concordia University Chicago, as the essayist for the Convention. Dr. Kendall presented the first part of his Convention Essay about the Early Church's use of protreptics as a form of defending and presenting the faith: "Ancient Apologetics: Talking to People Who Think Differently Than We Do."

The area of protreptics being used as a form of Christian apologetics discourse of *logos* (Word), *pathos* (Passion), and *ethos* (Moral Conduct) can be traced to the work of Clement of Alexandria (c. 150–c. 215). Early ancient Christian apologists that utilized protreptics were doing so as religious minorities in their culture and day.

Clement's work in Alexandria placed him within a marketplace of ideas. A wide variety of different philosophies and religions were present in Alexandria. Teachers had their own schools of thought, where they would gather students to follow their own teachings. The skill of each teacher would largely determine how many students they would gather. Clement had to be quite familiar with different schools of thought which were direct competitors to his presentation of the Christian truth.

The nature of protreptics involves an open-ending inquiry that involves deep listening and questioning. The teacher walks alongside the student, working to reorient the student into the truth. Clement's writing *Protrepticus pros Hellenas* (*Exhortation to the Greeks*) demonstrates a knowledge of many other philosophical schools of thought; his protreptic work attempted to show that the "truth" found in other philosophies or beliefs actually has God as its true source.

From Clement's autobiographical statements, it appears that his religious background involved a move from pagan beliefs to participation in mystery religions to other Greek philosophies to Judaism to Christianity. Clement's personal involvement and knowledge of these different schools of thought became a useful tool in his protreptic work among people coming from different groups in Alexandria.

Clement's understanding of himself and his role was that Jesus is the only true teacher (*didaskalos*), while he was simply a guide (*pedagogue*). His role was to lead people to the altar where they could encounter Jesus and His saving truth.

Clement conceived of the *paideia* (instruction) of the Logos as a complex system of training that leads people to *therapeia* (healing). The healing (salvation, care, benevolent activity, public worship, and teaching) brought to individuals comes from Jesus and the sacramental life of the church. This healing involves the "slowness of God" as He works in individuals' lives and through history.

Clement identifies characteristics in the pedagogy of Jesus:

- Adapts teachings to different types of students.
- Is organized in an orderly way to aid upward progress of students.
- Sees pedagogy as care of souls, both intellect and the whole person.
- Uses concealment (parables or secret things) as a method of teaching.

At 7:35 PM, Secretary Zimmerman provided the credentials report as of 6:30 PM on June 26, 2025, as follows:

Voting Delegates – Ordained:	89
Voting Delegates – Lay:	86
<b>Total Voting Delegates:</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Total Advisory Delegates:</b>	<b>21</b>
Youth Representatives:	8
Board Members:	5
District Staff:	6
Guests/Presenters:	34
<b>Total in Attendance:</b>	<b>249</b>

The credentials report was accepted without objection.

At 7:36 PM, President Miskus summoned the Elections Committee to conduct the election of District Secretary and the Board of Directors.

292 Rev. McCall from the Elections Committee presented the slate of candidates for District Secretary:

293 Rev. Justin Laughridge

294 Rev. Justin Schmidt

295 Rev. Chad Trouten

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297 The first ballot for District Secretary was conducted and the results posted:

298 Rev. Justin Laughridge 57 (37.25 %)

299 Rev. Justin Schmidt 46 (30.07 %)

300 Rev. Chad Trouten 50 (32.68 %)

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302 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Rev. Justin Schmidt's name was removed. A second  
303 ballot was conducted and the results posted:

304 **Rev. Justin Laughridge 85 (54.49 %)**

305 Rev. Chad Trouten 71 (45.51 %)

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307 Rev. Justin Laughridge was elected to a first term as District Secretary.

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309 Rev. McCall presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors, Ordained Minister—  
310 Eastern/Lake Erie Regions position:

311 Rev. Larry Loree

312 Rev. Justin Schmidt

313 Rev. Luke Zimmerman

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315 The first ballot for the Board of Directors, Ordained Minister—Eastern/Lake Erie Regions position was  
316 conducted and the results posted:

317 Rev. Larry Loree 15 (9.55 %)

318 Rev. Justin Schmidt 18 (11.46 %)

319 **Rev. Luke Zimmerman 124 (78.98 %)**

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321 Rev. Luke Zimmerman was elected to a first term on the Board of Directors.

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323 Rev. McCall presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors, Ordained Minister—  
324 Midwestern/Western Regions position:

325 Rev. Todd Arnold

326 Rev. James Huenink

327 Rev. Dr. Mark Wood

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329 The first ballot for the Board of Directors, Ordained Minister—Midwestern/Western Regions position was  
330 conducted and the results posted:

331 Rev. Todd Arnold 38 (26.21 %)

332 Rev. James Huenink 38 (26.21 %)

333 Rev. Dr. Mark Wood 69 (47.59 %)

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335 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast and a tie for last place, no names were removed. A  
336 second ballot was conducted and the results posted:

337 Rev. Todd Arnold 37 (24.18 %)

338 Rev. James Huenink 33 (21.57 %)

339 **Rev. Dr. Mark Wood 83 (54.25 %)**

Rev. Dr. Mark Wood was elected to a first term on the Board of Directors.

Rev. McCall presented the slate of candidates for the two Board of Directors, Commissioned Minister positions:

Vicki Helmling  
Barbara Hemme  
Dwayne Jobst  
Rod Lane  
Jennifer Miller

The first ballot for the first Board of Directors, Commissioned Minister position was conducted and the results posted:

Vicki Helmling	15	(10.34 %)
Barbara Hemme	22	(15.17 %)
Dwayne Jobst	27	(18.62 %)
Rod Lane	53	(36.55 %)
Jennifer Miller	28	(19.31 %)

With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Vicki Helming's name was removed. A second ballot was conducted and the results posted:

Barbara Hemme	15	(9.93 %)
Dwayne Jobst	22	(14.57 %)
<b>Rod Lane</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>(56.29 %)</b>
Jennifer Miller	29	(19.21 %)

Rod Lane was elected to a third term on the Board of Directors.

The first ballot for the second Board of Directors, Commissioned Minister position was conducted and the results posted:

Vicki Helmling	9	(6.08 %)
Barbara Hemme	28	(18.92 %)
Dwayne Jobst	53	(35.81 %)
Jennifer Miller	58	(39.19 %)

With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Vicki Helmling's name was removed. A second ballot was conducted and the results posted:

Barbara Hemme	22	(14.57 %)
Dwayne Jobst	61	(40.40 %)
Jennifer Miller	68	(45.03 %)

With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Barbara Hemme's name was removed. A second ballot was conducted and the results posted:

Dwayne Jobst	65	(42.48 %)
<b>Jennifer Miller</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>(57.52 %)</b>

Jennifer Miller was elected to a first term on the Board of Directors.



388 Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors, Lay (Eastern Region) position:  
389 Carol George  
390 Stephen Kurtz  
391 Mark Pfundstein  
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393 The first ballot for the Board of Directors, Lay (Eastern Region) position was conducted and the results  
394 posted:

395	Carol George	47	(33.10 %)
396	Stephen Kurtz	45	(31.69 %)
397	Mark Pfundstein	50	(35.21 %)

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399 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Stephen Kurtz's name was removed. A second ballot  
400 was conducted and the results posted:

401	Carol George	55	(35.95 %)
402	<b>Mark Pfundstein</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>(64.05 %)</b>

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404 Mark Pfundstein was elected to a first term on the Board of Directors.  
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406 Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors, Lay (Lake Erie Region) position:  
407 Jonathan Busarow  
408 Thomas Habitz  
409 Mark Harris  
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411 The first ballot for the Board of Directors, Lay (Lake Erie Region) position was conducted and the results  
412 posted:

413	Jonathan Busarow	45	(31.47 %)
414	Thomas Habitz	53	(37.06 %)
415	Mark Harris	45	(31.47 %)

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417 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast and a tie for last place, no name was removed. A  
418 second ballot was conducted and the results posted:

419	Jonathan Busarow	43	(28.86 %)
420	Thomas Habitz	74	(49.66 %)
421	Mark Harris	32	(21.48 %)

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423 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Mark Harris' name was removed. A second ballot  
424 was conducted and the results posted:

425	Jonathan Busarow	56	(36.13 %)
426	<b>Thomas Habitz</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>(63.87 %)</b>

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428 Thomas Habitz was elected to a second term on the Board of Directors.  
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430 Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors, Lay (Midwestern Region)  
431 position:  
432 Christopher Cassel  
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434 With only one candidate standing, President Miskus asked that the Secretary cast one vote for this  
435 candidate, electing him to office.

436 Christopher Cassel was elected to a first term on the Board of Directors.

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438 Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors, Lay (Western Region) position:

439 Thomas Honebrink

440 Glen Piper

441 Kristin Wellik

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443 The first ballot for the Board of Directors, Lay (Western Region) position was conducted and the results  
444 posted:

445 Thomas Honebrink 52 (35.37 %)

446 Glen Piper 47 (31.97 %)

447 Kristin Wellik 48 (32.65 %)

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449 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Glen Piper's name was removed. A second ballot  
450 was conducted and the results posted:

451 **Thomas Honebrink 86 (56.21 %)**

452 Kristin Wellik 67 (43.79 %)

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454 Thomas Honebrink was elected to a second term on the Board of Directors.

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456 Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for the two Board of Directors, Lay (At-Large) positions:

457 Jonathan Busarow

458 Carol George

459 Mark Harris

460 Stephen Kurtz

461 Glen Piper

462 Kristin Wellik

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464 The first ballot for the first Board of Directors, Lay (At-Large) position was conducted and the results  
465 posted:

466 Jonathan Busarow 40 (26.32 %)

467 Carol George 20 (13.16 %)

468 Mark Harris 18 (11.84 %)

469 Stephen Kurtz 12 (7.89 %)

470 Glen Piper 15 (9.87 %)

471 Kristin Wellik 47 (30.92 %)

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473 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, the names of Carol George, Mark Harris, Stephen  
474 Kurtz, and Glen Piper were removed. A second ballot was conducted and the results posted:

475 Jonathan Busarow 72 (46.15 %)

476 **Kristin Wellik 84 (53.84 %)**

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478 Kristin Wellik was elected to a third term on the Board of Directors.

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The first ballot for the second Board of Directors, Lay (At-Large) position was conducted and the results posted:

<b>Jonathan Busarow</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>(52.94 %)</b>
Carol George	28	(18.30 %)
Mark Harris	18	(11.76 %)
Stephen Kurtz	10	(6.54%)
Glen Piper	16	(10.46 %)

Jonathan Busarow was elected to a first term on the Board of Directors.

President Miskus thanked the Elections Committee for conducting the elections of the District Secretary and Board of Directors. He also thanked all candidates who stood for election. The elected Board of Directors members and Vice-Presidents were photographed.

At 8:03 PM, President Miskus summoned Floor Committee 2 (Mission & Evangelism), chaired by Rev. Ben Janssen, to the dais.

Floor Committee 2 moved Resolution 2–01 “To Affirm and Retain the Seven Mission Priorities of the LCMS” (*Convention Workbook*, p. 4-31) for adoption. During debate, a delegate pointed out that the wording in Line 18 be rendered as “... Offices ~~Boards~~ of National Mission and International Mission....” This was received by Floor Committee as a necessary correction. With no other discussion, the motion carried by voice vote.

Floor Committee 2 moved Resolution 2–02 “To Encourage Outreach and Ministry on College and University Campuses” (*Convention Workbook*, pp. 4-32 & 4-33) for adoption. After only one delegate desired to speak who gave a favorable statement on the resolution, the motion carried by voice vote.

Floor Committee 2 moved Resolution 2–03 “To Memorialize the Synod to Encourage Congregations in the LCMS to Include in Their Annual Mission Budgets Support for a Regional University of the Synod’s Concordia University System” (*Convention Workbook*, p. 4-34) for adoption. After only one delegate desired to speak who gave a favorable statement on the resolution, the motion carried by voice vote.

President Miskus thanked Floor Committee 2 for its work.

At 8:15 PM, President Miskus conducted the Recognition of Jubilarians (*cf. Convention Workbook*, pp. 2-11 & 2–12). Those present were invited to the front of the convention hall to receive a certificate and to pose for group pictures.

Following the Recognition of Jubilarians, President Miskus called on Rev. DiConti to provide a closing prayer for the day.

At 8:38 PM, President Miskus declared the convention to be in recess for the evening. Business sessions would begin at 8:00 AM on Friday, June 27, 2025.

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(c) No more than one ordained minister shall be elected from the same District Region.

(d) No more than one commissioned minister shall be elected from the same District Region.

(e) No more than one ordained minister or commissioned minister shall be elected from the same congregation.

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June 27, 2025

## RESOLUTION 3-01B

### 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 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 Wong – 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 – Florida**

Tree of Life – Inverness, FL  
Faith – Naples, FL  
Trinity – Ocala, FL  
Shepherd of the Coast – Palm Coast, FL  
Celebration – Saint Johns, FL

#### **Circuit 4 – Georgia**

Christ the Shepherd – Alpharetta, GA  
Ascension – Atlanta, GA

#### **Circuit 5 – Buffalo**

Calvary – Amherst, NY  
Pilgrim – Kenmore, NY  
Redeemer – North Tonawanda, NY  
Hope Community – Syracuse, NY  
Holy Trinity – Albion, PA  
Trinity – Erie, PA

#### **Circuit 6 – Pittsburgh**

Peace – McMurray, PA  
Redeemer – Oakmont, PA  
First Trinity – Pittsburgh, PA  
All Saints – Slippery Rock, PA  
St. John’s – Bridgeport, WV

#### **Circuit 7 – Canada-East**

Christ – Aurora, ON  
St. John – Golden Lake, ON  
St. Luke – North York, ON  
St. Mark – Mississauga, ON  
St. John’s – Pembroke, ON  
St. Matthew – Scarborough, ON

1	<b>Circuit 8 – Canada-West</b>	59	Trinity – La Porte, IN
2	Our Saviour – Chatham, ON	60	Advent – Zionsville, IN
3	First – Kingsville, ON	61	
4	Hope – Kitchener, ON	62	<b>Circuit 14 – Chicago-South</b>
5	Grace – Mitchell, ON	63	Concordia – Berwyn, IL
6	Redeemer – Sarnia, ON	64	Chatham Fields – Chicago, IL
7	Gethsemane – Windsor, ON	65	Ephphatha Deaf – Chicago, IL
8	Peace – Windsor, ON	66	Faith – Chicago, IL
9		67	St. John the Divine – Chicago, IL
10	<b>Circuit 9 – Cleveland</b>	68	Messiah – Elmhurst, IL
11	Concordia – Akron, OH	69	Markham – Markham, IL
12	Cristiana Hispana – Cleveland, OH	70	Trinity – New Lenox, IL
13	Holy Cross – Cleveland, OH	71	
14	Grace – Elyria, OH	72	<b>Circuit 15 – Chicago-North</b>
15	Fairlawn – Fairlawn, OH	73	Faith – Arlington Heights, IL
16	Prince of Peace – Medina Township, OH	74	Bethany – Chicago, IL
17	Ascension – North Olmsted, OH	75	Bethesda – Chicago, IL
18	Our Savior – North Royalton, OH	76	Christ English – Chicago, IL
19	Grace – Oberlin, OH	77	Grace English – Chicago, IL
20	St. Thomas – Streetsboro, OH	78	Holy Spirit – Elk Grove Village, IL
21		79	Redeemer – Elmhurst, IL
22	<b>Circuit 10 – Detroit-South</b>	80	Trinity – Villa Park, IL
23	Angelica – Allen Park, MI	81	
24	Christ Our Redeemer – Allen Park, MI	82	<b>Circuit 16 – Milwaukee</b>
25	Zion – Detroit, MI	83	Messiah – Forest Lake, MN
26	Christ the King – Grosse Pointe Woods, MI	84	Hope – Hastings, MN
27	Risen Christ – Plymouth, MI	85	Hales Corners – Hales Corners, WI
28	King of Glory – Sylvania, OH	86	St. Mark – Janesville, WI
29	Good Shepherd – Toledo, OH	87	Christ – Lake Mills, WI
30		88	Prince of Peace – Menomonee Falls, WI
31	<b>Circuit 11 – Detroit-North</b>	89	Peace – New Berlin, WI
32	Ascension of Christ – Beverly Hills, MI	90	St. Mark – Sheboygan, WI
33	Grace – Redford Township, MI	91	Faith – Watertown, WI
34	Redeemer – St. Clair Shores, MI	92	Greenfield Park – West Allis, WI
35	St. Paul – St. Clair Shores, MI	93	
36	Holy Redeemer – Sandusky, MI	94	<b>Circuit 17 – St. Louis</b>
37	Epic – Shelby Township, MI	95	Grace – Vine Grove, KY
38	Shepherd King – West Bloomfield, MI	96	St. Johns – Hannibal, MO
39	New Beginnings – West Branch, MI	97	Beautiful Savior – Lees Summit, MO
40		98	Chapel of the Cross – St. Louis County, MO
41	<b>Circuit 12 – West Michigan</b>	99	Redeemer – Lincoln, NE
42	Hope – Bellaire, MI	100	
43	Epiphany – Dorr, MI	101	<b>Circuit 18 – Texas</b>
44	Martin Luther – East Lansing, MI	102	St. Thomas – Magnolia, TX
45	Hope – Grand Rapids, MI	103	St. Paul – Paris, TX
46	Our Savior – Hartland, MI	104	
47	Immanuel – Howell, MI	105	<b>Circuit 19 – Arizona-North</b>
48	Holy Trinity – Lakeview, MI	106	Shepherd of the Canyon – Gold Canyon, AZ
49	Agnus Dei – Marshall, MI	107	Eternal Life – Mesa, AZ
50	Christ – West Olive, MI	108	Faith – Overgaard, AZ
51	Grace – Wyoming, MI	109	Messiah – Parker, AZ
52		110	Shepherd of the Pines – Payson, AZ
53	<b>Circuit 13 – Indiana</b>	111	Family of Christ – Phoenix, AZ
54	Bethany – Fort Wayne, IN	112	Shepherd of the Mountains – Pinetop, AZ
55	Jacob's Well – Fort Wayne, IN	113	Prince of Peace – Mesquite, NV
56	Redeemer – Fort Wayne, IN	114	
57	Peace – Fremont, IN	115	<b>Circuit 20 – Arizona-South</b>
58	Prince of Peace – Hudson, IN	116	Risen Savior – Green Valley, AZ

- 1 Christus Rex – Rio Rico, AZ
- 2 Crosspoint – Sahuarita, AZ
- 3 Ascension – Tucson, AZ
- 4 Catalina – Tucson, AZ
- 5 Faith – Tucson, AZ
- 6 Holy Trinity – Tucson, AZ
- 7 Messiah – Tucson, AZ
- 8 Mount Olive – Tucson, AZ
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- 10 **Circuit 21 – San Diego**
- 11 Borrego – Borrego Springs, CA
- 12 First – El Cajon, CA
- 13 St. Luke – La Mesa, CA
- 14 Living Water – San Diego, CA
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- 16 **Circuit 22 – Los Angeles**
- 17 St. Paul – Long Beach, CA
- 18 Highland Park – Los Angeles, CA
- 19 Chapel of the Cross – Mission Hills, CA
- 20 Immanuel – Orange, CA
- 21 Peace in the Desert – Palm Desert, CA
- 22 Sherman Oaks – Sherman Oaks, CA
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- 24 **Circuit 23 – Northwest**
- 25 Messiah – Danville, CA
- 26 St. Mark – Ferndale, CA
- 27 Hope – Fremont, CA
- 28 New Life Chinese – San Francisco, CA
- 29 West Portal – San Francisco, CA
- 30 Blessed Sacrament – Hayden, ID
- 31 Apostolic – Moses Lake, WA