





## CONVENTION COMMITTEES

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Arrangements Committee:

Ms. Lu Clemmensen

Registration and Credentials Committee

Rev. Thomas Evans (Chair)

Rev. Kurt Lehmkuhl

Mr. Harold Kenow

Mr. James Spitzack

Ms. Hazel Schumann

Mr. Marvin Schumann

Ms. Pauline Wiemann

Ms. Lu Clemmensen (Advisory)

Ms. Julie Bigler (Advisory)

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Mr. Harold (Andy) Frerich (Chair)

Ms. Carol Olson (Secretary)

Mr. Duane Behrens

Rev. William Hugo

Ms. Katherine Klemp

Ms. Korinne Kramer

Rev. Daniel Ritter

Rev. Neldo Schmidt

Rev. William Otte, District Secretary

Ms. Lu Clemmensen, Convention Manager (Advisory)

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Rev. Daniel Ritter (Chair)

Rev. Lowell Sorenson

Rev. Jeffrey Sage

Ms. Gayle Baumgard

Mr. Troy Lund

Mr. Gerry Thomas

Mr. Al Zum Hofe

Ms. Jeanine Roth

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Rev. Dr. Mark Press (Chair)

Rev. Peter Gueldner

Rev. Richard Moore

Rev. Dr. Peter Nafzger

Ms. Donna Bailey

Mr. Hiram Grimm

Ms. Jessica Ihrke



1		Mr. Morris Lieske
2		Mr. Jordan Ray
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4	Administration Floor Committee	Rev. Dale Kohrs (Chair)
5		Rev. Daniel Keinath
6		Rev. Todd McMurry
7		Rev. Eric Nelson
8		Mr. Dan Gaeu
9		Mr. Ed Lee
10		Mr. Robert Meffert
11		Mr. Craig McCourt
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13	Missions Floor Committee	Rev. Tom Braun (Chair)
14		Rev. Dr. Scott Fiege
15		Rev. Andrew Thompson
16		Mr. Mike Hagen
17		Ms. Phyllis Kroehler
18		Mr. Raymond Mussel
19		Mr. Bob Tolzin
20		Ms. Jackie Illian
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22	Congregational Services Floor Committee	Rev. Lyle Fritsch (Chair)
23		Rev. Mark Loder
24		Rev. Randall Neal
25		Ms. Cynthia Schriber
26		Mr. Larrie Schulz
27		Mr. Gene Heuton
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29	Finance Floor Committee	Rev. Mark Rosenau (Chair)
30		Rev. Fred Hinz
31		Rev. Peter Sestak
32		Rev. Daniel Siedenbug
33		Mr. Victor Chaney
34		Mr. Jerry Isenberg
35		Mr. Chuck Squires
36		Mr. Henry Pahlkotter
37		Mr. Paul Berg
38		Mr. Michael Melchert (Advisory)
39		Rev. Dr. James Pragman (Advisory)
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- 1 REV. WILLARD E. KOCH, Called to Glory, May 5, 2011
- 2 REV. ERWIN W. MEITZ, Called to Glory, March 28, 2011
- 3 REV. MARVIN MIDDENDORF, Called to Glory, April 27, 2012
- 4 REV. FRED MILLER, Called to Glory, March 17, 2012
- 5 REV. NORMAN E. NISSEN, Called to Glory, March 25, 2010
- 6 REV. ROGER E. RAEBEL, Called to Glory, May 26, 2009
- 7 REV. ALAN C. REHWALDT, Called to Glory, August 9, 2011
- 8 REV. DELLOYD WIPPICH, Called to Glory, January 20, 2012

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10 Commissioned Ministers

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- 12 DR. FRIEDRICH BRAUER III, Called to Glory, on July 5, 2011
- 13 WAYNE COBURN, Called to Glory, on January 1, 2010
- 14 WILLIAM DUNK, Called to Glory, on January 5, 2010
- 15 CHARLES R. KAUN, Called to Glory, on June 13, 2011
- 16 FLORENCE KURTH, Called to Glory, on January, 26, 2012
- 17 GERHARDT MEYER, Called to Glory, on August 10, 2009
- 18 MYRNA LOU SCHWARZ, Called to Glory, on September 1, 2010
- 19 HELEN TESCH, Called to Glory, on August 19, 2010

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21 Concordia University, St. Paul, hosted a reception for delegates and guests following  
22 the service.

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Friday, June 15, 2012

Session 2

Call to Order

The seventy-sixth convention of the Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by the President, Rev. Dr. Lane Seitz, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Devotional Bible Study

President Seitz introduced Rev. Dennis Heiden, Senior Pastor of Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato, who served as convention chaplain. He led the convention in singing "Holy, Holy, Holy."

The theme of the opening devotion was "Free and Fanatically Focused!" It was based on 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, the convention theme verse, and Philippians 3:7-14. He encouraged those attending the convention to do some "around the table" Bible study to discover reasons why Paul stayed free, focused, and on fire. This happened because Paul had a vivid memory of the mercy that had found him on the way to Damascus; Paul's life purpose was very simple, to testify to the gospel of God's grace; because Paul did not have a detailed "plan" - it was simply to follow the divine GPS plan of the Holy Spirit; Paul leveraged the strength of his weaknesses, knowing that God's strength is made perfect in weakness; because of Paul's self-forgetfulness; because of his heart for the sinner to meet the Savior.

Rev. Heiden closed the devotional Bible study with prayer.

Registration and Credentials Committee

Dr. Seitz called on Rev. Tom Evans, chairman of the Registration and Credentials Committee, to give an initial report. Registrations at this time included advisory delegates - 81; lay delegates - 209; pastoral delegates - 179, for a total of 388 voting delegates. One third of the total possible voting delegates is required for a quorum. Rev. Evans announced that the requirements for a quorum have been met.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the Registration and Credentials Committee. The motion was carried by voice vote.



1 **Reading of the Convention Rules**

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3 President Seitz introduced Mrs. Darleen Harens, convention parliamentarian, who  
4 read the proposed convention rules (*Convention Workbook pp. 11-12*)

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6 A motion was made and seconded to adopt the convention rules as read. The  
7 motion was carried by voice vote.

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10 **Adoption of the Convention Agenda**

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12 President Seitz placed the revised convention agenda as distributed at the time of  
13 registration before the assembly. It was labeled pp. 19-22.

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15 A motion was made and seconded to adopt the revised convention agenda. The  
16 motion was carried by voice vote.

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19 **Report of the Constitution and Membership Committee**

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21 President Seitz introduced Rev. Evan Schiller, chairman of the Constitution and  
22 Membership Committee. The report is summarized as follows:

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- 24 • Other members of the committee during the triennium were Mr. Daniel Utter,  
25 Mr. Harold Kenow, and Mr. Cletus Pfeiffer.
- 26 • The committee reviewed fifty-five (55) documents and recommended thirty-  
27 two (32) of them for approval by the Board of Directors. A list of those  
28 approved is in the CW on p. 52.
- 29 • Six documents are currently being reviewed by the committee.

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31 *(Note: The complete text of the report is included in the protocol copy of these minutes.)*

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33 The committee was dismissed with the thanks of the convention.

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36 **Recognition of New Members and Congregations**

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38 President Seitz introduced the ordained and commissioned ministers of The  
39 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who have been added to the roster of the  
40 Minnesota South District since the last convention. They are included in the section  
41 of the CW (pp. 204-228) titled "Accessions and Transfers into the District," where  
42 they are identified as "Candidates."

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1 President Seitz also welcomed the pastor and representatives of **EVANGELICAL**  
2 **MEKANE YESUS CHURCH FELLOWSHIP IN MINNESOTA**, St. Paul as a new  
3 congregation in the district since the last convention.  
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5 President Seitz introduced the First Vice-president of The Lutheran Church—  
6 Missouri Synod, Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller, and invited him to bring a word of  
7 personal greeting to these new members of the Minnesota South District and The  
8 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.  
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### 10 11 President's Address

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13 President Seitz delivered his formal address to the convention.  
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15 Under the convention theme of “Free and Focused,” Dr. Seitz suggested an analogy  
16 that captures the challenges and opportunities before the convention. He suggested  
17 that this convention is like a fork in a road, a choice between “Bondage” and  
18 “Freedom.” He suggested that there are many within the boundaries of the  
19 Minnesota South District who are in bondage to things like:  
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- 21 • alcohol and drugs
- 22 • homelessness
- 23 • spiritual bondage (those who do not know the grace of God)
- 24 • religious bondage, brought by a wave of immigrants to Minnesota
- 25 • Satan worship and the influence of Satan in the world
- 26 • the evils of the Internet
- 27 • materialism
- 28 • those in bondage to guilt and shame over previous sins

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30 Often we do not even see those around us who are in such bondage.  
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32 The other fork in the road leads to the path of Freedom, freedom from sin, guilt, and  
33 shame, which comes only through Christ. We are free people who live under the  
34 grace of God. Living free in Christ allows us to close the book on the past and move  
35 on to a new, free, and focused life. Our challenge is to stand firm and not let  
36 ourselves get sucked back into living in bondage. In 1 Corinthians 9:19, there are  
37 two crucial ideas:  
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- 39 1. Those who are free in Christ are to focus on those who are not free, on those  
40 who are on the road called Bondage.
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- 42 2. Those who are free are called to be flexible, open to using every legitimate  
43 means to reach those who are not yet traveling the road called Freedom. We





1 must do so without compromising our doctrine or the truth of the Holy  
2 Scriptures.

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4 Finally, he encouraged the convention to:

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- 6 1. Stay on the road called Freedom.
- 7 2. Focus on those who are still in Bondage.
- 8 3. Use every legitimate means to reach them for Jesus Christ!

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10 Ms. Lu Clemmensen introduced Mrs. Donna Seitz, wife of President Seitz, and  
11 presented her with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her service and support  
12 for President Seitz during the 21 years of his service as President of the Minnesota  
13 South District.

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#### 16 **Nominations Committee - Floor Committee Nominations**

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18 President Seitz called on Mr. Andy Frerich, chairman of the nominating committee,  
19 to present the slate of nominees as prepared by the 2012 Convention Nominating  
20 Committee. (CW pp. 137-140). As each slate was presented the delegates were  
21 given an opportunity to nominate additional candidates. The final slates are as  
22 follows, with floor nominations indicated as appropriate.

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#### 24 **2012 SLATE OF NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT OFFICES**

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26 Names are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot. Unless  
27 otherwise indicated, delegates will vote for one individual for each position listed.

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#### 29 **DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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##### 31 **DISTRICT PRESIDENT (elect one)**

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Rev. Larry Griffin

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Rev. Dean Nadasdy

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Rev. Klemet Preus

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##### 36 **VICE PRESIDENT, REGION I (elect one)**

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Rev. Robert Gehrke

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Rev. Nathan Raddatz

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Rev. Timothy Vaughan (floor)

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##### 41 **VICE PRESIDENT, REGION II (elect one)**

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Rev. Mark Johnson

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Rev. David Kind



- 1 Rev. Mark Tewes  
2 Rev. Lucas Woodford  
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4 **VICE PRESIDENT, REGION III (elect one)**  
5 Rev. David Mumme  
6 Rev. Robert Mundahl  
7 Rev. Mark Rosenau  
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9 **VICE PRESIDENT, REGION IV (elect one)**  
10 Rev. Gerhard Bode  
11 Rev. Bart Mueller  
12 Rev. Brian Thorson  
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14 **DISTRICT SECRETARY (elect one)**  
15 Rev. Anthony Bertram  
16 Rev. William Otte  
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18 **BOD, ORDAINED MINISTER, REGION I (elect one)**  
19 Rev. David Seabaugh  
20 Rev. Paul Strawn  
21 Rev. Timothy Vaughan  
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23 **BOD, ORDAINED MINISTER, REGION II (elect one)**  
24 Rev. Donald Andrix  
25 Rev. Lucas Woodford  
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27 **BOD, ORDAINED MINISTER, REGION III (elect one)**  
28 Rev. Jeffrey Kuddes  
29 Rev. David Mumme  
30 Rev. Mark Rosenau  
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32 **BOD, ORDAINED MINISTER, REGION IV (elect one)**  
33 Rev. Anthony Bertram  
34 Rev. Kurt Lehmkuhl  
35 Rev. Russell Reed  
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37 **BOD, COMMISSIONED MINISTERS (elect two)**  
38 Mr. Randall Ash  
39 Ms. Christine Eid  
40 Mr. Richard Eyerly (floor)  
41 Mr. Joel Landskroener (floor)  
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1 **BOD, LAY, EAST METRO NORTH (elect one)**  
2 Mr. James Rootes  
3 Mr. Virgil Rose  
4 Ms. Mani Vang (floor)  
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6 **BOD, LAY, EAST METRO SOUTH (elect one)**  
7 Mr. Will Bartley  
8 Mr. Matthew Frahm  
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10 **BOD, LAY, WEST METRO EAST (elect one)**  
11 Mr. Kevin Pomerence  
12 Ms. Rosa Summers  
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14 **BOD, LAY, WEST METRO WEST (elect one)**  
15 Mr. Calvin Kuhlman  
16 Mr. Joshua Venske (floor)  
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18 **BOD, LAY SE MINNESOTA EAST (elect one)**  
19 Mr. John Diercks  
20 Mr. Ted Tews  
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22 **BOD, LAY, SE MINNESOTA WEST (elect one)**  
23 Mr. Matthew Drevlow  
24 Mr. Len Marquardt  
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26 **BOD, LAY, SW MINNESOTA EAST (elect one)**  
27 Mr. Paul Lenz  
28 Mr. Lane Nordquist  
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30 **BOD, LAY, SW MINNESOTA WEST (elect one)**  
31 Ms. Gayle Baumgard  
32 Mr. Ed Lee  
33 Mr. Dale Weinkauff (floor)  
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36 **BOARD OF REGENTS, CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL, MN**

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38 **ORDAINED MINISTER (elect one)**  
39 Rev. Tom Evans  
40 Rev. Michael Nirva  
41 Rev. Donovan Riley  
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1 **COMMISSIONED MINISTER (elect one)**

- 2 Mr. Luke Dahl  
3 Ms. Lynn Henry  
4 Mr. Carl Schoenbeck

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6 **LAY MEMBERS (elect two)**

- 7 Ms. Colleen Braun  
8 Ms. Charlotte Malotky  
9 Ms. Kathy Meier  
10 Ms. Marlene Sorenson (floor)  
11 Mr. Mark Ellinger (floor)

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14 **2015 DISTRICT CONVENTION NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

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16 **PARISH PASTOR (elect four)**

- 17 Rev. Steve Benson  
18 Rev. Tom Braun  
19 Rev. Joel Haak  
20 Rev. Randall Neal  
21 Rev. Pat Simmons  
22 Rev. Steve Wheeler  
23 Rev. Michael Matthews (floor)  
24 Rev. Matthew Johnson (floor)  
25 Rev. Michael Trask (floor)  
26 Rev. Jesse Krusemark (floor)

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28 **COMMISSIONED MINISTER (elect one)**

- 29 Ms. Christine Eid  
30 Ms. Lynn Henry  
31 Ms. Kathy Wessel (Floor)

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33 **LAY MEMBERS (elect four)**

- 34 Mr. Randy Heuer  
35 Mr. Steve Krause  
36 Mr. Howard Luehmann  
37 Ms. Kathy Meier  
38 Mr. Todd Voge  
39 Mr. Christian Preus (floor)  
40 Mr. Glen Meints (floor)  
41 Ms Marlene Sorenson (floor)  
42 Mr. Robert Van Gundy (floor)

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1 **Introduction of Padgett Response System**

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3 President Seitz introduced Rev. Dan Ritter, chairman of the Elections Committee,  
4 who explained the use of the Padgett Wireless Response System to the delegates.  
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7 **Nominations and Elections Committee**

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9 President Seitz invited forward Mr. Andy Frerich, chairman of the Nominations  
10 Committee, and Rev, Dan Ritter, chairman of the Elections Committee.

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12 Mr. Frerich placed before the convention the slate of candidates for **District**  
13 **President**.

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15 Convention chaplain, Rev. Dennis Heiden, was invited forward to pray for the  
16 election process.

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18 Rev. Larry Griffin 58 votes / 15.5%  
19 \* Rev. Dean Nadasdy 182 votes / 48.7% 211 votes / 55.7%  
20 Rev. Klemet Preus 134 votes / 35.8% 168 votes / 44.3%

21  
22 Rev. Dean Nadasdy was elected on the second ballot.

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24 Mr. Frerich placed before the convention the slate of candidates for Regional Vice  
25 Presidents.

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27 **Vice President - Region I**

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29 \* Rev. Robert Gehrke 201 votes / 53.3%  
30 Rev. Nathan Raddatz 59 votes / 15.6%  
31 Rev. Timothy Vaughan 117 votes / 31%

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33 Rev. Robert Gehrke was elected on the first ballot.

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35 **Vice President - Region II**

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37 Rev. Mark Johnson 36 votes / 9%  
38 Rev. David Kind 128 votes / 33.4% 156 votes / 40.9%  
39 \* Rev. Mark Tewes 168 votes / 45 % 199 votes / 52.2%  
40 Rev. Lucas Woodford 39 votes / 10% 26 votes / 6.8%

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42 Rev. Mark Tewes was elected on the second ballot.  
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1           **Vice President - Region III**

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3           Rev. David Mumme	151 votes / 39.8%	174 votes / 46%
4           Rev. Robert Mundahl	41 votes / 10.8%	
5           * Rev. Mark Rosenau	187 votes / 49.3%	204 votes / 54%

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7           Rev. Mark Rosenau was elected on the second ballot.

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9           **Vice President - Region IV**

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11           * Rev. Gerhard Bode	208 votes / 54.6%	
12           Rev. Bart Mueller	41 votes / 10.8%	
13           Rev. Brian Thorson	132 votes / 34.6%	

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15           Rev. Gerhard Bode was elected on the first ballot.

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18           **Report of the LCMS President, Part I**

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20           President Seitz called Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller, First Vice President of the LCMS, to

21           the podium to give Part I of the Synodical President's report. Rev. Dr. Mueller

22           represented Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the LCMS, who would join the

23           convention later in the day.

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25           Rev. Dr. Mueller led the assembly in a Bible study based on the Synodical theme of

26           "Witness, Mercy, Life Together." Beginning with a look at Galatians 2:9-10, Dr.

27           Mueller pointed out that all three elements of the Synodical theme are present in this

28           one verse. Witness - going to the Gentiles, going to the circumcised; Mercy - only

29           remember the poor; Life Together - the "right hand of fellowship" (*koinonia*).

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31           For our Synod, witness involves testifying of Christ and all that He has done. Mercy

32           involves serving in Christ's name. Life together is an expression of the fellowship

33           (*koinonia*) we have in Christ Jesus, which is the result of God's action, not ours.

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35           Members of congregations want pastors who will bear witness to and confess Christ

36           to the community; one who preaches well; one who is compassionate, who cares,

37           who has mercy on hurting people; one who knows how to live with his

38           congregation and circuit brothers.

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40           Members want congregations that faithfully confess the faith and bear witness for

41           Christ; who care for one another and have mercy for the world of hurting people; a

42           place where we are connected to one another in Christ.



1 **Omnibus Resolutions A-B-C-D**

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3 **Omnibus Resolution A** (To refer selected overtures to specific administrative units,  
4 CW p. 265) was introduced to the convention. A motion was made and seconded to  
5 remove Overture A-3 from Omnibus Overture A and refer it back to committee. The  
6 vote on the amendment: Yes 194 votes / 54.8% No: 169 votes / 45.2%.) The  
7 amendment was adopted.

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9 Vote on the amended motion: (Yes: 320 votes / 87.4% No: 46 / 12.6%) Omnibus  
10 Resolution A was adopted as amended.

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12 **Omnibus Resolution B** - There were no overtures proposed for this resolution.

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14 **Omnibus Resolution C** (CW p. 267) (To decline to consider certain overtures) was  
15 presented to the floor.

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17 A motion was made and seconded to amend Omnibus Resolution C by removing  
18 Overture B-7 and refer it back to committee. Vote on the amendment: (Yes: 189  
19 votes / 50.8% No: 183 votes / 49.2%) The amendment was adopted.

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21 A motion was made and seconded to amend Omnibus Resolution C by adding  
22 Resolutions 2-06, 3-05, 4-03, and 5-03 to Omnibus C. Vote on the amendment:  
23 (Yes: 274 votes / 75.9% No: 87 votes / 24.1%) The amendment was adopted.

24  
25 A motion was made and seconded to amend Omnibus Resolution C by removing  
26 Overture B-8 and refer it back to committee. Vote on the amendment: (Yes: 190  
27 votes / 51.2% No: 181 votes / 48.8%) The amendment was adopted.

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29 Vote on the amended resolution: (Yes: 332 / 81.8% No: 42 votes / 11.2%) The  
30 amended resolution was adopted.

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32 **Omnibus Resolution D** - There were no overtures proposed for this resolution.

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35 **Nominations and Elections**

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37 **Ranking of the Vice Presidents**

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39 According to the District Bylaws, the convention must rank the previously-elected  
40 Vice Presidents. Results of the ranking ballots:

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42 Rev. Gerhard Bode 152 / 42.8 %  
43 Rev. Robert Gehrke 79 / 22.3 % 176 / 49.7%



1 Rev. Mark Rosenau 76 / 21% 103 / 29.1 % 197 / 55.6 %  
2 Rev. Mark Tewes 48 / 13.5% 75 / 21.2 % 157 / 44.4%

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Rev. Gerhard Bode was elected First Vice President; Rev. Robert Gehrke Second Vice President; Rev. Mark Rosenau Third Vice President; Rev. Mark Tewes Fourth Vice President.

9 **District Secretary**

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Mr. Andy Frerich placed the slate of candidates for District Secretary before the convention.

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Rev. Anthony Bertram 172 votes / 45.5 %  
\* Rev. William Otte 206 votes / 55.5 %

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Rev. William Otte was elected on the first ballot.

20 **Closing Devotion**

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Chaplain Dennis Heiden led the convention in prayer for the lunch break.

25 **Session 3**

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**Opening Devotion**

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President Seitz called on Convention Chaplain, Dennis Heiden, to offer an opening devotion at the beginning of the afternoon session. The assembly was asked to sing the hymn "Today Your Mercy Calls Us."

35 **Omnibus Resolution C**

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President Seitz called the attention of the delegates to action taken in Session 2 regarding Omnibus Resolution C. He pointed out that Omnibus resolutions are intended to deal with convention overtures, not with convention floor committee resolutions.

The Parliamentarian has ruled that it is not appropriate to place Resolutions 2-06, 3-05, 4-03, and 5-03 into Omnibus Resolution C.





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2 A motion was made and seconded to table Resolutions 2-06, 3-05, 4-04, and 5-03.  
3 Vote on the motion: Yes: 239 / 68.1 % No: 112 / 31.9 %. The motion to table  
4 the resolutions was adopted.  
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7 **Finance Committee**  
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9 President Seitz called Rev. Mark Rosenau, chairman of the Finance Floor Committee,  
10 to the podium, along with the other members of the committee.  
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12 **Resolution 5-01 To Support and Expand Campus Ministry in the Minnesota South**  
13 **District.** (CW p. 259)  
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15 Resolution 5-01 was presented to the convention for action.  
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17 A motion was made to substitute **Overture E-11** (CW p. 136) for Resolution 5-01.  
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19 The chair ruled that this motion is out of order because it conflicts with the District's  
20 Articles of Incorporation, which vests the power to sell District property with the  
21 Board of Directors, which has already signed a binding contract to divest the District  
22 of this property.  
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24 An appeal was made and seconded to challenge the ruling of the chair. Significant  
25 discussion followed.  
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27 Vote on the appeal to the ruling of the chair: Yes: 216 / 57.8% No: 158 / 42.2%.  
28 By this vote, the ruling of the chair was upheld.  
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30 Resolution 5-01 was brought back to the floor for consideration.  
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32 A substitute motion was offered, to consider **Overture E-7, To Provide Funds for**  
33 **ULC** (CW p. 129) in place of Resolution 5-01. The motion was seconded. This  
34 motion was dealt with according to the "Behnken Rule."  
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36 Vote on whether to consider the substitute motion: Yes: 203 / 54.4% No: 170 /  
37 45.6%. The substitute motion will be considered. Significant discussion followed.  
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39 A motion was made and seconded to amend Overture E-7, line 18, to change the  
40 amount from \$2 million to \$500,000.  
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42 The committee was dismissed and debate was suspended per the orders of the day.  
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1 **Nominations and Elections**

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3 Mr. Andy Frerich, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of  
4 candidates for members of the District Board of Directors.

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7 **BOD, Ordained Minister, Region I**

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9 \* Rev. David Seabaugh 179 / 50% 187 / 51.2%

10 Rev. Paul Strawn 31 / 8.7%

11 Rev. Timothy Vaughan 148 / 41.3% 178 / 48.8%

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13 Rev. David Seabaugh was elected on the second ballot.

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16 **BOD, Ordained Minister, Region II**

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18 Rev. Donald Andrix 175 / 48.1%

19 \* Rev. Lucas Woodford 189 / 51.9%

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21 Rev. Lucas Woodford was elected on the first ballot.

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24 **BOD, Ordained Minister, Region III**

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26 \* Rev. Jeffrey Kuddes 191 / 53.7 %

27 Rev. David Mumme 165 / 46.3 %

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29 Rev. Jeffrey Kuddes was elected on the first ballot.

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32 **BOD, Ordained Minister, Region IV**

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34 Rev. Anthony Bertram 86 / 23.1%

35 \* Rev. Kurt Lehmkuhl 181 / 48.7% 217 / 58.2%

36 Rev. Russel Reed 105 / 28.2% 156 / 41.8%

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38 Rev. Kurt Lehmkuhl was elected on the second ballot.

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41 **BOD, Commissioned Minister**

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43 \* Mr. Randall Ash 216 / 56.7%



1 \* Ms Christine Eid 192 / 50.4%  
2 Mr. Richard Eyerly 166 / 43.6%  
3 Mr. Joel Landskroener 186 / 48.8%

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5 Mr. Randall Ash and Ms. Christine Eid were elected on the first ballot.

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8 **Finance Committee**

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10 The Finance Committee was called to the podium to continue debate concerning the  
11 amendment to Overture E-7. Significant discussion continued.

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13 Vote on the amendment to change the amount from \$2 million to \$500,000:

14 Yes: 142 / 38.4% No: 228 / 61.6%. The amendment is defeated.

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17 **Devotional Bible Study - Part 1**

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19 President Seitz called on Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy to lead the assembly in a  
20 devotional Bible study.

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22 Dr. Nadasdy's Bible Study was based on the convention theme, "Free and Focused"  
23 (1 Corinthians 9:19-23). In these verses St. Paul described the markers of free and  
24 focused witnesses, those who

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- 26 • know their freedoms and the limits of their freedoms.
- 27 • take the role and attitude of a servant.
- 28 • state clearly and unequivocally the value they place on winning people for  
29 Christ.
- 30 • follow leaders who embody the value of witness.
- 31 • find consistent and repetitive language to express this value.
- 32 • identify their witness as both within and beyond their own fellowship.
- 33 • listen and empathize with the targets of their witness. Paul was speaking of  
34 Jews holding on to Jewish ceremonial laws and customs; Gentiles who  
35 "enjoyed" freedom from any laws; and "the weak" who were easily offended  
36 by the practices of others.
- 37 • set aside their own freedoms when certain negotiable practices present  
38 obstacles to the target of their witness.

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41 **Missional Moment #1** was shown, highlighting the missional activity at New Creation  
42 Lutheran Church in Shakopee, MN.

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1 **Doctrinal Floor Committee**

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3 President Seitz called Rev. Dr. Mark Press and the Doctrinal Committee to the  
4 podium to present its resolutions.

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7 **Resolution 1-01 - To Support Marriage Between a Man and a Woman** (CW p. 229)  
8 was brought before the convention.

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10 A friendly amendment was proposed to line 19 in the last *Resolved*, striking the  
11 words "regardless of sexual orientation" and replacing them with "including those  
12 who struggle with homosexual inclinations." The committee was willing to accept  
13 this as a friendly amendment.

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15 Vote on the amended resolution: Yes: 323 / 93.6% No: 22 / 6.4%. The  
16 resolution was adopted.

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18 A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the WHEREAS  
19 clauses of the resolutions. Vote on the motion: Yes: 307 / 89% No: 38 / 11%.  
20 The motion was adopted.

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23 **Resolution 1-02 - To Recommit Ourselves to the Scriptural Rationale for**  
24 **Ecclesiastical Discipline** (CW page 131)

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26 Vote on the resolution: Yes: 321 / 92.2 % No: 27 / 7.8%.  
27 The resolution was adopted.

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30 **Resolution 1-03 - To Hold a District-Wide Theological Conference on the Doctrine**  
31 **of the Call** (CW p. 233)

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33 Vote on the resolution: Yes: 302 / 85.3% No: 52 / 14.7%.  
34 The resolution was adopted.

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37 **Resolution 1-04 - To Request Synod to ask that COP and CTCR Study the COP**  
38 **Document "Calls vs. Contracts for Ministers of Religion - Ordained."** (CW p.  
39 234)

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41 A motion was made and seconded to substitute **Overture A-1 - To Hold a District-**  
42 **wide Theological Convocation on the Doctrine of the Call** (CW p. 73) for  
43 Resolution 1-04.





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According to the Behnken rule, the convention voted on whether to consider the substitute resolution. Vote: Yes: 220 / 62.7% No: 131 / 37.3% .

The substitute motion will be debated. Considerable discussion followed.

Debate was suspended per the orders of the day.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend the agenda and return to a discussion of Overture E-7 and the issue of the University Lutheran Chapel. This motion requires a two-thirds majority to approve.

Vote: Yes: 200 / 56.3 % No: 155 / 43.7%. The motion failed.

**Nominations and Elections**

**BOD, Lay Member, Region I, East Metro North Conference**

Mr. James Rootes	116 / 33.2 %	155 / 44.8 %
* Mr. Virgil Rose	131 / 37.5 %	191 / 55.2%
Ms Mani Vang	102 / 29.2 %	

Mr. Virgil Rose was elected on the second ballot.

**BOD, Lay Member, Region I, East Metro South Conference**

Mr. Wilford Bartley	175 / 48.5%
* Mr. Matthew Frahm	186 / 51.5%

Mr. Matthew Frahm was elected on the first ballot.

**BOD, Lay Member, Region II, West Metro East Conference**

Mr. Kevin Pomerence	146 / 41.1 %
* Ms Rosa Summers	209 / 58.9 %

Ms. Rosa Summers was elected on the first ballot.



1 **BOD, Lay Member, Region II, West Metro West Conference**

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3 \* Mr. Calvin Kuhlman 190 / 52.5 %

4 Mr. Joshua Venske 172/ 47.5 %

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6 Mr. Calvin Kuhlman was elected on the first ballot.

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9 **BOD, Lay Member, Region III, SE Minnesota East Conference**

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11 Mr. John Diercks 163 / 45.5%

12 \* Mr. Ted Tews 195 / 54.5%

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14 Mr. Ted Tews was elected on the first ballot.

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17 **BOD, Lay Member, Region III, SE Minnesota West Conference**

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19 \* Mr. Matthew Drevlow 183 / 50.6%

20 Mr. Len Marquardt 179 / 49.4 %

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22 Mr. Matthew Drevlow was elected on the first ballot.

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25 **BOD, Lay Member, Region IV, SW Minnesota East Conference**

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27 Mr. Paul Lenz 176 / 48.5%

28 \* Mr. Lane Nordquist 187 / 51.5%

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30 Mr. Lane Nordquist was elected on the first ballot.

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33 **BOD, Lay Member, Region IV, SW Minnesota West Conference**

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35 \* Ms Gayle Baumgard 185 / 50.7%

36 Mr. Ed Lee 47 / 12.9%

37 Mr. Dale Weinkauff 133 / 36.4 %

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39 Ms. Gayle Baumgard was elected on the first ballot.

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1 **Administration Floor Committee**

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3 **Resolution 2-01 - To Commend Dr. and Mrs. David Roth (CW p. 235)**

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5 Dr. and Mrs. David Roth were called to the podium. The resolution was adopted by  
6 acclamation as the convention stood to sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings  
7 Flow." Flowers were presented to Mrs. Roth.

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10 **Resolution 2-02 - To Amend the MNS Articles and Bylaws (CW pp. 236-241)**

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12 Vote on the resolution: Yes: 311 / 93.7 % No: 21 / 6.3%  
13 The resolution was adopted.

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16 **Resolution 2-03 - To Thank God for the Ministry of Dr. Lane Seitz (CW p. 242)**

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18 The resolution was adopted by acclamation as the convention stood to sing "Praise  
19 God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

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22 **Resolution 2-04 - To Require Payment of Registration Fees for Pastoral  
23 Conferences (CW p. 94)**

24  
25 A friendly amendment was proposed in Line 34 of the second *Resolved* to add the  
26 words "full time" after the word "all." The committee was willing to consider this a  
27 friendly amendment.

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29 Debate was suspended per the orders of the day.

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32 **Greetings from the Minnesota North District**

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34 Rev. Dr. Donald Fondow, President of the Minnesota North District, was invited to  
35 the podium to bring greetings from his district. He took special note of the  
36 following:

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- the retirement of President Seitz.
  - the election of Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy as President of the Minnesota South District.
  - the collaborative missions begun between the MNN and MNS districts.
  - District Executive staffs continue to meet together to serve and plan programs and conferences.
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- 1 • the coming 50th Anniversary of the Minnesota North District in January 2013.  
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4 **Nominations and Elections**  
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6 **CSP Board of Regents - Ordained Minister**  
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8 \* Rev. Tom Evans 188 / 53.6%  
9 Rev. Michael Nirva 41 / 11.7%  
10 Rev. Donovan Riley 122 / 34.8%  
11

12 Rev. Tom Evans was elected on the first ballot.  
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15 **CSP Board of Regents - Commissioned Minister**  
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17 \* Mr. Luke Dahl 157 / 43.5% 186 / 56.3%  
18 Ms Lynn Henry 72 / 19.9%  
19 Mr. Carl Schoenbeck 132 / 36.6% 165 / 47%  
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21 Mr. Luke Dahl was elected on the second ballot.  
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24 **CSP Board of Regents - Lay Representative**  
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26 \* Ms. Colleen Braun 182 / 51.3%  
27 Ms. Charlotte Malotky 49 / 13.8%  
28 \* Ms. Kathy Meier 163 / 45.9% 174 / 48.9% 190 / 52.5%  
29 Ms. Marlene Sorenson 153 / 43.1% 33 / 9.3%  
30 Mr. Mark Ellinger 157 / 44.2% 149 / 41.9% 172 / 47.5%  
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32 Ms. Colleen Braun was elected on the first ballot; Ms. Kathy Meier was elected on  
33 the third ballot.  
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36 **2015 District Convention Nominating Committee Parish Pastors**  
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38 Rev. Steve Benson 90 / 25% 63 / 17.5%  
39 \* Rev. Tom Braun 196 / 54.6%  
40 \* Rev. Joel Haak 149 / 41.5% 155 / 43.2% 181 / 49.6% 191 / 52.3%  
41 Rev. Randall Neal 53 / 14.8%  
42 Rev. Pat Simmons 157 / 43.7% 161 / 44.8% 186 / 49.9% 181 / 49.6%  
43 \* Rev. Steve Wheeler 175 / 48.7% 178 / 49.6% 192 / 52.6%





1	Rev. Michael Matthews	156 / 43.5%	150 / 41.8%	157 / 45%	117 / 32%
2	Rev. Matthew Johnson	141 / 39.3%	117 / 32.6%	144 / 39%	85 / 23%
3	Rev. Michael Trask	148 / 41.2%	94 / 26.2%	56 / 15.3%	
4	Rev. Jesse Krusmark	152 / 42.3%	143 / 39.8%	165 / 45%	140 / 38.4%

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6 for fifth and following ballots:

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8	* Rev. Pat Simmons	177 / 49.6%	188 / 52.2%		
9	Rev. Michael Matthews	54 / 15%			
10	Rev. Jesse Krusemark	130 / 36%	172 / 47.8%		

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12 Rev. Tom Braun was elected on the first ballot; Rev. Steve Wheeler was elected on  
 13 the third ballot; Rev. Joel Haak was elected on the fourth ballot; Rev. Pat Simmons  
 14 was elected on the sixth ballot.

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17 **2015 District Convention Nominating Committee Commissioned Minister**

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19	Ms. Christine Eid	138 / 39.4%	162 / 45%		
20	Ms. Lynn Henry	66 / 18.9%			
21	* Ms. Kathy Wessel	146 / 41.7%	198 / 55%		

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23 Ms. Kathy Wessel was elected on the second ballot.

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26 **2015 District Convention Nominating Committee, Lay Members**

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28	* Mr. Randy Heuer	197 / 54%			
29	* Mr. Steve Krause	205 / 56%			
30	* Mr. Howard Luehmann	190 / 52%			
31	Ms Kathy Meier	83 / 22.9%			
32	Mr. Todd Voge	142 / 39.2%	140 / 38%	161 / 44.4%	
33	* Mr. Christian Preus	163 / 45%	162 / 44%	185 / 51%	
34	Mr. Glen Meints	145 / 40.1%	18 / 4.9%		
35	Ms. Marlene Sorenson	145 / 40.1%	18 / 4.9%		
36	Mr. Robert Van Gundy	15 / 4.2%	26 / 7%	17 / 4.7%	

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38 Mr. Randy Heuer, Mr. Steve Krause, and Mr. Howard Luehmann were elected on  
 39 the first ballot; Mr. Christian Preus was elected on the third ballot.

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41 **Closing Prayer**

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43 Rev. Dennis Heiden, Convention Chaplain, closed the session with prayer.



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2 Session 4

3 **Opening Devotion**

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5 President Seitz called on Rev. Dennis Heiden, Convention Chaplain, to conduct an  
6 opening devotion for Session 4.  
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9 Finance Committee

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11 Overture E-7 - To Provide Funds for ULC was brought back to the floor for further  
12 discussion.  
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14 A motion was made and seconded to cease debate on the resolution. The motion  
15 requires a two-thirds majority vote.  
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17 Vote to cease debate: Yes: 264 / 76.1% No: 83 / 23.9% Debate on E-7 was  
18 closed.  
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20 Vote on Overture E-7: Yes: 181 / 52.3% No: 165 / 47.7%. Overture E-7 was  
21 adopted.  
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24 A motion was made and seconded:

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26 1. That the MNS District in convention ask University Lutheran Chapel to accept the  
27 \$2,000,000 gift we have offered, and  
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29 2. That out of Christian concern we humbly implore the congregation and the  
30 District Board of Directors to bring their legal actions to an end in a spirit of  
31 mutual repentance and reconciliation in Christ, and that we ask the convention  
32 chaplain to offer a prayer for peace and unity on our behalf.  
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34 Vote on the motion: Yes: 286 / 81.7% No: 64 / 18.3%. The motion was  
35 adopted.  
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37 Convention Chaplain, Rev. Dennis Heiden, read from Ephesians 2 and offered a  
38 prayer for peace and unity.  
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1 **Resolution 5-02 - To Support Camp Omega**

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3 The vote on the resolution was: Yes: 309 / 89.3% No: 37 / 10.7%. The  
4 resolution was adopted.

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6 The Finance Committee, having finished its work, was dismissed with the thanks of  
7 the convention.

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10 **Comments by the New District President**

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12 Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, newly-elected President of the Minnesota South District,  
13 was invited to address the assembly.

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15 Dr. Nadasdy again expressed his surprise at being elected District President. He  
16 expressed thanks for the confidence shown in him by the election. He promised  
17 much movement in the areas of mission and outreach, and proclaimed his solid  
18 stand on the confessions of the Church. His goal is to help pastors and others to find  
19 joy in ministry, and intends to be an encourager of others in ministry.

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22 **LCMS President's Report, Part 2**

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24 President Matthew Harrison was welcomed to the podium. After a few  
25 introductory comments, a video presentation about the work of The Lutheran  
26 Church—Missouri Synod was shown.

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29 **Missional Moment**

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31 A missional moment tribute video honoring the work of President Seitz was shown.

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34 **Closing Devotion**

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36 Convention Chaplain, Rev. Dennis Heiden, led the convention in a closing devotion.



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3 **Session 5**

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10 **Opening Devotion**

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12 The assembly was invited to sing "O Bless the Lord My Soul." Convention Chaplain,  
13 Rev. Dennis Heiden, gave a devotion based on 1 Corinthians 9:20-21, and talked  
14 about "The Danger of Extremes." He closed the devotion with prayer.  
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28 **Devotional Bible Study, Part 2**

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30 Rev Dr. Dean Nadasdy presented Part II of the Devotional Bible Study based on the  
31 theme verses of the convention: I Corinthians 9:19-23. He talked about how to  
32 equip people for witness:  
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- 34 1. Know their freedoms and the limits of their freedoms.
- 35 2. Take the role and attitude of a servant.
- 36 3. State clearly and unequivocally the value they place on winning people for  
37 Christ.
- 38 4. Follow leaders who embody the value of witness.
- 39 5. Find consistent and repetitive language to express this value.
- 40 6. Identify their witness as both within and beyond their own fellowship.
- 41 7. Listen and empathize with the targets of their witness.
- 42 8. Set aside their own freedoms when certain negotiable practices present  
obstacles to the target of their witness.

28 **Missional Moment**

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30 A Missional Moment video was shown, focusing on outreach work at Peace  
31 Lutheran in Arlington, MN, and by Andrea Herman, Missionary to Guinea, Africa.  
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34 **LCMS President's Report, Part 3**

35  
36 President Harrison was invited to the podium to conduct the third part of the  
37 President's Report, which consisted of a Question and Answer session between the  
38 President and those attending the convention. President Harrison called on  
39 questioners who were at the microphones in the assembly hall.  
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41 A motion was made and seconded that:  
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1 In the spirit of love, compassion and generosity that we showed yesterday to  
2 ULC in gifting \$2 million, it is moved that we equally bless our other thriving  
3 campus ministry in Mankato by either reducing the purchase price for  
4 Hosanna Lutheran Church to \$500,000, or, after purchase, we gift them  
5 \$400,000.  
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7 The Chair asked that a copy of the resolution be delivered to the Secretary for  
8 inclusion in the minutes.  
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10 While the Secretary was entering the resolution into the minutes, a video greeting  
11 was shown from the Lutheran Laymen's League.  
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13 Another Missional Moment video was shown, concerning a child care center at  
14 Peace in Hutchinson.  
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16 The above resolution dealing with the Mankato property was referred by the Chair  
17 to Floor Committee # 5, the Finance Committee.  
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20 **Doctrine Committee**  
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22 **Overture A-1 - To Hold a Theological Convocation on the Doctrine of the Call** as  
23 a substitute for Resolution 1-04 was being considered  
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25 Vote: Yes 184 / 63.0 % No: 108 / 37% Overture A-1 is adopted.  
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28 **Resolution 1-05 - To Request that the Colloquy Committee for Pastoral Ministry**  
29 **Review the Policies Regarding Colloquy**  
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31 (Previously removed from Omnibus A in Session 2 of the convention)  
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33 Vote: Yes: 253 / 84.3% No: 47 / 15.%. The motion was adopted.  
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36 **Resolution 1-06 - To Commend the Roman Catholic Church for its Stand on**  
37 **Religious Freedoms and Defense of the Rights of the Unborn**  
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39 Resolution 1-06 was referred back to committee for consideration of an amendment.  
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1 **Administration Committee**

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3 The Committee returned to consideration of Resolution 2-04 (CW p. 243, To Require  
4 Payment of Registration Fees)

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6 After a major amendment was proposed, the President referred this back to the  
7 committee for consideration.

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9 **Resolution 2-05 - To Prepare for Clergy Shortage to Congregations** (CW p. 244-  
10 245)

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12 Vote on the resolution: Yes: 185 / 61.1 % No: 118 / 38.9%. The resolution was  
13 adopted.

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16 **Video Greeting**

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18 A Video Greeting was viewed, explaining the ministry of Ms. Joyce Swedean,  
19 District Archivist.

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22 **Special Recognition**

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24 Ms. Lynn Henry (Commissioned Minister on the Board of Directors for 9 years) and  
25 Mr. Steven Krause (Lay representative on the Board of Directors for 9 years) were  
26 called to the podium. Plaques and words of appreciation were given to them in  
27 recognition of the fact that they have completed the maximum number of terms on  
28 the Board of Directors (3 complete terms.) Thanks will be conveyed *in absentia* to  
29 Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin (Vice President for 9 years.)

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32 **Congregational Services Committee**

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34 **Resolution 4-01 - To Establish an Operation Barnabas District Counselor and**  
35 **Provide Funding** (CW p. 255)

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37 A motion was made and seconded to replace the original title (line 3) with: "To  
38 Encourage Congregations to take part in Operation Barnabas."

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40 Vote on the amendment: Yes: 214 / 74.3% No: 74 / 25.7%. The amendment  
41 was approved.

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1 An amendment was proposed in line 29 to remove the words "appoint and" and  
2 replace them with the words "continue to." This was considered a friendly  
3 amendment.

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5 Vote on the amended resolution: Yes: 281 / 95.9% No: 12 / 4.1%. The  
6 resolution was adopted.

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9 **Resolution 4-02 - To Forward to Synod Mission and Ministry Emphases for the**  
10 **Next Triennium**

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12 Vote on the resolution: Yes: 273 / 93.8% No: 18 / 6.2% The resolution was  
13 adopted.

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16 **Resolution 4-04 - To Encourage Study of the Lutheran Confessions in Celebration**  
17 **of the Reformation (2009 Convention Proceedings)**

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19 Vote on the resolution: Yes: 253 / 86.3% No: 40 / 13.7% The resolution was  
20 adopted.

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22 The work of the committee was completed. The committee was dismissed with the  
23 thanks of the convention.

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26 **Video Greeting** - A video greeting from Mr. Bob LaCroix, Director of Camp Omega,  
27 was shown to the assembly.

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30 **Missions Committee**

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32 The Missions Committee, chaired by Rev. Tom Braun, was called to the podium.

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34 **Resolution 3— 01 - To Assist and Encourage Members to Intentionally Speak of**  
35 **Jesus (CW p. 247)**

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37 Vote on the resolution: Yes: 272 / 92.8% No: 21 / 7.2%. The resolution was  
38 adopted.



1 **Resolution 3–02 - To Encourage Church Multiplication as a Means of Making**  
2 **New Disciples (CW p. 249)**  
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4 A motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution by striking lines 14-15  
5 of the WHEREAS section ("WHEREAS, God has designed all healthy living things,  
6 including His Bride, the Church, to multiply; and") and replacing them with the  
7 words: "WHEREAS, through the Word and Sacraments, God 'gives the Holy Spirit,  
8 who works faith, when and where He pleases, in those who hear the Gospel. And  
9 the Gospel teaches that we have a gracious God, not by our own merits but by the  
10 merit of Christ, when we believe this.' " (Augsburg Confession, Article V)  
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12 Vote on the amendment: Yes: 172 / 57.3% No: 128 / 42.7% The amendment  
13 was adopted.  
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15 Vote on the amended motion: Yes: 266 / 87.5% No: 38 / 12.4% The amended  
16 motion was adopted.  
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19 **Resolution 3–03 - To Affirm the Goal of Revitalizing 50 Churches in the MNS**  
20 **District by 2017 (CW p. 251)**  
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22 Vote on the resolution: Yes: 250 / 82.8% No: 52 / 17.2%. The resolution was  
23 adopted.  
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26 **RESOLUTION 3–04 - To Affirm and Expand Campus Ministry in MNS District**  
27 **(CW p. 252-253)**  
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29 A motion was made and seconded to refer the resolution back to the Missions Floor  
30 Committee. The motion was withdrawn.  
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32 The resolution was referred back to the Missions Floor Committee.  
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35 **Missional Moment**  
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37 A Missional Moment video concerning the mission work of Jack and Cathy Carlos  
38 was shown.  
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1       **Resolution 1—06 - To Commend the Roman Catholic Church for its stance on**  
2       **Religious Freedoms and Defense of the Rights of the Unborn**

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4       A friendly amendment was made by the committee at line 36 of the resolution, to  
5       insert after the words "rights of the unborn..." the words "and for their work of  
6       supporting crisis pregnancy centers".

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8       Vote on the amended resolution: Yes: 255 / 94.1%   No: 16 / 5.9%. The amended  
9       motion was carried.

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11       That completes the work of the Doctrine Floor Committee. They were dismissed  
12       with the thanks of the convention.

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15       **Missions Floor Committee**

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17       Resolution 3-04 was withdrawn by the floor committee. The work of the Missions  
18       Floor Committee is completed. The committee was dismissed with the thanks of the  
19       convention.

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22       **Finance Committee**

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24       Re: Resolution presented from the floor earlier in Session 5, that:

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26       In the spirit of love, compassion and generosity that we showed yesterday to ULC in  
27       gifting \$2 million, it is moved that we equally bless our other thriving campus  
28       ministry in Mankato by either reducing the purchase price for Hosanna Lutheran  
29       Church to \$500,000, or, after purchase, we gift them \$400,000.

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31       The Finance Committee declined to make any recommendation concerning this  
32       resolution, and referred it back to the floor for further action.

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34       A motion was made and seconded to adopt the above resolution.

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36       An amendment was moved and seconded that the purchase price be reduced from  
37       \$500,000 to \$350,000, or the gift be increased from \$400,000 to \$550,000.

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39       Vote on the amendment: Yes: 119 / 41.6%   No: 167 / 58.4%. The amendment  
40       failed.

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42       Vote on the original motion: Yes: 156 / 54%   No: 133 / 46%. The original motion  
43       was adopted.



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2 This completes the work of the Finance Floor Committee. They were dismissed with  
3 the thanks of the convention.

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7 **Ratification of Circuit Counselors**

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9 Delegates were invited to turn to page 202 of the *Convention Workbook* for the listing  
10 of proposed Circuit Counselors. The position of Circuit Counselor for Circuit #14  
11 (Austin Circuit) is vacant due to the election of Rev. Jeffrey Kuddes to the District  
12 Board of Directors. Rev. Kuddes has chosen to accept the Board of Directors  
13 position.

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15 Vote to ratify the slate of circuit counselors (minus the Austin Circuit): Yes: 271 /  
16 96.8% No: 9 / 3.2%. The slate was ratified.

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19 **Election of Advisory Delegates to the 2013 Synodical Convention**

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21 At a caucus held on June 15 of advisory ordained ministers, Rev. Ralph Rokke and  
22 Rev. James Fuchs were elected to serve as advisory delegates to the 2013 Synodical  
23 Convention. Rev. Robert Bailey was chosen as an alternate.

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25 Commissioned Ministers will choose their 2013 Synodical Convention Delegates at  
26 the Educators' Conference to be held in the fall of 2012.

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29 **Acknowledgments**

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31 President Seitz thanked various people for playing a significant role in the  
32 convention: Convention Manager; Lu Clemmensen; Parliamentarian, Darlene  
33 Harens; District Secretary, William Otte; Organist, Colleen Braun; Trumpeter, Monte  
34 Meyer; pages under the direction of Pauline Wiemann; Jason Rahn and the workers  
35 at CSP; the meal preparers; the Padgett Response system; Chris Roth, who designed  
36 the convention logo; and others.

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39 **Registration and Credentials**

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41 Rev. Thomas Evans, chairman of the Registration and Credentials Committee, gave  
42 a final registration report:  
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1 **Voting Delegates**

2 Ordained delegates: 185 out of 199 possible

3 Lay Delegates: 210 out of 219 possible

4 Total voting delegates: 395

5 Excused: 6

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7 **Advisory Delegates:**

8 Assistant or Associate Pastors: 7

9 Emeriti Pastors: 36

10 Vicars: 3

11 DCE, DCO, Deaconesses: 10

12 Concordia University, St. Paul: 12

13 Teachers: 6

14 Emeriti Teachers: 11

15 Lay Ministers: 1

16 District Board of Directors: 13

17 District Staff: 12

18 Synodical Representatives: 4

19 Guests: 15 plus 18 vendors

20 Total: 148

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22 Total attending the convention: 543

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24 The report was approved by voice vote.

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27 **Closing Service**

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29 The assembly was invited to sing the hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty."

30 Convention Chaplain, Rev. Dennis Heiden, led the assembly in confession and a  
31 Declaration of Grace. He read the convention theme passage, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23  
32 and Matthew 9:35-38. He gave a devotional message titled, "Get Along Side Others."

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34 Minnesota South District President-elect, Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, was installed by  
35 Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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37 President-elect, Rev. Dean Nadasdy, installed the other officers elected to serve the  
38 Minnesota South District for the 2012-2015 triennium.

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40 The Lord's Prayer was prayed, and the assembly was invited to sing the sending  
41 hymn, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

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1 **Adjournment**

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3 The seventy-sixth convention of the Minnesota South District of The Lutheran  
4 Church—Missouri Synod was adjourned by the President, Rev. Dr. Lane Seitz, at  
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Resolutions  
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1 RESOLUTION 1–01 [Overture A-6, CW, pp. 78-79; Overture A-7, CW, pp. 80-81;  
2 Overture A-8, CW, pp. 82-83]

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4 RE: To Support Marriage Between a Man and a Woman

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6 WHEREAS, God created marriage to be a union of one man and one woman  
7 (Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:22-33) and Jesus reaffirmed marriage as between one man  
8 and one woman (Matthew 19:5; Mark 10:7); and

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10 WHEREAS, marriage is the foundation of society and aids the state in carrying  
11 out its role of providing order and stability in society; and

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13 WHEREAS, marriage serves to restrain promiscuity and other sexual sins; and

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15 WHEREAS, the preponderance of evidence provided by studies and experience  
16 show benefits to the physical and emotional health of children raised in a family with a  
17 married father and mother; and

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19 WHEREAS, activist judges have sought to redefine marriage through the courts  
20 without the consent of the people; and

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22 WHEREAS, the 1995 statement of the CTCR (*Render Unto Caesar...and Unto God*)  
23 asserts that sometimes "Direct and intentional influence" of the church upon society is  
24 necessary; and

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26 WHEREAS, there is a proposed amendment to the Minnesota Constitution to  
27 protect the definition of marriage to agree with God's definition of marriage; and

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29 WHEREAS, on November 6, 2012, the people of Minnesota shall have the ballot  
30 question "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of  
31 one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?"; and

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33 WHEREAS, the proposed amendment does not exhibit support or imply  
34 prejudice or a lack of compassion toward anyone in our society; and

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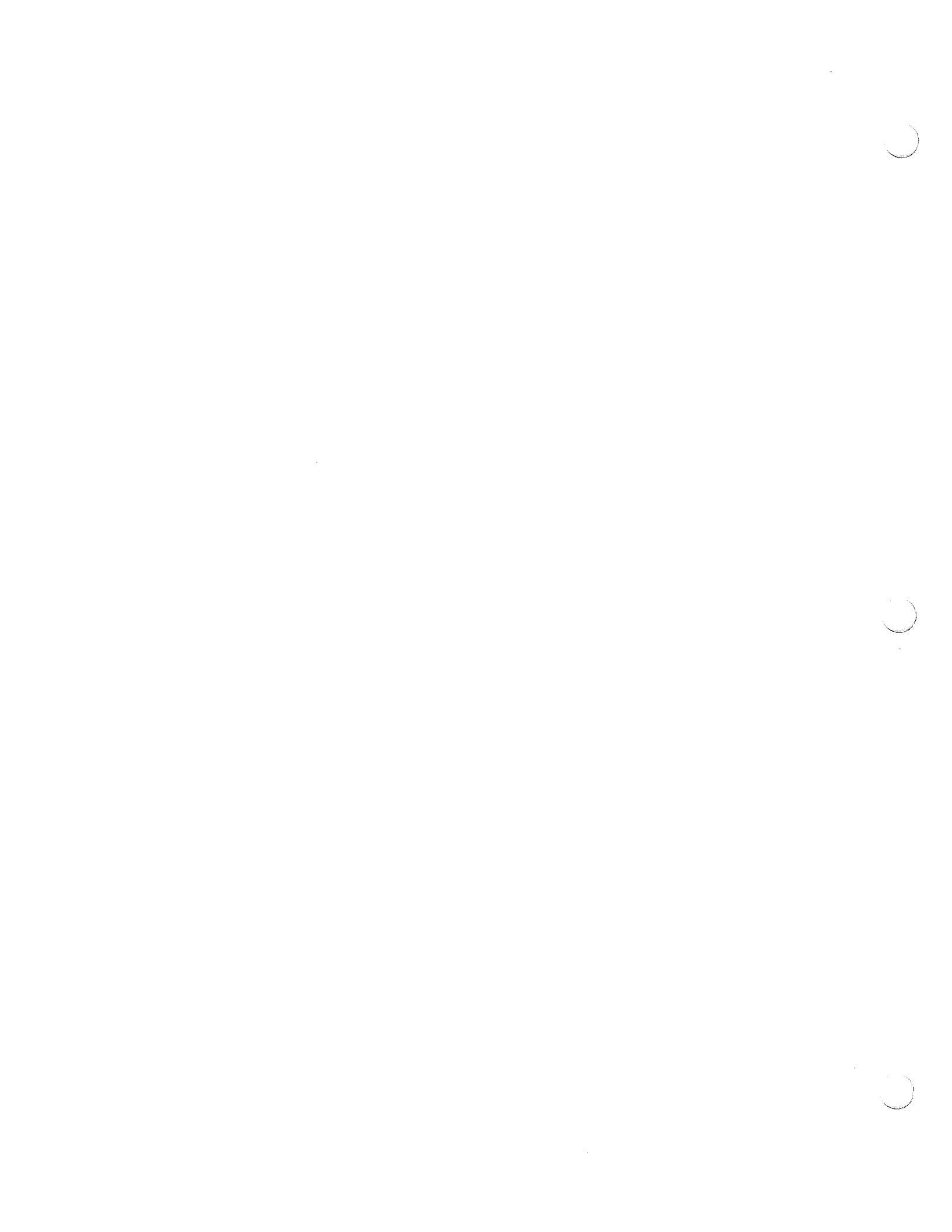
36 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution in the First Amendment of Bill of  
37 Rights protects its citizens from government interference in the free exercise of religion;  
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40 WHEREAS, Jesus has called all believers to be salt and light in society (Matthew  
41 5:13-16); and

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1           WHEREAS, the Scriptures tells us to pray for those in authority so that we can  
2 live a peaceful and quiet life; therefore be it

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4           *Resolved*, that the MNS District reaffirm the biblical understanding of marriage as  
5 a lifelong relationship between a man and a woman; and be it further

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7           *Resolved*, that the MNS District encourage all congregations to study and discuss  
8 the CTCR document *Render Unto Caesar...and Unto God* so that we may live responsibly  
9 in both kingdoms; and be it further

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11           *Resolved*, that the Minnesota South District in convention encourage its pastors,  
12 congregations and their members to actively pray for, support, and promote the  
13 passage of the Marriage Protection Amendment on the November 6, 2012 ballot; and be  
14 it further

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16           *Resolved*, that all pastors be encouraged to teach about the purpose and  
17 importance of marriage for the benefit of society; and be it finally

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19           *Resolved*, that the grace of God and the Gospel of Jesus continue to be  
20 compassionately extended to all people including those who struggle with homosexual  
21 inclinations.

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25           *The resolution was introduced during Session 3 of the Convention.*

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27           *A friendly amendment was approved in the final resolved clause (line 19) to replace the words*  
28 *“regardless of sexual orientation” with the words “including those who struggle with*  
29 *homosexual inclinations.”*

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31           *The amended resolution was adopted by a vote of: Yes: 307 / 89%   No: 38 / 11%*



1 RESOLUTION 1–02 [Overture A-9, CW, pp. 84-85]  
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3 RE: To Recommit Ourselves to the Scriptural Rationale for Ecclesiastical  
4 Discipline  
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6 WHEREAS, each Christian congregation is established by God Himself; and  
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8 WHEREAS, God accomplishes this through the means of grace according to Acts  
9 2:41: “so those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three  
10 thousand souls”; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the Office of Holy Ministry is established by God Himself according  
13 to John 20, Matthew 28, and Mark 16; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Word of God provides qualifications for the entrance of a man  
16 into the Office of the Ministry and the capabilities he is to demonstrate in carrying out  
17 this office in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1; and  
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19 WHEREAS, God is the one who brings pastors and congregations together by  
20 means of the divine call according to Acts 20:28; and  
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22 WHEREAS, oversight of both congregations and pastors is charged to the  
23 District President or his representatives by human right; and  
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25 WHEREAS, a pastor may be removed for teaching false doctrine (Titus 1:9),  
26 sinful conduct that gives “offense” in the Scriptural sense (1 Timothy 3:1–7), or willful  
27 neglect of duties (2 Timothy 2:2 and 1 Corinthians 4:1, 2); and  
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29 WHEREAS, a pastor may be asked to resign his call or seek another due to  
30 physical infirmity, inability to handle the work load in a large congregation, no longer  
31 being “apt to teach” (1 Timothy 3:2); and  
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33 WHEREAS, the Apostle Paul commands that all things be done “*decently and in*  
34 *good order*” according to 1 Corinthians 14:40; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the discipline, transfer, or removal of a pastor by the District  
37 President affects that man, the congregation he serves, the surrounding congregations  
38 and pastors of the circuit in which he serves, and the broader views and attitudes of  
39 individuals and congregations toward the Office of the Ministry and the man who fills  
40 that office in their own congregation; therefore be it  
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1           *Resolved*, that all congregations, pastors, and officials of the Minnesota South  
2 District recommit themselves to adhering to the Scriptural rationale for ecclesiastical  
3 discipline; and be it further

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5           *Resolved*, that all congregations, pastors, and officials of the District acknowledge  
6 that the Scriptural process for ecclesiastical discipline is honest, face to face,  
7 collaborative, and openly inclusive of all involved parties; and be it finally

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9           *Resolved*, that all congregations, pastors, and officials of the District acknowledge  
10 that the Scriptural process for ecclesiastical discipline has as its goal faithful adherence  
11 to Scripture and the clear identification of sin or failure to fulfill the Office for the sake  
12 of a God-pleasing and spiritual solution to the crisis in the life of the congregation, the  
13 pastor, and the District.

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17 *The resolution was introduced during Session 3 of the Convention.*

18 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of: Yes: 321 / 92.2%    No: 27 / 7.8%*

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1 RESOLUTION 1-03 [Overture A-1, CW, p. 73; Overture A-2, CW, p. 74]

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3 RE: To Hold a District-Wide Theological Conference on the Doctrine of the Call

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5 WHEREAS, the doctrine of the call has long been a matter of utmost concern  
6 within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and

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8 WHEREAS, many actions relative to church polity and practice have pointed out  
9 the importance of this teaching among us; and

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11 WHEREAS, overtures have been presented to our District requesting a means of  
12 considering and discussing the doctrine of the call within the LCMS; therefore be it

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14 *Resolved*, that the Minnesota South District in convention direct our District  
15 Board of Directors to hold a District-wide Theological Conference to focus on the  
16 doctrine of the call (funding for such conference to be provided, at least in part, by the  
17 [approximately \$8000] line item remaining in the District budget from the previous  
18 Theological Conference); and be it finally

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20 *Resolved*, that this conference be scheduled to take place sometime prior to  
21 December of 2014.

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25 *The resolution was introduced during Session 3 of the Convention.*

26 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of: Yes: 302 / 85.3% No: 52 / 14.7%*

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1 OVERTURE A-1 [CW p. 234]  
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3 **RE: To Hold a District-wide Theological Convocation on the Doctrine of the Call**  
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5 WHEREAS, in February of 2009 the Council of Presidents adopted the document  
6 Calls vs. Contracts for Ministers of Religion - Ordained; as guidelines for use by District  
7 Presidents in accurately maintaining the roster of members; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the changes adopted at the 2010 Synodical Convention, especially in  
10 the manner in which we elect the President of our Synod, has caused the Synod (District  
11 Presidents) to take particular care at this time with the rostering of our Pastors; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the document Calls vs. Contracts for Ministers of Religion -  
14 Ordained was revised in September 2011; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the implementation of Calls vs. Contracts for Ministers of Religion -  
17 Ordained impacts our Synod, Congregations and Ministers of Religion - Ordained with  
18 the application of an important point of doctrine; therefore be it  
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20 *Resolved*, that the Minnesota South District in Convention direct our District  
21 Board of Directors to hold a district-wide Theological Conference on the Doctrine of the  
22 CALL - specifically referencing the Doctrine of the CALL in the document Calls vs.  
23 Contracts for Ministers of Religion - Ordained ; and be it finally  
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25 *Resolved*, that the Minnesota South District memorialize the Synod in Convention  
26 to immediately suspend the implementation and application of Calls vs. Contracts for  
27 Ministers of Religion - Ordained until it has received further study by the Synod's  
28 Commission on Theology and Church Relations and in other forums. This study should  
29 be completed by the next Synodical Convention cycle.  
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33 *This overture was presented as a substitute motion for Resolution 1-04 during Session 3 of the*  
34 *Convention.*

35 *The overture was adopted during Session 5 by a vote of: Yes: 184 / 63.0 % No: 108 / 37%*  
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1 Resolution 1 - 05 [Overture A-3, CW p. 75]  
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3 RE: TO REQUEST THAT THE COLLOQUY COMMITTEE FOR PASTORAL  
4 MINISTRY REVIEW THE POLICIES REGARDING COLLOPUY  
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6 WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Synod authorize the Colloquy Committee for the  
7 Pastoral Ministry to develop all necessary policies to govern eligibility and the process  
8 to be followed to determine qualifications and suitability for pastoral service in the  
9 Synod (Bylaw 3.10.2.2); and  
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11 WHEREAS, the Colloquy Committee has established a policy that "The district  
12 president shall refer the applicant to the District Interview Committee (the committee  
13 that also interviews seminary applicants), who shall give a report and recommendation  
14 to the district president." (*Admission to the Pastoral Ministry of The Lutheran Church--*  
15 *Missouri Synod by Colloquy*, p. 6); and  
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17 WHEREAS, the District Interview committee was originally established to  
18 evaluate the suitability of men wishing to enroll in one of our seminaries and not for  
19 colloquy; therefore be it  
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21 *Resolved*, that the Minnesota South District Convention respectfully request  
22 Synod's Colloquy Committee for the Pastoral Ministry to review and if necessary, revise  
23 its policy regarding colloquy interviews at the district level, allowing the district  
24 president to establish a separate colloquy interview committee.  
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28 *The resolution was introduced during Session 5 of the Convention.*

29 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of: Yes: 253 / 84.3% No: 47 / 15.7%*  
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1     **RESOLUTION 1-06**

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3     **RE:   TO COMMEND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR ITS STANCE ON**  
4     **RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS AND DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE**  
5     **UNBORN**

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7           WHEREAS, God created human beings male and female as reflections of His  
8     own image (Gen. 1:27); and

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10          WHEREAS, God's Word teaches that human life begins at conception (Psalm  
11     139:13-16); and

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13          WHEREAS, Through baptism into Christ Jesus we are reborn to eternal life as  
14     members of His body, the Holy Christian Church (Romans 6:4); and

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16          WHEREAS, As citizens of the United States of America, the First Amendment of  
17     the Constitution guarantees the free exercise of our religious liberties; and

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19          WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
20     has mandated that religious institutions, with only a narrow religious exception, must  
21     provide access to certain contraceptive benefits (including contraceptives that can  
22     function as abortifacients), even if the covered medications or procedures are contrary  
23     to their beliefs; and

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25          WHEREAS, Both the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and The Roman  
26     Catholic Church have publicly expressed their opposition to the mandates of the HHS  
27     concerning these contraceptive benefits, including the latter's willingness to help defend  
28     this common religious right in civil court; and

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30          WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod stands with The Roman  
31     Catholic Church as Christian citizens in this struggle and is proud and honored to do  
32     so; therefore be it

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34           *Resolved*, That the Minnesota South District in Convention publicly express its  
35     gratitude to the Roman Catholic Church for defending religious freedoms and the  
36     rights of the unborn, and for their work of supporting crisis pregnancy centers; and be it  
37     finally

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39           *Resolved*, That the Minnesota South District continue to pray for the preservation  
40     of both the religious freedoms we enjoy as American citizens and the sanctity of human  
41     life as a gift of God.

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1 *The resolution was introduced during Session 5 of the Convention.*

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3 *A friendly amendment was made to line 36 above to add the words "and for their work of*  
4 *supporting crisis pregnancy centers;"*

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6 *The amended resolution was adopted by a vote of: Yes: 255 / 94.1% No: 16 / 5.9%.*

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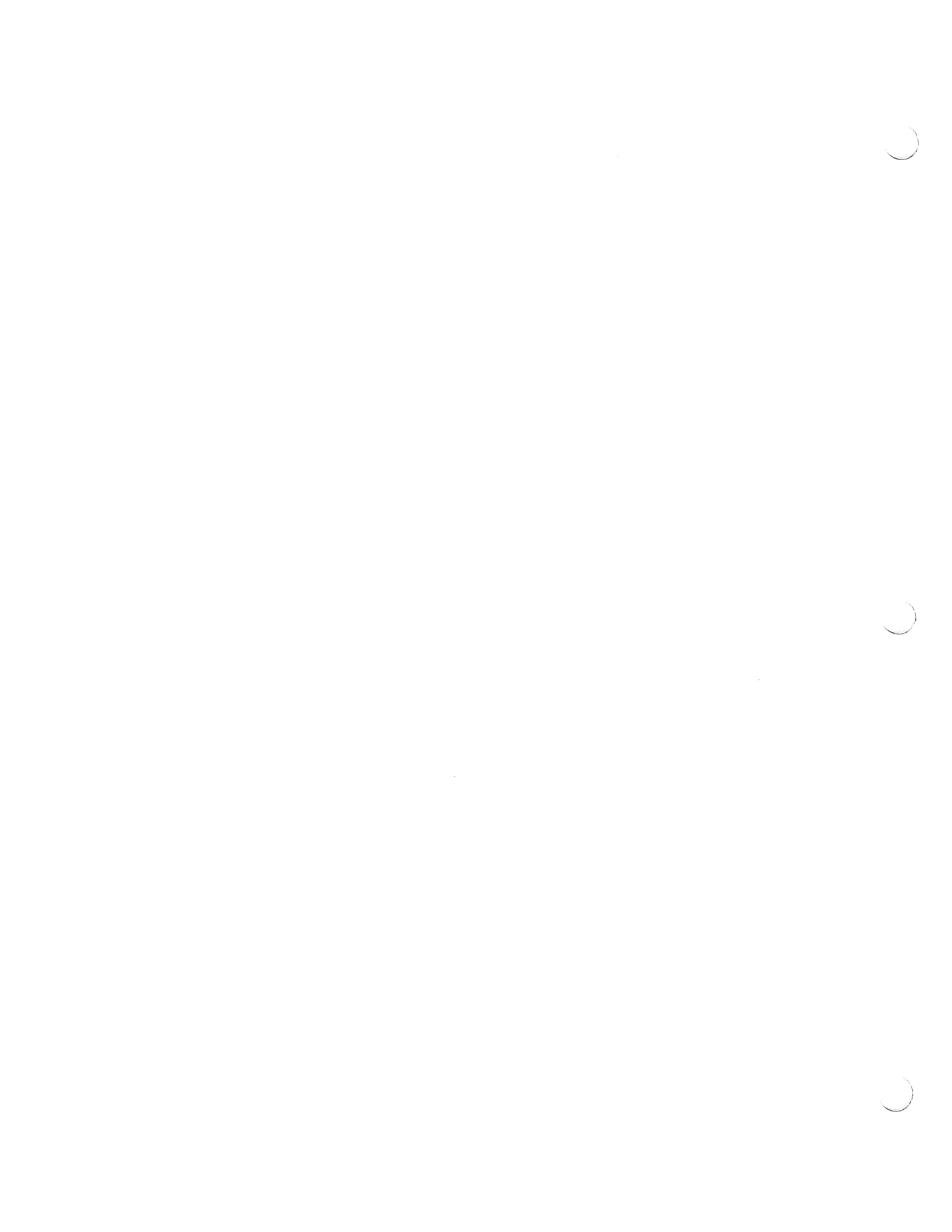
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1 RESOLUTION 2–01 [Overture B-2, CW, p.92]

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3 RE: To Commend Dr. and Mrs. David Roth

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5 WHEREAS, Dr. David M. Roth has served as a Commissioned Minister in The  
6 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since 1965; and

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8 WHEREAS, Dr. Roth has distinguished himself as a dedicated Christian Day  
9 School teacher and principal; and

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11 WHEREAS, Dr. Roth served the Minnesota South District as Assistant to the  
12 President for Schools and Commissioned Ministers; and

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14 WHEREAS, Dr. Roth provided valuable information, counsel, and support to our  
15 congregations, schools, and educators throughout his years of service to the District;  
16 and

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18 WHEREAS, Dr. Roth retired from his position as Assistant to the President for  
19 Schools and Commissioned Ministers after 19 years (1992-2011) of faithful service on  
20 March 31, 2011; and

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22 WHEREAS, David’s wife, Jeanine, dedicated her life not only to teaching in our  
23 Lutheran schools, but also supporting David in his service to the District; therefore be it

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25 *Resolved*, that we offer our thanks to God for His servants, David and Jeanine  
26 Roth, and their years of faithful service to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and  
27 the Minnesota South District by rising and singing the Common Doxology.

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32 *The resolution was introduced during Session 3 of the Convention and was adopted by*  
33 *acclamation.*

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RESOLUTION 2-02 [Overture B-1, CW, pp. 86-91]

Re: To Amend the MNS Articles and Bylaws

WHEREAS, after review by the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM), the following changes are recommended to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Minnesota South District acted on the suggestions of the CCM as follows; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the following changes be made to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Minnesota South District.

CURRENT  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Article II, Section 1. d)  
All other matters regarding membership shall be as provided in the Constitution of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

ARTICLE IV

**Amendments**  
These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as provided by law, under which this body is incorporated, provided that the proposed amendments have been acted upon favorably at a regular meeting of the members of the corporation or a special meeting thereof, called for that purpose, by two-thirds majority of the delegates voting on said amendment, certified by the presiding officer, verified by the secretary of the corporation and recorded with the secretary of the State of Minnesota, according to law.

PROPOSED  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Article II, Section 3 1. d)  
All other matters regarding membership shall be as provided in the Constitution *and Bylaws* of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

ARTICLE IV

**Amendments**  
These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as provided by law, under which this body is incorporated, provided that the proposed amendments have *a) been submitted to the Commission on Constitutional Matters of the LCMS for review and approval prior to referral to the members of the corporation; and b) been acted upon favorably at a regular meeting of the members of the corporation or a special meeting thereof, called for that purpose, by two-thirds majority of the delegates voting on said amendment, certified by the presiding officer, verified by the secretary of the corporation and recorded with the secretary of the State of Minnesota, according to law.*





## CURRENT BYLAWS

### 1.12 Precedence of the Bylaws of the Synod

No bylaw provision of the Minnesota South District can be interpreted to conflict with the bylaws of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD. If a bylaw of the District conflicts with current bylaws of the Synod, the bylaws of the Synod govern.

### 2.20.8 Reviewing Continued Eligibility of Members

- a) If information with respect to an individual member of the District is made known to or becomes known by the District President and if after reasonable investigation he believes that there may be a basis, given the nature of the circumstances, for suspending the eligibility status of the person, the President of the District may suspend that person's eligibility status until the matter is satisfactorily resolved or the applicable dispute resolution process, as set forth in the Handbook of the Synod, can be completed.
- b) During the period that the suspension is in effect, the member shall have "Suspended Status" as provided in the Handbook of the Synod and shall be ineligible for service in the District. All records of the District shall reflect this fact. In addition, the District President shall notify the President of the Synod and all other District Presidents in writing of the suspension of the affected person's eligibility status.

### 3.1.2.6 Nonvoting Advisory Delegates to the Convention of the Synod

During an official conference or a caucus (convened by the District Secretary) at the convention, advisory delegates shall elect their delegates to the national convention of the Synod in accordance with the Handbook of the Synod, "Each district shall select one advisory delegate for every 60 advisory ordained ministers and one advisory delegate for every 60 commissioned ministers on the roster of the Synod.

## PROPOSED BYLAWS

### 1.12 Precedence of the *Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod*

No bylaw provision of the Minnesota South District (*herein the "District"*) can be interpreted to conflict with the *Constitution and* bylaws of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD (*herein, the "Synod"*). If a bylaw of the District conflicts with current *Constitution and* bylaws of the Synod, the *Constitution and* bylaws of the Synod govern.

### 2.20.8 Reviewing Continued Eligibility of Members

An individual member of the Synod may be placed on restricted status by the District President, following the procedures and provisions set forth in the Bylaws of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (Bylaw 2.13.2-2.13.4) as subject to applicable laws.

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Fractional groupings shall be disregarded except that each district shall be entitled to at least one advisory delegate in each category."

The names of delegates so elected shall be announced at the District Convention. The District Secretary shall forward the list to the Secretary of Synod. The District Treasury shall pay the convention expenses of these advisory delegates.

#### **4.2.12.1 Committee on Registration, Credentials and Attendance**

The Committee on Registration, Credentials, and Attendance shall make all necessary arrangements for proper registration of the convention delegates, and examine their credentials. At the beginning of the first business session it shall report to the President whether or not a quorum is in attendance. Full-time and part-time absences shall be reported to this committee. A full report of this committee shall be filed with the Secretary.

#### **4.2.13 Agenda**

- a) The agenda for the District Convention shall be prepared and arranged by the Praesidium in consultation with the Board of Directors.
- b) All District matters which warrant more thorough study before action by the convention is taken shall, without debate, be referred by the President, or Chairman, to a floor committee for consideration and recommendation.

#### **4.2.13.3 Membership and Representation**

- a) In the first business session of the Convention, the Committee on Constitutions and Membership shall submit its report so that the delegates and congregations admitted may be seated.
- b) A parish that consists of two or more congregations shall be entitled to one lay vote.
- c) A parish temporarily vacant shall be entitled to one lay vote.

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- c) A parish temporarily vacant *in the Pastoral Office* shall be entitled to one lay vote.



**4.2.15.1 Officers and Committees to be Elected**

- h) A member (and an alternate) of the Committee of the Synod for the Convention Nominations

**4.2.15.2 Nominations for President and Vice-presidents**

Nominations for the office of President and Vice-presidents of the District shall be made in the following manner:

- a) Each voting congregation shall be entitled to nominate one clergyman from the clergy roster of the District as a candidate for President and one clergyman from its region as a Vice-president.  
The convention may nominate from the floor additional candidates for the offices of President and Vice-presidents.

**4.2.15.3 Ranking of Vice-presidents**

Separate ballots shall be cast to rank each of the Vice-presidents.

**4.2.15.6**

- h) The committee shall publish a complete and full list with pertinent information of each person suggested to the committee for consideration. The published information shall include the full name, address, and name and location of the congregation where the person is a member. This list shall be distributed along with the completed list of those nominated by the committee and published by the Secretary of the District in the pre-convention issue of the official District publication and also in the official convention book of reports and overtures (Convention Manual).

**4.2.15.1 Officers and Committees to be Elected**

- h) A member (and an alternate) of the Committee of the Synod for the Convention Nominations when required by the Synod.

**4.2.15.2 Nominations for President and Vice-presidents**

Nominations for the office of President and Vice-presidents of the District shall be made in the following manner:

- a) Each voting congregation shall be entitled to nominate one clergyman from the clergy roster of the *Synod* as a candidate for President and one clergyman from its region as a Vice-president. *If elected, nominees shall be members of member congregations of the district upon assuming office and during the course of their tenure.*  
The convention may nominate from the floor additional candidates for the offices of President and Vice-presidents.

**4.2.15.3 Ranking of Vice-presidents**

*After the Vice-presidents have been selected from each region, a ballot shall be cast by the district convention to rank the vice-presidents, which action shall also constitute election.*

**4.2.15.6**

- h) The committee shall publish a complete and full list with pertinent information of each person suggested to the committee for consideration. The published information shall include the full name, address, and name and location of the congregation where the person is a member. This list shall be distributed along with the completed list of those nominated by the committee and published by the Secretary of the District in the pre-convention issue of the official District publication and also in the official convention book of reports and overtures (~~Convention Manual~~). (*Convention Workbook*)



**4.4.10 Minnesota South District President**

- a) The District President, in accordance with the Constitution of Synod, shall supervise the doctrine, the life, and the official administration on the part of the ordained and commissioned ministers of the District, and shall inquire into the prevailing religious conditions of the congregations of the District. Therefore, as often as possible, he shall attend the conferences of ordained and commissioned ministers held in the District, advise the congregations of the District as to the calling of ordained and commissioned ministers, give counsel when requested, and reply to inquiries. He may call upon the Vice-presidents and Circuit Counselors to assist him.
- b) He shall see to it that the purposes of the District are promoted and the resolutions of the District are carried out.

**4.4.11 Vice-presidents**

- a) Vice-presidents shall be elected one from each of the Regions of the District:

**4.5.18.1**

- b) This committee shall examine the constitutions of all congregations applying for membership in Synod in accordance with the Handbook of the Synod. It shall recommend for membership those congregations whose constitutions are in agreement with the Word of God, the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, and regulations of the Synod. It shall receive for examination new, revised, or translated constitutions of congregations which are already members of Synod and if desirable, recommend changes

**4.4.10 Minnesota South District President**

- a) The District President, in accordance with the Constitution *and Bylaws* of Synod, shall supervise the doctrine, the life, and the official administration on the part of the ordained and commissioned ministers of the District, and shall inquire into the prevailing religious conditions of the congregations of the District. Therefore, as often as possible, he shall attend the conferences of ordained and commissioned ministers held in the District, advise the congregations of the District as to the calling of ordained and commissioned ministers, give counsel when requested, and reply to inquiries. He may call upon the Vice-presidents and Circuit Counselors to assist him.
- b) He shall see to it that the purposes of the *Synod and* District are promoted and the resolutions of *the Synod and* District are carried out.

**4.4.11 Vice-presidents**

- a) Vice-presidents shall be elected one ~~from~~ for each of the Regions of the District:

**4.5.18.1**

- b) This committee shall examine the constitutions *and bylaws* of all congregations applying for membership in Synod in accordance with the Handbook of the Synod. It shall recommend for membership those congregations whose constitutions *and bylaws* are in agreement with the Word of God, the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, and ~~regulations~~ *the teachings and practices* of the Synod. It shall receive for examination new, revised, or translated constitutions *and bylaws* of congregations which are already members of Synod and if desirable, recommend changes





**4.11 Other District Officers**

**4.11.3 Full Time Officers of the District**

The District may create or abolish full-time salaried officers. The number of such full-time offices shall be determined by the District according to prevailing needs

**7.2 Minnesota South District Bylaws**

Changes in, and additions to, the Bylaws of the Minnesota South District may be made, provided they: (1) are not contrary to the Articles of Incorporation of the District; (2) are presented in writing to the District; (3) are separately considered and acted upon by the Standing District Handbook Committee; (4) are approved by the Commission on Constitutional Matters of the Synod and (5) are passed by a majority vote of the Convention.

**4.11 Other District Officers** (*Secretary and Treasurer*)

**4.11.3 Full Time Positions of the District**

The District may create or abolish *other* full-time salaried *officers positions*. The number of such full-time *offices positions* shall be determined by the District according to prevailing needs.

**7.2 Minnesota South District Bylaws**

Changes in, and additions to, the Bylaws of the Minnesota South District may be made, provided they: (1) are not contrary to the Articles of Incorporation of the District; (2) are presented in writing to the District; (3) are separately considered and acted upon by the Standing District Handbook Committee; (4) are approved by the Commission on Constitutional Matters of the Synod *in advance of the convention* and (5) are passed by a majority vote of the Convention, *and (6) amendments made subsequent to approval by the Commission on Constitutional Matters may go into effect only after approval by the Commission on Constitutional Matters of the Synod.*

*The resolution was introduced during Session 3 of the Convention.*

*The resolution was adopted by a vote of: Yes: 311 / 93.7% No: 21 / 6.3%*



1 RESOLUTION 2—03 [Overture B-9, CW, p. 101]

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3 RE: To Thank God for the Ministry of Dr. Lane Seitz

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5 WHEREAS, Dr. Lane Seitz will be retiring after 21 years of faithful ministry as  
6 the President of the Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri  
7 Synod; and

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9 WHEREAS, he has put in hours and energy beyond what anyone would ask or  
10 expect; and

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12 WHEREAS, he has consistently sought to be a pastor for the entire District;  
13 therefore be it

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15 *Resolved*, that the District gathered in convention give thanks to God for His work  
16 through Dr. Seitz by standing and singing together the common doxology.

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20 *The resolution was introduced during Session 3 of the Convention and was adopted by*  
21 *acclamation.*

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1 RESOLUTION 2-05 [Overture B-5, CW, pp. 95-96, Overture B-6, CW, pp. 97-98]

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3 RE: To Prepare for Clergy Shortage to Congregations

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5 WHEREAS, the Lord of the Church promises and continues to provide faithful  
6 servants to serve in His Kingdom; and

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8 WHEREAS, the pastors and congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri  
9 Synod have a high esteem for the Office of the Public Ministry; and

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11 WHEREAS, we are passionate that we remain faithful and obedient to the use of  
12 this great gift from God; and

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14 WHEREAS, the numbers of available rostered clergy within the next decade is  
15 certain to contribute to difficulties related to providing pastoral oversight to all of our  
16 churches in the common forms; and

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18 WHEREAS, attempts already made to lessen the anticipated difficulties through  
19 licensed deacons and the Specific Ministry Pastor program will help but not solve the  
20 shortage issue; and

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22 WHEREAS, these difficulties will be compounded by the changing population  
23 trends in small towns and rural areas; and

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25 WHEREAS, history has shown that there are many challenges: physical,  
26 emotional and fiscal, in asking parishes to enter into cooperative agreements and in  
27 providing service to parishes which become unsustainable; and

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29 WHEREAS, it is wise and preferable to prepare for these realities before they  
30 result in a severe crisis; therefore be it

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32 *Resolved*, that the 2012 Minnesota South District Convention memorialize the  
33 2013 Synod Convention to direct the Council of Presidents, in conjunction with the  
34 Seminaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, direct a study to identify the  
35 wide array of historical practices used by our Synod to provide pastors; and be it  
36 further

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38 *Resolved*, that such a study identify new and creative paradigms for  
39 congregations to be served pastorally, in ways faithful to God's Word and the  
40 Confessions; and be it further

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42 *Resolved*, that the findings of said study be available to the 2016 convention of  
43 Synod; and be it further



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*Resolved*, that these findings be disseminated through presentation at subsequent District Conventions and Circuit gatherings; and be it further

*Resolved*, that these findings in published format, print and electronic, be provided to individual congregations; and be it finally

*Resolved*, that District staff and Circuit Counselors become familiar with the resource and proactively present the same to congregations, especially encouraging those congregations whose future is endangered.

*The resolution was introduced during Session 5 of the Convention.  
The resolution was adopted by a vote of: Yes: 185 / 61.1 % No: 118 / 38.9%*





1 **RESOLUTION 3— 01 [Overture C-3, CW, pp. 106-107]**  
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3 **RE: To Assist and Encourage Members to Intentionally Speak of Jesus**  
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5 WHEREAS, the risen Lord Jesus invites His followers to engage in “making  
6 disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:18-20), and St. Peter encourages every believer to  
7 be ready “to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give reason for the hope that  
8 you have (1 Peter 3:15); and  
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10 WHEREAS, those who are called to faith are also called to be witnesses (Acts  
11 1:8); and  
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13 WHEREAS, the Holy Spirit is the One who, by means of the spoken and written  
14 word of Christ, calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies His church (Romans 10:17,  
15 Luther’s Explanation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Article); and  
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17 WHEREAS, the first LCMS President, Dr. C.F.W. Walther proclaimed it to be the  
18 holy desire and duty of every Christian to bring souls to Christ, stating, “Through holy  
19 baptism, every Christian has been consecrated, ordained and installed into the ministry  
20 to teach, admonish, and comfort his neighbor. Through holy baptism each Christian  
21 has obtained not only the authority, power, and right, but also the high, holy  
22 obligation...of rousing himself to care and to help so that others may be brought to  
23 Christ,” and again, “Every Christian is a missionary, sent out by God into his own circle  
24 to convert others to Christ...” (Sermon preached in 1842, “Bringing Souls to Christ:  
25 Every Christian’s Desire and Duty”); and  
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27 WHEREAS, our Minnesota South District Mission Vision is that we “will be a  
28 unified network of people and congregations actively engaged in the mission of Jesus  
29 Christ... [where] Christian people view themselves as missionaries fervently seeking  
30 opportunities to speak of Jesus with friends and neighbors”; and  
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32 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod seeks to engage the  
33 priesthood of all believers in the mission of God with the goal of reaching 100 million  
34 unreached and unconnected people worldwide by 2017, including 50 million in North  
35 America; and  
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37 WHEREAS, The Minnesota South District has a goal of praying for and  
38 connecting over 300,000 people to Jesus by 2017; therefore be it  
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40 *Resolved*, that congregations and schools of The Minnesota South District seek to  
41 assist and encourage their members and families to share their faith in ways  
42 appropriate to their station in life and their contexts; and be it further  
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1           *Resolved*, that congregations and schools identify and utilize means to train and  
2 equip their members and families to share the hope they have in Christ with confidence  
3 and courage; and be it finally  
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5           *Resolved*, that the people of The Minnesota South District continue the practice of  
6 identifying and praying daily for at least three unchurched or unconnected people they  
7 know personally, while intentionally seeking opportunities to speak of Jesus with  
8 friends and neighbors.  
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12           *The resolution was introduced during Session 5 of the Convention.*

13           *The resolution was adopted by a vote of: Yes: 272 / 92.8%   No: 21 / 7.2%*  
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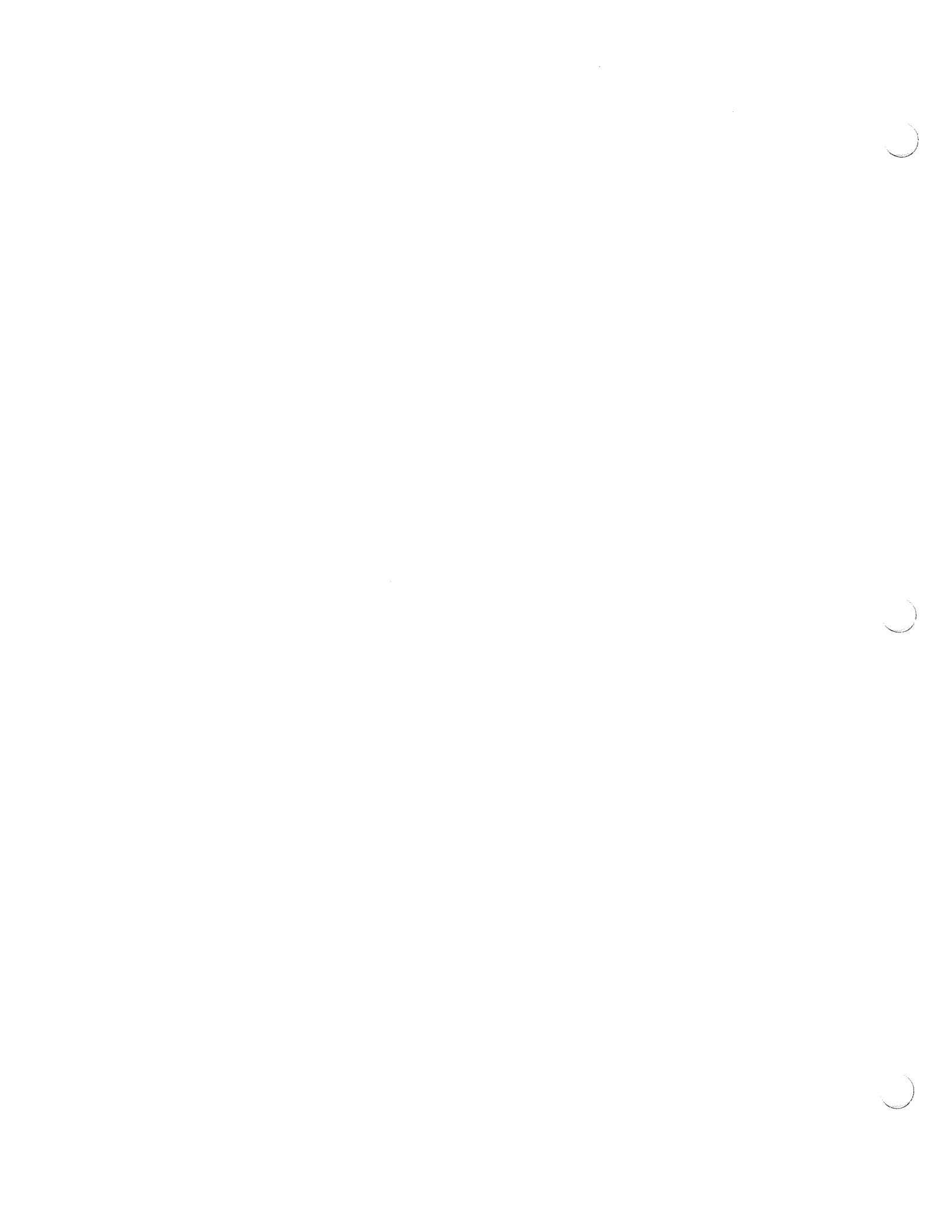
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1 RESOLUTION 3—02 [Overture C-2, CW, pp. 104-105]  
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3 **RE: To Encourage Church Multiplication as a Means of Making New Disciples**  
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5 WHEREAS, church planting or church multiplication is part of God's strategy to  
6 make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8); and  
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8 WHEREAS, Jesus Himself, as Lord of the Church, has promised to build His  
9 Church (Matthew 16:18); and  
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11 WHEREAS, the local church is God's mission agency in its local context (Eph  
12 3:10); and  
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14 WHEREAS through word and sacraments God "gives the Holy Spirit, who  
15 works faith, when and where He pleases, in those who hear the Gospel. And the  
16 Gospel teaches that we have a gracious God, not by our own merits but by the merit of  
17 Christ, when we believe this." (Augsburg Confession V)  
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19 WHEREAS, a plentiful harvest in the MNS District demands aggressive disciple-  
20 making and church multiplication in order to reach a diverse population (Matthew 9:37,  
21 John 4:35); and  
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23 WHEREAS, religious demographers note that in the US, nearly 70 congregations  
24 die each week, and a District needs to plant the equivalent of at least 4% of its  
25 congregations each year to thrive, which means the MNS District should have nearly 10  
26 new church starts each year; and  
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28 WHEREAS, new churches re-energize and refocus existing congregations on the  
29 mission of God; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the LCMS at its 2004 Convention has determined to start 2000 new  
32 churches in North America by 2017, and the MNS District has established a goal of 50  
33 new congregations; and  
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35 WHEREAS, resources and assistance for church multiplication are available from  
36 the MNS District, the Center for US Missions, and the Lutheran Church Extension  
37 Fund; therefore be it  
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39 *Resolved*, that on a regular basis, congregations and their leaders ask the Lord of  
40 the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest fields, especially asking that the Lord  
41 give them His vision to seed the plentiful harvest fields around them; and be it further  
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1           *Resolved*, that congregations and their leaders be encouraged to work in  
2 cooperation with other congregations and their circuits to multiply churches locally;  
3 and be it further  
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5           *Resolved*, that congregations be encouraged to support the church multiplication  
6 efforts of the Minnesota South District with their prayers, offerings, and other types of  
7 appropriate support for new church starts in the District; and be it finally  
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9           *Resolved*, that congregations explore and utilize the resources available from the  
10 District, the Center for US Missions, and the LCEF in these multiplication efforts.  
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14           *The resolution was introduced during Session 5 of the Convention.*  
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16           *An amendment to the resolution was made by striking lines 14-15 of the WHEREAS section*  
17 *("WHEREAS, God has designed all healthy living things, including His Bride, the Church, to*  
18 *multiply; and") and replacing them with the words: "WHEREAS, through the Word and*  
19 *Sacraments, God 'gives the Holy Spirit, who works faith, when and where He pleases, in those*  
20 *who hear the Gospel. And the Gospel teaches that we have a gracious God, not by our own*  
21 *merits but by the merit of Christ, when we believe this.'" (Augsburg Confession, Article V)*  
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1 RESOLUTION 3—03 [Overture C-4, CW, p. 108; Overture C-5, CW, p. 109]

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3 RE: To Affirm the Goal of Revitalizing 50 Churches in the MNS District by 2017

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5 WHEREAS, the 1991 CTCR document entitled “A Theological Statement of  
6 Mission” is a tool to assist churches when developing a mission statement to be in line  
7 with God’s mission; and

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9 WHEREAS, Synod passed a Resolution in 2007 to encourage at least 2,000  
10 churches to be “revitalized” towards God’s mission by 2017 (The 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
11 the Reformation); and

12  
13 WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors has set as a goal to assist at least 50  
14 congregations in developing a long term revitalization process; and

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16 WHEREAS, multiple resources available by Synod and the District have  
17 provided assistance to over 30 congregations in the Minnesota South District in  
18 developing an intentional mission focus in the past triennium; therefore be it

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20 *Resolved*, that all churches within the MNS District consider God’s mission to  
21 reach those who have not yet come to the saving grace found only in Jesus Christ; and  
22 be it further

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24 *Resolved*, that the Convention give thanks to God for the resources provided by  
25 Synod and District in accomplishing this purpose thus far in over 30 churches in the  
26 MNS District; and be it further

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28 *Resolved*, that the Minnesota South District continue to give priority to the  
29 Missional Formation Process; and be it further

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31 *Resolved*, that congregations and schools of the District be encouraged to  
32 participate in the process; and be it further

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34 *Resolved*, that the District will commit staff and other resources to assist  
35 congregations and schools who wish to be involved in the process; and be it finally

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37 *Resolved*, that the Synod and MNS District continue their efforts to enhance the  
38 intentional focus on God’s mission for at least 50 churches within the MNS District by  
39 2017.

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42 *The resolution was introduced during Session 5 of the Convention.*

43 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of: Yes: 250 / 82.8% No: 52 / 17.2%*



1 RESOLUTION 4—01 [Overture D-3, CW, pp. 116; Overture D-4, CW, p. 117]

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3 RE: To Encourage Congregations to Take Part in Operation Barnabas

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5 WHEREAS, Operation Barnabas is a Lutheran outreach to military personnel and  
6 their families that embodies the threefold emphasis of witness, service and fellowship of  
7 the LCMS; and

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9 WHEREAS, many thousands of our citizens have been given the vocation to  
10 protect our nation sometimes in multiple deployments involving significant danger;  
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13 WHEREAS, great opportunity exists to provide Christian care to returning  
14 servicemen and women and their families as they face pressures and stresses unknown  
15 to their civilian counterparts; and

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17 WHEREAS, LCMS Districts that have utilized Operation Barnabas resources  
18 have shown growth and effectiveness in their outreach; therefore be it

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20 *Resolved*, that all congregations be urged to participate in Operation Barnabas,  
21 appointing a representative to receive communication and bring information of training  
22 opportunities and resources to the attention of the congregation; and be it further

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24 *Resolved*, that all congregations be urged to prepare themselves to respond to the  
25 needs of veterans, deployed and returning servicemen and women, and their families,  
26 praying for them and showing the love of Christ to them in word and deed; and be it  
27 further

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29 *Resolved*, that the Minnesota South District President continue to oversee an  
30 Operation Barnabas Counselor to provide training and resources to our congregations  
31 as an ongoing in military ministry in our district; and be it finally

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33 *Resolved*, that funding in the amount of \$3,500 for 2013 be provided through  
34 District funds with future funding based upon an annual review of needs and goals.

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38 *The resolution was introduced during Session 5 of the Convention.*

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40 *An amendment was made to replace the original title of the resolution (To Establish an*  
41 *Operation Barnabas District Counselor and Provide Funding) with the title To Encourage*  
42 *Congregations to Take Part in Operation Barnabas.*

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1 *The vote on the amendment: Yes: 214 / 74.3% No: 74 / 25.7%. The amendment was*  
2 *approved.*

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4 *A friendly amendment was approved in line 29 to replace the words "to appoint and" with the*  
5 *words "continue to".*

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7 *After the amendment to the title and the friendly amendment to line 29, the resolution was*  
8 *adopted by a vote of: Yes: 281 / 95.9% No: 12 / 4.1%*

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1 **RESOLUTION 4-02 [Overture D-1, CW, p. 113; Overture D-2, CW, p. 114-115;**  
2 **Overture D-5, CW, p.118]**

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4 **RE: To Forward to Synod Mission and Ministry Emphases for the Next Triennium**

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6 WHEREAS, Synod bylaw 4.2.1(b) states, “the district convention is the  
7 instrument to receive overtures (Bylaws 3.1.6.2–3.1.6.2.5), including overtures and  
8 recommendations for synod wide mission and ministry emphases submitted by  
9 member congregations and adopted by a circuit forum”; and

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11 WHEREAS, Synod bylaw 4.2.1(d) states, “the district convention shall, through  
12 delegate vote, forward to the national convention a list of two or three triennial mission  
13 and ministry emphases for consideration by the national convention”; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Church is called by her Lord to share the good news of Jesus  
16 Christ in word and deed in the culture in which she lives and today’s American culture  
17 is providing great opportunities for evangelism among many diverse populations and  
18 in a great variety of ways, including technological means unknown to previous  
19 generations; and

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21 WHEREAS, one of the objectives of our Synod is to “aid congregations to  
22 develop processes of thorough Christian education and nurture and to establish  
23 agencies of Christian education such as elementary and secondary schools...” (LCMS  
24 Constitution Article III) and such Lutheran schools over the generations have been very  
25 effective in training young people in the ways of the Lord, but are now facing great  
26 challenges in our changing culture and times of financial stress; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Synod president and his staff developed the current mission and  
29 ministry emphasis of Witness, Mercy, Life Together which still holds much potential for  
30 further growth and implementation throughout the Synod; therefore be it

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32 *Resolved*, that the Minnesota South District suggest to the next Synod convention  
33 a mission and ministry emphasis on evangelism, both in word and in deed, with the  
34 Office for National Mission asked to develop resources to teach and train congregations  
35 to engage their local communities in all their diversity, with special emphasis on the use  
36 of technology, such as social media, to create a positive awareness of our synod and our  
37 congregations, and as a way to share the Gospel of Christ, and be it further

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39 *Resolved*, that the Minnesota South District suggest to the next Synod convention  
40 a mission and ministry emphasis on Christian education, especially that which serves to  
41 strengthen the ministries of Lutheran Early Childhood Centers, Elementary Schools,  
42 High Schools, Colleges, Universities, and Seminaries by providing resources through  
43 the Office for National Mission, so that schools and congregations may be better





1 equipped to meet the challenges of the day and most effectively share the caring Christ  
2 with students and their families, and be it finally  
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4         *Resolved*, that the Minnesota South District suggest to the next Synod convention  
5 that it carry on with the current mission and ministry emphasis of Witness, Mercy, Life  
6 Together continuing to develop the implementation of the Gospel mission of the  
7 Church.  
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11         *The resolution was introduced during Session 5 of the Convention.*

12         *The resolution was adopted by a vote of: Yes: 273 / 93.8%   No: 18 / 6.2%*  
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1 **RESOLUTION 4-04 [2009 Convention Proceedings]**

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3 **RE: TO ENCOURAGE STUDY OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS IN**  
4 **CELEBRATION OF THE REFORMATION**

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6 WHEREAS, the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the reformation by Rev.  
7 Dr. Martin Luther will be observed in 2017 and

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9 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate for us as members of the Lutheran Church to  
10 join in the celebration of that anniversary; and

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12 WHEREAS, Resolution 4-02 of the 2009 District Convention, To Encourage Study  
13 of the Lutheran Confessions in Celebration of the Reformation, stipulated that this  
14 resolution be reintroduced to the 2012 and 2015 District Conventions; therefore be it

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16 *Resolved*, that the Minnesota South District encourage every congregation of the  
17 district to hold regular, on-going studies of all writings contained within the Book of  
18 Concord of 1580, i.e. the Lutheran Confessions; and be it further

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20 *Resolved*, that the Minnesota South District encourage each congregation of the  
21 district to encourage all of its members to regularly attend these studies; and be it  
22 further

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24 *Resolved*, that this memorial be reintroduced at the 2015 Minnesota South District  
25 convention as a reminder of what we have agreed to do in preparation for the 500th  
26 anniversary of the start of the reformation; and be it finally

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28 *Resolved*, that the Minnesota South District memorialize the Synod at its 2013  
29 convention to encourage every congregation of the synod to hold regular, on-going  
30 studies of all writings contained within the Book of Concord of 1580, i.e. the Lutheran  
31 Confessions, and to encourage all of their members to regularly attend those studies.

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**RESOLUTION 5—02 [Overture E-1, CW, p. 119]**

**RE: To Support Camp Omega**

WHEREAS, Camp Omega, in providing outdoors ministry, is a blessing to the congregations and people of our District; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota South District owns the land and buildings used by Camp Omega; and

WHEREAS, Camp Omega’s Board of Directors, in planning for the future, has determined that to develop ministries to adults and families it needs to construct an adult retreat center; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors has supported the Camp’s plan to construct an adult retreat center; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors has given permission to Camp Omega to conduct a capital appeal in the congregations of the District beginning in the fall of 2013; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that each congregation of the Minnesota South District be encouraged to support Camp Omega’s capital appeal by scheduling the Camp’s four-week appeal at a time convenient to their schedule; and be it further

*Resolved*, that we ask God to richly bless Camp Omega’s appeal so that the much-needed adult retreat center might become a reality.

*The resolution was introduced during Session 4 of the Convention.  
The resolution was adopted by a vote of: Yes: 309 / 89.3% No: 37 / 10.7%*



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OVERTURE E-7 [CW p. 129]

RE: To Provide Funds for ULC

WHEREAS, the University of Minnesota—Twin Cities has been served by Lutheran ministers for over eighty five years; and

WHEREAS, the chapel has served the congregation and campus ministry of ULC for over sixty years; and

WHEREAS, the MN South District Board of Directors has entered into a contract to sell the building without providing a new church home for the campus ministry; and

WHEREAS, the MN South District has on numerous occasions expressed support in convention for campus ministry at the University of Minnesota; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the District provide \$2 million from the proceeds of the sale toward relocation of University Lutheran Chapel for the sake of continuing its campus ministry.

*The overture was presented to the convention as a substitute resolution for Resolution 5-01 in Session 3 of the Convention.*

*The overture was adopted during Session 4 by a vote of: Yes: 181 / 52.3% No: 165 / 47.7%*





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OMNIBUS RESOLUTION A

WHEREAS, the District has numerous offices, boards, and committees; and

WHEREAS, proposals related to the responsibilities of such administrative units should ordinarily be directed to them; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following overtures be referred to the listed administrative unit:

<u>Overture</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Board or Committee</u>
B-3	To Approve of Alive! Lutheran Church, Monticello, MN Transferring to the Minnesota North District	Board of Directors
C-7	To Encourage Local Support of Campus Ministries in the Minnesota South District	Mission Committee

*The resolution was introduced during Session 2 of the Convention.*

*A motion was made and seconded to remove Overture A-3 from Omnibus Overture A and refer it back to committee. The vote on the amendment: Yes 194 votes / 54.8% No: 169 votes / 45.2%.) The amendment was adopted.*

*The amended resolution was adopted by a vote of: Yes: 320 / 87.4% No: 46 / 12.6%.*



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OMNIBUS RESOLUTION C

WHEREAS, the floor committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has concluded, for various reasons, that certain overtures should be declined; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following overtures be respectfully declined for the reasons given:

<u>Overture</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reason(s)</u>
A-4	To Direct the Seminaries to Be More Directly Involved in All Phases of the SMP Program	The matter is already being taken care of by the seminaries
A-5	To Turn over the Admissions Process for SMP to the Seminaries and Review the SMP Program	The matter is already being taken care of by the seminaries

*The resolution was introduced during Session 2 of the Convention.*

*A motion was made and seconded to amend Omnibus Resolution C by removing Overture B-7 and refer it back to committee. Vote on the amendment: (Yes: 189 votes / 50.8% No: 183 votes / 49.2%) The amendment was adopted.*

*The resolution was also amended by adding Resolutions 2-06, 3-05, 4-03 and 5-04. The Parliamentarian ruled that Resolutions 2-06, 3-05, 4-03 and 5-04 were not eligible to be included in an Omnibus Resolution. These Resolutions were later tabled.*

*A motion was made and seconded to amend Omnibus Resolution C by removing Overture B-8 and refer it back to committee. Vote on the amendment: (Yes: 190 votes / 51.2% No: 181 votes / 48.8%) The amendment was adopted.*

*The amended resolution was adopted by a vote of: Yes: 332 / 88.18% No: 42 / 11.2%*

