

1 **CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS**

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3 **Seventy-seventh Convention**

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7 **The Minnesota South District**

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11 **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

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13 **Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota**
14 **June 18-20, 2015**

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16 **“On our Way Rejoicing”**
17 **Acts 8:39**

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19 **CONVENTION CHAIR:**

Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, President
Minnesota South District

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23 **CONVENTION SECRETARY:**

Rev. William Otte, Secretary
Minnesota South District

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27 **SYNODICAL REPRESENTATIVES:**

Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller, First Vice-President
Rev. Nabil Nour, Fifth Vice-President
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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32 **CONVENTION CHAPLAIN:**

Rev. Randall Neal, Senior Pastor
Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins, MN

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CONVENTION BIBLE STUDY LEADERS:

Rev. Randall Neal, Senior Pastor
Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins, MN

Rev. Dr. Peter Nafzger, Pastor
New Life Church Lutheran, Hugo, MN

Rev. Thomas Queck, Pastor
Zion Lutheran Church, Annandale, MN

Rev. Francis Stephanos, Pastor
Mekane Yesus Church Fellowship, St. Paul, MN

CONVENTION ESSAYIST:

Rev. Dr. Will Schumacher, Associate Professor
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

CONVENTION SERVICE HOST CONGREGATION:

Zion Lutheran Church
Hopkins, MN

CONVENTION PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mrs. Darleen Harens

CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

Arrangements Committee.....Mr. Rick Marko, Chair
Ms. Julie Bigler
Ms. Debra Connolly
Mr. Billy Schultz

Registration and Credentials Committee.....Rev. Thomas Evans, Chair
Emmanuel, Inver Grove Heights
Rev. Dale Kohrs, Immanuel and St. John, Elgin and Hammond
Ms. Phyllis Kroehler, Peace, Arlington
Mr. Steve Packwood, Ascension, Burnsville
Mr. Wayne Uilk, Zion, Hardwick
Mr. Wayne Wenzel, St. John, Rushford
Ms. Julie Bigler (District Staff, Advisory)
Mr. Rick Marko (District Staff, Advisory)

Nominations Committee.....Rev. Joel Haak, Chair
Trinity, Rochester
Rev. Thomas Braun, River of Life, St. Peter

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Mr. Randy Heuer, St. James, Howard Lake
Mr. Steve Krause, Redeemer, Wayzata
Mr. Howard Luehmann, Immanuel, Lewiston
Mr. Christian Preus, Glory of Christ, Plymouth
Rev. Pat Simmons, New Creation, Shakopee
Ms. Kathy Wessel, First English, Spring Valley
Rev. Steve Wheeler, Cross View, Edina
Mr. Rick Marko (District Staff, Advisory)

Elections Committee.....Rev. Daniel Ritter, Chair
Mt. Hope, Bloomington
Rev. Erland Asmus, St. Peter, Afton
Ms. Donna Bailey, St. John, Austin
Mr. Robert Chellew, Holy Emmanuel, Bloomington
Mr. Paul Gieseke, Immanuel, Courtland
Mr. Glen Hardel, St. John, Arlington
Mr. Jerry Prueser, Trinity, Farmington
Mr. Rick Marko (District Staff, Advisory)

Floor Committee No. 1: Missions.....Rev. Mark Rosenau, Chair
Good Shepherd, Owatonna
Rev. Dennis Heiden, Vice Chair, Hosanna, Mankato
Mr. Jerry Backlund, Woodbury, Woodbury
Rev. David Kind, University Lutheran Chapel, Minneapolis
Rev. Dr. Funchatou Lo, LINC—Twin Cities
Rev. George Ruwisch, Immanuel, Fairmont
Rev. Mark Shockey, St. Peter, Edina
Rev. Dr. William Utech (District Staff, Advisory)

Floor Committee No. 2: Theology and Church Relations Rev. Gerhard Bode, Chair
Peace, Hutchinson
Rev. Dr. Thomas Trapp, Vice Chair, Emmaus, St. Paul
Ms. Patricia Bauer, Mt. Moriah, Byron
Rev. Dr. Peter Nafzger, New Life, Hugo
Rev. Peter Preus, Trune God, Brooklyn Center
Rev. William Sabol, Our Savior and St. Peter, Winnebago and Easton
Rev. Dr. Gary Zieroth, St. John, Chaska
Rev. Fred Hinz (District Staff, Advisory)

Floor Committee No. 3: Congregational Services.....Rev. Dr. Robert Gehrke, Chair
South Shore Trinity, White Bear Lake
Rev. Henry Biar, Vice Chair, Family of Christ, Rochester
Rev. Timothy Berner, Concordia Academy, Roseville
Ms. Erica Beyreis, St. John, Corcoran
Ms. Rosemary Braun, Trinity, Arden Hills
Rev. Dr. Scott Fiege, Bethany and St. Peter, Lake City and Goodhue

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Mr. Scott Litzau, First, Glencoe
Rev. Jon Olson, Our Saviour and Trinity, Pipestone and Jackson
Mr. Paul Steinhaus, Martn Luther H.S., Northrop
Dr. Phil Johnson (District Staff, Advisory)

Floor Committee No. 4: Administration and Finance.....Rev. Mark Tewes, Chair
Living Christ, Chanhassen
Rev. Steve Bielenberg, Vice Chair, King of Kings, Roseville
Rev. Grant Bode, Redeemer, New Ulm
Mr. Daniel Grimm, St. John, Norwood Young America
Rev. Paul Lauer, Our Savior, Mankato
Ms. Carol Olson, St. John, Woodbury
Mr. Brad Rixmann, St. Paul, Prior Lake
Mr. Rick Marko (District Staff, Advisory)
Rev. Dr. Mark Noren (District Staff, Advisory)

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THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Convention Committee meetings, Floor Committee meetings, and Open Hearings were held as needed.

1:00 p.m.

Registration, an LCEF Hospitality Reception, and display booths were opened.

3:00 p.m.

The first round of Interest Centers was held. Available topics were:

- “District Convention Primer: How a District Convention Works,” led by Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy
- “Connecting Church to Community,” led by Dr. Phil Johnson
- “Our District Missions at Work,” led by Rev. Dr. William Utech

4:00 p.m.

The second round of Interest Centers was held. Available topics were:

- “Reaching Millennials,” led by Mr. Kurt Fuhr
- “Which Way Lutheran Schools?” led by Mr. Sean Martens
- “Public Policy Advocacy,” led by Rev. Fred Hinz

7:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO THE CONVENTION & TO CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL

President Dean Nadasdy welcomed attendees at the convention, and thanked the worship leaders for the work they had done in preparing the Opening Service.

President Nadasdy introduced Rev. Dr. Tom Ries, President of Concordia University St. Paul, who also welcomed those attending the convention.

MISSION VIDEO 1

“Rejoicing in God’s Mission” video focuses on the work of River of Life Lutheran Church, St. Peter, MN, the most recent mission congregation start in the Minnesota South District. The offering at the opening Worship Service which followed was dedicated to support this mission congregation.

1 **CONVENTION WORSHIP SERVICE AND COMMEMORATIONS**
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- 3 **Host Congregation:** Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins
4 **Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller, First Vice President, LCMS
5 **Presiding Minister:** Rev. Randall Neal, Senior Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins
6 **Assisting Minister:** Rev. Daniel Schultz, Associate Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins
7 **Lectors:** Rev. Howard Krienke, Assistant Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins
8 Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, President, Minnesota South District, LCMS
9 **Communion Assistants:** Pastors from Lake Minnetonka and South Carver County Circuits
10 **Music Director and Organist:** Mr. Brice Petersen, MSM, Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins
11 **Vocal Choirs:** Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins
12 Golden Valley Lutheran Church, Golden Valley
13 Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina
14 **Handbell Choirs:** Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins, Brice Petersen, director
15 Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Mary Yerks, director
16 **Contemporary Praise Band:** Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins
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19 **COMMEMORATIONS**
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21 **Ordained Ministers:**

- 22 ▪ REV. PAUL BARTZ, Pastor, born May 1, 1948; died August 15, 2013
23 ▪ REV. SIMON TER DUP, Pastor, born April 5, 1967; died December 19, 2014
24 ▪ REV. EDGAR EIFERT, Pastor, born July 8, 1911; died April 19, 2013
25 ▪ REV. MICHAEL HART, Pastor, born October 14; 1949, died April 20, 2014
26 ▪ REV. CLARK JAEGER, Pastor, born January 20; 1936; died March 13, 2013
27 ▪ REV. GLENN KORB, Pastor, born March 15, 1944; died October 27, 2013
28 ▪ REV. MARTIN KRAUSE, Pastor, born June 1, 1930; died December 23, 2012
29 ▪ REV. DR. EUGENE LINSE, Pastor and Professor, born January 29, 1923; died May 30,
30 2014
31 ▪ REV. LOWELL LUBBEN, Pastor, born September 14, 1934; died May 11, 2015
32 ▪ REV. TODD McMURRY, Pastor, born September 26, 1969; died February 11, 2015
33 ▪ REV. DR. JAN PAVEL, Pastor and Professor, born August 15, 1925; died February 16,
34 2013
35 ▪ REV. KLEMET PREUS, Pastor, born June 13, 1950; died July 9, 2014
36 ▪ REV. VICTOR ROTH, Pastor, born May 15, 1922; died August 19, 2014
37 ▪ REV. ROBERT RUPPRECHT, Pastor, born March 7, 1943, died December 25, 2013
38 ▪ REV. NORMAN SCHRAMM, Pastor, born May 16, 1925; died October 17, 2013
39 ▪ REV. DANIEL WEISE, Pastor, born August 26, 1946; died May 25, 2013
40 ▪ REV. RAYMOND WIEBOLD, Pastor, born June 26, 1943; died February 8, 2015
41 ▪ REV. JAMES WILK, Pastor, born April 2, 1933; died October 28, 2012
42 ▪ REV. DONALD ZUHN, Pastor, born August 23, 1940; died July 23, 2013
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44 **Commissioned Ministers:**

- 45 ▪ LILLIAN AHLMAN, Teacher; born September 26, 1946; died June 7, 2014

- 1 ▪ ROBERT E. BARNES, Teacher and Professor; born March 26, 1923; died March 17,
2 2013
- 3 ▪ MARVIN ERDMAN, Teacher and Principal; born December 25, 1935; died August 1,
4 2012
- 5 ▪ ELMER FRITZ, Teacher and Principal; born August 15, 1929; died May 1, 2013
- 6 ▪ ARTHUR FUCHS, Teacher and Principal; born June 16, 1927; died February 19, 2014
- 7 ▪ THEODORE HEINICKE, Teacher, Principal, and Professor; born October 28, 1926; died
8 January 29, 2014
- 9 ▪ EDMUND HINRICHS, Teacher and Principal; born December 7, 1926; died January 22,
10 2014
- 11 ▪ RACHEL JAHR, Teacher; born September 4, 1961; died March 9, 2012
- 12 ▪ EDWARD KRAUSE, Teacher; born December 24, 1918; died July 4, 2012
- 13 ▪ LLOYD LUEHMANN, Teacher and Principal; born May 29, 1942; died May 2, 2014
- 14 ▪ LOMA MEYER, Teacher and Professor; born January 1, 1928; died October 24, 2014
- 15 ▪ STACEY NELSON, Teacher; born July 27, 1973; died October 21, 2012
- 16 ▪ DAVID ROTH, Teacher, Principal, and MNS District Education Executive; born March
17 12, 1942; died July 18, 2012
- 18 ▪ ERLLEN SCHROEDER, Teacher and Principal; born September 19, 1935; died February
19 1, 2013
- 20 ▪ MATTHEW STEFAN, Teacher; born August 25, 1972; died July 4, 2014.

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22 Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy presented a token of appreciation to the families of the faithful
23 departed.

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25 Concordia University St. Paul hosted a reception for delegates and guests following the service.

1 **FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015**

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3 **CONVENTION SESSION 1**

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6 **MISSION VIDEO 2**

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8 “Rejoicing in God’s Mission – Oromo Outreach”
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11 **CALL TO ORDER**

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13 The seventy-seventh convention of the Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church
14 Missouri Synod was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by the President, Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, in
15 the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
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17 Dr. Nadasdy explained the theme of the convention, “On Our Way Rejoicing,” based on Acts
18 8:39. He welcomed the delegates and others to the convention.
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20 Dr. Nadasdy introduced special guests and participants to the convention, including Rev. Dr.
21 Herbert Mueller, First Vice President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; Rev. Nabil
22 Nour, Fifth Vice President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; Rev. Dr. Will
23 Schumacher, convention essayist; members of the District staff; Rev. Randall Neal,
24 Convention Chaplain; Mr. Brice Peterson, Convention Musician; Rev. William Otte,
25 Convention Secretary, and Ms. Darleen Harens, Convention Parliamentarian.
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28 **RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS AND CONGREGATIONS**

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30 President Nadasdy introduced the ordained and commissioned ministers of The Lutheran
31 Church—Missouri Synod who have been added to the roster of the Minnesota South District
32 since the last convention. They are included in the section of the *Convention Workbook* (pp.
33 201-204 and pp. 211-213) titled “Accessions and Transfers into the District,” where they are
34 identified as “Candidates.”
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36 **New congregations and schools are:**

- 37 ▪ EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH—OROMO MINISTRY, St. Paul, became a New
38 Church Start of the MNS District, effective October 10, 2012.
- 39 ▪ GENESIS LUTHERAN MISSION CHURCH, Minneapolis, became a New Church
40 Start of the MNS District, effective September 8, 2013.
- 41 ▪ RIVER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, St. Peter, became a New Church Start of
42 the MNS District, effective August 18, 2013.
- 43 ▪ SAMARITANS HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rogers, became a Member
44 Congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, effective February 23,
45 2014.
- 46 ▪ TRINITY LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL, Northfield, on September 16, 2013.

1 **REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

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3 Dr. Nadasdy called on Rev. Tom Evans, chairman of the Registration and Credentials
4 Committee, to give an initial report. At the 77th Convention of the Minnesota South District
5 there are a possible 365 voting delegates between lay and pastoral delegates. At this time 171
6 pastoral delegates and 179 lay delegates have registered for a total of 350 voting delegates.
7 According to the bylaws, one-third of the delegates are needed for a quorum. The
8 requirements have been met for a quorum.

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10 A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. The motion was carried by voice
11 vote.

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14 **DEVOTIONAL BIBLE STUDY 1**

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16 Convention Chaplain Rev. Randall Neal led the convention in a liturgical opening devotion
17 and led the first Devotional Bible Study “On Our Way Rejoicing” based on Acts 8:26-40.
18 He talked about the “divine appointment” arranged for Philip the evangelist reported in Acts
19 8:26-27.

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22 **ESSAY 1**

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24 The Convention Essayist was Rev. Dr. Will Schumacher, Mission Associate Professor,
25 Historical Theology, and Director, Institute for Mission Studies, Concordia Seminary, St.
26 Louis. His theme was “The Joyful Way: Confessing and Witnessing the Good News of
27 Jesus.”

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30 **READING OF THE CONVENTION RULES**

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32 President Nadasdy introduced Ms. Darleen Harens, convention parliamentarian, who read the
33 proposed revised convention rules.

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35 The original Convention Rules were included in the *Convention Workbook* (pp. 34-35). The
36 proposed revisions added point 14:

37 *In balloting for all elected positions (including that of President and Vice Presidents), the*
38 *convention will follow Synodical Handbook Bylaw 4.7.3, which reads:*

- 39 a) *Candidates receiving a majority on the first ballot shall be declared elected.*
40 b) *When a second or succeeding ballot is required for a majority, the candidate receiving*
41 *the fewest votes and all candidates receiving less than 15 percent of the votes cast shall*
42 *be dropped from the ballot, unless fewer than two candidates receive the 15 percent or*
43 *more of the votes cast, in which case the three highest candidates shall constitute the*
44 *ballot.*
45 c) *In every election balloting shall continue until every position has been filled by*
46 *majority vote.*

1 The new point 16 was amended to add “*A member of the Floor Committee presenting the*
2 *original motion shall also be offered two minutes to speak to the substitute motion.*”
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4 The new point 19 was changed to read:

5 These rules may be *amended or* suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) *majority* vote of the voting
6 A motion was made and seconded to adopt the convention rules as read. The motion was
7 adopted unanimously by voice vote.
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10 **ADOPTION OF THE CONVENTION AGENDA**

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12 The proposed revised agenda was presented to the delegates upon registration. A motion was
13 made and seconded to adopt the revised agenda. The motion was adopted by voice vote.
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16 **REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

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18 President Nadasdy introduced Mr. Daniel Utter, Secretary of the Committee, to give the report.

- 19 ▪ Other members of the committee during the triennium were Rev. Evan Schiller, Chair;
20 Mr. Harold Kenow; and Ms. Rosa Summers.
- 21 ▪ The Committee met nine times during the triennium. They reviewed sixty (60)
22 documents during the triennium, and 31 of these were recommended to the Board of
23 Directors for approval. A list of those approved is on pages 58-59 of the *Convention*
24 *Workbook*.
- 25 ▪ At this time there are four (4) documents on hand for review.
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27 *(Note: The complete text of the report is included in the protocol copy of these minutes.)*
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30 **LUTHER – REJOICING ON HIS WAY 1**

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32 Pastor Andrew Herzberg of Trinity, Farmington, portrayed Dr. Martin Luther, reading material
33 written by Luther himself. The first reading was from a letter of Luther to his barber.
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36 **FLOOR NOMINATIONS**

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38 President Nadasdy introduced Rev. Joel Haak, Associate Pastor of Trinity, Rochester, and
39 Chair of the 2015 District Nominating Committee, to present the slate of nominees as prepared
40 by the committee. As each slate was presented, the delegates were given an opportunity to
41 nominate additional candidates. The final slates are as follows, with floor nominations
42 indicated as appropriate.
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44 **2015 SLATES OF NOMINATIONS**

45 **Board of Directors-MNS District, Board of Regents-Concordia University, St. Paul,**
46 **Nominations Committees: 2016 Synodical and 2018 District**

1 **DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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3 **President (elect one)**

4 Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

5 Rev. Harold Storm

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7 **Vice President, Region I (elect one)**

8 Rev. Tom Evans

9 Rev. Dr. Robert Gehrke

10 Rev. Christopher Horton

11 Rev. Martin Schoenfeld

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13 **Vice President, Region II (elect one)**

14 Rev. Mark Tewes

15 Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford

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17 **Vice President, Region III (elect one)**

18 Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

19 Rev. David Mumme

20 Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva

21 Rev. Mark Rosenau

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23 **Vice President, Region IV (elect one)**

24 Rev. Gary Klatt

25 Rev. Russell Allan Reed

26 Rev. Harold Storm

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28 **District Secretary (elect one)**

29 Rev. William Otte

30 Rev. Gary Zieroth

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32 **Ordained Minister, Region I (elect one)**

33 Rev. Christopher Horton

34 Rev. John Otte

35 Rev. Martin Schoenfeld

36 Rev. Brian Scoles

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38 **Ordained Minister, Region II (elect one)**

39 Rev. Mark Tewes

40 Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford

41 Rev. Dr. Gary Zieroth

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43 **Ordained Minister, Region III (elect one)**

44 Rev. Armand Boehme

45 Rev. Robert Lentz

46 Rev. David Mumme

- 1 Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva
2 Rev. Jonathan Vollrath
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4 **Ordained Minister, Region IV (elect one)**
5 Rev. Thomas Brown
6 Rev. Wade Daul
7 Rev. Gary Klatt
8 Rev. H. Doug Minton
9 Rev. Eric Nelson
10 Rev. Jon Olson
11 Rev. Russell Allan Reed
12 Rev. Harold Storm
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14 **Commissioned Ministers (elect two)**
15 Mr. Randy Ash
16 Ms. Christine Eid
17 Mr. Leland Huebner
18 Mr. Joel Landskroener
19 Mr. Dan Maser
20 Mr. LaMar Miller
21 Mr. Cletus Pfeiffer
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23 **Lay, East Metro North (elect one)**
24 Mr. Virgil Rose
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26 **Lay, East Metro South (elect one)**
27 Mr. Wayne Gartland
28 Mr. Michael Hagen
29 Ms. Darleen Harens
30 Dr. Gary Elsesser (floor)
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32 **Lay, East Metro East (elect one)**
33 Mr. Calvin Kuhlman
34 Ms. Rosa Summers
35 Mr. Glenn Thiel
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37 **Lay, West Metro West (elect one)**
38 Mr. John R. Branstad
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40 **Lay, Southeast Minnesota East (elect one)**
41 Ms. Kristine Murray
42 Ms. Sara Sorenson
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44 **Lay, Southeast Minnesota West (elect one)**
45 Mr. Ronald R. Frauenshuh, Sr.
46 Mr. Davin Quiram

1 **Lay, Southwest Minnesota East (elect one)**

2 Mr. Lane Nordquist
3 Mr. Ben Hageman (floor)
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5 **Lay, Southwest Minnesota West (elect one)**

6 Ms. Gayle Baumgard
7 Mr. Neal Breitbarth
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10 **BOARD OF REGENTS—CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL, MN**
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12 **Ordained Minister (elect one)**

13 Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin
14 Rev. Dr. Fungchatou Lo
15 Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva
16 Rev. Paul Strawn
17 Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford
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19 **Commissioned Minister (elect one)**

20 Mr. Jason Koosman
21 Dr. Carl Schoenbeck
22 Mr. Paul Steinhaus
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24 **Lay Members (elect two)**

25 Ms. Joy Anderson
26 Ms. Colleen Braun
27 Ms. Kathy Meier
28 Ms. Jocelyn C. Benson (floor)
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31 **2016 SYNODICAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**
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33 **Professional Church Worker and Alternate (elect one each)**

34 Rev. Steven Briel
35 Rev. Dennis L. Heiden
36 Rev. Jesse Krusemark
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39 **2018 DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**
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41 **Ordained Minister (elect four)**

42 Rev. Jeremiah Johnson
43 Rev. Brent Klein
44 Rev. David Markworth
45 Rev. Eric Nelson
46 Rev. Dr. Brent Parrish

- 1 Rev. Martin Schoenfeld
- 2 Rev. Brian Scoles
- 3 Rev. Loel Wessel
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Commissioned Minister (elect one)

- 6 Mr. Michael Harvey
- 7 Ms. Jaclyn Ohmann
- 8 Mr. Kurtis Smith
- 9 Ms. Sarah Wippich
- 10 Mr. David Zellar
- 11 Mr. Leland Huebner (floor)
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Lay Members (elect four)

- 14 Mr. John Etchison
- 15 Mr. Benjamin Hageman
- 16 Mr. Dale Heinz
- 17 Ms. Nancy Kohrs
- 18 Ms. Kristine Murray
- 19 Mr. Hank Radintz
- 20 Mr. Tom Solberg
- 21 Mr. Robert Van Gundy
- 22 Mr. Neil Breitbarth (floor)
- 23 Mr. Glen Meints (floor)
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ORIENTATION TO THE ELECTRONIC RESPONSE SYSTEM

27 President Nadasdy introduced Rev. Dan Ritter, Chairman of the Nominations and Election Committee, who explained the use of the Electronic Response System to the delegates.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEES, Rev. Dan Ritter, Chair

33 Convention Chaplain Randall Neal led the delegates in prayer for the election process.

35 Rev. Joel Haak placed before the convention the slate of candidates for

District President

- 38 Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy **320 votes / 92%**
- 39 Rev. Harold Storm 28 votes / (8%)

40 Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy was elected on the first ballot.

41 Rev. Haak placed before the convention the slate of candidates for

Region I Vice President

	Ballot 1	Ballot 2
44 Rev. Tom Evans	44 / 12.8%	
45 Rev. Dr. Robert Gehrke	161 / 46.9%	212 / 61.4%
46 Rev. Christopher Horton	76 / 22.2%	91 / 26.4%

1 Rev. Martin Schoenfeld 62 / 18.1% 42 / 12.2%
2 Rev. Dr. Robert Gehrke was elected on the second ballot.

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4 Rev. Haak placed before the convention the slate of candidates for
5 **Region II Vice President**

6 Rev. Mark Tewes 168 / 48.6%
7 Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford **178 / 51.4%**
8 Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford was elected on the first ballot.

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10 Rev. Haak placed before the convention the slate of candidates for
11 **Region III Vice President** Ballot 1 Ballot 2 Ballot 3

12 Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin 67 / 19.5% 56 / 16.3 .3%
13 Rev. David Mumme 131 / 38.1% 159 / 46.2% **191 / 55.8%**
14 Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva 37 / 10.8%
15 Rev. Mark Rosenau 109 / 31.7% 129 / 37.5% 151 / 44.2%

16 Rev. David Mumme was elected on the third ballot.

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18 Rev. Haak placed before the convention the slate of candidates for
19 **Region IV Vice President** Ballot 1 Ballot 2

20 Rev. Gary Klatt 124 / 36.8% 156 / 46.2%
21 Rev. Russell Allan Reed 92 / 27.3%
22 Rev. Harold Storm 121 / 35.9% **182 / 53.8%**

23 Rev. Harold Storm was elected on the second ballot

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25 **Ranking of the Vice Presidents**

26 Ballot 1 Ballot 2 Ballot 3 Ballot 4
27 Rev. Robert Gehrke 158 / 46.6% **187 / 54.8%**
28 Rev. David Mumme 71 / 20.9 % 53 / 15.5% 124 / 37.2% **240 / 74.3%**
29 Rev. Harold Storm 30 / 8.8% 34 / 10.2 % 83 / 25.7%
30 Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford 80 / 23.6% 101 / 29.6% **175 / 52.6%**

31 Rev. Robert Gehrke was elected First Vice President on the second ballot; Rev. Dr. Lucas
32 Woodford was elected Second Vice President on the third ballot; Rev. David Mumme was
33 elected Third Vice President on the fourth ballot; Rev. Harold Storm was elected Fourth Vice
34 President on the fourth ballot.

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36 Rev. Haak placed before the convention the slate of candidates for
37 **District Secretary**

38 Rev. William Otte **201 / 59.1%**
39 Rev. Gary Zieroth 139 / 40.9%
40 Rev. William Otte was elected on the first ballot.

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42 Rev. Haak placed before the convention the slate of candidates for
43 **Ordained Minister– Region 1**

44 Ballot 1 Ballot 2 Ballot 3
45 Rev. Christopher Horton 118 / 35.9% 152 / 45.6% **177 / 53.2%**
46 Rev. John Otte 76 / 22.6% 80 / 24%

1 Rev. Martin Schoenfeld 81 / 24.1% 101 / 30.3% 156 / 46.8%

2 Rev. Brian Scoles 61 / 18.2%

3 Rev. Christopher Horton was elected on the third ballot.

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5 Rev. Haak placed before the convention the slate of candidates for

6 **Ordained Minister – Region 2**

7 Rev. Mark Tewes 195 / 57.4%

8 Rev. Dr. Gary Zieroth 145 / 42.6%

9 Rev. Mark Tewes was elected on the first ballot.

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11 Rev. Haak placed before the convention the slate of candidates for

12 **Ordained Minister– Region 3**

13 Ballot 1 Ballot 2 Ballot 3

14 Rev. Armand Boehme 66 / 20.1%

15 Rev. Robert Lentz 81 / 24.6% 122 / 36% 151 / 44.7%

16 Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva 74 / 22.5% 53 / 15.6%

17 Rev. Jonathan Vollrath 108 / 32.8% 164 / 48.5% 187 / 55.3%

18 Rev. Jonathan Vollrath was elected on the third ballot.

19

20 Rev. Haak placed before the convention the slate of candidates for

21 **Ordained Minister– Region 4**

22 Ballot 1 Ballot 2

23 Rev. Thomas Braun 122 / 36.1% 175 / 51.8%

24 Rev. Wade Daul 26 / 7.7%

25 Rev. Gary Klatt 31 / 9.2%

26 Rev. H. Doug Minton 6 / 1.8%

27 Rev. Eric Nelson 57 / 16.96%

28 Rev. Jon Olson 49 / 14.5% 163 / 48.2%

29 Rev. Russell Allan Reed 47 / 13.9%

30 Rev. Thomas Braun was elected on the second ballot.

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33 **PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS**

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35 As Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy addressed the convention, he announced that this will be his last

36 term as District President. He sincerely hopes that the District may be as apolitical as possible.

37 He thanked his wife Susie for her partnership and support during his time as District President.

38 He talked about the preaching panel from Lucas Cranach’s altarpiece in the Stadtkirche in

39 Wittenberg, Germany. He noted the LCMS 500th Reformation celebration theme coming in

40 2017: “It’s Still All About Jesus.” In the scriptures we find that which binds us together and

41 what we confess. Visitation is one thing that makes our church stronger. The “Preach the

42 Word” initiative will receive much emphasis during the next triennium. Dr. Nadasdy wants to

43 help shape a clear vision for Lutheran Education and schools in our district. He encouraged the

44 convention to stand for the truth and boldly take the role of the servant. He will focus on

45 church and school planting during the triennium. He outlined some of the issues coming

46 before the convention and emphasized that we as a Church need to stand for Biblical truth with

1 the Gospel preeminent in the face of a culture that would go another direction.

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3 He indicated these emphases during the new triennium: the “Koinonia Project;” the “Preach
4 the Word” project; visitation; and the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

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7 **GREETINGS**

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9 The convention received warm greetings from Rev. Don Fondow, the president of the
10 Minnesota North District.

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12 The convention also received greetings from the Rev. Dr. Tom Ries, President of Concordia
13 University St. Paul. He explained that the academic theme for the coming school year will be
14 “We Are God’s Workmanship.” He rejoiced that new faces are joining the department of
15 Theology and Ministry. The Hoffman Institute has a new director with a professor of
16 missiology, Rev. Mark Koschmann. He noted the blessings of the work of Rev. Tom
17 Gundermann as University Pastor. Enrollment went over 4,000 students this year. This is the
18 third year of the tuition reset. The University grew in enrollment enough to offset the lower
19 tuition rate. Tuition for next year is just over \$20,000. Without this tuition reset, the annual
20 tuition cost would have been \$30,000 or more. Special support is given to church work
21 students. The Minnesota North District, Minnesota South District, and Concordia University,
22 St. Paul will partner in a Reformation service on October 29, 2017, recognizing the 500th
23 anniversary of the Reformation.

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26 **PRAYER AND RECESS**

27
28 Chaplain Randall Neal led the convention in a before-meal prayer, and the convention was in
29 recess for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

CONVENTION SESSION 2

DEVOTIONAL BIBLE STUDY 2

Chaplain Randall Neal led the liturgical portion of the Devotional Bible Study 2, adapted from Daily Prayer in LSB 296. Rev. Dr. Peter Nafzger led the Devotional Bible Study titled "The Word" based on Acts 8:35.

MISSION VIDEO 3

"Rejoicing in God's Mission – Hosanna Highland, Mankato"

LCMS PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1

Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller, First Vice President of the LCMS, presented the first portion of the LCMS President's Report. The opening prayer and a Bible study on Matthew 16:13 -15 were led by Vice President Mueller and Fifth Vice President Nabil Nour. The brief Bible study was titled, "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

A video report from Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison was shown to the convention.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEES BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CONTINUED...

Rev. Joel Haak placed before the convention the slate of candidates for
Commissioned Ministers (elect two)

	Ballot 1	Ballot 2	Ballot 3
Randy Ash	92 / 30.2%	109 / 32.9%	123 / 37.5%
Christine Eid	47 / 15.4%	68 / 20.5%	80 / 24.4%
Leland Huebner	67 / 22%	99 / 29.9%	125 / 38.1%
Joel Landskroener	47 / 15.4%	55 / 16.6%	
Dan Masser	14 / 4.5%		
LaMar Miller	18 / 5.9		
Cletus Pfeiffer	20 / 6.6		
	Ballot 4	Ballot 5	Ballot 6
Randy Ash	174 / 52.9%		
Christine Eid		115 / 34.6%	161 / 48.8%
Leland Huebner	155 / 47.1%	152 / 45.8%	169 / 51.2%
Joel Landskroener		34 / 10.2%	
Dan Masser		10 / 3%	
LaMar Miller		11 / 3.3%	
Cletus Pfeiffer		10 / 3%	

1 Mr. Randy Ash was elected on the fourth ballot, and Mr. Leland Huebner was elected on the
2 sixth ballot.

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5 **FLOOR COMMITTEE 1: MISSIONS**, Rev. Mark Rosenau, Chair

6
7 **Resolution 1-01 (Overture 1-05; 1-06; 1-07) - To Strengthen and Expand Campus**
8 **Ministry**

9
10 Rev. David Kind, Pastor of University Lutheran Chapel, spoke to the issue of funding
11 University of Minnesota campus ministry. He spoke in support of this resolution.

12
13 Vote on 1-01: **Yes 298 / 92%** No 26 / 8% Resolution 1-01 was adopted.

14
15 **Resolution 1-02 - To Encourage Congregational Support for Planting New Churches**

16
17 A consensus amendment was made to the first line of the first “Whereas” to delete the words
18 “the most” and replace them with the word “an”.

19
20 Please consult the Mission Committee report (*Convention Workbook* page 76) for an
21 explanation of the New Church Incubator method.

22
23 Vote on 1-02: **Yes 248 / 77.5%** No 72 / 22.5% Resolution 1-02 was adopted.

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26 **LUTHER - REJOICING ON HIS WAY 2**

27
28 Pastor Andrew Herzberg of Trinity, Farmington, presented another portion of the writings of
29 Dr. Martin Luther.

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32 **FLOOR COMMITTEE 2: THEOLOGY AND CHURCH RELATIONS**, Rev. Gerhard
33 Bode, Chair

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35 **Resolution 2-01A To Encourage Intentional Leadership in Matters of Public Policy**

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37 Vote on 2-01A: **Yes 267 / 87%** No 40 / 13% Resolution 2-01A was adopted.

38
39 **Resolution 2-02 (Overture 2-01) To Urge Church Members and Elected Officials to**
40 **Value, Exercise, and Protect Our Religious Freedom**

41
42 A consensus amendment was made to strike the word “our” in the first resolved.
43 A consensus amendment was made to strike the word “our” in the title of the Resolution.

44
45 Vote on 2-02: **Yes 298 / 94.6%** No 17 / 5.4% Resolution 2-02 was adopted.

1 **Resolution 2-03A (Overture 2-02) - To Encourage the State of Minnesota to Establish**
2 **Parental Choice Equality in Education Funding**

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4 A motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution by adding to the third “Resolved”
5 after the word “choice;” *“through tuition tax credits, tuition tax deductions, or similar*
6 *methods...”*

7 Vote on amendment: Yes 123 / 40.3% No **182 / 59.7%** The amendment was declined.
8

9 Consensus amendment in the second resolved, first line, to change the word “it” to “State of
10 Minnesota” and to add an “s” to “distribute.”

11
12 Due to the Orders of the Day, the convention moved on to elections. Consideration of 2-03A
13 will continue at a later time.
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16 **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEES**
17 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CONTINUED...**

18
19 Rev. Joel Haak presented the slate of candidates for

20 **Lay, East Metro North**

21 Virgil Rose **283 / 100%**

22 Mr. Rose was elected unanimously on the first ballot.
23

24 **Lay, East Metro South**

Ballot 1

Ballot 2

25 Wayne Gartland

33 / 10.5%

26 Michael Hegen

72 / 22.9%

81 / 25.6%

27 Darleen Harens

69 / 21.9%

70 / 22.1%

28 Dr. Gary Elsesser

141 / 44.8%

166 / 52.4%

29 Dr. Gary Elsesser was elected on the second ballot.
30

31 **Lay, West Metro East**

32 Calvin Kuhlman 70 / 22.2%

33 Rosa Summers **165 / 52.2%**

34 Glenn Thiel 81 / 25.6%

35 Ms. Rosa Summers was elected on the first ballot.
36

37 **Lay, West Metro West**

38 John R. Branstad 266 / 100%

39 Mr. John Branstad was elected unanimously on the first ballot.
40

41 **Lay, Southeast Minnesota East**

42 Kristine Murray 116 / 37.5%

43 Sara Sorenson **193 / 62.5%**

44 Ms. Sara Sorenson was elected on the first ballot.
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1 **Lay, Southeast Minnesota West**

2 Ronald R. Frauenshuh, Sr. 124 / 40%

3 Davin Quiram **186 / 60%**

4 Mr. Davin Quiram was elected on the first ballot.

6 **Lay, Southwest Minnesota East**

7 Lane Nordquist 152 / 48.9%

8 Benjamin Hagemann **159 / 51.1%**

9 Mr. Benjamin Hagemann was elected on the first ballot.

11 **Lay, Southwest Minnesota West**

12 Gayle Baumgard 149 / 46.9%

13 Neal Breitbarth **169 / 53.1%**

14 Mr. Neal Breitbarth was elected on the first ballot.

17 **BOARD OF REGENTS—CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ST. PAUL**

19 **Ordained Minister**

	Ballot 1	Ballot 2	Ballot 3	Ballot 4
20 Larry Griffin	77 / 23.7%	71 / 21.8%	64 / 19.6%	
21 Fungchatou Lo	102 / 31.4%	121 / 37.1%	142 / 43.6%	172 / 53.3%
22 Michael Nirva	69 / 21.2%	82 / 25.2%	120 / 26.8%	149 / 46.4%
23 Paul Strawn	68 / 20.9%	52 / 16%		
24 Lucas Woodford	9 / 2.8%			

26 Rev. Dr. Fungchatou Lo was elected on the fourth ballot.

29 **FLOOR COMMITTEE 3: CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES**, Rev. Dr. Robert Gehrke,
30 Chair

32 **Resolution 3-01 (Overture 3-08, 3-09, 3-10) - To Increase the Number of Assistants to the**
33 **President to Include an Assistant to the President for Education and Commissioned**
34 **Ministers**

36 A motion was made and seconded to substitute Overture 3-10 (*Convention Workbook* pp. 111
37 112) To Retain Four Assistants to the President for Resolution 3-01. The motion is non
38 debatable.

40 Vote to consider the substitute motion: Yes 110 / 34.8% **No 206 / 65.2%**

42 The motion to consider a substitute motion was declined. The original motion came before the
43 floor.

45 A motion was made and seconded to end debate.

46 Vote to end debate: **Yes 283 / 87.9%** No 39 / 12.1% Debate was ended.

1 Vote on 3-01: **Yes 197 / 62.3%** No 119 / 37.7% Resolution 3-01 was adopted.

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3 **Resolution 3-02 (Overture 3-03) - To Continue and Expand the Koinonia Project**
4 **in the Minnesota South District**

5
6 A consensus amendment was approved to substitute “its report” for “overtures...for adoption”
7 in the final “Resolved.”

8
9 A motion was made and seconded to end debate: **Yes 288 / 96%** No 12 / 4%
10 The motion to end debate was adopted.

11
12 Vote on 3-02: **Yes 256 / 82.1%** No 56 / 17.9% Resolution 3-02 was adopted.

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15 **FLOOR COMMITTEE 4: ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**, Rev. Mark Tewes,
16 Chair

17
18 **Resolution 4-01 (Overture 4-01) To Amend Selected Bylaws of the MNS District-LCMS**

19
20 A motion was made and seconded to vote on each “Resolved” section separately.

21
22 Vote: **Yes 273 / 92.5%** No 22 / 7.5% The question will be divided.

23
24 Bylaw 4.3.5 (*Convention Workbook* p. 126) referenced in the first “Resolved” includes term
25 limit changes for President and Circuit Visitor. This first “Resolved” came before the
26 convention.

27
28 A motion was made and seconded to end debate.

29 Vote to end debate: **Yes 288 / 82.1%** No 20 / 6.5% Debate was ended.

30
31 Vote on the term limit “Resolved:” **Yes 230 / 73.2%** No 84 / 26.8%

32 The “Resolved” dealing with term limits was adopted.

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35 **LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND**

36 Mr. Kurt Fuhr, Vice President; Mr. Richard Robertson, President/CEO

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38 Mr. Richard Robertson, President and CEO of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund and Kurt
39 Fuhr, MNS Vice President of LCEF, gave a report on the LCEF activities. LCEF is starting a
40 Credit Union. Mr. Fuhr awarded some door prizes.

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43 **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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45 The offering at the opening service was \$10,958.99, designated for River of Life Mission in St.
46 Peter.

1 Chaplain Randall Neal closed the session with prayer.

1 **CONVENTION SESSION 3**

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3 **LUTHER – REJOICING ON HIS WAY 3**

4
5 Pastor Andrew Herzberg of Trinity, Farmington, presented another portion of the writings
6 of Dr. Martin Luther.

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9 **LCMS PRESIDENT’S REPORT 2 WITH Q AND A**

10
11 Dr. Herbert Mueller, First Vice President of the LCMS, and Rev. Nabil Nour, Fifth Vice
12 President of the LCMS, continued with Part 2 of the LCMS President’s Report. The time was
13 taken up by a Question and Answer session.

14
15 Some informational items that were shared included:

16
17 **MISSION PRIORITIES OF THE LCMS**

- 18 ▪ To plant, sustain, and revitalize Lutheran congregations
- 19 ▪ To support and expand theological education
- 20 ▪ To work with congregations
- 21 ▪ To collaborate with partners
- 22 ▪ To nurture and care for church workers
- 23 ▪ To enhance Christian education at all levels.

24
25 The Board of Directors of the LCMS recently passed an \$81 million balanced budget. At this
26 time Synod has used no funds which were borrowed from itself. A few years ago it had \$16
27 million in borrowed funds.

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30 **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

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32 **BOARD OF REGENTS—CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ST. PAUL**

33
34 Rev. Joel Haak presented before the convention the slate of candidates for
35 **Commissioned Minister**

	Ballot 1	Ballot 2
36 Jason Koosman	69 / 24.7%	
37 Carl Schoenbeck	92 / 33 %	121 / 43.2%
38 Paul Steinhaus	118 / 42.3%	159 / 56.8%

39
40 Mr. Paul Steinhaus was elected on the second ballot.

41
42 **Lay Member (elect two)**

	Ballot 1	Ballot 2
43 Joy Anderson	50 / 18.1%	
44 Colleen Braun	69 / 24.9%	123 / 43.9%
45 Kathy Meier	50 / 18.1%	

1 Jocelyn C. Benson 108 / 39% **157 / 56.1%**
2 Ms. Jocelyn C. Benson was elected on the second ballot.

3 Ballot 3 Ballot 4
4 Colleen Braun 135 / 49.8% **165 / 59.6%**
5 Joy Anderson 85 / 31.4% 112 / 40.4%
6 Kathy Meier 51 / 18.8%

7 Ms. Colleen Braun was elected on the fourth ballot.
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10 **2016 SYNODICAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**
11

12 **Professional Church Worker (elect one)**

13 Ballot 1 Ballot 2
14 Steven Briel **99 / 34.9%** 138 / 48.3%
15 Dennis L. Heiden 114 / 40.1% **148 / 51.7%**
16 Jesse Krusemark 71 / 25%

17 Rev. Dennis Heiden was elected as delegate on the second ballot
18

19 **Alternate Professional Church Worker (elect one)**

20 Steven Briel 189 / 68.5%
21 Jesse Krusemark 87 / 31.5%

22 Rev. Steven Briel was elected as the alternate delegate on the first ballot
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24

25 **2018 DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**
26

27 **Ordained Minister (elect 4)**

28 Ballot 1 Ballot 2 Ballot 3
29 Jeremiah Johnson 65 / 23% 130 / 45.9% **172 / 61.2%**
30 Brent Klein 20 / 7.1%
31 David Markworth 26 / 9.2%
32 Eric Nelson 31 / 11%
33 Brent Parrish 46 / 16.3% 101 / 35.7% 109 / 38.8%
34 Martin Schoenfeld 29 / 10.2%
35 Brian Scoles 22 / 7.8%
36 Loel Wessel 44 / 15.5% 52 / 18.4%

37 Rev. Jeremiah Johnson was elected on the third ballot.
38

39 Ballot 4 Ballot 5
40 Brent Klein 14 / 5%
41 David Markworth 32 / 11.5%
42 Eric Nelson 25 / 9%
43 Brent Parrish 108 / 38.7% **172 / 60.4%**
44 Martin Schoenfeld 19 / 6.8%
45 Brian Scoles 1 / 3.9%
46 Loel Wessel 70 / 25.1% 113 / 39.6%

1 Rev. Dr. Brent Parrish was elected on the fifth ballot

	Ballot 6	Ballot 7	Ballot 8
4 Brent Klein	15 / 5.3%		25 / 8.9%
5 David Markworth	40 / 15.2%		54 / 19.1%
6 Eric Nelson	43 / 15.2%	98 / 34.9%	144 / 51.1%
7 Martin Schoenfeld	33 / 11.7%		37 / 13.1%
8 Brian Scoles	16 / 5.7%		22 / 7.8%
9 Loel Wessel	135 / 47.9%	183 / 65.1%	

10 Rev. Loel Wessel was elected on the seventh ballot. Rev. Eric Nelson was elected on the
11 eighth ballot.

12
13 **Commissioned Minister**

	Ballot 1	Ballot 2
15 Michael Harvey	35 / 12.4%	
16 Jaclyn Ohmann	26 / 9.2%	
17 Kurtis Smith	34 / 12%	
18 Sarah Wippich	49 / 17.3%	110 / 38.9%
19 David Zellar	26 / 9.2%	
20 Leland Huebner	113 / 39.9%	173 / 61.1%

21 Mr. Leland Huebner was elected on the second ballot.

22
23 **Lay Members (elect 4)**

	Ballot 1	Ballot 2	Ballot 3
25 John Etchison	29 / 10.5%		23 / 8.2%
26 Benjamin Hagemann	18 / 6.5%		25 / 9%
27 Dale Heinz	12 / 4.3%		7 / 2.5%
28 Nancy Kohrs	39 / 14.1%	92 / 32.9%	110 / 39.4%
29 Kristine Murray	22 / 7.9%		10 / 3.6%
30 Hank Radintz	6 / 2.2%		1 / 0.4%
31 Tom Solberg	16 / 5.8%		8 / 2.9%
32 Robert Van Gundy	32 / 11.6%	39 / 13.9%	79 / 28.3%
33 Neal Breitbarth	78 / 28.2%	149 / 53.2%	
34 Glen Meints	25 / 9%		16 / 5.7%

35 Mr. Neal Breitbarth was elected on the second ballot.

	Ballot 4	Ballot 5	Ballot 6
38 John Etchison		31 / 11.2%	66 / 23.5%
39 Benjamin Hagemann		22 / 7.9%	69 / 24.6%
40 Dale Heinz		12 / 4.3%	10 / 3.6%
41 Nancy Kohrs	164 / 57.7%		
42 Kristine Murray		31 / 11.2%	78 / 27.8%
43 Hank Radintz		2 / 0.7%	9 / 3.2%
44 Tom Solberg		13 / 4.7%	9 / 3.2%
45 Robert Van Gundy	120 / 42.3%	155 / 55.8%	
46 Glen Meints		12 / 4.3%	40 / 14.2%

1 Ms. Nancy Kohrs was elected on the fourth ballot. Mr. Robert Van Gundy was elected on the
2 fifth ballot.

	Ballot 7	Ballot 8
4 Kristine Murray	121 / 42.8%	147 / 52.7%
5 Benjamin Hagemann	110 / 38.9%	132 / 47.3%
6 John Etchison	52 / 18.4%	

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8 Ms. Kristine Murray was elected on the eighth ballot.

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11 **FLOOR COMMITTEE 4: ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**, Rev. Mark Tewes,
12 Chair

13
14 **Resolution 4-01 – Bylaw Changes (2nd “Resolved”)**

15 Dr. Mark Noren began a review of the second *Resolved* portion of Resolution 4.01, other
16 proposed bylaw changes. Time expired before this could be finished.

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19 **DEVOTIONAL BIBLE STUDY 3**

20
21 Chaplain Randall Neal led the liturgy adapted from Daily Prayer. The theme of the service
22 was baptism. Rev. Thomas Queck, Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, Annandale, MN led the
23 devotional Bible study, “Baptism.”

24
25 The session was adjourned at 9:26 p.m. An ice cream social followed, hosted by the
26 Minnesota South District and LCEF.

1 **SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015**

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3 **CONVENTION SESSION 4**

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5 **MISSION VIDEO 4**

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7 “Rejoicing in God’s Mission – Hmong Outreach”

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10 **DEVOTIONAL BIBLE STUDY 4**

11
12 Chaplain Randall Neal led the liturgical portion of Devotional Bible Study 4 “On Our Way
13 Rejoicing” (Acts 8:39). The Devotional Bible Study was led by Pastor Francis Stephanos,
14 Mekane Yesus Church Fellowship, St. Paul.

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17 **CONVENTION ESSAY 2**

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19 Part two of the convention essay: “On Our Way Rejoicing in Confession and Mission” was
20 presented by Rev. Dr. Will Schumacher, Mission Associate Professor, Historical Theology,
21 and Director, Institute for Mission Studies, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

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24 **GREETINGS**

25
26 Greetings to the convention were received from the following:

- 27
- 28 ▪ LWML District President, Margaret Hesemann (Video)
 - 29 ▪ LLL District President, Kevin Bonine (Video)
 - 30 ▪ Minnesota South District Archivist, Joyce Swedean (Printed)
 - 31 ▪ Camp Omega – Rev. Jon Niebuhr and Randy Ash, camp Board members, reported that
32 \$916,000 has been contributed to the campaign to date.
 - 33 ▪ Lutheran World Relief Representative, Jon Buuck

34
35 **RATIFICATIONS**

36
37 Ratification of Elected Circuit Visitors (*Convention Workbook* p. 200)

38
39 A motion was made and seconded to ratify the list of elected Circuit Visitors

40 Vote: **Yes 245 / 96.8%** No 8 / 3.2% The list was ratified.

41
42 Ratification of Advisory Ordained Minister Delegates to the 2016 Synodical Convention.

43 Advisory delegates were selected by a caucus of Advisory Ordained Ministers held following
44 Session 2 of the convention.

1 Delegates:

2 Rev. Steven Andrews

3 Rev. Robert Krueger

4 Rev. Paul Graff

5 Alternates:

6 Rev. Dr. Richard Carter

7 Rev. Dr. William Utech

8
9 Ratification of Advisory Commissioned Minister Delegates to the 2016 Synodical Convention.

10 Delegates were elected at a caucus of Commissioned Ministers.

11 Dr. Jeffrey Burkart

12 Mr. Gary Loongtjer

13 Mr. Sean Martens

14 Mr. Cletus Pfeiffer

15
16 Motion made and seconded to ratify the Advisory Delegates.

17 Vote: **Yes 250 / 97.3%** No 7 / 2.7% The delegates were ratified.

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20 **FLOOR COMMITTEE 4: ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**, Rev. Mark Tewes,
21 Chair

22
23 Discussion continued on **Resolution 4-01**, which was interrupted near the end of
24 Session 2.

25
26 The proposed bylaw changes which were not presented in Session 3 were reviewed by Rev. Dr.
27 Mark Noren. Many of the changes made by the floor committee were in response to public
28 comments during Open Hearings.

29
30 Bylaw 4.5.18.2.7 (*Convention Workbook* p. 135)

31
32 A motion was made and seconded to amend the bylaw by striking the words “and it shall
33 follow call process guidelines set forth by the district president.”

34
35 Vote to amend: **Yes 201 / 75.3%** No 66 / 24.7% The amendment was adopted.

36
37 Bylaw 4.2.15.6f (*Convention Workbook* p. 125)

38
39 A motion was made and seconded to strike out the words “and any regional offices.”

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41 Vote to strike “and any regional offices”: **Yes 210 / 82%** No 46 / 18%

42 The striking of “and any regional offices” was approved.¹

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46 ¹The Convention’s action on Bylaw 4.2.15.6f may be addressed by the LCMS Committee on
47 Constitutional Matters (CCM).

1 Bylaw 1.12 (*Convention Workbook* p. 116)

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3 A consensus amendment was made that the reference to “synod” should be changed to
4 “LCMS.”

5
6 A motion was made and seconded to stop debate.

7
8 Vote to stop debate: **Yes 242 / 91.7%** No 22 / 8.3%

9 The motion was carried, and debate was ended.

10
11 Vote on the amended resolution: **Yes 256 / 95.2%** No 13 / 4.8%

12 The second “Resolved” of Resolution 4-01 was adopted.

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15 **FLOOR COMMITTEE 3: CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES**, Rev. Dr. Robert Gehrke,
16 chair

17
18 **Resolution 3-03 (Overture 3-07) - To Approve a Feasibility Study for a Special Funding**
19 **Appeal to Support MNS District Education Initiatives**

20
21 Vote on 3-03: **Yes 243 / 92.7%** No 19 / 7.3% Resolution 3-03 was adopted.

22
23 **Resolution 3-04A (Overture 3-01) - To Encourage the Congregations and Individuals of**
24 **the MNS District toward Joyful Formation of and Participation in New Mission Ventures**

25
26 A consensus amendment was approved to add to the second “Resolved” the words “that every
27 congregation of the District be encouraged to....”

28
29 Vote on 3-04A: **Yes 239 / 89.5%** No 28 / 10.5% Resolution 3-04A was adopted.

30
31 **Resolution 3-07 (Overture 3-05) - To Affirm and Actively Engage the Ministry of**
32 **Directors of Christian Education (DCE)**

33
34 A consensus amendment was approved to add to the first “Resolved” “be encouraged to...”

35
36 Vote on 3-07: **Yes 214 / 81.4%** No 49 / 18.6% The amended Resolution 3-07 was adopted.

37
38 **Resolution 3-09 -To Provide District Representative to Assist Lutheran Home School**
39 **Families and Classical Lutheran Schools in finding Resources, Support, and Fellowship**
40 **Opportunities**

41
42 A motion was made and seconded to consider Resolution 3-06A before considering Resolution
43 3-09.

44 Vote on motion: **Yes 49 / 19.4%** **No 204 / 80.6%** The motion was defeated.

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46 Vote on 3-09: **Yes 240 / 92.3%** No 20 / 7.7% The resolution was adopted.

1 A motion was made and seconded to adopt (unread) the following Resolutions:

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3 **Resolution 3-05 (Overture 3-02) - To Thank and Encourage the Board for National**
4 **Mission (BNM)**

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6 **Resolution 3-06A - To Memorialize the Synod to Continue to Urge the Office of National**
7 **Mission to Provide Education and Resources to Assist Districts in Helping Congregations**
8 **to Engage in Vibrant and Active Youth Ministry**

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10 **Resolution 3-08 (Overture 3-04) - To Commend the Synod and District Visitation**
11 **Emphasis**

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13 Vote to adopt 3-05, 3-06A, 3-08: **Yes 204 / 77%** No 61 / 23%
14 These resolutions were adopted.

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17 **FLOOR COMMITTEE 2: THEOLOGY AND CHURCH RELATIONS, Rev. Gerhard**
18 **Bode, Chair**

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20 **Resolution 2-03A (Overture 2-02) - To Encourage the State of Minnesota to Establish**
21 **Parental Choice Equality in Education Funding**

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23 Discussion on this resolution was resumed after being suspended at the end of Convention
24 Session 2 due to the Orders of the Day.

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26 A motion was made and seconded to cease debate.
27 Vote to cease debate: **Yes 229 / 89.8%** No 26 / 10.2% Debate was ended.

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29 Vote on 2-03A: **Yes 231 / 89.5%** No 27 / 10.5% Resolution 2-03A was adopted.

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31 **Resolution 2-04 (Overture 2-04) - To Expand the Process for New Pastor Orientation in**
32 **the MNS District to Include the Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support Program**
33 **(PALS)**

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35 Vote on 2-04: **Yes 223 / 85.5%** No 37 / 14.2% Resolution 2-04 was adopted.

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37 **Resolution 2-05 (Overture 2-06) - To Request Guidance and Support in Matters of**
38 **Marriage and Sexuality**

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40 A motion was made and seconded to cease debate.
41 Vote on 2-05: **Yes 248 / 96.5%** No 9 / 3.5% Debate was ended.

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43 Vote on 2-05: **Yes 234 / 90.3%** No 25 / 9.7% Resolution 2-05 was adopted.

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45 Unfinished resolutions will be considered by the Minnesota South District Board of Directors
46 to see if they should be forwarded to Synod for consideration.

1 **RECOGNITIONS**

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3 Dr. Nadasdy recognized and introduced (where possible) the following:

- 4 ▪ Milestone Church Anniversaries (*Convention Workbook* pp. 52-53) He read the lists of
- 5 those congregations celebrating 100 or more year anniversaries;
- 6 ▪ Missionaries and Chaplains in the District were introduced. (*Convention Workbook* p.
- 7 53);
- 8 ▪ Former District staff: Rev. Dr. Lane Seitz, Ms. Lu Clemmensen; Rev. Dr. Peter Meier;
- 9 Mr. Mike Zimmer;
- 10 ▪ Recipients of the Outstanding Lutheran Educator Awards: Mr. Al Dutcher (2012) and
- 11 Ms. Julie Steinborn (2014);
- 12 ▪ Recipients of the Eugene Bunkowske Missio Dei Award: Rev. Dr. Gene Bunkowske
- 13 (2013) and Dr. Peter Meier (2014);
- 14 ▪ Outgoing First Vice President Rev. Gerhard Bode, after serving three terms;
- 15 ▪ Outgoing Board of Directors Members;
- 16 ▪ Outgoing Circuit Visitors;
- 17 ▪ Rev. Evan Schiller, outgoing Chair, Constitution and Membership Committee
- 18 ▪ Convention personnel

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21 **REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT, Rev. Tom**

22 Evans, Chair

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24	▪ Ordained Minister Delegates:	181
25	▪ Lay Delegates:	188
26	▪ Total Voting Delegates:	369
27	▪ Advisory Delegates:	
28	Assistant or Associate Pastors	20
29	Emeriti Pastors	20
30	Vicars	3
31	DCE, DCO, Deaconesses	4
32	Concordia University St. Paul	7
33	Teachers	3
34	Emeriti Teachers	10
35	District Board of Directors	4
36	District Staff	8
37	Synodical Representatives	2
38	Guests	<u>35</u>
39	Total attending the convention:	485
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42 **LUTHER - REJOICING ON HIS WAY (4)**

43 Pastor Andrew Herzberg of Trinity, Farmington, presented another portion of the writings of

44 Dr. Martin Luther.

1 **CLOSING WORSHIP AND INSTALLATION**

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3 Convention Chaplain Rev. Randall Neal led the convention in a brief closing worship.

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5 Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller, First Vice-President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod,
6 installed Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy to serve as President of the Minnesota South District for the
7 2015-2018 triennium.

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9 Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy installed the following to serve the Minnesota South District during
10 the 2015-2018 triennium:

- 11 ▪ Vice Presidents
- 12 ▪ Circuit Visitors
- 13 ▪ Secretary and Members of the Board of Directors
- 14 ▪ Members of Boards and Committees

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17 **ADJOURNMENT**
18 **OF THE 77TH CONVENTION OF THE MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT - LCMS**

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20 Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy adjourned the convention in the name of the Father and of the Son and
21 of the Holy Spirit at 11:55 a.m.

