

Convention Workbook - Part II



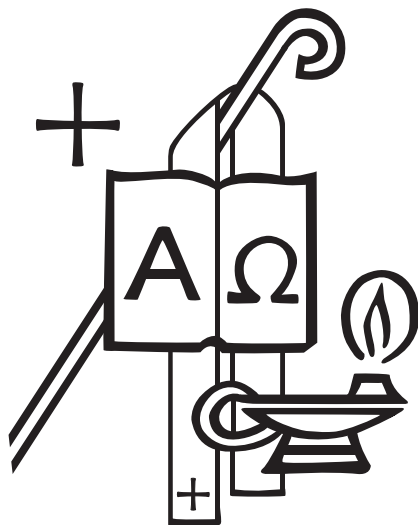
“Imagine ... Living as God’s Forgiven and Forgiving Family”

100th Michigan District Convention

Concordia University Ann Arbor

June 24 - 27, 2012

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Installation of Rev. Christopher R. Bodley

Dear Michigan District Delegates,

This letter comes to you as an invitation to attend the Installation Service scheduled during the District Convention on Tuesday, June 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapel of the Holy Trinity on the campus of Concordia University Ann Arbor. In addition to the installation of officers and board members elected at the Convention, we are privileged to also install Rev. Christopher Bodley who has accepted the call to serve as the Missionary at Large in Detroit for A2E (Acts 2 Enterprise), the Urban Ministry effort for the Michigan District.

Pastor Bodley's gifts and expertise will be most beneficial to the District as he begins his new ministry. In 2003, he was deployed to Iraq with the United States Marines. Upon his return in 2007, the Lord led him to become a church planter. This new congregation, Living Water in Sanford, Fla., is now an intentionally multi-cultural ministry blessed with 302 baptized members. He is an excellent preacher and a visionary leader. Pastor Bodley is a graduate of the Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI) and currently serves as the Florida-Georgia District's Operation Barnabas Coordinator. He is blessed with a very supportive family. His wife, Shikina, served as choir director for the congregation and has a Master's degree in Speech Pathology. They have five sons: Caleb, Kairos, Khanan, Simeon, and Samuel.

Please join us in celebrating and giving thanks to God for the gift of Pastor Bodley's future service to the people in Detroit and the Michigan District.

In His Service,

✱ Rev. David P. E. Maier

Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier, President
Michigan District, LCMS

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AGENDA

Michigan District Convention

June 24 - 27, 2012



Sunday, June 24 – “*IMAGINE...Living as God’s Forgiven and Forgiving Family*”

Time	Activity	Location
1:00-7:00 p.m.	Registration (and after Opening Service until 10:00 p.m.)	Student Union
3:00-5:00	Open Hearings	Krieger Hall
3:00-6:30	Ministry Tent Open	West Campus Parking Lot
4:00-6:00	Music by David Paul Britton	Near Ministry Tent
	<i>Picnic dinner available</i>	
	<i>Sponsored by Lutheran Benefits Group</i>	
5:00-5:30	Delegate Orientation (Option I)	Convention Hall
7:00	Opening Service	Chapel of the Holy Trinity
	The Preacher: Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President	
	<i>Reception following the service</i>	Lawn area outside Chapel

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Monday, June 25 – “*IMAGINE...Living as God’s Forgiveness and Forgiving Family*”
Outwitting Satan, Submitting to One Another

Ministry Tent Open – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Time	Activity	Location
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Cafeteria
7:00-noon	Registration	Student Union
7:30-8:00	Delegate Orientation (Option II)	Convention Hall
8:15-9:00	Opening Devotions The Preacher: Rev. Craig Bickel, Immanuel, Grand Rapids	Chapel of the Holy Trinity
9:10-9:30	Registration Report – Mr. Robert Schafer Official Opening – Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier Introduction of Parliamentarian – Rev. Dr. Raymond Hartwig Adoption of Agenda and Standing Rules Greetings and Welcome from Concordia University Ann Arbor Dr. Patrick Ferry – Concordia University Wisconsin President Orientation – Rev. Robert Appold, Convention Committee Chairman	Convention Hall
9:30-9:45	Committee on New & Revised Constitutions – Rev. Ted Voll Reception of Congregations, Ministers of Religion – Ordained and Commissioned who have joined the Synod in the past triennium (printed report)	
9:45-10:15	District President’s Address Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier	
10:15-10:40	Nominations Committee – Rev. Scott Sommerfeld, Chairman Elections Committee – Rev. Peter Nickel, Chairman Elections of District President/Vice Presidents/Board/Committees, etc.	
10:40-10:55	Break	
10:55-11:00	Introduction of Rev. Mandla Khumalo and Middelburg South Africa History Project	
11:00-noon	Essay/Bible Study – Rev. Mandla Khumalo	
Noon-1:15 p.m.	Lunch/Ministry Tent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caucus for election of Advisory Ordained Delegates to LCMS Convention 	Cafeteria/Riverside Rooms Convention Hall

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Time	Activity	Location
1:15-1:20 p.m.	Devotions Rev. Charles Schulz, Concordia University Ann Arbor	Convention Hall
1:20-1:25	Greetings from St. Louis Seminary – Mr. Paul Gray, Advancement Officer	
1:25-1:30	Greetings from Fort Wayne Seminary – Mr. Gary Nahrwold, Assistant VP - Advancement	
1:30-1:35	Floor Committee II – Administration, Structure, and Constitutional Matters Circuit Realignment Resolution	
1:35-1:40	Ratify Circuit Counselors slate	
1:40-2:25	Bible Study – Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President	
2:25-3:00	Elections continued	
2:50-3:10	Break	
3:10-3:55	Floor Committee I – Theology, Relations, and Practice	
3:55-4:10	District Ministry Survey Questions	
4:10-4:15	Current Ministry Information from Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs) MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term) Lutheran Special Education Ministry	
4:15-4:50	Floor Committee II – Administration, Structure, and Constitutional Matters	
4:50-5:10	District Ministry Presentation	
5:10-5:20	Omnibus Resolutions	
5:20-5:35	Elections continued as needed	
5:35-5:40	Michigan District Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support Rev. Mark Hetzner, Chairman	
5:40-5:45	Closing Devotions – Rev. Scott Benjamin, Resurrection, Detroit	
6:15	Dinner (Pig Roast) Music by Rev. Rennie Kaufmann, Living Word, Plymouth and the Gratitude Steel Drum Band	Outdoor tent near Earhart Manor

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Tuesday, June 26 – “*IMAGINE...Living as God’s Forgiven and Forgiving Family*”
The Whole Building Joined Together – Saints Above and Saints Below

Ministry Tent Open – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Time	Activity	Location
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Cafeteria
8:15-9:15	Memorial Service	Chapel of the Holy Trinity
	The Preacher: Rev. David Fleming, Our Savior, Grand Rapids	
	<i>Brunch following service for family members of those honored at the Memorial Service</i>	Earhart Manor living room
9:30-10:30	Essay/Bible Study – Rev. Mandla Khumalo	Convention Hall
10:30-10:35	Current Ministry Information from Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs)	
	Lutherans For Life	
	Lutheran Heritage Foundation	
10:35-10:50	Break	
10:50-11:25	Floor Committee III – Mission, Ministry, and Church Extension Fund	
11:25-11:35	<i>The Future is Now</i> – Mr. Ray Zavada, Assistant to the President - Development	
11:35-11:45	District Ministry Survey Questions	
11:45-Noon	Church Extension Fund – Mr. Ronald Steinke, President and CEO	
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch/Ministry Tent	Cafeteria/Riverside Rooms
1:30-1:35	Devotions	Convention Hall
	Rev. Philip Penhallegon, St. Paul, Milan	
1:35-1:55	Floor Committee I – Theology, Relations, and Practice	
1:55-2:00	Lutheran High Schools in Michigan Report	
2:00-2:20	Q and A Time – Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President	
2:20-3:00	Floor Committee II – Administration, Structure, and Constitutional Matters	
3:00-3:20	Concordia University Ann Arbor – Dr. Patrick Ferry	
3:20-3:35	Break	
3:35-3:55	Floor Committee III – Mission, Ministry, and Church Extension Fund	
3:55-4:35	Lutheran Child & Family Service/Lutheran Homes of Michigan	
	Dr. Robert Miles/Mr. David Gehm	
4:35-4:45	Lutheran Women’s Missionary League – Cheri Fish, Michigan District President	

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
4:45-4:55 p.m.	Lutheran Laymen's League – John Raffel, Governor of Region Nine, Int. LLL	
4:55-5:00	Closing Devotion – Rev. David Reed, Grace, Auburn	
5:15	Dinner	
6:30	Service of Installation	Chapel of the Holy Trinity
	The Preacher: Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier, District President	
	<i>Picture taken of Convention delegates</i>	Lawn area outside Chapel
	<i>Ice Cream Social for everyone to welcome newly elected officers, board members, and circuit counselors</i>	
	<i>Sponsored by Concordia Plan Services</i>	

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Wednesday, June 27 – “*IMAGINE...Living as God’s Forgiveness and Forgiving Family*”
Building Up In Love...Imitating Christ

Time	Activity	Location
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Cafeteria
8:15-8:30	Opening Devotions Rev. Christopher Bodley, Missionary at Large in Detroit for A2E	Convention Hall
8:30-9:30	Essay/Bible Study – Rev. Mandla Khumalo	
9:30-10:00	Mission U Presentation/Introduction – Mr. Richard Cohrs, Mission U Curriculum Advisor	
10:00-10:05	Current Ministry Information from Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs) LATINO Ministry Lutheran Braille Workers	
10:05-10:15	Break	
10:15-10:45	Floor Committee wrap-up	
10:45-10:55	Treasurer’s Report Mr. William Young, Treasurer Mr. Chad Woltemath, Assistant to the President - Business/Finance	
10:55-11:25	LCMS Report, Q and A Time – Rev. Dr. Paul Maier, LCMS Vice President	
11:25-11:45	Closing of the Convention Final Registration Report – Mr. Robert Schafer Prayer and Adjournment – Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier	
Noon	Service of Sending The Preacher: Rev. Randy Duncan, Living Word, Plymouth	Chapel of the Holy Trinity
	Buffet Lunch – boxes available to go	Cafeteria

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Section 2 - 2012 Proposed Special Standing Rules

1. The Convention shall adopt the Tentative Daily Agenda printed in the Convention Workbook – Part II.
2. The chair shall see that the agenda is followed as closely as possible.
3. Resolutions of each floor committee shall be prioritized by number and shall normally be presented in the numerical sequence published in the Convention Workbook – Part II.
4. Each member of the convention, when recognized by the chair, shall state his name, the name of his congregation or administrative unit he represents, and the city or town where it is located.
5. Any person eligible to speak is limited to one time on any given issue and to two minutes except for the person or committee who made the motion who will be entitled to two minutes after debate is closed.
6. A delegate who speaks on an issue may not move to call the question at the close of his or her speech.
7. While any voting delegate may call the question at any time, after every 30 minutes of debate on any one motion there shall be an automatic call of the question by the chair.
8. Instead of only a voice vote on motions before the convention, the chair may also call for a keypad vote or raising of the right hand.
9. If a substitute motion is offered and seconded, the presenter shall be offered two minutes to provide the rationale for offering it and a member of the floor committee shall be offered two minutes to present rationale for not considering the proposed substitute, after which the convention shall decide by majority vote without further debate whether or not to consider the substitute.
 - If the decision is in the affirmative and if the substitute motion is subsequently adopted, the original motion fails.
 - If the substitute motion does not receive favorable action either to consider or to adopt, the original motion is again considered. (This is an adaptation of the so-called “Behnken Rule” for addressing substitute motions used at the Synodical Convention.)
10. Whenever possible, substitute resolutions and amendments to proposed resolutions shall be submitted to the Secretary in advance of the proposed resolutions introduction to the convention. When this is not possible, a written copy of the proposed substitute motion or amendment shall be provided to the Secretary immediately after it is offered from the floor.
11. Any amendment exceeding ten (10) words must be submitted in writing to the chair.
12. A motion to close debate (“call the question”) shall apply only to the immediately pending question.
13. Questions of privilege shall be addressed in writing to the chair, or its appointee, instead of consuming convention time.
14. In the sessions of the last day, the chair shall have the privilege of calling up for action resolutions which in his judgment must be acted upon by the convention before adjournment.

15. Out of respect for others, and in order to promote an orderly and non-distracting convention atmosphere, the following guidance shall apply to the use, and area of use, of electronic equipment, including wired and wireless communication devices, laptops, tablets, cell phones, smart phones, pagers, PDAs, or other similar devices. **In all cases where use is permitted, the sound producing capabilities of such devices shall not be used.** (NO personal extension cords will be allowed on the convention floor.) Please see Chart below.

Attendees in Convention Hall	Type of Usage Permitted In Designated Area			
	Voice	Text Message	Laptop Computers for communication, e.g. email or Internet, etc.	Laptop Computers - no communication, e.g. email or Internet, etc.
Voting & Advisory Delegates	No	No	No	Yes
BOD & Special Guests	No	Yes, convention business only	Yes	Yes
All Other Guests	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Convention Staff	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

16. The Convention will be streamed via an online service that both broadcasts and archives the video and audio of the proceedings. Portions of the convention will be made available online for post-convention on-demand viewing. **Participant Release:** Participants who choose to engage in the proceedings of the convention give the Michigan District, LCMS implicit permission to record, broadcast, transcribe, and publish the audio and video. No releases are required.

- **Recording Authorization:** Unauthorized audio and/or video recordings of the Convention proceedings are strictly prohibited. Permission to record must be sought prior to the recording process. Private recording is not allowed without written permission. The Convention Chair is authorized to request that the recording be stopped.
- **Transcriptions:** Approval must be obtained from Convention Chair with the understanding that the recording is ONLY for transcription purpose unless otherwise cleared (as in the policy above).
- **Transcription Publication:** Publication of any record requires the approval of all participants whose material is represented in the record. Permission request and subsequent authorization is the exclusive responsibility of the requester.
- **Copyright:** The Michigan District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod maintains ownership of the copyright.

17. No new business or motion for reconsideration may be offered on the last day of the Convention. New business includes, but not exhaustively, substitute motions and original overtures.
18. Unless covered by these Special Standing Rules, parliamentary procedure shall be governed by the most recent edition of *Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised*.

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NOMINATIONS 2012

* = Incumbent

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

(Vote for 1)

Dean M. Davenport

14175 Farmington, Livonia MI 48154

Age 47

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Christ Our Savior, Livonia

Education: Michigan State University; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Trinity, Reed City; Senior Pastor-Christ Our Savior, Livonia

District: Co-Chair and current Chair of Professional Church Workers' Conference; District Convention Floor Committee

Synod: Convention Delegate

Community: Livonia Woods Nursing Home Worship Chaplain; LHM Men's Retreat Chaplain

David C. Fleming

1888 Ridgemoor Dr SE, Grand Rapids MI 49506

Age 52

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Our Savior, Grand Rapids

Education: Drake University, Des Moines; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Good Shepherd, Warrenville, Ill.; Senior Pastor-Our Savior, Grand Rapids

Circuit: Circuit Secretary; West MI Lutheran HS Exploratory Committee Secretary

District: Northern Illinois District Youth Board; Church Professionals Recruitment Committee; NID Central Regional Pastors' Conference President; Michigan District West Region Pastors' Conference Chairman

Community: Warrenville Persons in Ministry Secretary; Michigan Assoc. of Non-public Schools 2011 Rev. John B. Zwiers Award

Other: LLL Zone Counselor; LWML Zone Counselor; Lutherans For Life Counselor; Commission on Worship Institute on Liturgy Committee; Lutheran Service Book Lectionary Subcommittee for Preaching & Church Music; West MI Lutheran HS Board of Directors

***David P. E. Maier**

7108 Ryan St, Whitmore Lake MI 48189

Age 56

Current Position: President, Michigan District

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Our Savior, Marlette; Associate Pastor-St. Peter, Arlington Heights Ill.; Administrative Pastor-Our Savior, Lansing; District President

Circuit: Mission Representative; Circuit Counselor

District: President; Vice President; Family Life Board; Circuit Counselor Conference Chairman; Board of Directors; 125th Anniversary Steering Committee

Synod: Convention Delegate; Convention Floor Committee on Worship Matters; Council of Presidents

Community: Kiwanis Club

Other: LWML Pastoral Advisor; Concordia University Ann Arbor Advisory Board

Donald O. Neuendorf

411 Pine Brae Dr, Ann Arbor MI 48105

Age 54

Current Position: Senior Pastor-St. Paul, Ann Arbor

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia University Nebraska; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne; M.S. OLA Concordia, Ann Arbor

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-St. John, Black River Falls, Wis.; Pastor-Immanuel, Saginaw; Senior Pastor-St. Paul, Ann Arbor

District: North Wisconsin District Board of Parish Services; Michigan District All Pastors' Conference Chairman

Community: Lutheran Homes of Michigan Board of Directors; Lutheran Child & Family Service Board of Directors; Lutherans for Life

Robert M. Zagore

1003 S Maple St, Traverse City MI 49684

Age 50

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Trinity, Traverse City

Education: Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Hope, Stanton; Senior Pastor-St. Paul, Niles; Senior Pastor-Trinity, Traverse City

Circuit: Mission Council Chairman; Evangelism Committee Chairman; Circuit Counselor

District: Michigan District West Region Pastors' Conference Chairman; Barnabas Mission Society Board Chairman

Synod: Convention Delegate; President's Roundtable Member

Community: Greater Niles Community Development Corporation Board of Directors; St. Joseph & Berrien County Guardianship Board; Stanton Youth League Board of Directors

Other: Logia Editor: A Journal of Lutheran Theology; Friends of Mercy Mission Society Chairman; Lutheran Laymen's' League Area Counselor; Lutheran Women's Missionary League Zone Counselor

**VICE PRESIDENT - Metro East Region
(Vote for 1)**

***John M. Duerr**

31415 Saratoga, Warren MI 48093

Age 53

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Hope, Warren

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Missionary at Large-Florida-Georgia District; Pastor-St. Peter, Lodi, Calif; Pastor-Concordia, Cerritos, Calif.; Senior Pastor-Hope, Warren
Circuit: Circuit Coordinator for The Future in Now
District: Board of Youth; District Stewardship Committee; John Herrmann Award Chairperson; Continuing Education Committee; Youth Gathering Chairperson; Great Commission Convocation Chairperson; Vice President; President's Representative to the CEF Board of Trustees; Board of Directors
Community: Warren Consolidated School District Health Committee member; Local Radio and TV presenter; Mayor's Ministerial Alliance member; Presenter for the local Right to Life, Adoption Agencies, and Abstinence Task Force

Norman A. Koy

44750 Brockton, Sterling Heights MI 48314

Age 59

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Trinity, Utica

Education: Concordia University Chicago; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort. Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher/DCE-St. John, Cleveland, Ohio; Senior Pastor-St. Paul, Napoleon, Ohio; Senior Pastor-Trinity, Utica
Circuit: Circuit Counselor
District: Youth Board; Commission on Continuing Education; Michigan District South & East Region Pastors' Conference Chairman; Board of Directors
Synod: National Youth Gathering Community Life Builder;
Community: Sheriff's Dept. Chaplain; Police and Fire Depts Chaplain; Community Theater Community Foundation Board; Henry County Hospital Board of Ethics
Other: LWML Zone Counselor; Lutheran Layman's League; International Critical Incident Stress Foundation; American Association of Christian Counselors; Lutheran Education Association

**VICE PRESIDENT - Metro West Region
(Vote for 1)**

Paul M. Moldenhauer

2020 S Commerce, Walled Lake MI 48390

Age 56

Current Position: Senior Pastor-St. Matthew, Walled Lake

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-First, Charlotte; Senior Pastor-St. Matthew, Walled Lake
Circuit: Program Chairman; Evangelism Representative
District: Board of Evangelism; Great Commission Convocation Coordinator; Mission & Ministry Commission; Board of Directors
Synod: Convention Delegate
Community: Charlotte Schools Citizens Advisory Board; Rotary Club
Other: Lutherans For Life Advisor; Japanese Ministry Association

Donald O. Neuendorf

411 Pine Brae Dr, Ann Arbor MI 48105

Age 54

Current Position: Senior Pastor-St. Paul, Ann Arbor

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia University Nebraska; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne; M.S. OLA Concordia, Ann Arbor

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-St. John, Black River Falls, Wis.; Pastor-Immanuel, Saginaw; Senior Pastor-St. Paul, Ann Arbor
District: North Wisconsin District Board of Parish Services; Michigan District All Pastors' Conference Chairman
Community: Lutheran Homes of Michigan Board of Directors; Lutheran Child & Family Service Board of Directors; Lutherans For Life

VICE PRESIDENT - North and East Region
(Vote for 1)

***Mark D. Brandt**

9042 W Tuscola, Frankenmuth MI 48734

Age 57

Current Position: Lead Pastor-St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-St. John, Beemer, Neb.; Pastor - Trinity, Buchanan; Lead Pastor-St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

Circuit: Circuit Counselor

District: Michigan District North & East Region Pastors' Conference Chairman; Mission and Ministry Commission; Board of Directors; Vice President

Community: Little League Coach; AYSO Soccer referee; Rotary Club President

Other: LLL Zone Counselor Advisor

Stephen P. Starke

1704 Amelith Rd, Bay City MI 48706

Age 56

Current Position: Pastor-St. John, Amelith (Bay City)

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia University Chicago; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Assistant Pastor-St. John, Chicago, Ill.; Pastor-Grace, Middletown, Conn.; Pastor-St. John, Amelith (Bay City)

Circuit: Circuit Counselor

District: Vice President, Worship Commission; Convention Committee for Worship

Synod: Pastoral Delegate

Community: Right to Life Board of Directors; Preschool Director

Other: Hymnody Committee for LSB Chairman; Hymn Author

VICE PRESIDENT - West Region
(Vote for 1)

***David A. Davis**

1895 Penobscot, Okemos MI 48864

Age 54

Current Position: Senior Pastor-St. Luke, Haslett

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Washington University, St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-St. Matthew, Spring Lake; Associate Pastor-St. Paul, Trenton; Senior Pastor-Immanuel, Grand Rapids; Senior Pastor-St. Luke, Haslett

Circuit: Mission Coordinator; West MI Lutheran HS Exploratory Committee

District: Church Planter of Lakeshore, Spring Lake and Grace, Coopersville; Board for Mission Development Chairman; Task Force on Reorganization; Ablaze Coordinator; Ablaze Torch Relay; Michigan District West Region Pastors' Conference Chairman; Lutheran Adult Gathering Committee; Vice President; Board of Directors Chairman

Synod: Convention Delegate

Community: Health Advisory Committee; Downtown Pastors' Group; Area Clergy Cluster

Other: LLL Retreat Chaplain; CEF Representatives' Conference Chaplain; Lutheran Adult Gathering Sectional Leader; Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Participant

David C. Fleming

1888 Ridgemoor Dr SE, Grand Rapids MI 49506

Age 52

Current Position: Senior Pastor, Our Savior, Grand Rapids

Education: Drake University, Des Moines; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Good Shepherd, Warrenville, Ill.; Senior Pastor-Our Savior, Grand Rapids

Circuit: Circuit Secretary; West MI Lutheran HS Exploratory Committee Secretary

District: NID Youth Board and Church Professionals Recruitment Committee; NID Central Region Pastors' Conference President; Michigan District West Region Pastors' Conference Committee Chairman

Community: Warrenville Persons in Ministry Secretary; Michigan Association of Non-public Schools 2011 Rev. John B. Zwiers Award

Other: LLL Zone Counselor; LWML Zone Counselor; Lutherans For Life Zone Counselor; Commission on Worship Institute on Liturgy Committee; Preaching, & Church Music; Lectionary Subcommittee for Lutheran Service Book; West MI Lutheran HS Board of Directors.

DISTRICT SECRETARY
(Vote for 1)

***David Reed**

307 W Ruth St, Auburn MI 48611

Age 61

Current Position: Pastor-Grace, Auburn

Education: Concordia University Nebraska; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher-Trinity, Fremont Neb.; Pastor-Prince of Peace, Crystal Lake, Ill.; Pastor-Trinity, Indianapolis, Ind.; Pastor-Grace, Auburn

Circuit: Circuit Counselor; Circuit Coordinator for The Future is Now

District: Secretary; Board for Christian Care

Synod: Introductory Committee for Lutheran Service Book; Convention Delegate

Community: Lions Club

Other: Lutherans For Life Convention Chair; Lutheran High School Board of Directors

Cameron Steele

1445 Eudora Dr, Caro MI 48723

Age 53

Current Position: Pastor-St. Paul, Caro

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Hazel Park, Hazel Park; Pastor-St. Paul, Caro

Circuit: Hospice Chaplain

Community: Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative mentor

Other: LWML District Counselor

DISTRICT TREASURER
(Vote for 1)

***William Young**

8969 – 24th Ave, Jenison MI 49428

Age 67

Current Position: Retired Banker – Commercial Loans

Home Congregation: Holy Cross, Jenison

Education: College

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Vestry; Bethel Teacher

District: Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Metro East Region

Ordained Ministers (Vote for 1)

Greg Griffith

39423 Baroque Blvd, Clinton Township MI 48038

Age 34

Current Position: Associate Pastor-Immanuel, Macomb

Education: Concordia University, Irvine, Calif.; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Pastor

Other: LWML Zone Counselor; Lutheran High School Association Board of Directors; Thrivent North
Macomb Chapter President

***Norman Koy**

44750 Brockton, Sterling Heights MI 48314

Age 59

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Trinity, Utica

Education: Concordia University Chicago; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Pastor

Circuit: Circuit Counselor

District: Youth Board; Commission on Continuing Education; Michigan District South & East Region
Pastors' Conference Chairman; Board of Directors

Synod: National Youth Gathering Community Life Builder

Community: Sheriff's Dept Chaplain; Police and Fire Depts Chaplain; Community Theater Community
Foundation Board; Henry County Hospital Board of Ethics

Other: LWML Zone Counselor; Lutheran Layman's League; International Critical Incident Stress
Foundation; American Association of Christian Counselors; Lutheran Education Association

Commissioned Ministers (Vote for 1)

Natalie Haupt

49567 Schoenherr, Shelby Township MI 48315

Age 32

Current Position: Teacher-Lutheran High School North, Macomb

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor

Home Congregation: Immanuel, Macomb

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Bible Study Instructor; Choir Member; Small Group Bible Study

Other: Stephen Minister; Student Council Advisor

Mark Nimtz

1127 Shadow Dr, Troy MI 48085

Age 53

Current Position: Director of Family Life Ministries-Our Shepherd, Birmingham

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor

Home Congregation: Our Shepherd, Birmingham

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Director of Family Life Ministries; Communion Elder

District: Family & Children's Ministry Task Force

Community: Volunteer Oakland County Republicans; Crisis Care Network Incident & Trauma Specialist; International Critical Incident Stress Foundation

Other: Lutheran High School Association; Thrivent Advocate; American Association of Marriage Family Therapists; American Association of Christian Counselors

Layperson (Vote for 2)***Stephen Boergert**

5439 Bristol Parke, Clarkston MI 48348

Age 53

Current Position: Business owner, Consulting firm

Education: San Diego State University; University of Phoenix

Home Congregation: Cross Of Christ, Bloomfield Hills

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Congregation Chairman; Church Council Member; Elder; Finance Committee

District: Board of Directors Vice-Chairman

Synod: Convention Delegate

Community: Condo Association Board of Directors President; High School Wrestling Coach

Other: Haiti Lutheran Mission Society Board of Directors

Willard Ducharme

12959 LaSalle Ln, Huntington Woods MI 48070

Age 62

Current Position: Attorney

Education: Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo; Detroit College of Law

Home Congregation: Huntington Woods, Huntington Woods

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Finance Committee Chairman; President; Pre-school Board of Directors

District: Convention Delegate

Synod: Convention Delegate

Other: Coordinated Tri-Circuit meetings of Detroit congregations to discuss urban challenges; Provided counsel to LCMS congregations regarding a multi-state Ponzi scheme

Eileen Hirsack

3084 Avalon, Rochester Hills MI 48309

Age 64

Current Position: Worship Coordinator/Administrative Assistant

Home Congregation: Gethsemane, Rochester Hills

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Worship Coordinator; Media Bell Choir; Youth Bible Study; Board of Stewardship; Evangelism;
Social Ministries

Other: Angel Food Ministries

John Wulff

3131 Gemini Dr, Sterling Heights MI 48314-3175

Age 59

Current Position: Test Lab Technician

Education: Macomb College

Home Congregation: Hope, Warren

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Deacon; Shut-in Calls; Hospital Visitation

West Region***Ordained Ministers (Vote for 1)*****Craig Bickel**

4675 Oakwright Dr NE, Ada MI 49301

Age 45

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Immanuel, Grand Rapids

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Pastor

District: Family Ministry Board; Lutheran High School Association Board; Michigan District West Region
Pastors' Conference Committee

Community: Grace 'Fest Musical Festival

Other: Mission Trip Leader to China and Vietnam; Thrivent Financial Board; VanAndel Institute Bio-Safety Committee

David Rufner

8305 Stonington Dr, Jenison MI 49428

Age 34

Current Position: Pastor-New Hope, Hudsonville

Education: Concordia University Chicago; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Pastor

Commissioned Ministers (Vote for 1)

Ivan Beethe

3795 Brambleberry Dr NW, Comstock Park MI 49321

Age 57

Current Position: Teacher/Principal-Trinity, Conklin

Education: Concordia University Nebraska

Home Congregation: Trinity, Conklin

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Teacher; Principal; Bible Class and Confirmation Class Teacher

District: Board of Education; Children's Ministry Committee

Community: Library Trustee

***Richard Krueger**

1659 Diamond Ct NE, Grand Rapids MI 49505

Age 50

Current Position: Parish Assistant-Messiah, Grand Rapids

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Alma College, Alma

Home Congregation: Messiah, Grand Rapids

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Parish Assistant

District: Board of Directors

Community: Grand Rapids Symphony Chorus; Degage Ministries Volunteer

Other: Concordia University Ann Arbor Board of Regents; West MI Lutheran HS Fine Arts Committee;
Association of Lutheran Church Musicians reviewer

Layperson (Vote for 2)

***Ruth Martin**

2715 Oakwood Dr SE, Grand Rapids MI 49506

Age 56

Current Position: Senior Vice-President and General Counsel

Education: Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti; University of Dayton School of Law

Home Congregation: St. Matthew, Grand Rapids

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Board of Directors; Advanced Commitments Team for Capital Campaign; Women's Bible Study;
Small Group Bible Study; Worship Committee Chairperson

District: Board of Directors; Ohio District Development Director; Finance Committee

Community: Precinct Chairperson; Licensed Attorney

Paul Pillsbury

7175 North Noffke Dr, Caledonia MI 49316-8805

Age 73

Current Position: Retired State Farm Agent

Education: Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti

Home Congregation: St. Mark, Kentwood

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Board of Directors Chairman; Elder

District: Convention Delegate; 125th Anniversary Steering Committee

Synod: Convention Delegate

Other: Lutheran Child & Family Service Board Chairman; Lutheran Layman's League Michigan District President; International Lutheran Layman's League Board of Governors

***John Raffel**

429 Marion Ave, Big Rapids MI 49307

Age 56

Current Position: Sports Writer

Education: Ferris State University

Home Congregation: St. Peter's, Big Rapids

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Elder; Congregation Chairman; Board of Evangelism

District: Board of Directors

Other: Lutheran Layman's League Big Rapids Zone President; International Lutheran Layman's League Board of Governors

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LCMS Rostered persons (Vote for 1)

***Joel Hoyer**

250 E Cleveland, Coopersville MI 49404

Age 52

Current Position: Pastor-Grace, Coopersville

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Immanuel, Eagle, Neb.; Pastor-Grace, Coopersville

District: Church Extension Fund Board of Directors; Church Extension Fund Advanced Sites Committee; Michigan District West Region Pastors' Conference Chairman; Stewardship Board; Vision Planning Team; Conflict Redemption Team

Community: Coopersville Public Schools - Strategic Planning Committee, Character Education Committee, and Reproductive Health Committee; Organized National Day of Prayer for Coopersville; Eagle Vision Planning Committee

Other: Co-Author of Adult Confirmation Course "Fit for Life in Christ"

***Michael Lutz**

8665 Elizabeth Ann St, Shelby Township MI 48317

Age 65

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Immanuel, Macomb

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Trinity, Jasper, Minn.; Pastor-St. John, Northbrook, Ill.; Senior Pastor-Immanuel, Macomb

Circuit: Circuit Counselor

District: Evangelism and Church Growth Board Chairman; District Program Committee of Pastoral Conference; Mission and Ministry Commission Chairman; Church Extension Fund Board Vice-Chairman

Synod: Evangelism through Christian Day School Task Force; Great Commission Convocation Presenter

Community: Volunteer Ambulance Department; Civic Club; Pipestone Ministerial Association President; Ministerial Association Vice-President; St. John Hospital Community Advisory Committee

Other: Pastoral Leadership Institute Mentor

***Ian McDonald**

14844 Inkster Rd, Redford MI 48239

Age 60

Current Position: Guidance Director-Lutheran High School Northwest, Rochester Hills

Home Congregation: Living Word, Rochester

Education: Concordia University Chicago; Chicago State University, Chicago

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher/Principal-Zion, Decatur, Ind.; Teacher/Principal-Immanuel, Richton Park, Ill.; Teacher-Luther South, Chicago, Ill.; Teacher-Luther East, Lansing, Ill.; Teacher-Lutheran East, Cleveland, Ohio; Teacher-Faith, Hialeah, Fla.; Teacher-St. John's, Buckley, Ill.; Teacher/Principal-Fox Valley, Elgin, Ill.; Guidance Director-Lutheran High School Northwest, Rochester Hills

District: Church Extension Fund Board Secretary

Laypersons (Vote for 3)

Alan Dominick

4431 Copperhill, Okemos MI 48864

Age 67

Current Position: Retired Attorney

Home Congregation: St. Luke, Haslett

Education: Michigan State University, Lansing; University of Chicago Law School

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Education Chairman, Elder Chairman; Stewardship Chairman; President; Vice-President

District: Convention Delegate

Synod: Convention Delegate

Community: Meridian Community Band Treasurer

Other: Legal expertise in corporate and securities, municipal bonds, real estate and commercial litigation

David Eberhard

28790 Coleridge, Harrison Township MI 48045

Age 43

Current Position: Attorney

Home Congregation: Historic Trinity, Detroit

Education: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; University of Detroit Law School

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Vestry member

Community: Council Member; Business Law Section; State Bar of Michigan

Other: Lutheran Heritage Foundation Board Secretary

Tim Haberling

3418 Nobb Hill Dr, Hudsonville MI 49426

Age 45

Current Position: Business Banking - Fifth Third Bank

Home Congregation: New Hope, Hudsonville

Education: Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Treasurer; Board of Elders; Congregation Chairman

W. Lee Morrill

5165 Two Mile Rd, Bay City MI 48706

Age 67

Current Position: Retired from Covenant Hospital, Saginaw

Home Congregation: Zion, Bay City

Education: Michigan State University, Lansing

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Chairman; Board of Elders; Zion Trust Fund Chairman; Board of Education; Treasurer

Community: Saginaw Medical Federal Credit Union Board Member

Other: Bay Crosswalk Committee; Bay/Saginaw Good Friday Committee

Jeff Roscoe

1620 Freeland Rd, Bay City MI 48706

Age 55

Current Position: Chief Financial Officer – Wholesale Lumber Distribution

Home Congregation: Faith, Bay City

Education: Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Salary & Benefits Committee Chairman; Board of Education Chairman; Treasurer; Elder

Community: United Way of Bay County Allocations Committee

Other: Valley Lutheran High School Board Member

Richard Schroeder

11690 Dailey Rd, Carson City MI 48811

Age 59

Current Position: Retired Senior Vice President of Commercial Lending & Capital Markets, Greenstone Farm Credit Services

Home Congregation: Calvary, Carson City

Education: Michigan State University, Lansing

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Elder; Financial Secretary; President; Treasurer

Community: Bloomer Township Planning and Zoning Commissions

Brad Thomas

19796 McKishnie St, Clinton Township MI 48035

Age 56

Current Position: Financial Planner

Home Congregation: St. Peter's, Eastpointe

Education: Oakland University, Rochester; Macomb Community College, Warren

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Vice-Chairman; Deacon

District: Convention Delegate

Community: Lutheran Luncheon Club of Metro Detroit President; Clinton Grove Cemetery Association President; Peoples Trust Credit Union Asset-Liability-Management Committee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 2012 MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION

Metro East Region

Ordained Ministers (Vote for 1)

***Thomas Fischer**

2930 Hessel Ave, Rochester Hills MI 48307

Age 54

Current Position: Pastor-Gethsemane, Rochester Hills

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Pastor; Bell Choir, Music, and Choir Director

Circuit: St. Paul, Pontiac Mission Committee; Midland Circuit Mission Council

Synod: LCEF Regional Consultant

Community: Right to Life

Craig Meyer

14969 Clemson, Sterling Heights MI 48313

Age 59

Current Position: Associate Pastor-Shepherd's Gate, Shelby Township

Education: Concordia University Chicago; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Pastor

Community: Police Chaplain

Commissioned Ministers (Vote for 1)

***Terry Davis**

23775 – 24 Mile Rd, Macomb MI 48042

Age 65

Current Position: Retired Lutheran Principal

Education: Concordia University Chicago

Home Congregation: St. Peter, Macomb

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Bible Class Teacher; Shut-in Ministry; Organize member visits through elders

District: Michigan District Principals' Conference Committee Chairman; S & E Teachers' Conference Committee; Macomb Principals

Community: Hunter Safety Instructor

Other: Lutheran Special Education Ministries Board of Directors; Lutherans For Life School Representative

David Waltz

17327 Knollwood Ct, Clinton Township MI 48038

Age 55

Current Position: Principal

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia University Nebraska

Home Congregation: St. John, Fraser

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: School Administration; Church Bible Studies; Fellowship

District: Macomb Principals' Chairman; Bay-Midland School Committee Representative; Accreditation Commission

Community: Thrivent Macomb East Chapter President

Layperson (Vote for 1)***Philip Fluegge**

14419 Knightsbridge, Shelby Township MI 48316

Age 52

Current Position: Investment Advisor

Education: Babson College, Wellesley, Mass.

Home Congregation: Immanuel, Macomb

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Chairman, Vice-Chairman; Elder; Co-Chairman of Capitol Drive; Confirmation Mentor

District: Convention Nominating Committee

Synod: Concordia Plan Services Board of Directors; Investment and Audit Committee Member

Community: Zoning Board of Appeals

Other: Lutheran Heritage Foundation Board of Directors and Finance Committee

Vicci Salerno

301 Shady Oaks, Lake Orion MI 48371

Age 70

Current Position: Retired

Education: Michigan State University, Lansing; Oakland University, Rochester

Home Congregation: Holy Cross, Oxford

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Preschool Director and Teacher, Holy Cross, Oxford

Synod: LCMS World Missions, English Teacher in China

Community: Free lance speaker, writer, educator, and workshop leader for court system and social agencies

Other: LWML speaker

Metro West Region

Ordained Ministers (Vote for 1)

***Darryl Andrzejewski**

40689 Bluesprings Ct, Canton MI 48188

Age 45

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Guardian, Dearborn

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Senior Pastor

District: Youth Board; Michigan District All Pastors' Conference Committee; Convention Nominating Committee; Professional Church Workers' Conference Committee; Missionary at Large

Community: Police Chaplain; Youth Athletic Association Coach

Steven Newberg

229 Ambler Dr, Brooklyn MI 49230

Age 28

Current Position: Pastor-Lutheran Church of the Lakes, Addison

Education: Hillsdale College, Hillsdale; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Pastor

District: District Convention Floor Committee

Commissioned Ministers (Vote for 1)

***Steven Schwecke**

23156 Cromwell, Dearborn MI 48128

Age 56

Current Position: Principal, Lutheran High School Westland

Education: Concordia University Nebraska

Home Congregation: St. Michael, Wayne

History of service - past and current:

District: Convention Nominating Committee

Layperson (Vote for 1)

***Philip Krauss**

32223 Bertram, Westland MI 48185

Age 51

Current Position: Higher Education Administration

Education: Adrian College, Adrian

Home Congregation: Christ Our Savior, Livonia

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Congregational Personnel Committee; Bible Study Leader

District: Convention Nominating Committee

Other: Lutheran Layman's League MI Southeast District Secretary

Eric Moore

14875 Bainbridge St, Livonia MI 48154

Age 53

Current Position: Sales

Education: Associate Degree

Home Congregation: Open Arms, Belleville

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Couples Ministry Leader; Small Group; Communion Assistant

Synod: Convention Delegate

Community: Cub Master, Pack 2009, Livonia

North & East Region***Ordained Ministers (Vote for 1)******Paul Hinz**

5765 Tittabawassee Rd, Saginaw MI 48604

Age 51

Current Position: Associate Pastor-Peace, Saginaw

Education: Concordia College–New York; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Pastor

District: Convention Nominating Committee; Stewardship Editorial Committee

Synod: His Love/Our Response Project Coordinator

Community: Ask the Pastor Television program; Saginaw Chamber of Commerce; Youth League coach for various sports

Other: Youth for Christ; Lutherans for Life; Lutheran Youth Encounter

Daniel Wonderly

4340 Chicory Ln, Burton MI 48519

Age 53

Current Position: Pastor-Pilgrim, Burton

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Pastor

District: Michigan District West Region Pastors' Conference Treasurer

Community: Daily Life Counseling Center

Other: Concordia University Ann Arbor Adjunct Professor

Commissioned Ministers (Vote for 1)

Paula Ceplacha

9688 Eastview Dr, Harbor Beach MI 48441

Age 47

Current Position: Lutheran School Teacher and Principal

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor

Home Congregation: St. John, Port Hope

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Principal and Teacher; Sunday School Teacher

Community: Friends of Harbor Beach Library

***Eric Smith**

826 Piper Dr, Saginaw MI 48604

Age 38

Current Position: Teacher-Saginaw Valley Lutheran High School

Education: Concordia University Chicago

Home Congregation: Faith, Bay City

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Teach Youth Bible Class

District: Convention Nominating Committee

Layperson (Vote for 1)

John Koke

7108 Cleon Dr, Swartz Creek MI 48473

Age 44

Current Position: Systems Analyst

Home Congregation: Faith, Grand Blanc

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Elder; Usher; Board of Discipleship; Constitution Committee; Bible Study Leader

District: Convention Delegate

***John Nutzmann**

11878 Parklane, Mt. Morris MI 48458

Age 62

Current Position: Retired Teacher

Education: Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant

Home Congregation: Messiah, Clio

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Chairman, Vice-Chairman; Elder; Financial Secretary; Confirmation Teacher

Circuit: Mission Action Council, Flint Tri-Circuits

District: Convention Nominating Committee; Convention Floor Committee

Synod: Convention Delegate

Community: Mt. Morris Athletic Boosters

Other: Thrivent Congregational Advocate; School Improvement Committee

West Region

Ordained Ministers (Vote for 1)

***Scott Sommerfeld**

4988 Big Bass Dr, Hudsonville MI 49426

Age 51

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Holy Cross, Jenison

Education: Wheaton College; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Pastor

Circuit: Secretary

District: Convention Nominating Committee; Stewardship Board

Synod: Convention Delegate

Mark Berlin

19813 Pine Woods Dr, Lake Ann MI 49650

Age 53

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Redeemer, Interlochen

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Pastor

Circuit: Circuit Counselor

District: District Convention Elections Committee

Synod: Hmong International Mission Advisory Board

Community: Church Health Services Chaplain

Commissioned Ministers (Vote for 1)

Joel Bahr

8886 Costner Dr SE, Caledonia MI 49316

Age 56

Current Position: Principal

Education: Concordia College-New York

Home Congregation: St. Mark, Kentwood

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Principal; Worship Assistant; Bible Study; Confirmation Teacher

District: School Committee

***Susan Truog**

20615 Okemos Dr, Big Rapids MI 49307

Age 63

Current Position: Retired Teacher

Education: Concordia University Nebraska

Home Congregation: St. Peter's, Big Rapids

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Choir; Organist; Women's Group President

Community: West Michigan Lutheran Chorale; Relay Center Coordinator; Operation Christmas Child

Layperson (Vote for 1)

William Boice

17371 Lake Beach Dr, Spring Lake MI 49456

Age 69

Current Position: Retired Manufacturing Engineer

Education: Michigan State University, Lansing

Home Congregation: St. Matthew, Spring Lake

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Chairman; Elder; Church Council

District: Convention Delegate

Community: Tri-Cities Habitat; Evergreen Village HUD Project Board; Boy Scouts Scoutmaster

Other: Camp Arcadia helper at end of season

***Karla Woell**

3180 Oak St, Arcadia MI 49613

Age 72

Current Position: Retired Teacher

Education: Valparaiso University; Michigan State University

Home Congregation; Trinity, Arcadia

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Choir; Bible Classes; Ladies Aid Vice-President

District: Convention Nominating Committee

Community: Arcadia Women's Club; Craft Fair Coordinator; Camp Arcadia Office Manager

2013 SYNOD CONVENTION NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
(Vote for 1, then vote for 1 alternate)

Roger Johr

9898 Sunrise Rdg, Caledonia MI 49316

Age 58

Current Position: Consulting Engineer

Home Congregation: St. Mark, Kentwood

Education: College

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Vice-Chairman

District: Futures Task Force, 125th Anniversary Steering Committee

Other: Lutheran Child & Family Service Board of Directors

Roy Schmidt

5660 Firethorne Dr, Bay City MI 48706

Age 75

Current Position: Retired Telecommunications

Home Congregation: St. Paul, Bay City

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Chairman; Elder; Secretary; Sunday School Superintendent

Synod: Board of Directors; Convention Delegate

Community: Kiwanis Club President; Township Trustee

Other: Lutheran Hour Ministries Foundation Board; Lutheran Layman's League President; Lutheran Homes of Michigan and Lutheran Child & Family Service Board of Directors; Valley Lutheran High School Foundation Board

David Vallie

6466 E Maple Ave, Grand Blanc MI 48439

Age 49

Current Position: Senior Vice President, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

Home Congregation: Faith, Grand Blanc

Education: Professional School; Retirement and Financial Planning Training

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Board of Finance Member; Building Fund Follow-up Committee

District: Church Extension Fund Chairman of Finance and Treasurer

Community: Boy Scouts; American Red Cross; Michigan Association of United Way

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ANN ARBOR BOARD OF REGENTS

Ordained Ministers (Vote for 1)

Daniel Meckes

3060 Kirkwood Pl, Bay City MI 48706

Age 52

Current Position: Administrative Pastor-Faith, Bay City

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: DCE-Carmel, Carmel, Ind.; Administrative Pastor-Trinity, Reese; Associate Pastor-St. Matthew, Walled Lake; Administrative Pastor-Faith, Bay City
District: Evangelism Representative; Convention Floor Committee; PALS Facilitator
Synod: Convention Delegate
Community: Clergy Association; Chamber of Commerce; Habitat for Humanity
Other: LWML Zone Counselor

***Paul Naumann**

1749 Greenbriar Dr, Portage MI 49024

Age 53

Current Position: Senior Pastor-St. Michael, Portage

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Trinity, Oshkosh Wis.; Campus Pastor/Asst. Prof of Theology-Concordia University Wisconsin; Senior Pastor-St. Michael, Portage
Circuit: Circuit Counselor
District: Michigan District West Region Pastors' Conference Committee; Michigan District All Pastors' Conference Committee; Youth Committee
Community: Police Chaplain
Other: Concordia University Ann Arbor Board of Regents; Lutheran Layman's League Secretary

Ryan Winningham

99 W 32nd St, Holland MI 49424

Age 30

Current Position: Associate Pastor-Zion, Holland

Education: Concordia University Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Associate Pastor-Zion, Holland
District: Michigan District All Pastors' Conference Committee
Community: Holland Jazz Orchestra Founding Member

Commissioned Ministers: (Vote for 1)

Mark Kirchenberg

433 Second St, Manistee MI 49660

Age 57

Current Position: Teacher/Director of Music

Home Congregation: Trinity, Manistee

Education: Concordia University Chicago

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Teacher; Director of Parish Music
Synod: Commission on Worship

Paul Weismantel

15162 Mulligan Dr, Bath MI 48808

Age 70

Current Position: Retired Principal/Teacher

Home Congregation: Hope, DeWitt

Education: Concordia University Chicago

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Church Council; Elder; Board of Education President; Capitol Fund Drive Co-Director

District: Principal Conference Planning Committee

Synod: Convention Delegate; Missions Floor Committee

Other: Thrivent Chapter President

Laypersons: (Vote for 2)**Diane Fleming**

615 N Lansing St, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Age 67

Current Position: Financial Aid Administrator - Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant

Home Congregation: Zion, Mt. Pleasant

Education: Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Parish Planning Council Member; Stewardship Committee Chair; Education Committee Chairperson; Campus Ministry Committee; High School Bible Class Teacher

Community: Mt. Pleasant Lions Club President

Other: Michigan Student Financial Aid Association President; MSFAA Federal Issues Committee Co-Chair; Midwest Association of Financial Aid Administrators President; National Association of Financial Aid Administrators Representative; Special Task Force on Financial Aid Transcripts, U.S. Dept. of Education; Lutheran High School West graduate

Richard Greiner

PO Box #4, Dansville MI 48815

Age 64

Current Position: Semi-Retired Owner - Construction Company

Home Congregation: St. Matthew, Holt

Education: College

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Church Council; Mission Board

Community: National Association of Home Builders Board of Directors;

Other: MOST Ministries Board of Directors; Lutheran for Life Board of Directors

***Tina Putz**

600 South Heaton St, Knox IN 46534

Age 48

Current Position: Adjunct Instructor

Home Congregation: Our Redeemer, Knox, Ind.

Education: Roosevelt University-Chicago; University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Wis.

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Sunday School Teacher

Other: Concordia University Ann Arbor Board of Regents

***Ian Schonsheck**

10416 Morning Light Ct, South Lyon MI 48178

Age 58

Current Position: Retired CEO - Schonsheck, Inc.

Home Congregation: St. Paul, Hamburg

Education: Lawrence Technological University

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: President; Stewardship Chairman; Head Elder

Community: Cleary University Board of Trustees Chairman; Lawrence Technological University Civil Engineering Advisory Board; Fentura Financial Board of Directors

Other: Concordia University Ann Arbor Board of Regents; Laborers for Christ Preconstruction Coordinator

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DISTRICT SECRETARY REPORT

Nominations to 2012 Michigan District Convention May 1, 2012

The following nominations were received from the congregations of the Michigan District for consideration by the District Convention.

District President

Dean M. Davenport	3	Accepted
David C. Fleming	6	Accepted
David P. E. Maier	93	Accepted
Donald O. Neuendorf	1	Accepted
David H. Reed	4	Declined
Robert M. Zagore	2	Accepted

Regional Vice Presidents

Metro East Region

John M. Duerr	13	Accepted
Norman A. Koy	2	Accepted

Metro West Region

John L. Bush	7	Accepted
Larry G. Courson	1	Declined
Randall S. Duncan	1	Accepted
David Eberhard	1	Accepted
Paul M. Moldenhauer	2	Accepted
Donald O. Neuendorf	1	Accepted
Joel H. Sarrault	1	Accepted
Roderick D. Schultz	1	Accepted
Dean M. Davenport	1	Accepted

North and East Region

Robert H. Bennett	1	Accepted
Mark D. Brandt	27	Accepted
Daniel A. Hahn	1	Declined
Kenneth D. Lueke	2	Accepted
David H. Reed	1	Declined
Michael W. Schaedig	1	Declined
Stephen P. Starke	2	Accepted

West Region

Robert D. Baerwolf	1	Declined
David A. Davis	17	Accepted
David C. Fleming	4	Accepted
Dieter E. Haupt	1	Accepted
Joel F. Hoyer	1	Declined
Mark W. Love	1	Accepted
Michael J. Roth	1	Accepted
James E. Schroeder	1	Declined
Scott G. Sommerfeld	1	Declined
Robert M. Zagore	2	Declined

Total Congregations
Submitting Nominations - 110

Respectfully submitted,
David H. Reed, Michigan District Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

Michigan District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Statement of Financial Position January 31, 2012 (With Comparative Totals for 2011 and 2010)

	January 31, 2012			January 31, 2011	January 31, 2010
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 528,919	\$ 139,034	\$ -	\$ 667,953	\$ 640,975
Investments	2,515,159	2,969,994	1,150,518	6,635,671	6,527,493
Accounts receivable	34,996	-	-	34,996	52,791
Contributions and grants receivable	-	3,668,567	28,000	3,696,567	4,392,527
Prepaid expenses	87,581	-	-	87,581	86,548
Notes and loans receivable	2,789,913	-	-	2,789,913	2,189,462
Deferred gifts	-	6,822	1,877	8,699	8,967
Funds held in custody by others	-	-	213,833	213,833	159,070
Property and equipment - net	4,503,642	-	-	4,503,642	4,512,546
Property held for sale - net	278,158	-	-	278,158	500
Total assets	\$ 10,738,368	\$ 6,784,417	\$ 1,394,228	\$ 18,917,013	\$ 18,570,879
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 504,141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 504,141	\$ 577,352
Deferred revenue	92,600	-	-	92,600	73,349
Synodical pledge	1,842,750	-	-	1,842,750	2,348,250
Grants payable	123,660	-	-	123,660	61,317
Notes payable	3,091,962	-	-	3,091,962	2,777,583
Cressman endowment fund	-	238,539	-	238,539	-
Total liabilities	5,655,113	238,539	-	5,893,652	5,837,851
Net assets (liabilities)					
Unrestricted					
Undesignated	1,434,272	-	-	1,434,272	1,303,973
Property and equipment	3,353,997	-	-	3,353,997	3,604,701
Board designated	2,137,736	-	-	2,137,736	2,426,772
Synodical budget	(1,842,750)	-	-	(1,842,750)	(2,348,250)
Temporarily restricted	-	6,545,878	-	6,545,878	6,503,487
Permanently restricted	-	-	1,394,228	1,394,228	1,242,345
Total net assets (liabilities)	5,083,255	6,545,878	1,394,228	13,023,361	12,733,028
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 10,738,368	\$ 6,784,417	\$ 1,394,228	\$ 18,917,013	\$ 18,570,879

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Michigan District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended January 31, 2012
(With Comparative Totals for 2011 and 2010)

	January 31, 2012			January 31, 2011		January 31, 2010
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total		
Support, Revenues and Gains						
Support						
District congregation - District and Synod	\$ 922,923	\$ 3,786,966	\$ -	\$ 4,709,889	\$ 4,584,603	\$ 5,535,345
District congregation - District only	66,048	154,794	-	220,842	258,771	164,345
Other gifts and grants	58,498	363,485	88,683	510,666	1,167,596	2,456,833
Revenues and gains						
Publications	72,009	-	-	72,009	96,106	102,681
Program fees	724,171	-	-	724,171	527,925	361,110
Convention registration and assessment	177,342	-	-	177,342	371,711	232,844
Investment income	135,484	114,405	2,907	252,796	413,999	393,143
Gain on sale of assets	159,768	-	-	159,768	63,380	160
Other	60,408	-	-	60,408	46,500	46,500
Loon Lake Lutheran Retreat Center income	93,483	-	-	93,483	-	-
Net assets released from restrictions	4,560,302	(4,560,302)	-	-	-	-
Total support, revenues and gains	7,030,436	(140,652)	91,590	6,981,374	7,530,591	9,292,961
Expenses						
Synodical budget	1,867,396	-	-	1,867,396	1,994,141	2,151,193
Program services						
Missions	1,450,676	-	-	1,450,676	1,954,484	1,458,314
Congregation ministry facilitators	377,471	-	-	377,471	316,247	340,940
Christian care	140,401	-	-	140,401	133,874	175,222
Lutheran schools	312,587	-	-	312,587	303,131	572,198
Youth ministry	382,616	-	-	382,616	75,352	38,830
Loon Lake Lutheran Retreat Center expenses	98,653	-	-	98,653	22,257	-
Other congregation program services	187,925	-	-	187,925	175,956	155,516
Communications	254,594	-	-	254,594	239,687	215,384
Student aid	298,911	-	-	298,911	320,006	223,782
Development	187,489	-	-	187,489	197,603	214,835
Worker care	318,538	-	-	318,538	428,182	344,148
Ecclesiastical and program administration						
Administration	685,278	-	-	685,278	695,331	747,584
Convention	(68,556)	-	-	(68,556)	383,325	163,389
District properties and depreciation	237,249	-	-	237,249	250,828	229,033
Total expenses	6,731,228	-	-	6,731,228	7,490,404	7,030,368
Change in net assets	299,208	(140,652)	91,590	250,146	40,187	2,262,593
Net assets - beginning of year	4,784,047	6,686,530	1,302,638	12,773,215	12,733,028	10,470,435
Net assets - end of year	\$ 5,083,255	\$ 6,545,878	\$ 1,394,228	\$ 13,023,361	\$ 12,773,215	\$ 12,733,028

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CIRCUIT COUNSELORS RATIFICATION

Michigan District Convention

June 25, 2012

Whereas, the following have been nominated by their respective circuits according to Bylaw 5.2.2 of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, therefore be it

Resolved, that the following slate of nominees be ratified by the Michigan District in convention to constitute election.

#1 – Mackinaw Straits	Charles Burhop - St. Barnabas, Sault Ste. Marie
#2 – Alpena	Jason Mandley - St. John, Hillman
#3 – Timberline	Dean Muhle - St. Paul's, Hale
#4 – Gladwin	Michael Schaedig - St. Luke, Harrison
#5 – Midland	Michael Buchhorn - Zion, Auburn
#6 – Bay	William Allwardt - Zion, Bay City
#7 – Thumb East	Kenneth Lueke - Our Savior, Bad Axe
#8 – Thumb West	Michael S. Allen - St. Paul, Unionville
#9 – Frankenmuth	Robert Gadeken - St. Michael's, Richville
#10 – Saginaw	William Hessler - Faith, Bridgeport
#11 – Flint North	Erik Cloeter - Messiah, Clio
#12 – Flint South	Dean Dumbrielle - Trinity, Fenton
#13 – Lapeer	John Kaiser - St. Paul, Lapeer
#14 – Port Huron	Gerhardt Doroh - Emeritus
#15 – Macomb North	Edward Steeh - St. John, Ray Township
#16 – Macomb Northwest	Craig Meyer - Shepherd's Gate, Shelby Township
#17 – Oakland	Kendall Schaeffer - St. Trinity, Clarkston
#18 – Birmingham	Cary Richert - Redeemer, Birmingham
#19 – Macomb South	John Merrill - Emeritus
#20 – Detroit East	Steven Essenburg - Missionary at Large for Detroit
#21 – Detroit Central	David Burgess - St. Philips, Detroit
#22 – Detroit West	Eddie Morales - Outer Drive Faith, Detroit
#23 – Down River	Erwin Hutter - Our Redeemer, Taylor
#24 – Monroe	Bruce Lucas - Immanuel, Monroe
#25 – Dearborn	Randy Duncan - Living Word, Plymouth
#26 – Kensington	Terry Nelson - Cross of Christ, South Lyon
#27 – Livonia	Thomas M. Lubeck - St. Paul, Northville
#28 – Milan	Douglas Adams - Emmanuel, Britton
#29 – Ann Arbor	Larry Courson - Peace, Ann Arbor
#30 – Jackson	Joel Sarrault - St. John's, Adrian
#31 – Petoskey	Todd Brunworth - Trinity, Gaylord
#32 – Traverse City	Larry Matro - Immanuel, Leland
#33 – Manistee	Ainslie Wagner - Trinity, Onkama
#34 – Big Rapids	John Bookshaw - St. Peter, Big Rapids
#35 – Capitol	Timothy Olson - First, Charlotte
#36 – St. Johns	E. Anthony Sikora - Hope, DeWitt
#37 – Tri-River	Joseph Fremer - Good Shepherd, Lowell
#38 – Muskegon	Dennis Lassanske - Trinity, Muskegon
#39 – Holland	John Westra - Zion, Holland
#40 – Grand Rapids N. Central	Mark Love - St. Peter, Rockford
#41 – Grand Rapids Southwest	Robert Barber - Journey of Faith, Byron Center
#42 – Battle Creek	David Sidwell - Immanuel, Kalamazoo
#43 – St. Joseph	Michael Roth - Trinity, Saint Joseph
#44 – South Central	L. Daniel Johnson - St. Paul's, Hillsdale

Note: If Resolution 2-01 is adopted, then Circuit #21 and #22 would become one circuit. Eddie Morales would serve as Circuit Counselor for the newly formed circuit.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

**Officially becoming members of
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod by
The Signing of the Constitution**

CONGREGATIONS

Adrian, St. Matthew's Evangelical – 12/4/2011
Flat Rock, New Hope – 10/23/2011
Marine City, Living Faith – 6/7/2009
Marysville, Light of Christ – 9/18/2011
Romulus, Tabernacle of Praise – 1/31/2010
Ypsilanti, Cross & Resurrection – 8/2/2009

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Marshall, Lisa M. Gilchrist
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McDonald, Andrea M. Ott
McGrath, Janis M. Movsessian
McReynolds, Nicole E.
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Muehl, Ashley R.
Noelker, Candice O.
Oechsner, Bryan P.
Reiser, Sandra K.
Schneider, Layna M.
Schuetz, Christina Strauchman
Schultz, Sarah M.
Seehafer, Tyler N.
Singleton, Lisa A.
Smith, Kyle J.
Snyder, Brigid A.
Stark, Debora A.
Steinke, Eric D.
Thomas, Terri M. Smith
Topel, Matthew
Vogt, Melissa M.
Watson, Elizabeth A.
Wold, Joshua D.
Young, Courtney A. Campbell

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1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** THEOLOGY, RELATIONS, AND PRACTICE
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 1-01
3 **SUBJECT:** To Encourage "Life Together" Through use of the Word of God
4 and Prayer
5 **REFERENCE:** Overtures 1-07, 1-08, CW Overtures pages 8-9
6
7 **Whereas**, the theme for this 100th Michigan District Convention is "IMAGINE... Living as God's
8 Forgiven and Forgiving Family" and was chosen to highlight the "Life Together" aspect of our Synod's
9 three-fold emphasis (Witness, Mercy, and Life Together); and
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11 **Whereas**, Dr. Luther in his Large Catechism (15-19, Tappert) challenges believers to develop specific
12 spiritual disciplines and practices which would promote a God-fearing, sanctified life; and
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14 **Whereas**, God invites His people to grow in grace and knowledge through the study of His Word and
15 to remember that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation; and
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17 **Whereas**, God invites and commands us to pray and promises that He will hear and answer; and
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19 **Whereas**, God the Holy Spirit reminds us "*How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in*
20 *unity!*" (Psalm 133:1); and
21
22 **Whereas**, God the Holy Spirit reminds us that "*our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against*
23 *the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual*
24 *forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*" (Ephesians 6:12); and
25
26 **Whereas**, it is only as God's people, believing the Word and living in obedience to it through the
27 power of the Holy Spirit, "*make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace*"
28 (Ephesians 4:3), that we can demonstrate that unity, experience many of God's promised blessings,
29 and overcome the spiritual forces of evil; and
30
31 **Whereas**, the Word of God is a Means of Grace by which we are empowered to live as God's people;
32 therefore be it
33
34 **Resolved**, that all delegates at the 2012 Michigan District Convention be encouraged to take the
35 lead in their respective congregation in the area of developing spiritual disciplines; and be it further
36
37 **Resolved**, that all delegates, and all the members of our congregations, be encouraged to read the
38 Bible on a daily basis and work toward reading the entire Bible annually; and be it further
39
40 **Resolved**, that all delegates, and all the members of our congregations, be encouraged to develop a
41 discipline of daily prayer time of 30 minutes or more; and be it further
42
43 **Resolved**, that all delegates, and all the members of our congregations, be encouraged to grow in
44 the grace of giving and focus on returning at least 10 percent of what God gives to them back to Him
45 through the local congregation, and be it finally
46
47 **Resolved**, that all delegates diligently work to purposely promote, and daily give thanks for, the unity
48 of the Holy Spirit with which we have been blessed.
49
50 Committee #1 – Theology, Relations, and Practice
51 Rev. Mark Brandt, Chairman

COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, RELATIONS, AND PRACTICE
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-02
SUBJECT: To Rejoice in our God-given Unity and Celebrate our Christ-centered Diversity
REFERENCE: Overtures 1-04, 1-09, 1-10, 1-11, CW Overtures pages 4, 10-12

Whereas, all members of Synod have pledged to submit to Scripture, have subscribed to the Confessions, and have signed our constitution; and

Whereas, we are commanded in Scripture, *“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3);* and

Whereas, Scripture grants Christians a certain freedom in determining how they worship the Lord *(Romans 14:5);* and

Whereas, the Confessions assert *“For this unity, we say, a similarity of human rites, whether universal or particular, is not necessary.”(AP VII)* (see also AC XXVI and FC Ep X); and

Whereas, our Constitution lists one of the objectives of Synod to *“Encourage congregations to strive for uniformity in church practice, but also to develop an appreciation of a variety of responsible practices and customs which are in harmony with our common profession of faith” (Article 3.7);* and

Whereas, our liturgy greatly aids in grounding, teaching, and exercising its participants in the faith and our confession of the same; and

Whereas, Walther’s *Church and Ministry* sites Chemnitz as saying *“This office [of pastor] has power granted to it by God”* to *“with the consent of the congregation introduce ceremonies that serve the ministry, are not at variance with God’s Word, do not burden consciences, but promote order, dignity, propriety, peace, and edification”(Concerning the Holy Ministry Thesis V);* and

Whereas, “Life Together” involves trusting one another to understand both the particular needs of the communities in which we serve and to correctly apply Biblical teachings to those needs; so therefore be it

Resolved, that as *People of Hope* we imagine a District that rejoices in our God-given doctrinal unity and celebrates Christ-centered diversity in worship practices; and be it further

Resolved, that pastors be encouraged to continue instructing their congregations, catechumens, and new members in the Biblical principles of worship; and be it finally

Resolved, that we therefore affirm the *Theses on Worship* adopted by our Council of Presidents (COP) and commended by our 2010 Synod convention.

Committee #1 – Theology, Relations, and Practice
Rev. Mark Brandt, Chairman

COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, RELATIONS, AND PRACTICE
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-03
SUBJECT: To Reaffirm Deacon Ministry
REFERENCE: Overtures 1-06, 1-16, CW Overtures pages 6-7, 20

Whereas, we are “People of Hope ... Vigorously Making Known the Love of Christ” through any God-pleasing means available; and

Whereas, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod approved the office of the deacon at the 1989 Synod convention in Wichita, Kansas for just that purpose; and

Whereas, the Michigan District, LCMS has utilized deacons since 1989; and

Whereas, from the deacons of the LCMS fifteen have been ordained into the Office of the Public Ministry; and

Whereas, all 41 licensed deacons currently serving the Michigan District in a variety of places have completed the deacon and pre-SMP training program and serve under the guidance and direction of a supervising pastor; and

Whereas, the Council of Presidents (COP) has implemented policies and procedures to bring uniformity in training and practice for deacons; and

Whereas, the 1989 Synod convention acknowledged the following: *“The supervising pastor will normally administer Holy Communion. However, in exceptional circumstances, when no ordained clergy is available and the congregation would otherwise be deprived of the Sacraments for a prolonged period of time, the licensed layman (deacon) will preside, when specifically authorized to do so by the congregation and with the approval of a supervising pastor and the District President.”*; and

Whereas, the LCMS has now implemented a Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program to allow a more convenient path to ordination into the Office of the Holy Ministry; and

Whereas, deacons serving a congregation for 10 years or more are eligible for the colloquy process toward ordination; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Michigan District, LCMS reaffirm that deacon ministry is a valid and valued means for vigorously making known the love of Christ; and be it further

Resolved, that the Michigan District encourage men to consider deacon ministry as a means of serving their congregations, helping their pastors, and sharing the load of spiritual ministry with the laity; and be it further

Resolved, that our District President’s Office study the feasibility of circuit riders or other means of providing pastors to administer the Sacrament of the Altar; and be it finally

Resolved, that the Michigan District encourage our deacons to pursue ordination into the Office of the Holy Ministry whenever possible.

Committee #1 – Theology, Relations, and Practice
Rev. Mark Brandt, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** THEOLOGY, RELATIONS, AND PRACTICE
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 1-04
3 **SUBJECT:** To Express Support for the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP)
4 Program and to Have the CTCR Address Questions Raised
5 Concerning This Program
6 **REFERENCE:** Overtures 1-12, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, CW Overtures pages 13-19
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8 **Whereas,** The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has been blessed by the Lord of the Church with
9 seminary programs and faculties that are able to effectively instruct students both on campus and
10 utilizing distance education methods; and
11

12 **Whereas,** the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program enables men to receive theological training
13 from our seminaries and at the same time as they are receiving practical training under the guidance
14 of a mentor pastor while serving in the parish; and
15

16 **Whereas,** Specific Ministry Pastors are restricted to a particular place and are not available to be
17 called by the church at large; and
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19 **Whereas,** such restrictions introduce the possibility of doubt in that man's legitimate exercise of the
20 Office of the Holy Ministry; and
21

22 **Whereas,** the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) has stated that an ordained
23 pastor is ordained as a member of the Holy Ministry of the whole confessional fellowship (1981 *"The*
24 *Ministry: Office, Procedures, and Nomenclature"*); and
25

26 **Whereas,** there appears to be a conflict of understandings regarding the SMP pastors' availability to
27 the confessional fellowship at large and the nature of ordination put forth previously by the CTCR;
28 therefore be it
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30 **Resolved,** that the congregations of the Michigan District express their appreciation for and
31 continued support of the SMP program; and be it further
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33 **Resolved,** that candidates and graduates of the SMP program be encouraged to continue their
34 theological education; and be it further
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36 **Resolved,** that the District have this issue remanded to the CTCR for review and clarification,
37 specifically but not limited to the purpose of answering the concerns raised above, with the results to
38 be reported to the Synod at large as well as the Synod in Convention; and be it finally
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40 **Resolved,** that the 2012 Michigan District Convention send this resolution to the 2013 Synod
41 convention.
42

43 Committee #1 – Theology, Relations, and Practice
44 Rev. Mark Brandt, Chairman

COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, RELATIONS, AND PRACTICE
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-05
SUBJECT: To Review and Confirm the Baptismal Formula and Request Guidelines for the Acceptance of Members
REFERENCE: Overtures 1-01, 1-02, 1-03, CW Overtures pages 1-3

Whereas, Holy Baptism has been instituted by our Lord Christ as a means of grace (*Matthew 28:19-20; Titus 3:5; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-5; etc.*); and

Whereas, Holy Baptism “*is not a matter of choice (an adiaphoron), but a divine ordinance*” (*Pieper vol. III pg. 280*); and

Whereas, Christ our Lord has given us the baptismal formula commanding us to baptize “*in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*” (*Matthew 28:19-20*); and

Whereas, this Trinitarian formula in administering Holy Baptism is “*by all means to be retained and that no one should be permitted capriciously to change these words and use other words in baptizing*” (*Pieper vol. III pg. 261*); and

Whereas, the custom of changing these words and using other words in baptizing has been accepted in other church bodies; and

Whereas, Holy Baptism is necessary “*for someone to be accepted into the congregation*” (*Walther, Pastoral Theology, pg. 261*); and

Whereas, a change in the wording of the Trinitarian formula introduces doubt in both the heart of the one who has received such a baptism and the LCMS pastor and congregation to which the person wishes to be joined; therefore be it

Resolved, that congregations of the Michigan District, LCMS faithfully confess and retain the Trinitarian formula in baptizing and refrain from capriciously changing these words and making use of others words in the baptismal formula; and be it further

Resolved, that the Michigan District petitions the Council of Presidents (COP) to provide pastors and congregations with guidelines in receiving and accepting members from other denominations; and be it finally

Resolved, that all requesting membership within congregations of the Michigan District, LCMS be examined and cared for in a most loving and pastoral manner.

Committee #1 – Theology, Relations, and Practice

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** THEOLOGY, RELATIONS, AND PRACTICE
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 1-06
3 **SUBJECT:** To Encourage Study of the Christian's Response to Cremation
4 **REFERENCE:** Overture 1-05, CW Overtures page 5
5

6 **Whereas**, in light of the incarnation and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the
7 promises given to all believers in Christ through Him, we believe, teach, and confess the value of the
8 human body as God's creation and gift, and the resurrection of the body as part of God's redemption
9 of His creation; and
10

11 **Whereas**, this trust in the resurrection is precisely what makes us "People of Hope"; and
12

13 **Whereas**, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has yet to take an official, formal stand on the
14 practice of cremation; and
15

16 **Whereas**, our sister church body, the Lutheran Church—Canada (LC-C), meeting in convention in June
17 2011, received a report by its own Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) which
18 provide "*guidelines for pastoral care in the context of cremation*"; and
19

20 **Whereas**, the Lutheran Service Book Agenda contains rubrics regarding internment of cremated
21 remains (*pg. 124 Committal Service, LSB*); and
22

23 **Whereas**, Mueller/Kraus' *Pastoral Theology* states: "*In itself, the practice (cremation) has no*
24 *theological significance and may be used in good conscience*"; therefore be it
25

26 **Resolved**, that the President's Office make available on the District's website the LC-C CTCR
27 document on cremation; and be it finally
28

29 **Resolved**, that pastors of the Michigan District review the "*guidelines for pastoral care in the context*
30 *of cremation*" as offered by the LC-C.
31

32 Committee #1 – Theology, Relations, and Practice
33 Rev. Mark Brandt, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION, STRUCTURE, AND CONSTITUTIONAL
2 MATTERS
3 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-01
4 **SUBJECT:** To Realign Michigan District Circuits
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-16, CW Overtures page 38
6

7 **Whereas**, the 2010 Handbook of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (Bylaw 3.1.2.a) states, “An
8 *electoral circuit shall consist either of one or two adjacent visitation circuits, as shall be determined*
9 *by each district on the basis of the following requirements: each pair of delegates shall represent*
10 *from 7 to 20 member congregations, involving an aggregate communicant membership ranging*
11 *from 1,500 to 10,000.”; and*
12

13 **Whereas**, six circuits of the Michigan District (Circuits 4-Gladwin, 20-Detroit East, 22-Detroit West,
14 34-Big Rapids, 36-St. Johns, and 37-Tri River) do not presently fall within the bylaw parameters for
15 an electoral circuit; and
16

17 **Whereas**, the president of the District appointed a Circuit Realignment Task Force to review the
18 current electoral circuit map with particular eye to avoiding as much as possible requests for future
19 electoral exceptions (Bylaw 3.1.2.b); and
20

21 **Whereas**, the task force submitted to the Michigan District Board of Directors proposed changes
22 which would, as much as possible, bring Michigan District circuits into conformity with Bylaw 3.1.2.a;
23 therefore be it
24

25 **Resolved**, that Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Standish be transferred from Timberline Circuit #3 to
26 Gladwin Circuit #4; and be it further
27

28 **Resolved**, that Historic Trinity Lutheran Church of Detroit be transferred from Detroit Central Circuit
29 #21 to Detroit East Circuit #20; and be it further
30

31 **Resolved**, that Detroit Central Circuit #21 and Detroit West Circuit #22 be united to become a single
32 electoral circuit, thus reducing the Michigan District circuit total by 1; and be it further
33

34 **Resolved**, that Ascension Lutheran Church of East Lansing and St. Luke Lutheran Church of Haslett
35 be transferred from Capitol Circuit #35 to St. Johns Circuit #36, and Good Shepherd Lutheran
36 Church of Lansing be transferred from St. Johns Circuit #36 to Capitol Circuit #35; and be it finally
37

38 **Resolved**, that the Big Rapids Circuit #34 and the Tri River Circuit #37 be retained as currently
39 registered.
40

41 Committee #2 – Administration, Structure, and Constitutional Matters
42 Rev. David Davis, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION, STRUCTURE, AND CONSTITUTIONAL
2 MATTERS
3 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-02
4 **SUBJECT:** To Affirm Convention Purpose
5 **REFERENCE:** Overtures 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, CW Overtures pages 33-36
6

7 **Whereas**, the 2010 Handbook of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod affirms that “*conventions of*
8 *the districts shall afford opportunities for worship, nurture, inspiration, fellowship and the*
9 *communication of vital information*”(Bylaw 4.2.1); and

10
11 **Whereas**, we acknowledge that challenges exist within our District and Synod; and

12
13 **Whereas**, it is important for us to maintain fellowship and a positive attitude as we work together
14 toward the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ; and

15
16 **Whereas**, the theme for this convention highlights the importance of *living together as God’s forgiven*
17 *and forgiving family*; therefore be it

18
19 **Resolved**, that we give thanks to God for this opportunity to enjoy our community of faith as we
20 gather around the Word of God and our confession of that faith, demonstrated in our unity and
21 purpose of mission; and be it further

22
23 **Resolved**, that we address the challenges that exist within our District and Synod in the spirit of
24 fellowship and forgiveness; and be it further

25
26 **Resolved**, that in this convention we move forward in our worship, fellowship, and discussions with
27 mutual respect for each other as we work together in our shared goals of witness, mercy, and life
28 together; and be it finally

29
30 **Resolved**, that all participants be encouraged to take part in all activities, discussions, and
31 opportunities for fellowship offered at this convention.

32
33 Committee #2 – Administration, Structure, and Constitutional Matters
34 Rev. David Davis, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION, STRUCTURE, AND CONSTITUTIONAL
2 MATTERS
3 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-03
4 **SUBJECT:** To Encourage a Four-Year Convention Cycle Within Districts
5 and Synod
6 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-09, CW Overtures page 31
7
8 **Whereas,** the proposed Synod restructuring was passed for the most part at the 2010 Synod
9 convention in Houston; and
10
11 **Whereas,** the proposed four-year cycle received the most support at the regional gatherings prior to
12 the 2010 Synod convention in Houston; and
13
14 **Whereas,** our Lord has called us to be good and wise stewards and going to a four-year cycle would
15 save both time and money; therefore be it
16
17 **Resolved,** that the Michigan District in Convention request the LCMS in Convention to reconsider a
18 four-year cycle as outlined in Resolution 8-18 of the 2010 Synod convention proceedings; and be it
19 finally
20
21 **Resolved,** that this resolution be implemented as soon as possible after the 2013 Synod convention.
22
23 Committee #2 – Administration, Structure, and Constitutional Matters
24 Rev. David Davis, Chairman

1 COMMITTEE NAME: ADMINISTRATION, STRUCTURE, AND CONSTITUTIONAL
2 MATTERS
3 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-04
4 SUBJECT: To Change the Date for the Regional Assemblies Prior to the
5 District Convention
6 REFERENCE: Overture 2-06, CW Overtures page 26
7

8 **Whereas**, the regional gatherings of the delegates are an important part of pre-convention
9 preparations for the District Convention; and

10
11 **Whereas**, the current Bylaw 3.1 requiring the regional assembly to take place on the first Saturday of
12 May preceeding the District Convention impedes scheduling flexibility; therefore be it
13

14 **Resolved**, that the wording of Bylaw 3.1 be changed to read "*Regional assemblies shall meet no*
15 *later than 60 days prior to the opening of the Convention of the Michigan District*"; and be it finally
16

17 **Resolved**, that the scheduling of the Regional Assembly be determined by the Regional Vice
18 President and be appropriately published.
19

20 Committee #2 – Administration, Structure, and Constitutional Matters
21 Rev. David Davis, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION, STRUCTURE, AND CONSTITUTIONAL
2 MATTERS
3 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-05
4 **SUBJECT:** To Inform Delegates About Candidates
5 **RESOLUTION:** Overture 2-15, CW Overtures page 37
6
7 **Whereas,** it is desirable and important for voting delegates to be informed about candidates ;
8 therefore be it
9
10 **Resolved,** that the Board of Directors improve upon the process to better inform delegates about all
11 candidates voted upon by the Convention.
12
13 Committee #2 – Administration, Structure, and Constitutional Matters
14 Rev. David Davis, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION, STRUCTURE, AND CONSTITUTIONAL
2 MATTERS
3 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-06
4 **SUBJECT:** To Amend Michigan District Bylaws
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-19, CW Overtures page 43
6

7 **Whereas**, periodic review and updating of the Bylaws of the Michigan District is in keeping with
8 proper monitoring of the document which defines the orderly governance of the District; and
9

10 **Whereas**, a 2009 review of the Bylaws of the Michigan District by the Commission on Constitutional
11 Matters (CCM) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod noted 13 recommendations to facilitate
12 uniformity of usage in bylaw and policy documents in the Synod; and
13

14 **Whereas**, language to address the specific recommendations was submitted by the Michigan District
15 Board of Directors to the CCM for preliminary approval as required by Synod Bylaw 3.9.2.2.3 (a) prior
16 to consideration of such changes by the 2012 Michigan District Convention; and
17

18 **Whereas**, the Michigan District Board of Directors has received the requisite pre-approval; and
19

20 **Whereas**, the CCM also requested sparing use of capitalization in reference to many common nouns,
21 none of which affect the essential meaning of the text; therefore be it
22

23 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District in convention adopt the recommendations herewith presented
24 by the Board of Directors for amendment to the District Bylaws; and be it finally
25

26 **Resolved**, that the Secretary of the District be entrusted with the adjustment of all clerical matters
27 regarding capitalization throughout the Bylaws as long as none involve any change in meaning.
28

29 Committee #2 – Administration, Structure, and Constitutional Matters
30 Rev. David Davis, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION, STRUCTURE, AND CONSTITUTIONAL
2 MATTERS
3 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-07
4 **SUBJECT:** To Address District Service to Congregations
5 **REFERENCE:** Overtures 2-01, 2-02, 2-03, 2-04, 2-05, CW Overtures pages
6 21-25
7
8 **Whereas,** in 1997 the Michigan District in Convention changed the responsibility for staffing from the
9 District Convention to the District President (Res. 1-01) and clarified the role of the District President
10 as Chief Executive Officer (Bylaw 8.1); and
11
12 **Whereas,** the Michigan District Board of Directors continues to operate in this manner to clearly
13 differentiate between the roles of the convention, the Board of Directors, and the District President;
14 and
15
16 **Whereas,** the current structure has provided flexibility to meet the changing needs of ministry;
17 therefore be it
18
19 **Resolved,** that the Convention commends the District President for his leadership in helping
20 congregations minister in changing and difficult times, and be it further
21
22 **Resolved,** that the District President continue to monitor the effectiveness of the District and its staff
23 in serving the needs of congregations, and be it further
24
25 **Resolved,** that congregations are encouraged to become increasingly aware of the District and its
26 resources and continue to utilize them, and be it finally
27
28 **Resolved,** that as part of living as God's Forgiven and Forgiving Family, congregations are
29 encouraged to contribute financially to the District to fund the ministries of both the Michigan District
30 and the LCMS.
31
32 Committee #2 – Administration, Structure, and Constitutional Matters
33 Rev. David Davis, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION, STRUCTURE, AND CONSTITUTIONAL
2 MATTERS
3 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-08
4 **SUBJECT:** To Respectfully Decline Overtures
5 **REFERENCE:** Overtures 2-17, 2-18, CW Overtures pages 39-42
6

7 **Whereas**, the floor committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has concluded that
8 certain overtures should be declined; and
9

10 **Whereas**, it is the policy of the District to use proceeds from the sale of congregation or District
11 properties to fund ministries that further the strategic direction of the District; therefore be it
12

13 **Resolved**, that the following overtures be respectfully declined:
14

<i>Number</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Reason</i>
2-17	Sale of Congregation Properties	District Policy in place
2-18	Sale of Congregation Properties	District Policy in place

18
19 Committee #2 – Administration, Structure, and Constitutional Matters
20 Rev. David Davis, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** MISSION, MINISTRY, AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 3-01
3 **SUBJECT:** To Express Gratitude to the Church Extension Fund of the
4 Michigan District
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 3-03, CW Overtures page 47
6
7 **Whereas,** the Church Extension Fund of the Michigan District (CEF) has faithfully served the Michigan
8 District for 111 years; and
9
10 **Whereas,** CEF has been instrumental in providing financial resources to hundreds of LCMS
11 congregations for ministry expansion; and
12
13 **Whereas,** CEF has provided a conduit for individual Lutherans, through their investments, to assist in
14 funding those ministry expansions; and
15
16 **Whereas,** CEF has supported professional church workers through housing loans and support of
17 conference, education, and fellowship opportunities; and
18
19 **Whereas,** CEF has provided numerous grants and other funding (green grants, interest rebates, etc.)
20 for the expansion of mission and ministry in the Michigan District; and
21
22 **Whereas,** through the generous and strategic support of CEF, the existence and work of Concordia
23 University Ann Arbor continues; therefore be it
24
25 **Resolved,** that delegates encourage their congregations to be educated, invest, and actively
26 participate in the ministries of CEF; and be it further
27
28 **Resolved,** that each congregation of the District be encouraged to have a prayer of thanksgiving to
29 God for CEF in their worship services; and be it finally
30
31 **Resolved,** that the convention delegation express our gratitude to God for the Church Extension Fund
32 of the Michigan District with a standing ovation and a joyous singing of the Common Doxology.
33
34 Floor Committee #3 – Mission, Ministry, and Church Extension Fund
35 Rev. John Duerr, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** MISSION, MINISTRY, AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 3-02
3 **SUBJECT:** To Encourage and Support Discussion of Joint Ministry
4 Ventures Within the Michigan District
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 3-06, CW Overtures pages 51-52
6

7 **Whereas**, the congregations and ministries of the Michigan District within the state of Michigan have
8 endured a most difficult economic downturn making local support of individual ministries more
9 challenging at times; and
10

11 **Whereas**, our teaching of the individual autonomy of the congregation is often beneficial but can
12 also, because of our sinful pride, deter thorough consideration and discussion of joint ministry
13 ventures which should often be considered by local ministries because of economic efficiencies; and
14

15 **Whereas**, the devil works to destroy the Church by dividing congregations from each other rather
16 than having them live and minister together in humble respect and in faithful joint ministry under the
17 God's blessing; and
18

19 **Whereas**, congregations and pastors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod should be willing to
20 work together in the unity of the Spirit and in the spirit of Synod—a true “walking together”; therefore
21 be it
22

23 **Resolved**, the Michigan District in convention encourage its congregations and members to pray for
24 the Holy Spirit (*James 1:5; Luke 11:13*), study the Scriptures, and seek to have a humble spirit to
25 perceive God's will in these matters; and be it further
26

27 **Resolved**, that congregations and their pastors, circuits and other ministries, be open to shared
28 ministry ventures; and be it further
29

30 **Resolved**, the Michigan District supply ideas and help when asked for assistance, and suggest ideas
31 and offer help where they see such joint ministry ventures as a possibility; and be it further
32

33 **Resolved**, that where possible these joint ministry ventures be pursued, recognized, and publicized
34 with the blessing and prayers of all God's people in the Michigan District; and be it further
35

36 **Resolved**, that this resolution, once properly edited, be forwarded for consideration at the 2013
37 Synod convention.
38

39 Floor Committee #3 – Mission, Ministry, and Church Extension Fund
40 Rev. John Duerr, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** MISSION, MINISTRY, AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 3-03
3 **SUBJECT:** To Commend the Merger of Concordia University Ann Arbor
4 and Concordia University Wisconsin
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 3-04, CW Overtures page 48
6
7 **Whereas,** the Lord God has miraculously parted the waters again—this time, Lake Michigan—that
8 Concordia University Wisconsin and Concordia University Ann Arbor might pursue educational
9 ministry together; and
10
11 **Whereas,** the merger of these two educational institutions allows for broader educational
12 opportunities, operational efficiencies, and wise stewardship of resources; and
13
14 **Whereas,** many different entities have selflessly worked and sacrificially given to accomplish this
15 bold endeavor; and
16
17 **Whereas,** this is an example of walking together, working together, and cooperation in the church for
18 the well-being of the kingdom of God; therefore be it
19
20 **Resolved,** that we commend and affirm this union; and be it further
21
22 **Resolved,** that we pray for its successful transition and blessed expansion under God's continued
23 guidance and the furtherance of the Kingdom; and be it finally
24
25 **Resolved,** that people of the Michigan District be encouraged to embrace and support this union
26 through their prayers, gifts, and the recruitment of students for Concordia University.
27
28 Floor Committee #3 – Mission, Ministry, and Church Extension Fund
29 Rev. John Duerr, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** MISSION, MINISTRY, AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 3-04
3 **SUBJECT:** To Commend the Partnership of Lutheran Homes of Michigan
4 (LHM) and Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan (LCFS)
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 3-07, CW Overtures page 53
6

7 **Whereas,** the care and keeping of God's people from conception to glory is the foundation and
8 substance of the love of God and has been a mission of these social service agencies of the Michigan
9 District for more than 100 years; and
10

11 **Whereas,** the mission and ministry of the Michigan District has been greatly enhanced through the
12 efforts of these two agencies, and without them the visible caring ministry of Christ would be lacking;
13 and
14

15 **Whereas,** the partnership of these two social service agencies allows for broader care opportunities,
16 operational efficiencies, and wise stewardship of resources; and
17

18 **Whereas,** this is an example of walking together, working together, and cooperation in the church for
19 the well-being of the kingdom of God; therefore be it
20

21 **Resolved,** that we commend and affirm this union; and be it further
22

23 **Resolved,** that we pray for its successful transition and blessed expansion under God's continued
24 guidance and the furtherance of His kingdom; and be it finally
25

26 **Resolved,** that people of the Michigan District be encouraged to embrace and support this union
27 through their prayers, gifts, and utilization of their services.
28

29 Floor Committee #3 – Mission, Ministry, and Church Extension Fund
30 Rev. John Duerr, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** MISSION, MINISTRY, AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 3-05
3 **SUBJECT:** To Demonstrate our Recognition of, and Support for, all Life
4 by Particularly Encouraging Foster Care Homes and Adoption
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 3-05, CW Overtures pages 49-50
6

7 **Whereas**, the Holy Scriptures recognize the value of all human life through the universal redemption
8 effected by our dear Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross (*John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18*); and
9

10 **Whereas**, we also recognize from the inspired Word of God that human life is knit together in the
11 womb by our Lord and that all are fearfully and wonderfully made (*Psalms 139:13, 14*); and
12

13 **Whereas**, this is true of all human life, not only from the moment of conception until birth, but also
14 from birth to the grave; and
15

16 **Whereas**, all humanity is loved and embraced by God in His everlasting love (*Jeremiah 31:3*) and the
17 church is to witness to that universal love, as for example, by taking care of orphans and widows in
18 their distress (*James 1:27*); and
19

20 **Whereas**, every life is not only valuable to God but needs the Gospel of Jesus from the moment of
21 conception to the grave; and
22

23 **Whereas**, the church has frequently demonstrated its recognition of the beginning of life and value of
24 all life through pro-life ministries like that of Lutherans for Life and other means, such as opening up
25 their God-fearing homes as foster care homes for displaced children; and
26

27 **Whereas**, life outside the womb is also highly valued but difficult for newborns through older
28 adolescents as witnessed by the 15,600 children in Michigan who are in, or need, Foster Care
29 homes or adoption; therefore be it
30

31 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District in convention affirm the value of life outside the womb as well as
32 inside the womb from the moment of conception; and be it further
33

34 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District in convention encourage the members of its congregations to
35 celebrate the miracle of life in every aspect and at every age through Bible study, worship services,
36 and other opportunities for meaningful presentations; and be it further
37

38 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District in convention encourage the members of its congregations to
39 prayerfully consider opening their God-fearing homes to be foster care homes for displaced children
40 from the State of Michigan and beyond; and be it further
41

42 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District in convention encourage the members of its congregations to
43 prayerfully consider opening their hearts as well as their God-fearing homes to the possibility of
44 adopting one or more of the thousands of children of all ages who are parentless or have no legal
45 guardians; and be it further
46

47 **Resolved**, that our congregations and its members be encouraged to work with and through
48 Lutheran Child & Family Service (LCFS) to learn more about foster care and adoption and becoming
49 a foster care home or adopting a child or children; and be it finally
50

1 **Resolved,** that as a District we commit to diligently and regularly praying the Lord of the Church and
2 the Lord of the harvest to graciously use us to be a witness to the value of all life through our words
3 and deeds.
4
5 Floor Committee #3 – Mission, Ministry, and Church Extension Fund
6 Rev. John Duerr, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** MISSION, MINISTRY, AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 3-06
3 **SUBJECT:** To Encourage the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of
4 Concordia University Ann Arbor
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 3-01, CW Overtures page 44
6
7 **Whereas**, under the grace and guidance of God, our forefathers had the foresight to establish in
8 1963 a college of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the Michigan District; and
9
10 **Whereas**, almighty God in His mercy has allowed the equipping of many students for lives of service
11 in professional church work and other vocations; and
12
13 **Whereas**, our gracious God has provided for the continuance of the ministry of Concordia University
14 Ann Arbor through its merger with Concordia University Wisconsin; and
15
16 **Whereas**, we anticipate God's continued blessings upon Concordia University Ann Arbor in its future
17 preparation of professional church workers and for additional students in other vocations; therefore
18 be it
19
20 **Resolved**, that we thank the dedicated faculty and staff, past and present, for their faithful years of
21 service to our Lord; and be it further
22
23 **Resolved**, that we thank all the individuals and congregations who have encouraged the attendance
24 of their children and those who have faithfully contributed to the financial well-being of the
25 college/university; and be it further
26
27 **Resolved**, that every congregation encourage its members to pray daily for this institution of higher
28 learning and consider participating in the 50th Anniversary Celebration and Thank Offering for
29 Concordia University Ann Arbor; and be it finally
30
31 **Resolved**, that we show our gratitude to God for the blessing of Concordia University Ann Arbor by
32 rising to sing the Common Doxology.
33
34 Committee #3 – Mission, Ministry, and Church Extension Fund
35 Rev. John Duerr, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** MISSION, MINISTRY, AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 3-07
3 **SUBJECT:** To Encourage and Support Public University Campus Ministry
4 **REFERENCE:** Overture 3-02, CW Overtures pages 45-46
5

6 **Whereas**, the Michigan District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has made Campus Ministry
7 a priority by establishing and maintaining places of worship on public university campuses and by
8 providing for Word and Sacrament Ministry and Christian fellowship in these places through
9 partnerships with local congregations; and
10

11 **Whereas**, public university students are thrust into an environment hostile to faithful Christianity that
12 persistently attacks the Christian faith, resulting in increasing numbers of young adults being
13 influenced by other denominations or religions, or abandoning the faith entirely; and
14

15 **Whereas**, the changing financial realities of Michigan District congregations has impacted the level
16 of ongoing financial and infrastructure support the Michigan District is able to provide to campus
17 ministries, thereby leading to the creative establishment of ministry partnerships with local
18 congregations to provide these ministries, which now bear the increasing costs for staff, benefits,
19 utilities, and basic building maintenance with modest outside support; and
20

21 **Whereas**, public universities also attract an enormous population of international students and their
22 families, many of whom have an interest in American culture and religion, and are therefore also a
23 vital focus of campus ministries in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the forgiveness of sin; and
24

25 **Whereas**, the unique and ongoing challenges and opportunities of campus ministry all require an
26 ongoing renewal of support and effort for those actively engaged in such dynamic ministry; therefore
27 be it
28

29 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod gathered in convention
30 give thanks to God for the priority given to campus ministry and for the support it has given in the
31 past, and reaffirm its ongoing support of campus ministry in general and of those congregations
32 actively engaged in full-time campus ministry in particular; and be it further
33

34 **Resolved**, that congregations engaged in full-time campus ministry and campus contact
35 congregations be publicly encouraged and prayed for in their ongoing mission efforts against the
36 world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh to all in the public university community; and be it further
37

38 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District and local congregations having students attending particular
39 public universities be encouraged to provide prayerful and financial support to those specific campus
40 ministries engaged in the effort to provide Word and Sacrament Ministry to their congregational
41 members while they are away at school; and be it further
42

43 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District recognize the unique outreach opportunities to international
44 students and their families by providing prayerful and financial support to campus ministries also
45 engaged in ministry to international students; and be it finally
46

47 **Resolved**, that the congregations of the Michigan District knowing of students attending public
48 universities make known their names and contact information to the full-time campus ministry or the
49 designated campus contact congregation as a further means of supporting the ongoing efforts of
50 handing over the faith to the next generation.
51

52 Floor Committee #3 – Mission, Ministry, and Church Extension Fund
53 Rev. John Duerr, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** MISSION, MINISTRY, AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 3-08
3 **SUBJECT:** To Encourage the Establishment of Prison Ministries by Local
4 Congregations and Clergy
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 3-09, CW Overtures page 56
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7 **Whereas,** Jesus speaks of visiting those in prison (*Matthew 25:36*); and
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9 **Whereas,** research has shown that clergy visits are a positive influence in combating recidivism
10 (repeat offense); and
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12 **Whereas,** it may be difficult for the home pastor to visit because of distance and time; and
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14 **Whereas,** because of a lack of a conduit, families have difficulty in establishing contact with local
15 pastors; and
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17 **Whereas,** congregations and pastors may need assistance in establishing a prison ministry;
18 therefore be it
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20 **Resolved,** that the Michigan District in convention encourage congregations with prisons in their
21 communities to establish a prison ministry; and be it further
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23 **Resolved,** that we encourage these congregations to joyfully allow their pastors to have clergy visits
24 with referred prisoners; and be it further
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26 **Resolved,** that the Michigan District assist pastors in cutting through the red tape and hurdles
27 established by the Michigan Department of Corrections which impedes clergy visits; and be it further
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29 **Resolved,** that the Michigan District provide a link on the District website for families of inmates to
30 connect with a local pastor for the purpose of requesting clergy visits; and be it finally
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32 **Resolved,** that the Michigan District assist in providing the resources (conferences, training, and
33 materials) needed to assist congregations in establishing these ministries.
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1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** MISSION, MINISTRY, AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 3-09
3 **SUBJECT:** To Encourage District Wide Congregational Awareness,
4 Support, and Involvement in the Michigan District Urban
5 Ministry Initiatives
6 **REFERENCE:** Overture 3-10, CW Overtures pages 57-58
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8 **Whereas,** God wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (*1 Timothy 2:4*);
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11 **Whereas,** the Gospel—in the Word and Sacraments (Holy Baptism and Holy Communion)—is God's
12 power unto salvation (*Romans 1:16*), and therefore has sway over men's hearts in every place, and
13 every time, and every culture, according to the Holy Spirit's bidding; and

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15 **Whereas,** we as God's people are called upon to believe in, serve as messengers of, and be God's
16 display of, the power of the saving Gospel in our lives as it is also proclaimed and demonstrated
17 through God's love and life within us in deeds of compassion and mercy; and

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19 **Whereas,** the Holy Spirit attends the truthful proclamation of the Word, the right administration of the
20 Sacraments, and the demonstration of His (*1 Corinthians 6:19*), and Christ's (*Galatians 2:20*),
21 indwelling presence through our obedience to His Word as seen in the forgiveness we offer one
22 another and others in our "life together," in deeds of compassion and mercy, and in our witness; and

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24 **Whereas,** the state of Michigan has one of the great cities of the world, Detroit, and many other
25 urban areas where the Gospel needs to be lived, demonstrated, and proclaimed; therefore be it

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27 **Resolved,** the Michigan District in convention encourage and direct its officers and staff to continue
28 to take seriously God's mission in the urban setting through its A2E (Acts 2 Enterprise) Urban
29 Initiative, other urban initiatives, and especially through continual, urgent, special, and focused
30 prayer and planning; and be it further

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32 **Resolved,** that we, the congregations of the Michigan District, join in these prayers for God's blessing
33 upon urban ministry, and where possible, join in the work that needs to be done in the urban setting
34 through that planning; and be it further

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36 **Resolved,** that the congregations of the Michigan District further support in whatever means or ways
37 possible these urban ministry efforts, or as the Apostle Paul says in *Galatians 6:10*: "... as we have
38 opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers";
39 and be it finally

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41 **Resolved,** that this resolution, once properly edited, be forwarded for consideration at the 2013
42 Synod convention.

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OMNIBUS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION A

Whereas, many overtures request action that is the responsibility of various boards, commissions, or individuals to study and to implement; therefore be it

Resolved, that the following overtures be referred to the designated board, commission, task force, or individual:

<i>Number</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Board, Commission, Task Force, Individual</i>
2-07	Strategic Planning for District Mission Funds	District President
2-08	Strategic Planning for District Mission Funds	District President
2-10	Use Technology in the Call Process	District President
3-08	Encourage Mission Zeal	District President

