

CONVENTION WORKBOOK - PART II



“Celebrate Jesus”
99th Michigan District Convention
Concordia University Ann Arbor
June 28 - July 1, 2009

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Michigan District Convention June 28 - July 1, 2009



AGENDA

Sunday, June 28 – “Celebrate Jesus”

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
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	Torch Relay Celebration Music by David Paul Britton Supper available – Sponsored by Lutheran Benefits Group	Near Ministry Tent
5:00	Torch Relay runners arrive	Ministry Tent
7:00	Opening Service The Preacher: Rev. Dr. C. William Hoesman Michigan District President <i>Reception following the service</i>	Chapel of the Holy Trinity Lawn area outside Chapel

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Monday, June 29 – “Celebrate Jesus”

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
8:15-9:00	Opening Devotions The Preacher: Rev. Dr. Scott Sommerfeld Holy Cross, Jenison	Chapel of the Holy Trinity
9:10-9:30	Registration Report – Rev. Paul Theiss Official Opening – Rev. Dr. C. William Hoesman Introduction of Parliamentarian – Judge Gene Schnelz Adoption of Agenda and Standing Rules Greetings and Welcome from Concordia University Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer, President Orientation – Rev. Peter Nickel, Convention Committee Chairman	Convention Hall
9:30-9:45	Committee on New & Revised Constitutions – Rev. Luther Werth Reception of Congregations, Ministers of Religion Ordained and Commissioned who have joined the Synod in the past triennium (printed report)	
9:45-10:05	District President’s Address Rev. Dr. C. William Hoesman	
10:05-10:30	Nominations Committee – Rev. Robert Appold, Chairman Elections Committee – Rev. William Winter, Chairman Elections of District President/Vice Presidents/Board/Committees, etc	
10:30-10:35	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis – Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing, Associate Professor	
10:35-10:40	Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne – Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe, President	
10:40-11:00	Break	
11:00-noon	Essay/Bible Study – Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing	
Noon-1:15 p.m.	Lunch/Ministry Tent	Cafeteria & Riverside Rooms/Ministry Tent
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Caucus for election of advisory ordained/commissioned delegates to Synodical Convention 	Convention Hall
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Caucus for those Circuits still needing to elect Circuit Counselors – Circuits to be announced, Rev. David Reed, District Secretary 	Convention Hall

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1:15-1:20	Devotions – Mr. David Kusch, St. Paul, Farmington Hills	Convention Hall
1:20-2:20	Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synodical Structure and Governance Rev. Jon Braunersreuther, Senior Assistant to the President The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod	
2:20-2:55	Elections continued	
2:55-3:15	Break	
3:15-3:30	District Ministry Survey Questions	
3:30-4:00	Floor Committee #1	
4:00-4:05	Greetings LATINO Mission Society Project Compassion Ministries	
4:05-4:35	Floor Committee #2	
4:35-5:00	District Ministry Presentations – Staff Reports	
5:00-5:10	Omnibus Resolutions	
5:10-5:25	Elections continued as needed	
5:25-5:30	Michigan District Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support Rev. Mark Hetzner, Chairman	
5:30-5:40	Treasurer’s Report Mr. William Young, Treasurer Mr. Chad Woltemath, Vice President of Finance	
5:40-5:45	Closing Prayer – Mr. David Kusch	
6:15	Dinner <i>Pig Roast, live music, & outdoor lawn games</i> <i>Sponsored in part by Church Extension Fund</i>	Outdoor tent near Earhart Manor

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Tuesday, June 30 – “Celebrate Jesus”

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 The Preacher: Rev. John Merrill, St. John, Fraser <i>Brunch following service for family members of those honored at the Memorial Service</i>	Chapel of the Holy Trinity Earhart Manor living room
9:30-10:30	Essay/Bible Study – Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing	Convention Hall
10:30-10:35	Greetings Lutheran Blind Mission Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan	
10:35-10:50	Break	
10:50-11:05	District Ministry Survey Questions	
11:05-11:30	<i>The Future is Now</i> in partnership with <i>Fan into Flame</i> Presentation Mr. Ray Zavada – Michigan District Vice President of Development Rev. Dr. Thomas Zehnder – Executive Director of LCMS World Mission	
11:30-11:45	Church Extension Fund – Mr. Ronald Steinke, President and CEO	
11:45-noon	Floor Committee #1	
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch/Ministry Tent	Cafeteria & Riverside Rooms/Ministry Tent
1:30-1:35	Devotions – Mr. Julian Petzold, Trinity, St. Joseph	Convention Hall
1:35-1:55	Floor Committee #1	
1:55-2:00	Greetings Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST Ministries)	
2:00-3:00	Floor Committee #2	
3:00-3:15	Break	
3:15-4:20	Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synodical Structure and Governance Rev. Jon Braunersreuther	
4:20-4:35	Concordia University Ann Arbor – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer	
4:35-4:45	Lutheran Women’s Missionary League – Cheri Fish, President	
4:45-4:55	Lutheran Laymen’s League	

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4:55-5:00	Closing Prayer – Mr. Julian Petzold	
5:15	Dinner	
6:30	Service of Installation	Chapel of the Holy Trinity
	The Preacher: Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, LCMS President	
	<i>Ice Cream Social for everyone to welcome newly elected officers, board members, circuit counselors, and President Gerald Kieschnick</i>	Lawn area outside Chapel
	<i>Sponsored by Eastern Great Lakes Region of Thrivent Financial</i>	

Wednesday, July 1 – “Celebrate Jesus”

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Cafeteria
8:15-8:30	Opening Devotions Dr. John Brandt, Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw	Convention Hall
8:30-9:30	Essay/Bible Study – Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing	
9:30-9:45	Floor Committee #1	
9:45-10:00	Floor Committee #2	
10:00-11:00	LCMS Report with Q & A – Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick	
11:00	Closing of the Convention Final Registration Report – Rev. Paul Theiss Prayer & Adjournment	
11:20	Service of Sending The Preacher: Rev. C. William Weis, Peace, Saginaw	Chapel of the Holy Trinity
	Buffet Lunch (Boxed Lunches available)	Cafeteria

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NOMINATIONS 2009

* = Incumbent

DISTRICT PRESIDENT (Vote for 1)

David A. Davis

1895 Penobscot, Okemos MI 48864

Age 51

Current Position: Pastor-St. Luke, Haslett

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

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

Circuit: Circuit Mission Coordinator; Church Planter of Lakeshore, Spring Lake and Grace, Coopersville; The Future is Now Circuit Coordinator

District: Board for Mission Development Chairman; Task Force on Reorganization; *Ablaze!* Coordinator; Various Pastors' Conference Committees' Chairman, Treasurer, and Member; *Ablaze!* Torch Relay; Lutheran Adult Gathering Committee

Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate

Community: Sponsor-Southwest Detroit Mission Site; Health Advisory Committee; Downtown Pastors' Group; Area Clergy Cluster

Other: Lutheran Laymen's League Men's Retreat Chaplain; Church Extension Fund Representatives' Conference; Lutheran Adult Gathering Sectional Leader; Mission Opportunities Short Term Participant; West Michigan Lutheran High School Exploratory Committee Chairman; Pastoral Leadership Institute Participant – Governance and Executive Training

David P. E. Maier

4860 Diamond Way, Dimondale MI 48821

Age 52

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Our Savior, Lansing

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne

History of service - past and current:

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

Circuit: Mission Representative; Circuit Counselor

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

Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate; Synodical Convention Floor Committee on Worship Matters

Community: Kiwanis Club; Veteran's Day Chaplain; Rotary Club Presenter; Pregnancy Services of Michigan; High School Baccalaureate speaker

Other: LWML Pastoral Advisor; Concordia University Advisory Board; Featured speaker at various District and Congregational youth gatherings and men's retreats; Mission Trips

David H. Reed

307 West Ruth Street, Auburn MI 48611

Age 58

Current Position: Pastor-Grace, Auburn

Education: Concordia-Seward; Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher-Trinity, Fremont NE; Pastor-Prince of Peace, Crystal Lake IL; Pastor-Trinity, Indianapolis IN; Pastor-Grace, Auburn

Circuit: Circuit Counselor; The Future is Now Circuit Coordinator

District: Secretary; Board for Christian Care; Board for Youth

Synod: Introductory Committee for Lutheran Service Book

Other: Convention Chair-Lutherans for Life; Board of Directors-Indianapolis Lutheran High School

Michael J. Roth

3460 Kedzie, St. Joseph MI 49085

Age 49

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Trinity, St. Joseph

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

History of service - past and current:

Service: Associate Pastor-St. Thomas, Rocky River OH; Pastor-St. Thomas, Ohio City & Zion, Willshire OH; Associate Pastor-Peace, Saginaw; Senior Pastor-St. Peter's, Eastpointe; Administrative Pastor-Trinity, St. Joseph

Circuit: Saginaw Valley Pastor/Teacher Conference Chairman and Vice-Chairman; Circuit Youth Representative; Circuit Evangelism Representative; LWML Counselor; Cleveland Lutheran High School Association Board of Trustees and Education Committee; Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ, Pastoral Counselor; Circuit Convocation Committee Chairman; Circuit Pastor's Conference Chairman and Secretary; Circuit Pastor's Conference Chaplain; Circuit Church Planting Committee Chairman; Circuit Youth Coordinator Chairman

District: Vice President; 125th Anniversary Steering Committee; Foreign Mission Task Force Chairman; Foreign Mission Committee Chairman

Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate

Community: Lion's Club; Chamber of Commerce

Other: Advisory Regent-Concordia University Ann Arbor; Genesis Study Committee Chairman for the Lutheran High School Association-Greater Detroit; Lutheran Outreach Ministry of Benton Harbor Strategic Planning Committee

Robert J. Schultz

12284 Northway Pkwy, Freeland MI 48623

Age 64

Current Position: Emeritus/Intentional Interim Minister

Education: Concordia-Milwaukee, WI; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis; University of Nebraska; Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne; Michigan State University

History of Service – past and current:

Service: Associate Pastor-St. Paulus, San Francisco CA; Pastor-Mt. Calvary, Omaha NE; Associate Pastor-St. Peter, Hemlock; Pastor-St. Mark, Saginaw; Senior Pastor-St. Michael, Wayne

Circuit: Circuit Counselor

District: Deacon Qualifications Committee Chairman; Deacon Training Program Instructor; Church Planting Committee; Special Ministries Committee

Other: MLMI Director; PLSP Instructor; LWML Pastoral Advisor; Army Reserves Chaplain; Hemlock Library Board

**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-Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Mission Developer-Chiefland FL; Pastor-St. Peter, Lodi CA; Pastor-Concordia, Cerritos CA; Senior Pastor-Hope, Warren

Circuit: The Future is Now Circuit Coordinator

District: Youth Board; Stewardship Committee Chairman; Continuing Education Committee; Youth Gathering Chairman; Great Commission Convocation Chairman

Community: Warren Consolidated School District Health Committee; Local Radio and TV presenter; Mayor's Ministerial Alliance; Right to Life presenter; Adoption Agencies; Abstinence Task Force

Other: Presenter/Leader for men's, couple's, and congregational retreats

John E. Merrill

19382 Candlelight, Roseville MI 48066

Age 62

Current Position: Administrative Pastor-St. John, Fraser

Education: Concordia-Seward; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Principal/Teacher-Immanuel, Gaylord, MN; Principal/Teacher-Bach/Kilmanagh, Sebawaing; Associate Pastor/Principal-Calvary, Lincoln Park; Administrative Pastor-St. John, Fraser

Circuit: Circuit Counselor; LWML Zone Counselor

District: Convention Committee Chairman; Convention Worship Chairman; Election Committee

Community: Community Hospital Board of Directors; Community Education Recreation Board

Other: Glen Eden Cemetery Board of Directors

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

***K. Frank Graves**

7193 Summit Ridge, Brighton MI 48116

Age 62

Current Position: Emeritus

Education: Concordia-St. Paul MN; Concordia-Ft. Wayne; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis; Western Theological Seminary-Holland MI

History of service - past and current:

Service: Administrative Pastor-Immanuel, Grand Rapids; Senior Pastor-Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton

Circuit: Tri-Circuit Chairman; Circuit Counselor; Circuit Convocations Organizer; Pastors' Conference Program Committee; The Future is Now Circuit Coordinator

District: Circuit Counselor's Chairman; RSI Steering Committee; Marriage Enrichment Weekends leader; Ministerial Health Commission; Vice President; 125th Anniversary Steering Committee; 911 Task Force Chairman

Synod: Reconciler

Community: Grand Valley Blood Center Board of Governors; Public Relations and Recruitment Committee Chairman; Downtown Grand Rapids Days Inn Chaplain; Pastoral Advisory Board for Hope Rehabilitation Network; Clergy Interracial Forum Chairman; Steering Committee on Marriage Policy for greater Grand Rapids metro areas

Other: Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan board member

Donald O. Neuendorf

411 Pine Brae, Ann Arbor MI 48105

Age 51

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

Education: Concordia-Seward; Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft Wayne; Concordia-Ann Arbor

History of service - current and present:

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

Circuit: The Future is Now Circuit Coordinator

District: Board of Parish Services, Wisconsin District; Lutherans For Life of Wisconsin Board of Directors; Lutheran Homes of Michigan Board of Directors

**VICE PRESIDENT – North and East Region
(Vote for 1)**

Mark D. Brandt

9042 West Tuscola, Frankenmuth MI 48734

Age 54

Current Position: Senior Pastor-St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-St. John, Beemer NE; Pastor-Trinity, Glendora; Senior Pastor-St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

Circuit: Circuit Counselor; The Future is Now Circuit Coordinator

District: Board of Directors; North & East Pastors' Conference Chairman; Mission & Ministry Commission

Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate

Community: Frankenmuth Rotary Club President; Little League Coach; AYSO Soccer Referee

Other: Lutheran Layman's League Zone Pastoral Advisor

David A. Jung

1355 East Kitchen Road, Pinconning MI 48650

Age 53

Current Position: Pastor-St. John, Pinconning

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Cedar Crest, Union Lake; Associate Pastor-Guardian, Dearborn; Pastor-St. John, Pinconning

Circuit: Circuit Counselor; Circuit Youth Representative; Circuit Program Committee

District: Convention Task Force Chairman; Convention Committee Chairman; Floor Committee Chairman; Youth Board

Synod: Circuit Counselors' Conference; Synodical Convention Delegate

Community: Dearborn Public Schools Workshop Leader for 7th grade Social Studies

Other: Livonia Lutheran Home Steering Committee; Camp Pioneer Confirmands Retreat Staff; LWML Zone Counselor

**VICE PRESIDENT – West Region
(Vote for 1)**

David A. Davis

1895 Penobscot, Okemos MI 48864

Age 51

Current Position: Pastor-St. Luke, Haslett

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

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DISTRICT SECRETARY
(Vote for 1)

Joel A. Hess

119 Lakewood, Cadillac MI 49601

Age 39

Current Position: Associate Pastor-Emmanuel, Cadillac

Education: Michigan State University; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Our Savior, Chillicothe OH; Associate Pastor-Emmanuel, Cadillac

District: Stewardship Board Secretary

Other: Deaconal Outreach Care and Services Founder and President

***David H. Reed**

307 West Ruth Street, Auburn MI 48611

Age 58

Current Position: Pastor-Grace, Auburn

Education: Concordia-Seward; Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

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District: Secretary; Board for Christian Care; Board for Youth

Synod: Introductory Committee for Lutheran Service Book

Other: Convention Chair-Lutherans for Life; Board of Directors-Indianapolis LHS

DISTRICT TREASURER
(Vote for 1)

***William Young**

8969 - 24th Avenue, Jenison, MI 49428

Age 64

Current Position: Retired Banker - Commercial Loans

Home Congregation: Holy Cross, Jenison

Education: College

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Vestry; Bethel Teacher

District: District Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Metro West Region

Ordained Ministers: (Vote for 1)

Paul M. Moldenhauer

2020 South Commerce, Walled Lake MI 48390

Age 53

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

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-First, Charlotte; Senior Pastor-St. Matthew, Walled Lake

District: Board for Evangelism and Church Growth; Great Commission Convocation Coordinator; Mission and Ministry Commission

Synod: Pastoral Advisor for Michigan Federation of Lutherans for Life

Community: Citizen's Advisory Board for Charlotte Schools; Rotary Club

Other: Convener and organizer of the Japanese Ministry Association

Richard A. Zeile

16800 Plainview, Detroit MI 48219

Age 54

Current Position: Pastor and Headmaster-St. John's, Taylor

Education: Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne; University of Michigan; Harvard University

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher-Lutheran High West, Detroit; Pastor-Christ, Maplewood NJ; Pastor and Headmaster-Zion, Detroit; Associate Pastor/Principal/Teacher-Redford, Detroit; Pastor/Headmaster-St. John's, Taylor

Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate

Community: Helped organize a charter school; Board of Woodward Academy; 2008 Republican candidate for State Board of Education

Other: Published Sunday School curriculum, Portals of Prayer, and My Devotions for CPH

Commissioned Ministers: (Vote for 1):

Ronald L. Beardsley

5386 Ivy Court, Howell MI 48843

Age 75

Current Position: Emeritus

Education: Concordia-Seward; Missouri University

History of service – past and current:

Service: Principal/Teacher-Zion, Green Isle MN; Principal/Teacher-St. John's, Fenton IA; Principal Teacher-Immanuel, Clarinda IA; Principal/Teacher-Trinity, Monroe; Principal/Teacher-St Paul, Northville

Circuit: Downriver Principal/Teacher Conference Chairman

District: Board of Directors; Michigan Lutheran Principals Chairman
Community: Brighton Chamber of Commerce; Kiawanas
Other: Interim Principal

***Harvey M. Schmit**

2553 River Woods Drive North, Canton MI 48188

Age 57

Current Position: Administrator/Teacher-St. Michael, Wayne

Education: Concordia-Chicago; University of Michigan

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher-Zion, Harbor Beach; Teacher-St. Paul's, Farmington Hills; Principal/Teacher-St. Michael, Wayne

Circuit: Regional Principals Chairman

District: Board of Directors; School Committee; Accreditation Commission

Synod: Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support

Laypersons: (Vote for 2)

Stephen R. Boergert

5439 Bristol Parke Drive, Clarkston, MI 48348

Age 50

Current Position: Business Owner of WeldPower, Corp. and Mackinaw Associates, LLC

Home Congregation: Cross of Christ, Bloomfield Hills

Education: San Diego State University; University of Phoenix

History of service – past and current:

Congregation: Congregation Chairman; Elder

District: Convention Delegate

Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate

Community: Retired Senior Chief Petty Officer in the U. S. Navy; Condo Association Board of Directors President; High School Wrestling Coach

***Chris Chauvin**

10536 Runyan Lake Court, Fenton, MI 48430

Age 59

Current Position: Retired

Home Congregation: Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton

Education: Eastern Michigan University

History of service – past and current:

District: Board of Directors; Advisory member, Board of Evangelism; Outreach Convocation Chairman

Community: Trainer for Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan

***Duane Renken**

2154 South 7th Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Age 76

Current Position: President, Renken & Co.

Home Congregation: St. Luke, Ann Arbor

Education: University of Michigan

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: President, Stewardship Chairman

District: District Board of Directors; Church Extension Fund Board Vice-Chairman; Church Extension Fund Board Grants Committee; District Reconciler

Community: Ann Arbor Board of Education President; Huron Valley Girl Scout Council Board of Directors; Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club;

Other: MOST Board of Directors; University Lutheran Chapel Board of Directors

North and East Region

Ordained Ministers: (Vote for 1)

Daniel C. Meckes

3033 Wilder Road, Bay City MI 48706

Age 49

Current Position: Administrative Pastor-Faith, Bay City

Education: Concordia-Chicago; Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: DCE-Carmel, Carmel IN; Administrative Pastor-Trinity, Reese; Associate Pastor-St. Matthew, Walled Lake; Administrative Pastor-Faith, Bay City

Circuit: Evangelism Representative

District: Convention Committee; Floor Committee; PALS Facilitator

Community: Habitat for Humanity; Camp Restore – New Orleans

Other: LWML Circuit Advisor

Paul D. Theiss

2704 Ziegler Road, Bay City MI 48706

Age 59

Current Position: Administrative Pastor-St. Paul, Bay City

Education: Concordia-Milwaukee; Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Centennial, Superior NE; Pastor-Immanuel, Tilden NE; Administrative Pastor-St. Paul, Bay City

Circuit: Circuit Counselor; Circuit Mission Coordinator; Program Committee; The Future is Now Circuit Coordinator

District: Convention Registrar; Convention Nominating Committee; District Secretary; 125th Anniversary Planning Committee; Floor Committee; Committee on Circuit Reorganization; All District Pastors' Conference Chairman; Saginaw Valley Pastor/Teacher Conference Chairman

Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate; Convention Nominating Committee

Community: Michigan State Police Chaplain; Bay Regional Medical Center Volunteer Chaplain; Right to Life Board of Directors; Lutheran Day School Accreditation Committee member

Other: LLL Pastoral Advisor; LWML Pastoral Advisor

Commissioned Ministers: (Vote for 1)

James C. Anderson

8720 South Gera Road, Birch Run MI 48415

Age 53

Current Position: Director of Christian Education-St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia-Chicago; Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: DCE-Bethel, Dallas TX; DCE-Faith, Port Huron; DCE-St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

District: High School Youth Gathering Co-Chairman; Jr. High Youth Gathering Chairman

Community: Frankenmuth Civic Events Council Board of Directors; Bavarian Festival Parade Chairman;
Frankenmuth High School Crisis Team; Baccalaureate Director

Other: Camp Arcadia Counselor

Dale H. Vorwerk

9414 South Seymour Road, Swartz Creek MI 48473

Age 65

Current Position: Emeritus

Education: Concordia-Chicago

History of service - past and current:

Service: Principal/Teacher-St. John, Chicago IL; Principal-St. Paul, Flint

Congregation: Education and Evangelism Boards

District: Accreditation Commission; Principal's Conference Treasurer

Other: MANS Conference planning

Laypersons: (Vote for 2)

***Larry A. Bauermeister**

10423 Carmer Road, Fenton MI 48430

Age 71

Current Position: Retired

Home Congregation: Faith, Grand Blanc

Education: Valparaiso University; United States Military Academy; University of Illinois

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Board of Education Chairman; Congregation Vice-President and President; Stewardship
Chairman; Board of Directors; Co-Chairman of capital campaign; Youth basketball teams
coach

District: Board of Directors

Community: Board of Visitors; Air University; USAF

Dale D. Gust

2814 South Coldwater Road, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Age 71

Current Position: Retired Professor-Central Michigan University

Home Congregation: Zion, Mt. Pleasant

Education: BS and MS in Business Education; PhD in Admin/Supr and Information Systems

History of service – past and current:

Congregation: Board for Campus Ministry; Capitol Campaign Chairman for new Zion Lutheran Church; Congregation Executive Director; Board of Evangelism; Board of Elders; Board of Stewardship; Board of Trustees; Board of Education
District: Convention Delegate; Floor Committee Secretary
Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate
Community: Isabella Community Credit Union Board of Directors Chairman; Mt. Pleasant High School Music Boosters Chairman
Other: Concordia University Ann Arbor Board of Regents; Served on numerous committees at Central Michigan University

Eugene D. Mossner

1654 Lathrup Avenue, Saginaw MI 48638
Age 79
Current Position: Retired Attorney at Law
Home Congregation: Good Shepherd, Saginaw
Education: University of Michigan; Wayne State University Law School

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Congregation Chairman; Board of Elders Chairman; Board of Evangelism; Board of Education; Congregation Secretary; Church Archivist; Bible Class teacher
District: Convention Delegate
Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate
Community: Saginaw County Elected Officers-Chairman; Health Source Advisory Board; Saginaw County Democratic Party Chairman

John Nutzmann

11878 Parklane, Mt. Morris MI 48458
Age 60
Current Position: Teacher
Home Congregation: Messiah, Clio
Education: Bachelor of Science degree

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Congregation Chairman; Head Elder; Confirmation teacher; Building Committee; Call Committee
District: Nominating Committee; Floor Committee; Convention Delegate
Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate
Community: Negotiator for Clio Schools; Alternative Education; Athletic Booster

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ordained Ministers: (Vote for 1)

Robert B. Appold

8653 Lilly Ridge Drive SE, Alto MI 49302

Age 51

Current Position: Pastor-St. Matthew, Grand Rapids

Education: Concordia-Chicago; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Holy Trinity, Saskatchewan; Pastor-All Saints, Alberta; Pastor-Trinity-St. James, Munger; Associate Pastor-Our Savior, Lansing; Pastor-St. Matthew, Grand Rapids;

Circuit: The Future is Now Circuit Coordinator

District: Circuit Counselor; Board of Evangelism; District Pastors' Conference Planning Committee
District Planned Giving Counselor

Community: Holt High School Booster Club Member; Whitneyville Home Owners Association Secretary

Other: Camp Arcadia LLL Chaplain

Timothy P. Azzam

6098 Stagecoach Trail, Oscoda MI 48750

Age 53

Current Position: Pastor-Trinity, Oscoda

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Redeemer, Paragould AR; Pastor-St. Paul, Denham IN; Pastor-Bethlehem/Zion, Fall Creek WI; Pastor-St. Peter's, Three Rivers; Pastor-Trinity, Oscoda

District: Circuit Counselor; West Michigan Pastors' Conference Planning Committee; District Convention Floor Committee member; Professional Church Workers Conference Planning Committee

Community: CROP Walk; D.A.R.E.; Augusta Elementary Reading Program

Other: Church Extension Fund Co-Representative

Erik K. Cloeter

509 Butler Street, Clio MI 48420

Age 37

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Messiah, Clio

Education: Concordia-St. Paul; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Bethlehem, Wales WI; Senior Pastor-Messiah, Clio

District: Professional Church Workers' Conference Committee Vice-Chair

Other: Led successful building campaign

Steven R. Maske

728 Hickorywood Drive, Flushing MI 48433

Age 47

Current Position: Senior Pastor-St. Paul, Flint

Education: University of Illinois; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Senior Pastor-St. Paul, Flint; Associate Pastor-St. Paul, Flint

District: Circuit Counselor

Community: Flushing Rotary; American Legion Post 447; Veterans of Foreign War Post 777

Other: U.S. Navy

Commissioned Ministers: (Vote for 1)

Dennis Haegele

5621 Montgomery, Shelby Twp. MI 48316

Age 62

Current Position: Lutheran High School Association Local Accounting

Home Congregation: St. John, Rochester

Education: Concordia-Chicago; Eastern Michigan University-Ypsilanti

History of service- past and current:

Service: Teacher-Grace, Dallas TX; Business Teacher-Luther South High School, Chicago IL;

Business Teacher-Lutheran High North, Macomb; Business Teacher-Lutheran High

Northwest, Rochester Hills; Accounting-Lutheran High School Association-Harper Woods

Congregation: Board of Education; School Audit Committee

Other: National Business Teachers' Association; Substitute church organist

***Julian H. Petzold**

5526 Alpine Ridge, Stevensville MI 49127

Age 37

Current Position: Principal-Trinity, St. Joseph

Home Congregation: Trinity, St. Joseph

Education: Concordia-Chicago; Oakland University-Rochester

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher-St. John, Forest Park IL; Teacher-St. John, Rochester; Teacher-Living Word, Rochester; Principal-Trinity, St. Joseph

District: Church Extension Fund Board member since 2007; Church Extension Fund Grants Committee; Early Childhood Committee Chairman; Early Childhood Consultant

Robert D. Schafer

53282 Luann Drive, Shelby Twp. MI 48316

Age 57

Current Position: Pastoral Assistant Resource Care & Development-St. John, Rochester

Education: Concordia-Seward; Saginaw Valley State University

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher-Metro East High School, Edwardsville IL; Teacher/Coach-Lutheran High School North, Macomb; Resource Manager-St. John, Rochester

District: Advisory Convention Delegate

Synod: Synodical Advisory Convention Delegate

Other: Church Extension Fund representative for St. John, Rochester

Laypersons: (Vote for 3)

Joseph R. Carabell

83 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens MI 48043

Age 47

Current Position: Certified Public Accountant-Carabell, Leslie and Company

Home Congregation: Trinity, Utica

Education: Valparaiso University; Michigan State University

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Treasurer; Personnel Committee Chairman

Community: American Institute of Certified Public Accountants member

Other: Lutheran Church Extension Fund Audit Committee; Lutheran High School Association
Treasurer

Gary M. Conzelmann

425 East Jefferson Street, Frankenmuth MI 48734

Age 60

Current Position: Financial Advisor and Insurance Agent

Home Congregation: St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

Education: College

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Treasurer; Elder; Cemetery Committee; Membership Chairman

Community: Jaycees; Rotarian

Other: Lutheran Layman's League; Previous employment with Thrivent Financial

Steven P. Peacock

28576 Green Willow, Farmington Hills MI 48331

Age 46

Current Position: Vice President-Citizens Bank

Home Congregation: Cross of Christ, Bloomfield Hills

Education: Central Michigan University; Wayne State University

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Treasurer

Community: Loan Committee member-Michigan Inter-Faith Loan Fund; Southern Wayne County
Chamber of Commerce member

Jack J. Provenzano

587 Westchester, Saginaw MI 48638

Age 55

Current Position: Vice President and Trust Officer-Citizens Bank

Home Congregation: Peace, Saginaw

Education: Eastern Michigan University; Central Michigan University

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Chairman of Stewardship; School Board

Community: Fordney Club; Red Cross board member; Saginaw Historical Society board member

***James R. Saalfeld**

205 Morningside Drive SE, Grand Rapids MI 49506

Age 41

Current Position: Lawyer-Corporate Counsel

Home Congregation: Immanuel, Grand Rapids

Education: Northwestern University-Chicago; University of Nebraska-Lincoln NE

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: President; Stewardship Chairman

District: Church Extension Fund board member since 2003; Chairman of Investment Committee for Church Extension Fund

Community: Grand Rapids Township Board of Trustees; Grand Rapids Township Planning Commission; Kent County Hospital Finance Authority Chairman; Kent County Officers' Compensation Commission Chairman

Merl C. Terry

3608 Camden Court, Auburn Hills MI 48326

Age 71

Current Position: Volunteer Director-Crown Financial Ministries

Home Congregation: Cross of Christ, Bloomfield Hills

Education: Concordia-St. Paul; Michigan State University

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Board of Education Chairman; Church Council; Director of Stewardship; Ministry of Finance Director; Sunday School Superintendent

Other: Lutheran Special Education Ministries Development Director; Lutheran Homes of Michigan Board of Directors

***David C. Vallie**

6466 East Maple Avenue, Grand Blanc MI 48439

Age 46

Current Position: Vice President-Wealth Management

Home Congregation: Faith, Grand Blanc

Education: Professional School; Financial Planning Specialist, Consulting Group Univ.; Guided Portfolio Management Training I & II

History of service - past and current:

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

District: Church Extension Fund board member since 2008; Chairman of Investment Committee for Church Extension Fund

Community: Affiliations with American Red Cross and Tall Pine Council; Boy Scouts of America

Gary G. Witt

16795 Renwick Street, Livonia MI 48154

Age 63

Current Position: Retired Chief Engineer-Ford Motor Company

Home Congregation: Christ Our Savior, Livonia

Education: Iowa State University; University of Michigan

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Elder, Finance Committee Chairman; Constitution Committee

Community: ASM International Chairman; Kingsbury Heights-Renwick park Civic Association President

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 2009 MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION

Metro East Region

Ordained Ministers: (Vote for 1)

Brian K. Davies

52910 Romeo Plank Road, Macomb MI 48042

Age 29

Current Position: Associate Pastor-St. Peter, Macomb

Education: Concordia-Chicago; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Associate Pastor-St. Peter, Macomb

Community: Macomb Charitable Foundation Board of Directors

Other: Thrivent Chapter Board of Directors

Thomas F. Fischer

2730 Hessel, Rochester Hills MI 48307

Age 51

Current Position: Pastor-Gethsemane, Rochester Hills

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis; Central Michigan University

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Zion, Omaha NE; Pastor-Our Savior, Midland; Pastor-Gethsemane, Rochester Hills

Community: Pregnancy Aid of Midland County Board of Directors

Commissioned Ministers: (Vote for 1)

Terry M. Davis

23775 24 Mile Road, Macomb MI 48042

Age 63

Current Position: Principal-St. Peter, Macomb

Home Congregation: St. Peter, Macomb

Education: Concordia-Chicago; Oakland University-Rochester

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher-St. Mark, Yonkers NY; Principal/Teacher-St. Peter, Macomb

District: Principal's Conference Chairman; Macomb County Principals Chairman

Community: Hunter Safety Instruction for the DNR

Other: Lutheran Special Education Ministries Board

David E. Dembeck

66 Moross, Mt. Clemens MI 48043

Age 56

Current Position: Teacher-St. Peter, Macomb

Education: Concordia-Seward; Michigan State University

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher-St. Luke, Cabot PA; Teacher/Principal-St. John, Ionia; Teacher-St. Peter, Macomb
District: Principal's Conference Secretary; National Lutheran Schools Accreditation Commission
Community: Macomb Twp. Election Supervisor

Laypersons: (Vote for 1)

***Phillip J. Fluegge**

14419 Knightsbridge, Shelby Twp. MI 48315

Age 50

Current Position: Investment Advisor

Home Congregation: Immanuel, Macomb

Education: Babson College, Wellsley MA

History of service - past and current:

District: Nominating Committee

Congregation: Elder; Chairman; Human Resources Committee; Co-Chair, Capital Drive

Community: Zoning Board of Appeals, Macomb Twp.

Other: Lutheran Heritage Foundation Board of Directors; Concordia Plan Services Board of Directors

Keith W. Mueller

14727 Patterson Drive, Shelby Twp. MI 48315

Age 41

Current Position: Insurance

Home Congregation: St. Peter, Macomb

Education: College

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Board of Education

Metro West Region

Ordained Ministers: (Vote for 1)

Daryl Andrzejewski

40689 Bluesprings Court, Canton MI 48188

Age 42

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Guardian, Dearborn

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary-Ft. Wayne

History of service – past and current:

Service: Associate Pastor-St. Thomas, Eastpointe; Pastor-New Hope, Hudsonville; Senior Pastor Guardian, Dearborn

District: Board of Youth Ministries

Community: Police Chaplain; Youth Athletic Association Head Coach

Other: Pastoral Leadership Institute Participant; Center for U.S. Missions Training

Douglas M. Adams

10925 Welch Road, Britton MI 29229

Age 34

Current Position: Pastor-Emmanuel, Britton

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service – past and current:

Service: Associate Pastor-St. Paul's, Hillsdale; Pastor-Emmanuel, Britton

Circuit: The Future is Now Circuit Coordinator

Community: Boy Scout Chaplain; Co-founder of HOPE for Developmental Disabilities in Hillsdale County

Other: LWML Circuit Counselor

Commissioned Ministers: (Vote for 1)

David S. Kusch

32405 Maria Court, Livonia MI 48152

Age 46

Current Position: Principal-St. Paul's, Farmington Hills

Home Congregation: St. Paul's, Farmington Hills

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher-Holy Cross, Ft. Wayne IN; Teacher-Concordia High School, Ft. Wayne IN;
Principal/Teacher-St. Paul's, Farmington Hills

District: Accreditation Commission; Floor Committees; Commission on Ministerial Growth & Support

***Daniel W. Ramthun**

1719 N. Mildred, Dearborn MI 48128

Age 47

Current Position: Assistant Principal/Teacher-Lutheran High, Westland

Home Congregation: St. Stephen, Detroit

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Eastern Michigan University

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Board of Education Chairman; Vice-President

District: Commission on Ministerial Growth & Support; Nominating Committee

Laypersons: (Vote for 1)

Ronald Bales

235 Berkley, Dearborn MI 48124

Age 72

Current Position: Retired Educator/Business Owner

Home Congregation: Guardian, Dearborn

Education: Eastern Michigan University; University of Michigan

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Congregation President; Board of Lay Ministry
District: Convention Delegate
Community: Work with Special Olympics
Other: Lutheran High School Association Board of Directors Chairman; Thrivent Chairperson

Philip M. Krauss II

32223 Bertram, Westland MI 48185
Age 48
Current Position: Higher Education Administration
Home Congregation: Christ Our Savior, Livonia
Education: College; Master's degree in progress

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Congregation President; Elder
Community: Toastmasters International
Other: Lutheran Layman's League District President

North and East Region

Ordained Ministers: (Vote for 1)

***Paul R. Hinz**

5765 Tittabawassee Road, Saginaw MI 48604
Age 49
Current Position: Associate Pastor-Peace, Saginaw
Education: Concordia-Bronxville; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Associate Pastor-Trinity, Reese; Assistant Pastor-Good Shepherd, Saginaw; Associate Pastor-Peace, Saginaw
Circuit: The Future is Now Circuit Coordinator
District: Nominating Committee; Stewardship Editorial Committee
Synod: His Love/Our Response Project Coordinator

David F. Sherry

5545 Eight Mile Road, Bay City MI 48706
Age 52
Current Position: Pastor-Trinity, Bay City
Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne; Oswald Hoffman School of Christian Outreach

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-St. Stephen, Defiance OH; Pastor-St. Paul, Millington; Pastor-Our Savior/First English, Crookston/Eldred MN; Pastor-Trinity, Bay City
District: Election Committee; Circuit Secretary; Pastor/Teacher Planning Conference
Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate
Community: Volunteer Fireman Chaplain; Hospice Chaplain

Commissioned Ministers: (Vote for 1)

Kevin J. Hendrikson

1385 West Vassar Road, Reese MI 48757

Age 38

Current Position: Principal-St. Michael's, Richville

Education: MS

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher-First Immanuel, Cedarburg WI; Teacher-St. Peter's, Reedsburg WI; Principal/
Teacher-St. Michael's, Richville

District: School Committee

Laypersons: (Vote for 1)

***John Nutzmann**

11878 Parklane, Mt. Morris MI 48458

Age 60

Current Position: Teacher

Home Congregation: Messiah, Clio

Education: Bachelor of Science degree

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Congregation Chairman; Head Elder; Confirmation teacher; Building Committee; Call
Committee

District: Nominating Committee; Floor Committee; Convention Delegate

Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate

Community: Negotiator for Clio Schools; Alternative Education; Athletic Booster

Roger E. Schmidt

320 Price Street, Auburn MI 48611

Age 54

Current Position: Preservationist-Alden Dow Home and Studio/Jeweler

Home Congregation: Grace, Auburn

Education: Northwood University; Central Michigan University

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: President; Elder

Community: Rotary Club

West Region

Ordained Ministers: (Vote for 1)

Dean M. Davenport

139 West Church Avenue, Reed City MI 49677

Age 44

Current Position: Pastor-Trinity, Reed City

Education: Michigan State University; Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Trinity, Reed City

District: Professional Church Workers' Conference Co-Chairman

Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate

Community: Ministerial Association

Scott G. Sommerfeld

4988 Big Bass Drive, Hudsonville MI 49426

Age 48

Current Position: Senior Pastor-Holy Cross, Jenison

Education: Wheaton College; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Faith, Louisville KY; Associate Pastor-Our Redeemer, Kokomo IN; Senior Pastor-Holy Cross, Jenison

Circuit: Secretary; The Future is Now Circuit Coordinator

District: Stewardship Board

Commissioned Ministers: (Vote for 1)

Susan L. Truog

20615 Okemos Drive, Big Rapids MI 49307

Age 60

Current Position: Teacher-St. Peter, Big Rapids

Education: Concordia-Seward; Indiana University

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher-Immanuel, Perryville MO; Teacher-Trinity, Elkhart IN; Principal/Teacher-St. Peter, Big Rapids

Congregation: Leadership in many congregation programs

Other: Thrivent Congregational coordinator

Laypersons: (Vote for 2)

Matthew P. Wieneke

8228 Country Pine Drive SE, Alto MI 49302

Age 39

Current Position: Project Manager

Home Congregation: St. Matthew, Grand Rapids

Education: attended college and graduate school

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Elder; Board of Trustees; Call Committee; Youth Leader; Usher

Karla M. Woell

3180 Oak Street, Arcadia MI 49613

Age 69

Current Position: Office Manager-Camp Arcadia

Home Congregation: Trinity, Arcadia

Education: Valparaiso University; Michigan State University

History of service – past and present

Congregation: Altar Guild; Ladies Aid; Bible class leader; Mission teams; Choir

Community: Arcadia Township Election Official

Other: Thrivent Congregation Coordinator

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ANN ARBOR – BOARD OF REGENTS

Ordained Ministers (Vote for 1)

Douglas M. Adams

10925 Welch Road, Britton MI 49229

Age 34

Current Position: Pastor-Emmanuel, Britton

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

History of service – past and current:

Service: Associate Pastor-St. Paul's, Hillsdale; Pastor-Emmanuel, Britton

District: The Future is Now Circuit Coordinator

Community: Boy Scout Chaplain; Co-founder of HOPE for Developmental Disabilities in Hillsdale County

Other: LWML Circuit Counselor

Michael D. Boyer

616 East Hickory Court, Sebewaing MI 48759

Age 28

Current Position: Pastor-Immanuel, Sebewaing

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Associate Pastor-Immanuel, Sebewaing

Circuit: Winkel Secretary

Other: LWML Circuit Counselor

Paul R. Naumann

1749 Greenbriar Drive, Portage MI 49024

Age 50

Current Position: Senior Pastor-St. Michael, Portage

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Concordia Seminary-St. Louis; Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor-Trinity, Oshkosh WI; Campus Pastor/Asst. Prof of Theology-Concordia University, Mequon WI; Senior Pastor-St. Michael, Portage

Circuit: Circuit Counselor; Pastoral Advisor for Lutheran International Friends; The Future is Now Circuit Coordinator

District: District Pastors' Conference Committee; Community Life Builder for LCMS Youth Gatherings

Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate; Community Life Builder-Synodical Youth Gatherings

Community: Police Chaplain; Christ Followers for Change; American Family Association; 40 Days for Life

Commissioned Ministers: (Vote for 1)

John E. Brandt

1419 Warrington, Mt. Clemens MI 48043

Age 45

Current Position: English Teacher-Lutheran High School North, Macomb

Home Congregation: St. Peter, Macomb

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Saginaw Valley State University

History of service - past and current:

Service: English Teacher-Lutheran High School West, Rocky River OH; English Teacher-Lutheran High School North, Macomb

Congregation: Board of Education

Richard O. E. Hackbarth

4670 Beechnut Drive, St. Joseph MI 49085

Age 64

Current Position: Emeritus

Education: Bethany Lutheran College-Mankato MN; Concordia-Seward; MA, Michigan State University;

Certificate in Fund Raising Management, Indiana University

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher/Youth Director-Our Savior, Lansing; Principal/Teacher-St. John's, Mayville WI; Principal/Director of Planned Giving-Trinity, St. Joseph

District: Part-time Agencies Committee; Principal's Conference Chairman (SW); Board of Directors (SW)

Community: Michigan State Racing Pigeon Assn.-Secretary/Treasurer; WOLDUMAR Nature Center planning committee; Volunteer hospice visitor for Lakeland Hospital

Other: Lutheran Education Association member; Association of Lutheran Development Executives member; Church Extension Fund congregation representative; North Berrien County Thrivent Chapter President; Benton Harbor Lutheran Outreach Ministry Board of Directors; The Servant's Heart (Guatemala Mission) Board of Directors

Laypersons: (Vote for 2)

James W. Engelbert

26045 Rockridge Court, Flat Rock MI 48134

Age 42

Current Position: High School Teacher/Director of Bands

Home Congregation: Community, Flat Rock

Education: Concordia-Ann Arbor; Eastern Michigan University; Specialized training in Educational Leadership and Curriculum

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Choir Director; Board of Directors-Parliamentarian

Gary W. Hayes

1604 East Gaylord Street, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Age 60

Current Position: Professor of Accounting-Central Michigan University

Home Congregation: Zion, Mt. Pleasant

Education: Mississippi State University

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Treasurer

Other: Nine years of public and private accounting experience

Norman E. Hess

3770 East Curtis Road, Birch Run MI 48415

Age 66

Current Position: Retired

Home Congregation: St. Martin, Birch Run

Education: Attended college; specialized training in real estate and property management

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Congregation President; Elder

Community: Worked for the Republican party

Ian W. Schonscheck

8495 Six Mile Road, Northville MI 48168

Age 55

Current Position: C.E.O.-Schonscheck, Inc.

Home Congregation: St. Paul, Hamburg

Education: Lawrence Technological University

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Congregation President; Elder

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

Other: Concordia University Board of Regents-Advisory Board; Laborers For Christ-Preconstruction Coordinator

Tina Wilks-Putz

5092 Dwight Street, P.O. Box 258, Kinde MI 48445

Age 45

Current Position: Adjunct Professor-Saginaw Valley State University, Baker College, and Davenport University

Home Congregation: St. Peter, Kinde

Education: Roosevelt University-Chicago; University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, WI

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Sunday School Teacher

2009 Convention Committee

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Secretary/Publicity	Deb Fall
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Technology	Linda Ekong
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Trinity Lutheran Church
5545 Eight Mile
Bay City, MI 48706

Rev. Dean M. Davenport
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139 West Church Avenue
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Vice President: Rev. Michael J. Roth, Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085

Board of Directors: Mr. Richard C. Krueger, 1659 Diamond Court NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

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Rev. John E. Merrill
St. John Lutheran Church
16339 14 Mile Road
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Mr. Steven A. Schwecke
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Unionville, MI 48767

Ms. Lois Barrie (St. Peter's, Three Rivers)
310 Heather Apt. 8
Three Rivers, MI 49093

Mr. Alfred H. Renard (St. Michael, Wayne)
38339 South Rickham Court
Westland, MI 48186

Advisory:

Vice President: Rev. Dr. K. Frank Graves, 7193 Summit Ridge, Brighton, MI 48116-8277

Board of Directors: Mr. Harvey M. Schmit 2553 River Woods Drive North, Canton, MI 48188

District Staff: Mr. Chad R. Woltemath and Rev. Dr. Richard J. Wolfram

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THE SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION**

CONGREGATIONS

Byron Center, Journey of Faith - 3/25/08
Chesterfield, Living Hope of the Bay - 11/16/08
Comstock Park, Family of Christ - 5/23/06
Imlay City, Family of Christ - 12/3/06
Lansing, Living Word - 4/25/2007
Rochester Hills, Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word - 2/17/08
Trout Lake, Trout Lake - 1/11/09
Troy, Faith Tamil - 3/25/07

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May 1, 2009
District Secretary

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

District President

David P. E. Maier	61	Accepted
David H. Reed	25	Accepted
David A. Davis	12	Accepted
Wayne H. Wentzel	6	Declined
Mark D. Brandt	5	Declined
David C. Fleming	5	Declined
Michael J. Roth	5	Accepted
Roosevelt Gray, Jr.	3	Declined
Paul M. Moldenhauer	3	Declined
Robert J. Schultz	3	Accepted

Regional Vice Presidents

North / East Region

Ronald L. Young	7	Accepted
Mark D. Brandt	5	Accepted
David H. Reed	5	Declined
Stephen P. Starke	5	Accepted
Kenneth D. Lueke	4	Accepted
Paul D. Theiss	3	Declined
David A. Jung	2	Accepted
William L. Morris	2	Declined
Robert J. Schultz	2	Declined
William C. Winter	2	Declined

Metro West Region

K. Frank Graves	6	Accepted
Donald O. Neuendorf	6	Accepted
Paul M. Moldenhauer	3	Declined
Harry N. Edenfield	1	Declined
Bruce K. Lucas	1	Accepted
Terry A. Nelson	1	Accepted
Charles R. Schulz	1	Declined
Kurt S. Taylor	1	Accepted

Metro East Region

John E. Merrill	8	Accepted
Robert E. Kasper	3	Accepted
Michael J. Lutz	3	Declined
Jon W. Reusch	2	Accepted
Gerhardt A. Doroh	1	Declined
John M. Duerr	1	Accepted
Peter S. Nickel	1	Accepted
Cary M. Richert	1	Accepted

West Region

David A. Davis	10	Accepted
Michael J. Roth	8	Accepted
Robert M. Zagore	7	Declined
David P. E. Maier	5	Accepted
Mark W. Love	3	Accepted
Paul R. Naumann	2	Accepted
David C. Fleming	2	Accepted
Robert B. Appold	2	Accepted

Respectfully submitted,

David H. Reed, Michigan District Secretary

Michigan District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Statement of Financial Position
January 31, 2009
(With Comparative Totals for 2008)

	Michigan District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod			Detroit Urban Lutheran Schools	Total	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted		January 31, 2009	January 31, 2008
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 334,586	\$ 70,386	\$ -	\$ 30,524	\$ 435,496	\$ 942,032
Investments	3,919,093	1,292,726	1,078,836	-	6,290,655	6,075,386
Accounts receivable	34,566	-	-	19,036	53,602	26,286
Contributions and Grants receivable	-	3,037,681	-	246,950	3,284,631	4,289,664
Prepaid expenses	72,315	-	-	-	72,315	73,359
Notes and loans receivable	1,728,569	-	-	314,161	2,042,730	2,659,516
Deferred gifts	-	6,194	1,700	-	7,894	12,017
Funds held in custody by others	-	-	143,554	-	143,554	168,349
Property and equipment	4,314,634	-	-	293,416	4,608,050	4,147,585
Total assets	\$ 10,403,763	\$ 4,406,987	\$ 1,224,090	\$ 904,087	\$ 16,938,927	\$ 18,394,194
Liabilities and Net Assets						
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$ 401,904	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145,530	\$ 547,434	\$ 599,234
Deferred revenue	81,701	-	-	23,975	105,676	196,690
Synodical pledge	2,752,250	-	-	-	2,752,250	2,828,000
Grants payable	124,642	-	-	-	124,642	67,591
Notes payable	2,203,908	-	-	1,024,727	3,228,635	3,896,535
Total liabilities	5,564,405	-	-	1,194,232	6,758,637	7,588,050
Net assets (liabilities)						
Unrestricted	1,149,803	-	-	(838,322)	311,481	802,704
Property and equipment	3,383,042	-	-	293,416	3,676,458	3,168,546
Board designated	3,058,763	-	-	-	3,058,763	3,155,491
Synodical budget	(2,752,250)	-	-	-	(2,752,250)	(2,828,000)
Temporarily restricted	-	4,406,987	-	254,761	4,661,748	5,260,462
Permanently restricted	-	-	1,224,090	-	1,224,090	1,246,941
Total net assets (liabilities)	4,839,358	4,406,987	1,224,090	(290,145)	10,180,290	10,806,144
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 10,403,763	\$ 4,406,987	\$ 1,224,090	\$ 904,087	\$ 16,938,927	\$ 18,394,194

These statements are taken from the audited financial statements of the Michigan District. The statement of cash flows and the notes are an integral part of the financial statements, but are not presented here. A complete copy of the financial statements is available from the District office 888.225.2111.

Michigan District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended January 31, 2009
(With Comparative Totals for 2008)

	Michigan District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod			Detroit Urban Lutheran Schools		Total	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	January 31, 2009	January 31, 2008	
Support, Revenues and Gains							
Support							
District congregation - District and Synod	\$ 916,157	\$ 3,564,697	\$ -	\$ 4,480,854	\$ -	\$ 4,480,854	\$ 5,579,963
District congregation - District only	99,207	99,665	-	198,872	-	198,872	246,788
Other gifts and grants	388,252	903,431	-	1,291,683	-	1,291,683	1,791,960
Revenues and gains							
Publications	114,108	-	-	114,108	-	114,108	113,960
Program fees	686,136	-	-	686,136	-	686,136	504,393
Convention registration and assessment	6,348	-	-	6,348	-	6,348	284,428
Investment income	227,470	(118,242)	(22,851)	86,377	-	86,377	326,210
Detroit Urban Lutheran Schools					1,588,368	1,588,368	1,458,286
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	6,844	-	-	6,844	-	6,844	-
Other	55,300	-	-	55,300	-	55,300	61,450
Net assets released from restrictions	5,194,284	(5,194,284)	-	-	-	-	-
Total support, revenues and gains	7,694,106	(744,733)	(22,851)	6,926,522	1,588,368	8,514,890	10,367,438
Expenses							
Synodical budget	2,684,964	-	-	2,684,964	-	2,684,964	2,933,645
Program services							
Missions	1,641,554	-	-	1,641,554	-	1,641,554	1,693,098
Congregation Ministry Facilitators	291,900	-	-	291,900	-	291,900	341,484
Christian Care	144,129	-	-	144,129	-	144,129	164,582
Lutheran Schools	329,463	-	-	329,463	-	329,463	332,523
Youth Ministry	380,969	-	-	380,969	-	380,969	74,001
Other Congregation Program Services	138,524	-	-	138,524	-	138,524	207,896
Communications	302,292	-	-	302,292	-	302,292	274,714
Student Aid	273,679	-	-	273,679	-	273,679	143,957
Development	228,268	-	-	228,268	-	228,268	190,171
Worker Care	325,816	-	-	325,816	-	325,816	417,657
Detroit Urban Lutheran Schools					1,502,686	1,502,686	1,527,017
Ecclesiastical and program administration							
Administration	662,883	-	-	662,883	-	662,883	663,438
Convention	(18,136)	-	-	(18,136)	-	(18,136)	281,585
District properties and depreciation	251,753	-	-	251,753	-	251,753	270,455
Total expenses	7,638,058	-	-	7,638,058	1,502,686	9,140,744	9,516,223
Change in net assets	56,048	(744,733)	(22,851)	(711,536)	85,682	(625,854)	851,215
Net assets - beginning of year	4,783,310	5,151,720	1,246,941	11,181,971	(375,827)	10,806,144	9,954,929
Net assets - end of year	\$ 4,839,358	\$ 4,406,987	\$ 1,224,090	\$ 10,470,435	\$ (290,145)	\$ 10,180,290	\$ 10,806,144

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1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 1-01
3 **SUBJECT:** To Commend the Use of “Partners in Ministry:
4 Ethical Conduct for Congregations and Professional
5 Church Workers”
6 **REFERENCE:** Overture 1-01, CW Overtures Page 1
7

8 **Whereas,** one of the major outcome goals of our Michigan District of The Lutheran
9 Church - Missouri Synod is that “Michigan District congregations and professional
10 church workers demonstrate respect, trust, and support for each other as they engage
11 in interdependent ministries;” and
12

13 **Whereas,** the way congregations and professional church workers conduct themselves
14 in their contacts and transactions with one another greatly affects relationships
15 between them; and
16

17 **Whereas,** the 2006 Convention of The Michigan District of the LCMS received with
18 gratitude two documents titled *Partners in Ministry: Ethical Conduct for*
19 *Congregations* and *Partners in Ministry: Ethical Conduct for Professional Church*
20 *Workers* which had been developed to provide ethical guidelines for professional
21 church workers and congregations, and directed the Board of Directors to present
22 amended versions of these documents to the 2009 convention; and
23

24 **Whereas,** the 2006 documents have been studied by circuits and congregations which
25 then offered suggestions for improving those documents; and
26

27 **Whereas,** many of those suggestions have been incorporated into the amended
28 documents being presented to the 2009 convention; and
29

30 **Whereas,** most professions have a code of ethics that are subscribed to by the
31 members of that profession; therefore be it
32

33 **Resolved,** that the Michigan District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod receive
34 with gratitude the ethical guidelines as they have been studied, reviewed, and edited;
35 and be it further
36

37 **Resolved,** that the congregations, professional church workers, and circuits of the
38 Michigan District continue to devote sufficient time to study and reflect upon these
39 guidelines; and be it finally
40

41 **Resolved,** that the congregations and professional church workers of the Michigan
42 District commit themselves to implementing these guidelines in their lives and ministry
43 together.
44

45 Committee #1 – Theology, Mission and Relations
46 Rev. David Maier, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 1-02
3 **SUBJECT:** To Encourage Accountable Internet Usage in
4 Michigan District Churches
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 1-03, CW Page 3
6

7 **Whereas**, we believe, teach and confess that we are redeemed by the grace of Jesus Christ and
8 are called to newness of life in Christ; and
9

10 **Whereas**, statistics on internet pornography and other ungodly usage indicate that such abuse
11 is rampant in our culture (*2008 Ambassadors of Reconciliation Bible Study entitled Responding*
12 *to Sexual Temptation in a High Tech Society, Billings, MT*); and
13

14 **Whereas**, Christians and Church workers are susceptible to temptations (i.e., pornography,
15 gambling, etc.) accessible via the internet and technological media; and
16

17 **Whereas**, God commands in Eph. 5:3-4, "*But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual*
18 *immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy*
19 *people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but*
20 *rather thanksgiving.*"; and
21

22 **Whereas**, our Michigan District *Partners in Ministry: Ethical Conduct for Professional Church*
23 *Workers (page 7, part E)* encourages upright behavior stating:

24 "The professional church worker is committed to appropriate social behavior.
25 The professional church worker honors the sixth commandment and its meaning as he/she
26 recognizes his/her own sexuality, remembering that the ultimate gift of sexual expression is
27 found only in marriage.
28 The professional church worker avoids pornography and impure speech and refrains from
29 inappropriate physical contact."; and
30

31 **Whereas**, research on social behavior indicates accountability to another person is the most
32 effective means of ensuring appropriate social conduct; therefore be it
33

34 **Resolved**, that all of the delegates assembled in the 2009 Convention be encouraged to lead
35 their respective congregations to recognize the above dangers; and be it further
36

37 **Resolved**, that each of the congregations of the Michigan District be encouraged to warn and
38 instruct their members about such abuses and how they can be avoided; and be it further
39

40 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District research internet accountability software, negotiate
41 discount prices for her member congregations; and be it further
42

43 **Resolved**, that member congregations be encouraged to employ such accountability software
44 on congregation owned computers and other types of electronic devices; and be it finally
45

46 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District encourage church workers to do the same on their
47 personal computers and internet devices.
48

49 Committee #1 – Theology, Mission and Relations
Rev. David Maier, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 1-04
3 **SUBJECT:** To Promote the Biblical Understanding of Marriage
4 **REFERENCE:** Overture 1-12, CW Overtures Page 15
5

6 **Whereas,** God instituted marriage as the lifelong exclusive union of one man and one
7 woman as husband and wife (Genesis 2); and
8

9 **Whereas,** God instituted marriage for the procreation of children (Genesis 1:28), the
10 avoidance of sin (1 Corinthians 7:2), and so that man and woman may find delight in one
11 another (Genesis 2: 18); and
12

13 **Whereas,** the institution of marriage is foundational for family and community; and
14

15 **Whereas,** marriage is a picture of the communion of Christ and His bride the Church
16 (Ephesians 5:22 ff); and
17

18 **Whereas,** the biblical understanding of marriage has been under attack from groups
19 attempting to change the definition of marriage; and
20

21 **Whereas,** several states have begun to recognize homosexual unions as marriage
22 thereby providing blessing from the state; and
23

24 **Whereas,** homosexual “civil unions” have an adverse impact upon family and
25 community; therefore be it
26

27 **Resolved,** that the Michigan District in convention confess the biblical understanding of
28 marriage as the lifelong union of one man and one woman; and be it
29

30 **Resolved,** that the District urge its members to clearly preach and teach this biblical
31 truth; and be it
32

33 **Resolved,** that the body of Christ express compassion and care, and provide ministry to
34 those involved in the ongoing sin of the homosexual lifestyle; and be it finally
35

36 **Resolved,** that all people “lead a sexually pure and decent life in what they say and do”
37 (Small Catechism, Luther’s Explanation of the Sixth Commandment) according to God’s
38 Word.
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Committee #1 – Theology, Mission and Relations
Rev. David Maier, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 1-05
3 **SUBJECT:** To Oppose Embryonic Stem Cell Research
4 **REFERENCE:** Overture 1-09, CW Overtures Page 12
5

6 **Whereas**, Holy Scripture teaches that God alone has created all human life and all
7 human life begins at conception (Psalm 51, Jeremiah 1, etc.); and
8

9 **Whereas**, Our Lord sanctified all stages of life (from conception to death and
10 resurrection) with His conception by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary (Luke 1); and
11

12 **Whereas**, all humanity has been dignified with the image of God at creation; and
13

14 **Whereas**, God encourages His people to love and care for all people; and
15

16 **Whereas**, scientific evidence supports the biblical teaching that life begins at
17 conception; and
18

19 **Whereas**, human embryos are being created for the sole purpose of harvesting stem
20 cells; and
21

22 **Whereas**, the harvesting of stem cells from human embryos (living human beings)
23 destroys the embryos; and
24

25 **Whereas**, human stem cells can be obtained from adults apart from the destruction of
26 human life; therefore be it
27

28 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District in Convention reject all forms of embryonic stem
29 cell research; and be it further
30

31 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District provide resources to encourage congregations and
32 pastors in the witness against embryonic stem cell research; and be it finally
33

34 **Resolved**, that our preaching and teaching emphasize God's will and creative activity in
35 the preservation of all human life until He alone chooses to end it.
36

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38 Committee #1 – Theology, Mission and Relations
Rev. David Maier, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 1-06
3 **SUBJECT:** To Reject Gender Neutral Language in Scripture
4 Translations, Liturgies and Hymns
5 **REFERENCE:** Overtures 1-10 and 1-11, CW Pages 13-14
6

7 **Whereas,** worldly influences and ideologies impact church life; and
8

9 **Whereas,** such influences often blur the distinction between the sexes through the use
10 of gender neutral language; and
11

12 **Whereas,** such differences often manifest themselves in the removal of masculine terms
13 resulting in a distortion and denial of God’s self revelation as Father, Son, and Holy
14 Spirit; and
15

16 **Whereas,** purposely mistranslating God’s revealed Word is equal to lying and deceiving
17 by God’s name; and
18

19 **Whereas,** many of these “mistranslations” manifest themselves in the liturgies and
20 hymns of Christian worship; therefore be it
21

22 **Resolved,** that the Michigan District in convention reject the use of gender neutral
23 Bibles, liturgies, and hymns; and be it further
24

25 **Resolved,** that the Michigan District provide resources highlighting the importance of
26 the biblical basis of gender specific language; and be it finally
27

28 **Resolved,** that congregations and pastors make known to their members reasons for
29 rejecting gender neutral language in Bibles, liturgies and hymns.
30

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32 Committee #1 – Theology, Mission and Relations
Rev. David Maier, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 1-07
3 **SUBJECT:** To Encourage Congregations of the Michigan
4 District to Seek Unity in Worship Practice
5 **REFERENCE:** Overtures 1-07 and 1-08, CW Pages 8-11
6

7 **Whereas**, worship begins when God speaks and we respond; and
8

9 **Whereas**, worship is an integral part of the Christian life as St. Paul writes: *“Let the word*
10 *of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,*
11 *singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God”*
12 (Col. 3:16); and
13

14 **Whereas**, St. Paul prayed for the Christians in Rome that God would *“give you a spirit of*
15 *unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you*
16 *may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Rom 15:5-6); and
17

18 **Whereas**, the Lutheran Confessions say, *“For this is enough for true unity of the*
19 *Christian church that there the Gospel is preached harmoniously according to a pure*
20 *understanding and the sacraments are administered in conformity with the divine*
21 *Word. It is not necessary for the true unity of the Christian church that uniform*
22 *ceremonies, instituted by human beings, be observed everywhere. As St. Paul says in*
23 *Ephesians 4[:4-5]: ‘There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one*
24 *hope of you calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism”* (AC VII; Kolb-Wengert edition);
25 and
26

27 **Whereas**, our Confessions also recognize the benefits of uniformity in worship when
28 they say, *“Nevertheless, we teach that liberty in these matters should be exercised*
29 *moderately, so that the inexperienced may not take offense and, on account of an*
30 *abuse of liberty, become more hostile to the true teaching of the gospel. Nothing in the*
31 *customary rites may be changed without good reason. Instead, in order to foster*
32 *harmony, those ancient customs should be observed that can be observed without sin*
33 *or without proving to be a great burden”* (AP XV 51; cf AC XV1-3; Ap XV 1; Ap XXVIII 17);
34 and
35

36 **Whereas**, our Confessions affirm *“that among us nothing in doctrine or ceremonies has*
37 *been accepted that could contradict either Holy Scripture or the universal Christian*
38 *church”* (AC Conclusion 5) and that *“no novelty has been introduced that did not exist in*
39 *the church in days of old, [for] no noticeable change has occurred in the public liturgy of*
40 *the Mass”* (AC XXIV 40); and
41

42 **Whereas**, our doctrine and teaching shapes and forms the way we worship, and our
43 worship ceremonies influence our doctrine and teaching in the church; and
44

45 **Whereas**, one of the chief reasons for forming the synodical union, now called The
46 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, was to *“strive after the greatest possible uniformity*

1 in ceremonies” (1854 Constitution, Art. IV 10); and

2

3 **Whereas**, the LCMS lists as one of its objectives to “Encourage congregations to strive
4 for uniformity in church practice, but also to develop an appreciation of a variety of
5 responsible practices and customs which are in harmony with our common profession
6 of faith” (Constitution, Art. III 7); and

7

8 **Whereas**, the congregations of the Michigan District have promised to make “Exclusive
9 use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbooks, and catechisms” (Constitution Art. VI 4),
10 both to preserve the truth and for the sake of good order; therefore be it

11

12 **Resolved**, that, out of common love for each other and acknowledgment of our
13 communion in Christ, the congregations of the Michigan District be strongly urged to
14 seek as much uniformity in ceremonies as possible; and be it further

15

16 **Resolved**, that congregations be encouraged to use *Lutheran Service Book*; and be it
17 further

18

19 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District build greater understanding of our theology of
20 worship and foster further discussions of worship practices that are consistent with our
21 theology, and be it finally

22

23 **Resolved**, that the President of the Michigan District, along with the regional Vice
24 Presidents and the Circuit Counselors, find ways to foster discussion among groups with
25 diverse viewpoints for the purpose of building greater understanding of our theology of
26 worship and fostering further discussion of worship practices that are consistent with
27 sound Lutheran theology and practice.

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29 Committee #1 – Theology, Mission and Relations

30 Rev. David Maier, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 1-08
3 **SUBJECT:** To Address Clergy Mental Health
4 **REFERENCE:** Overture 1-16, CW Overtures Page 21
5

6 **Whereas** “burnout” is found most often among those in helping or people-related professions,
7 among those who bear heavy responsibilities; and
8

9 **Whereas** “burnout” is often found among pastors; and
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11 **Whereas** the causes cited for clergy “burnout” are: expectations, overload, numerous
12 responsibilities, inability to take time off, etc.; and
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14 **Whereas** clergy “burnout” can result in fatigue, tension, exhaustion, anxiety, worry, insecurity,
15 and guilt for pastors and their families; and
16

17 **Whereas** Christian psychologists, pastors and therapists suggest that “burnout” can be averted
18 or overcome by prayer, Scripture reading, physical therapy and exercise, spiritual development,
19 free time and having a support system; and
20

21 **Whereas** congregations may unduly limit the amount of time their pastor has for vacations,
22 conferences, and spiritual development through sabbaticals, thereby contributing to clergy
23 “burnout”; therefore be it
24

25 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District in convention acknowledge clergy “burnout” as a serious
26 issue within the church; and be it further
27

28 **Resolved**, that the congregations of the Michigan District be encouraged to provide sufficient
29 time and monies for vacation, conferences, and spiritual development for their pastor(s); and
30 be it further
31

32 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District evaluate and promote its guidelines regarding vacation,
33 conferences and spiritual development of the congregation’s pastors; and be it further
34

35 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District provide resources for pastors and congregations which
36 support the pastor through clergy renewal programs (such as the Lilly Endowment clergy
37 renewal program, Grace Place Retreats, etc.); and be it finally
38

39 **Resolved**, that pastors be encouraged to set aside time for vacation with family, study and
40 prayer in the Word, and further spiritual development through attendance at conferences,
41 retreats, and classes.
42

43
44 Committee #1 – Theology, Mission and Relations
Rev. David Maier, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 1-09
3 **SUBJECT:** To Plan for the 500th Anniversary Celebration of the
4 Reformation in the Michigan District
5 **REFERENCE:** Overtures 1-05 and 1-06, CW Overtures Pages 6-7
6

7 **Whereas**, the Lutheran Reformation has been an inestimable blessing to all
8 Christendom and the world by upholding the central Christian doctrine of justification
9 by faith in Christ Jesus; and
10

11 **Whereas**, the confessional heritage of our District is traced in large measure to the
12 influence of Martin Luther and those confessors with him who believed and bravely
13 taught the Word of God which declares salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, for
14 the sake of Christ alone; and
15

16 **Whereas**, the commonly marked anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation is celebrated
17 in commemoration of the posting of Ninety-five Theses by Martin Luther, October 31,
18 1517; and
19

20 **Whereas**, the year 2017 will be the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, a
21 unique opportunity to invite again the world's attention to the pure Word of God and
22 the Lutheran Confessions; and
23

24 **Whereas**, all congregations of the Michigan District, by expressing acceptance of the
25 Holy Scriptures as the written Word of God and all the Symbolical Books of the
26 Evangelical Lutheran church as a true exposition of that Word of God, share the
27 foundation of confessional unity; and
28

29 **Whereas**, a celebration of our reformation heritage and unity under the Word of God is
30 a powerful witness to the world and encouragement to the whole church; therefore be
31 it
32

33 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District, under the auspices of the District President,
34 commence planning for a celebration of this historic anniversary and give a status report
35 at the 2012 District Convention.
36

37 Committee #1 – Theology, Mission and Relations
38 Rev. David Maier, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-01
3 **SUBJECT:** To Transfer Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Ortonville
4 from Circuit #12 – Flint South Circuit to Circuit #17 –
5 Oakland North Circuit
6 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-22, Overtures Page 47
7

8 **Whereas**, the membership of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Ortonville believes that
9 membership in the Oakland North Circuit would better support their efforts to grow in
10 membership since many who move to Ortonville are from the southern suburbs of metro
11 Detroit; and
12

13 **Whereas**, the needs and concerns of the congregation are more closely aligned with sister
14 congregations in the Oakland North Circuit; and
15

16 **Whereas**, the Voters Assembly of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has resolved to unanimously
17 request such a transfer; therefore be it
18

19 **Resolved**, that Prince of Peace Lutheran Church be transferred to #17 Oakland North Circuit.
20

21
22 Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters
Rev. Wayne Wentzel, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-02
3 **SUBJECT:** To Implement Changes to Future Michigan District
4 Conventions
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-01, CW Overtures Page 22-23
6

7 **Whereas**, Resolution 2-06, adopted by the 2006 Michigan District Convention, directed
8 that a task force be appointed to reexamine the pre-convention Regional Assemblies,
9 study the length, timing and logistics of the District Convention, and report its findings
10 to the District Board of Directors; and
11

12 **Whereas**, while the main purpose of the District Convention is to conduct the business
13 of the Michigan District, other components and elements can be incorporated while the
14 District is gathered. (i.e., inspiration, communication, celebration, recognition,
15 promotion of unity, and the like); and
16

17 **Whereas**, May pre-convention Regional Assemblies are poorly attended despite
18 important agenda items; and
19

20 **Whereas**, there is a desire for greater involvement between commissioned workers and
21 the District in convention; and
22

23 **Whereas**, the District Convention Task Force has completed a careful study of the
24 evaluation results, along with the strengths and weaknesses of previous conventions,
25 and has made its recommendations to the District Board of Directors; therefore be it
26

27 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District adopt a new model for future District Conventions
28 starting in 2012, with the District Convention coupled with a triennial conference for all
29 professional church workers as well as lay delegates; and be it further
30

31 **Resolved**, that the District change the timing of the Convention from Sunday-
32 Wednesday to Thursday-Saturday to better accommodate the work schedules of our
33 teachers and lay delegates; and be it further
34

35 **Resolved**, that future conventions be held by the end of October and begin with
36 workshops and plenary speakers designed to build congregational, District and
37 Synodical unity and provide training and inspiration; and be it further
38

39 **Resolved**, that reports from District and Synodical leaders at future conventions be
40 scheduled to encourage attendance by all professional church workers and voting lay
41 delegates; and be it further
42

43 **Resolved**, that Regional Assemblies be moved from the first Saturday in May to the day
44 before the convention; and be it further
45

1 **Resolved**, that since Concordia-Ann Arbor’s facilities would be inadequate to
2 accommodate the new model, the District gather at a convention center chosen by the
3 General Convention Committee; and be it finally

4
5 **Resolved**, that the Bylaws of the Michigan District be amended as follows:

6
7 ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

8
9 1.3.b. The four Regional Assemblies shall meet prior to the District Convention, at
10 which time delegates shall consist of the regularly elected and delegated
11 representatives, cf 2.3, of said regions. The purpose of the Regional Assemblies shall be
12 to ~~evaluate their Regional as well as District needs~~, conduct appropriate business and to
13 ~~submit nominations for District elections~~ present the regional ballot to the convention.

14
15 ARTICLE III - REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES

16
17 3.1 Regional Assemblies shall meet ~~on the first Saturday in May~~ prior to the
18 Convention of the Michigan District. The Regional Vice-President shall ~~call at a place of~~
19 ~~his choosing an assembly of his region~~ *preside and conduct appropriate business.*

20
21 3.3 Representation: Each congregation shall be represented at ~~this assembly~~ *these*
22 *assemblies* as ~~it is~~ at District Conventions; namely, by two voting delegates *nominated,*
23 *elected or duly appointed by the congregation* (one pastor and one layperson) and by
24 the advisory members of Synod (cf 2.3).

25
26 3.6 The purpose of ~~the each~~ Regional Assembly shall be:
27 ~~a. To study the needs of the Region in mission and ministry;~~
28 ~~b. To hear and discuss the total needs of the District;~~
29 ~~e. a.~~ To be informed about major issues to come before the District
30 Convention;
31 ~~e. b.~~ To nominate from its Region two (2) pastors for election by the District
32 Convention
33 to the office of Regional Vice-President in accordance with the provisions
34 of Bylaw 5.12 and the Schedule of Elections.
35 ~~e. c.~~ To nominate from its Region two (2) ordained ministers *and two (2)*
36 *commissioned ministers* from the roster of the District and four (4) lay
37 persons from a slate prepared by the Regional Nominating Committee for
38 election by the District Convention to the Board of Directors of the
39 District.
40 ~~f. d.~~ To nominate as specified in 5.8 c. and d.

41
42 ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

43
44 5.11 f. The District Secretary shall prepare biographical information on the five
45 candidates, which is to be published in District periodicals no later than

1 ~~May 1~~ 2 months prior to the Convention, and in the Convention Book of
2 Reports and Memorials.

3
4 5.20 b. All officers shall begin their terms of office on ~~October 1~~ January 1.
5

6 CHURCH EXTENSION FUND BYLAWS
7

8 II.5 All trustees elected at the Convention shall be inducted into office in an
9 installation ceremony at the Convention and shall begin their terms of
10 office on the first of ~~October~~ January following induction.
11

12 III.2 The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer,
13 elected by the Church Extension Board of Trustees at the ~~October~~ January
14 meeting following the Convention of the Michigan District shall constitute
15 the Executive Committee of the Church Extension Fund.
16

17 Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters
18 Rev. Wayne Wentzel, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-03
3 **SUBJECT:** To Revise District Convention Nomination and
4 Election Procedures
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-02, CW Overtures Page 24-25
6

7 **Whereas**, Resolution 2-06, adopted by the 2006 Michigan District Convention, directed
8 that a task force be appointed to study the length, timing and logistics of the District
9 Convention, and report its findings to the District Board of Directors; and
10

11 **Whereas**, under the current nomination process for Regional Vice-Presidents, delegates
12 cast one ballot for first and second choices, with tellers using a point system to rank the
13 candidates, so that the two candidates with the largest number of points become the
14 nominees (see Bylaw 5.12f); and
15

16 **Whereas**, a candidate for Regional Vice-President with fewer actual nominations than
17 another may be forwarded to the convention under this nomination process; and
18

19 **Whereas**, Bylaw 4.2 states that “No congregation of the District shall have more than
20 one (1) member from its congregation as a voting member of the Board of Directors to
21 the district,” sometimes rendering approved nominees ineligible to serve based on
22 completed elections; and
23

24 **Whereas**, the District Convention Task Force has made recommendations to the District
25 Board of Directors to change the vice-presidential nomination process and minimize
26 confusion in Board of Directors elections; therefore be it
27

28 **Resolved**, that the Bylaws of the Michigan District be amended as follows:
29

30 ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

31 5.12 Nominations and Elections of Vice Presidents.

32 f. Each voting delegate in the Region may vote for ~~two (2) nominees for Vice-~~
33 ~~President, indicating his first and second choice. The tellers, appointed by the~~
34 ~~Chairman, shall score two (2) points for each first choice and one (1) point for~~
35 ~~each second choice. The two (2) nominees receiving the largest number of points~~
36 ~~shall be candidates. The tellers shall report the results of the meeting to the~~
37 ~~Chairman.~~ *one (1) nominee for Vice-President. The candidate receiving the lowest*
38 *number of votes shall be eliminated from the succeeding ballot. Voting shall*
39 *continue until a majority vote is achieved for one candidate. A second round of*
40 *balloting shall follow, using the same procedure, to determine a second nominee.*
41 *The two nominees will be forwarded to the Convention as the slate to be*
42 *considered for election.*

1 5.16 Election of Other Officers.

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3 a. Election of all officers other than the President and Vice-Presidents will be held
4 at a special period of the Convention session determined and announced by the
5 President in advance.

6 b. The Committee on Elections shall submit one (1) ballot containing the nominees
7 furnished by the Committee on Nominations for all elective offices.

8 c. The list of nominees for each respective office, together with their experience
9 and qualifications, shall be distributed.

10 d. *In order to clearly abide by the provisions of Bylaw 4.2, elections for the Board of*
11 *Directors shall be held in the following order: Ordained, Commissioned, Lay.*

12

13 Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters

14 Rev. Wayne Wentzel, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-04
3 **SUBJECT:** To Revise the Church Extension Fund Bylaws allowing
4 the participation or purchase of loans or investments
5 outside of the Michigan District
6 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-13, CW Overtures Page 37
7

8 **Whereas**, the Church Extension Fund (CEF) of the Michigan District of The Lutheran
9 Church – Missouri Synod has been blessed by God with financial resources and
10 reserves for the extension of the Kingdom; and
11

12 **Whereas**, those resources could be used for the extension of the Kingdom outside of
13 the Michigan District boundaries, while also supporting the overall financial health of
14 the Michigan CEF; and
15

16 **Whereas**, the Church Extension Fund may want, from time-to-time, to assist in the
17 mission of other sister District CEFs or the national CEF program by purchasing or
18 participating in loans or investments; therefore be it
19

20 **Resolved**, while recognizing the primary purpose of the CEF is to contribute to the
21 ministry and purposes of the Michigan District and its member congregations, the CEF
22 Bylaws shall be amended to allow for the participation or purchase of loans or
23 investments outside of the Michigan District; and be it finally
24

25 **Resolved**, that the Purpose Statement of the CEF Bylaws be revised in the following
26 manner [deleted words stricken and new language highlighted for reference]:
27

28 **I. PURPOSE**
29

30 The purpose of the Church Extension Fund is to administer a fund and acquire assets to
31 assist by loans, grants, or otherwise, primarily to the Michigan District of The Lutheran
32 Church – Missouri Synod, congregations of the Michigan District, individuals serving as
33 professional church workers within the Michigan District, LCMS schools and colleges,
34 entities and associations qualifying as Michigan District recognized service
35 organizations, entities and associations qualifying as The Lutheran Church – Missouri
36 Synod recognized service organizations, and entities owned and/or operated by
37 member congregations. The Church Extension Fund may also assist other LCMS
38 Districts, through their respective Church Extension Funds, by purchasing or
39 participating, in whole or in part, in loans or investments of other LCMS Districts or the
40 Lutheran Church Extension Fund of the LCMS. The purpose for which funds and
41 assistance may be provided shall include, but not limited to, acquiring property, erecting
42 buildings, purchasing equipment, acquiring housing and supporting projects and the

1 operations of the above. The primary ~~all~~ purposes, however, of the Church Extension
2 Fund shall be to contribute to the ministry and purposes of the Michigan District and its
3 member congregations.
4

5 Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters
6 Rev. Wayne Wentzel, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-05
3 **SUBJECT:** To Revise the Church Extension Fund Bylaws
4 changing the mix of Board members, adding
5 qualifications for Board members, and limit only
6 one Board member from a congregation.
7 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-14, CW Overtures Page 38-39
8

9 **Whereas**, the Church Extension Fund (CEF) of the Michigan District of The Lutheran
10 Church—Missouri Synod has a Board of Trustees of nine members elected by the
11 Michigan District in convention; and
12

13 **Whereas**, said CEF Trustees presently are comprised of three (3) ordained ministers,
14 two (2) commissioned ministers, and four (4) laypersons; and
15

16 **Whereas**, it is desirous to change the mix of Board members allowing for more persons
17 with experience or expertise in fields related to the operation and governance of CEF;
18 and
19

20 **Whereas**, it is also prudent to allow not more than one Trustee from a congregation, as
21 is consistent with the Michigan District Bylaws for Board of Director membership;
22 therefore be it
23

24 **Resolved**, that the mix of the CEF Board of Trustees be changed to three (3) rostered
25 and six (6) laypersons; and be it further
26

27 **Resolved**, that the qualifications for CEF Board membership be expanded to include
28 certain areas of expertise; and be it further
29

30 **Resolved**, that a congregation shall have not more than one person as a voting member
31 of the CEF Board; and be it finally
32

33 **Resolved**, that the Membership Statement of the CEF Bylaws be revised in the following
34 manner [deleted words stricken and new language highlighted for reference]:
35

36 **II. MEMBERSHIP**
37

38 The Church Extension Board of Trustees shall consist of nine (9) elected trustees.

39 **1.** The elected trustees shall consist of three (3) ~~ordained ministers~~ persons duly
40 rostered in the LCMS through the Michigan District, and, ~~four six (-4-6)~~
41 laypersons, ~~and two (2) commissioned ministers.~~ ~~They~~ Trustees shall be
42 elected by the Michigan District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at its
43 regular Convention in the following manner:

44 **a.** The District Nominating Committee shall draw up a list of candidates and
45 alternates for the Church Extension Board of Trustees. The Nominating

1 Committee shall obtain the consent of the persons it proposes to nominate
2 and prepare biographical data, including occupation or profession,
3 residency, and specific experience and qualifications for the proposed
4 office, for each candidate. Board of Trustee candidates shall have an
5 understanding of the Church Extension program and/or demonstrate
6 expertise in fields or areas closely related to Church Extension activities,
7 such as knowledge of banking, investments, accounting, law, real estate,
8 business management and financial planning.

- 9 **b.** Trustees must be members in good standing of congregations in the
10 Michigan District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. No
11 congregation of the District shall have more than one (1) member
12 [including ordained, commissioned or layperson] from its congregation as a
13 voting member of the Board of Trustees.

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15 Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters
16 Rev. Wayne Wentzel, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTER
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-06
3 **SUBJECT:** To Amend The District Bylaws: Article X – The
4 Church Extension Fund

5 **REFERENCE:**
6

7 **Whereas**, the Bylaws of The Church Extension Fund of The Michigan District of the The
8 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are from time to time amended by The Michigan District in
9 convention; and

10

11 **Whereas**, the Bylaws of The Church Extension Fund are attached to the Bylaws of The Michigan
12 District (See ARTICLE X – THE CHURCH EXTENTION FUND in the Bylaws of The Michigan District-
13 LCMS); and

14

15 **Whereas**, the Michigan District wants to avoid conflicting and redundant bylaws; therefore be it
16

17 **Resolved**, that the Bylaws of the Michigan District be amended as follows:
18

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20 ARTICLE X – THE CHURCH EXTENTION FUND

21

22 10.1 The Church Extension Fund shall adopt rules to govern its proceedings not inconsistent
23 with these Bylaws.

24

25 ~~10.2 The Church Extension Board of Trustees shall:~~

26 ~~a. Consist of nine (9) elected members: (3) ordained ministers, four (4) lay persons, and~~
27 ~~two (2) commissioned ministers.~~

28 ~~b. Conduct regular meetings and keep accurate records of its proceedings.~~

29 ~~c. Have as its purpose to establish a fund and acquire assts to assist, by means of loans,~~
30 ~~the Michigan District and congregations of the Michigan District to acquire property,~~
31 ~~to erect buildings and to purchase equipment.~~

32

33 (See Bylaws of Church Extension Fund attached to Bylaws of the Michigan District.)

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35 Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters
Rev. Wayne Wentzel

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-07
3 **SUBJECT:** To Encourage Participation in National Lutheran School
4 Accreditation
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-03, CW Overtures Page 26
6

7 **Whereas**, congregations in the Michigan District sponsor elementary schools and high
8 schools that daily address the spiritual and educational needs of 13,000 students in 95
9 different locations; and

10
11 **Whereas**, we are Called by Christ to be “excellent” in everything we do as reflected in Paul’s
12 writings in Colossians 3:23 where he writes “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
13 as working for the Lord, not for men.”; and

14
15 **Whereas**, the changing needs of students require us to be “excellent” in Lutheran
16 education, preparing students for an earthly walk as “good Citizens” and a Heavenly Walk as
17 Christ Followers; and

18
19 **Whereas**, parents are seeking schools that are academically excellent and that continually
20 strive to improve and better assist families in training children; and

21
22 **Whereas**, The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod has developed a process for maintaining
23 excellence through school improvement that is currently used by over 67% of our District’s
24 elementary schools and high schools; and

25
26 **Whereas**, this process is known as National Lutheran School Accreditation and involves a
27 thorough self-study in key areas related to excellence, a visit team assessment and the filing
28 of ongoing annual reports for a period of five years, which is the duration of the program
29 before it needs to be repeated; therefore be it

30
31 **Resolved**, that every elementary school and high school operated by congregations in the
32 Michigan District be encouraged to participate in this process by 2012; and be it finally

33
34 **Resolved**, that a report be presented to the 2012 District Convention on the progress of
35 schools in the NLSA process.

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38 Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters
Rev. Wayne Wentzel, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTER
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-08
3 **SUBJECT:** To Affirm Mission Through Lutheran Schools
4 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-04, CW Overtures Page 27-28
5

6 **Whereas**, Holy Scripture exhorts us to “train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old
7 he will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6) and “do not exasperate your children; instead, bring
8 them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4); and
9

10 **Whereas**, the church is commanded to “make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to
11 observe all that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19); and
12

13 **Whereas**, “only 3 percent of the nation’s 13-year-olds have a Biblical worldview which serves as
14 the foundation for their decision making” (Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions,
15 George Barna, 2003, page 37) and “whatever beliefs a person embraces when he or she is
16 young are not likely to change as the individual ages” (Transforming Children into Spiritual
17 Champions, George Barna, 2003, page 37); and
18

19 **Whereas**, the congregations of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod have a long, storied, and
20 cherished tradition of providing Christ centered Lutheran school training for school-age
21 children, regardless of their affiliation with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod; and
22

23 **Whereas**, the schools of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod offer an opportunity to educate
24 children in the truth for which Christ came into the world, the truth which endures throughout
25 this life into eternity; and
26

27 **Whereas**, the schools of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod offer parents an alternative to
28 secular education; and
29

30 **Whereas**, Lutheran schools of the Michigan District-LCMS enroll children from non-churched
31 homes; and
32

33 **Whereas**, teachers, principals and staff members of Lutheran schools model the Christian faith
34 in their schools, congregations, and communities; and
35

36 **Whereas**, Lutheran schools of the Michigan District-LCMS account for many baptisms annually;
37 therefore be it
38

1 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District-LCMS in convention commend the work of Lutheran
2 schools in the District; and be it further

3
4 **Resolved**, that all congregations of the Michigan District-LCMS be encouraged to establish,
5 support or maintain Lutheran schools; and be it further

6
7 **Resolved**, that those already committed to establishing or maintaining schools as mission sites
8 be encouraged to carry out their mission according to God's will; and be it finally

9
10 **Resolved**, that the delegates of the Michigan District-LCMS in convention praise God, thanking
11 Him for all of the blessings He has provided through the Lutheran schools of the Michigan
12 District-LCMS, rejoicing for those souls saved through Christ and kept safe in His arms unto
13 eternal life with Him.

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Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters
Rev. Wayne Wentzel, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-09
3 **SUBJECT:** To Support the Lutheran Character of Lutheran Schools
4 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-05, CW Overtures Page 29
5

6 **Whereas,** Lutheran schools can only be truly Lutheran when the educators who teach in them
7 are Lutheran and are trained to communicate their faith through their teaching and practice;
8 and
9

10 **Whereas,** there is a trend that many educators in K-12 in our schools are not rostered; and
11

12 **Whereas,** there is a declining enrollment in applicants for the Lutheran Teacher Diploma at
13 Concordia, Ann Arbor, and across the Synod; and
14

15 **Whereas,** all congregations have catechism classes to instruct laypeople in the Lutheran faith;
16 and
17

18 **Whereas,** the Synod has a colloquy program to enable lay educators to achieve rostering as
19 called Lutheran teachers; and
20

21 **Whereas,** the cost of higher education at LCMS colleges and universities is one factor that
22 hinders Lutheran youth from studying to be Lutheran school teachers; therefore be it
23

24 **Resolved,** that congregations be encouraged to call rostered Lutheran teachers whenever
25 possible to serve in their schools; and be it further
26

27 **Resolved,** that pastors and principals encourage Lutheran laypeople to avail themselves of the
28 colloquy training to become educators of the Lutheran faith; and be it further
29

30 **Resolved,** that congregations be encouraged to support their teachers in colloquy training with
31 their prayers and with their dollars; and be it further
32

33 **Resolved,** that non-LCMS teachers of Lutheran schools be encouraged to attend instruction in
34 the Lutheran faith in order to be better informed about the faith promoted at their school and
35 to prayerfully consider confessing the Lutheran faith as their own; and be it further
36

37 **Resolved,** that congregations encourage their gifted and faith-filled youth to consider whether
38 God is calling them to serve as Lutheran teachers; and be it finally
39

40 **Resolved,** that congregations be encouraged to support their students and their institutions of
41 higher education with their prayers and with their offerings.
42

43 Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters
44 Rev. Wayne Wentzel, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-10
3 **SUBJECT:** To Commend the Lutheran Heritage Foundation
4 **REFERENCE:** Overtures 2-09 and 2-10, CW Overtures Pages 33-34
5

6 **Whereas**, Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) is a Michigan based mission organization that
7 has been dedicated to translating, publishing, and distributing Bible based, Christ centered, and
8 Reformation focused materials for use in the mission field for more than 15 years; and
9

10 **Whereas**, the LHF engages more than 300 individuals around the world who serve as
11 translators, reviewers, editors, general linguist and theological specialists in order to provide
12 the most accurate translations of Biblically based and Christ centered Lutheran theology; and
13

14 **Whereas**, the LHF is working in more than 80 countries throughout the world, is working to
15 provide materials in more than 90 languages throughout the world, published over 2 million
16 Lutheran books which are freely distributed to missionaries, churches and individuals
17 throughout the world, has been a critical source of Bible based, Christ centered materials for
18 World Missions in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) and other churches
19 throughout the world, and is a recognized service organization of the LCMS; therefore be it
20

21 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District in convention acknowledge, commend and thank the LHF
22 for its invaluable work of translating, publishing and distributing Bible based materials that are
23 Christ centered for use in the mission fields; and be it finally
24

25 **Resolved**, that the Michigan District in convention commend LHF to the congregations of the
26 district for their prayerful and financial support.
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29 Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters
Rev. Wayne Wentzel, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-11
3 **SUBJECT:** To Support Synodical Pre-Seminary Programs
4 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-11, CW Overtures Page 35
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6 **Whereas**, the challenges of pastoral ministry today require well trained shepherds of God’s
7 flock; and
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9 **Whereas**, a thorough preparation for seminary studies is the best way to ensure a full benefit
10 from those studies; and
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12 **Whereas**, our Synod has been blessed with excellent pre-seminary programs and our District
13 shares in this blessing through Concordia University Ann Arbor; and
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15 **Whereas**, those who are academically prepared for seminary through our Synod’s pre-seminary
16 programs reduce the risk of dropping out of seminary for academic reasons; and
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18 **Whereas**, pre-seminary programs uniquely nurture a student’s growth in Christian faith, in
19 practical skills, and in one’s perception of calling; and
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21 **Whereas**, the cost of higher education at a private university is one large factor that hinders
22 Lutheran youth from enrolling in a pre-seminary program; therefore be it
23

24 **Resolved**, that congregations encourage their God-gifted and faith-filled men to consider
25 preparing to serve God’s people as a minister of the Word through enrollment in a pre-
26 seminary program; and be it finally
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28 **Resolved**, that congregations be encouraged to support their students and their institutions of
29 higher education with their prayers and with their offerings.
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32 Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters
Rev. Wayne Wentzel, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-12
3 **SUBJECT:** To Encourage Michigan District Congregations to
4 Embrace Disaster Preparedness
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-18, CW Overtures Page 43
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7 **Whereas**, recent American history has shown us that communities and congregations
8 are impacted by a wide variety of disasters; and
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10 **Whereas**, the Bible speaks about making wise decisions to prepare for disasters
11 (Matthew 7:24-27; Proverbs 6:6-11); and
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13 **Whereas**, the congregations of the Michigan District should recognize the potential of
14 natural disasters affecting our congregations and schools; and
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16 **Whereas**, disaster preparedness provides an opportunity to care for our members and
17 reach out to the community following a disaster; and
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19 **Whereas**, the District Disaster Response Team has been trained by Lutheran World
20 Relief and Human Care, FEMA, and NIMS; and
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22 **Whereas**, the benefits of preparedness far outweigh the costs; therefore be it
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24 **Resolved**, that all congregations of and schools of the Michigan District be encouraged
25 to prepare for potential disasters; and be it further
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27 **Resolved**, that all congregations encourage their members to prepare for potential
28 disasters; and be it further
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30 **Resolved**, that they be encouraged to prepare a ministry plan for members of the
31 congregation and their communities to utilize in times of disaster; and be it finally
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33 **Resolved**, that congregations of the Michigan District be encouraged to utilize the
34 guidance provided by the District Disaster Response Team to facilitate these
35 preparations.
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37 Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters
38 Rev. Wayne Wentzel, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-13
3 **SUBJECT:** To Ensure Proper Accounting of Congregational
4 Money
5 **REFERENCE:** Overture 2-20, CW Overtures Page 45
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7 **Whereas**, Jesus taught his disciples: *“So if you have not been trustworthy in handling*
8 *worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been*
9 *trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”*
10 Luke 16: 11-12; and
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12 **Whereas**, the LCMS publication *Guidelines for Constitutions and Bylaws of Lutheran*
13 *Congregations – May, 2006* states: “Congregations may wish to include provisions
14 regarding the following: retention of the minutes and records of the secretary as
15 property of the congregation; bonding of the treasurer; some form of financial review or
16 audit”; and
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18 **Whereas**, many congregations have a stipulation in their constitution calling for an
19 audit; and
20

21 **Whereas**, the LCMS Congregational Treasurers Manual contains a checklist for internal
22 review; and
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24 **Whereas**, discord has erupted in congregations where impropriety of donated funds has
25 been uncovered; therefore be it
26

27 **Resolved**, that each of the congregations be encouraged to utilize the Congregational
28 Treasurers Manual or other review or audit procedures annually.
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31 Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters
Rev. Wayne Wentzel, Chairman

1 **COMMITTEE NAME:** ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2-14
3 **SUBJECT:** To Respectfully Decline Overtures
4 **REFERENCE:** 2-12, 2-15, and 2-16, CW Overtures Pages 36, 40-41
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6 **Whereas**, the Floor Committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has
7 concluded, for various reasons, that certain overtures should be declined; therefore be it
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9 **Resolved**, that the following overtures be respectfully declined for the reasons given:
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<i>Number</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Reason</i>
12 2-12	Lawsuit against Issues, Etc.	withdrawn by congregation
13 2-15	Commend Higher Things	not an official LCMS mission society, RSO, or auxillary
15 2-16	Commend Higher Things	not an official LCMS mission society, RSO, or auxillary

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18 Committee #2 – Administration/Constitutional Matters
19 Rev. Wayne Wentzel, Chairman

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>
1-15	Forum which addresses topics characterizing Synod and Congregational Unity	District President
2-07	Memorialize Synod to Re-establish the Board For Stewardship for the LCMS	Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synodical Structure & Governance
2-17	Strengthen <i>Michigan In Touch</i>	District President
2-19	Retain the Name "Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod"	Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synodical Structure & Governance
2-21	Raise Awareness of Resources	District Staff

RESOLUTION B

Whereas, a number of issues have been presented through overtures to which the Synod in convention has previously spoken; and

Whereas, after careful consideration of these matters, there appears to be no valid reason to change or alter the stated position of the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, that petitioners offering the following overtures be referred to previous convention action as indicated.

<i>Number</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Previous Action</i>
1-02	Encourage Congregations to be involved in the Ablaze Movement	2006 MI District Res. 1-03
1-04	Encourage Spiritual Leadership by Convention Delegates	2006 MI District Res. 1-05
1-14	Encourage reading and study of C.F.W. Walther's Church and Ministry	2001 LCMS Res. 7-17A

RESOLUTION D

Whereas, some of the following overtures suggest to the convention acceptable approaches in dealing with matters mentioned; and

Whereas, others among the following overtures thank and commend laudable individuals and efforts; therefore be it

Resolved, that the following overtures be received as expressions of encouragement or gratitude:

<i>Number</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Encouragement/Thanks</i>
2-06	Support the Board of Black Ministry Services	Encouragement
2-08	Thanks for the work of LCMS World Relief and Human Care	Encouragement/Thanks

