



# Michigan District

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Dear Friends, I pray this note finds you rejoicing in the Lord, and staying strong...

We are certainly living through a most unusual time. As we prepare for our triennial Convention of the Michigan District, it is our intention to proceed with an in-person assembly scheduled for June 27-29, 2021. However, as we are still deep in the throes of the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic, we will work together with the Synod, CCM, District leadership, and public health officials to determine a most appropriate course of action. Be advised that on June 16, 2020, the LCMS Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) has determined that “the Bylaws of the Synod, which govern the districts, **do not** provide for virtual or electronic conventions, or for doing the business assigned to a convention by means other than meeting...” We must meet in-person during calendar year 2021 or not at all. We expect to have more information in early 2021 as to how to safely proceed, with the possibility of postponing the Convention until late in 2021.

In the meantime, we will prepare on schedule, which will include your nominations for the offices of District President, and Regional Vice Presidents. Circuit Visitors will be elected at Circuit Forums and ratified at the Michigan District – LCMS Convention held at Concordia University Ann Arbor, Mich. All other nominations will be addressed under a separate letter from Rev. Robert Appold, the Nominations Committee Chairman.

For the **Office of PRESIDENT**, Michigan District Bylaws 5.9a-c state:

- *The Michigan District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod shall elect a President from among the clergy of the Synod.*
- *Every voting member congregation of the Michigan District may nominate one pastor as a candidate for the Office of President.*
- *The nomination of each member congregation shall be submitted to the Secretary no later than four (4) months prior to the opening of the District convention.*

Enclosed is the nominating form to be used when nominating for the Office of District President. According to District Bylaw 5.3b, *The President may be elected to succeed himself in office no more than three (3) times.* Therefore, as President David P. E. Maier, Ann Arbor, Mich. is in his fourth term as President, he is not eligible for re-election in 2021.

For the **Office of REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT**, please note in District Bylaws 5.10a-c:

- *The Michigan District shall elect one vice-president for each region from the clergy roster of the District with residence in the designated region.*
- *Every voting congregation of a region may nominate one pastor from its region as a candidate for the office of vice-president for its region.*
- *The nomination shall be submitted to the Secretary no later than four (4) months prior to the opening of the District convention.*

The nominating form to be used when nominating regional vice-presidents is also enclosed. Please note that nominees may only be pastors of your Region. Regional meetings for all convention delegates will be scheduled in the spring of 2021 in each region to establish by election the two-person regional slate for vice president. This slate will be brought forward to the district convention for final election. See the attached roster of eligible pastors in your region. In accordance with District Bylaw 5.3a, Rev. Mark Brandt (North and East), Rev. David Davis (West), and Rev. John Duerr (Metro East) are in their fourth term as Vice President and are not eligible for re-election in 2021. Rev. Dean Davenport (Metro West), in his first term of office, is eligible for re-election in his region.

For the **Office of CIRCUIT VISITOR**, please note the procedure outlined in Synod Bylaw 5.2.2a: *The circuit visitor shall hold his position by virtue of his selection by the circuit forum and ratification by the district convention. Circuit forums shall meet at the call of their circuit visitors to select their circuit visitors no later than January 31, 2021.* Information regarding the Circuit Forum and forms for nomination of Circuit Visitor will be made available through your current Circuit Visitor.

Please note that all nominating forms may also be downloaded from the Michigan District website at [michigandistrict.org/convention](http://michigandistrict.org/convention). After completed, the nomination form will need three signatures: the pastor, the congregation president, and the congregation secretary. For your convenience, mailing information is included at the bottom of the nomination forms.

Send nomination forms to me (D. Andrzejewski) by **February 27, 2021**.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [revdski@historicttrinity.org](mailto:revdski@historicttrinity.org) or 313.567.3100. May the Lord be with you!

Sincerely Yours, Completely HIS,

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