

September 2020

Dear Co-workers in God's Kingdom,

During this extraordinary year, we pray for God's presence and faithfulness as we continue to serve Him. He is our Hope and we thank Him for the everlasting promises in His Word.

Preparations for the triennial Convention of the Michigan District continue with the intention of an **in-person assembly scheduled for June 27-29, 2021**. However, during this Coronavirus outbreak, we continue to work with Synod and District leadership along with public health officials to determine the most appropriate course of action. Be advised that on June 16, 2020, the LCMS Commission of 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 we will safely proceed, with the possibility of postponing the Michigan District Convention until late in 2021.

Under a separate mailing from Rev. Andrzejewski, Michigan District Secretary, the nominations for President and Vice-President will be sent to you. This **letter includes information on all the other nominations listed below**:

- District Secretary
- District Board of Directors (Metro West and North and East)
- Church Extension Fund Board
- Nominating Committee

The nominations above will be submitted to the Convention Nominating Committee for the 2021 Michigan District Convention. Copies of the Nomination Forms and ministry descriptions for each position are included with this letter. The forms are also available on the Michigan District website at <u>michigandistrict.org/convention</u> for download. Please use the forms to submit as many nominations as needed before February 27, 2021.

The Nominating Committee will meet after the nomination deadline to provide information on

each candidate to the committee. Then information on each nominee who accepts the nomination will be included in the District Convention Workbook that is sent to each delegate before the convention.

Thank you for assisting the District Nominating Committee to provide qualified candidates for District

offices, boards, and committees. If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact me at rappold@stmatthewgr.com or 616.813.0420.

May the Lord bless you and give you joy in His service,

Rev. Robert Appold, Chairman 2021 Convention Nominating Committee

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