

February 2022

TO VOTING CONGREGATIONS OF THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT, LCMS:

I pray this note finds you rejoicing in the Lord... as it is my joy to serve as your secretary for Michigan District, LCMS.

The 2022 Michigan District Convention is scheduled for June 26-28, 2022 on the campus of Concordia University Ann Arbor. As secretary, my responsibility is to ensure that voting delegates are properly credentialed to serve in their special roles.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

We are using a new online process this year for voting credentials and registration. Please visit the convention website for more information: www.michigandistrict.org/convention.

VOTING CREDENTIALS

Voting delegates to a district convention are defined in Synod Constitution Article XII.10.a: "Every member congregation or multi-congregation parish is entitled to two votes, one of which is to be cast by its pastor and the other by the lay delegate elected and deputed by the congregation or parish."

The responsibility of voting delegates is detailed in Synod Bylaw 4.2.2(b): "All duly elected voting delegates shall attend all sessions of the convention regularly until the close of the convention."

Please find enclosed in this mailing a "2022 Voting Delegate Credential Form" to be completed and returned for this credentialing process. After completing and signing, this form can either be mailed to the District Office or uploaded to our website during the registration process. To expedite onsite convention registration, this form should be received at the District Office by May 2, 2022.

Please note that the voting delegate credential form included with this mailing is one page with space for both lay and alternate lay delegates and clergy delegate, as well as space for the name of a Multi-Congregation Parish Advisory Lay Delegate (explained below). It requires one set of signatures by two officers of the congregation, as per Synod Bylaw 4.2.2(a). The form is also available as a fillable PDF on the District Convention website.

MULTI-CONGREGATION PARISHES

Multi-congregations may now send both a voting lay delegate from one congregation, and an advisory lay delegate from the other (Synod Constitution Article XII.10.b).

If a multi-congregation parish congregation elects to send an advisory lay delegate to the district convention, please complete the **Multi-Congregation Parish Advisory Lay Delegate** entry on the form and return it. Note: The advisory lay delegate will have voice but no vote at the convention. However, the advisory lay delegate is eligible to voice and vote on a convention floor committee, if appointed to serve.

DEADLINES

Hopefully, you will find the Delegate Credential Form to be self-explanatory and will be able to complete and upload or mail the form to the district office by May 2, 2022. The form should only be uploaded or mailed once per congregation/multi-parish group.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please note that a credential form **does not take the place of registration for the convention**. **BOTH** the online convention registration **and** the delegate credential form must be completed.

If you have any questions regarding Synod Bylaws, feel free to contact me at my office at Historic Trinity, Detroit (313.567.3100) or via email *revdski@historictrinity.org*. For any other questions regarding the credential process, contact Laurie Brown at the District Office.

May the Lord continue to bless you as a "People of Hope".

Sincerely Yours, Completely HIS.

Rev. Darryl L. Andrzejewski

Secretary, Michigan District, LCMS