



# Michigan District

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

*People of Hope ... Vigorously Making Known the Love of Christ*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Michigan District:

Greetings to you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we look forward to the 104th Michigan District Convention June 22–24, 2025, it is time to begin gathering and submitting nominations for the offices of district president and the four regional vice presidents. While nominations for other district roles are handled through the District Convention Nominating Committee (see further below), the nominations for these offices are handled through the District Secretary's office. Please note that the deadline for submitting these nominations is **February 22, 2025**.

Circuit visitors will be elected at circuit forums to be held sometime prior to January 31, 2025, and then ratified at the convention (see further below). Nominations for circuit visitor should be submitted to the current circuit visitor for inclusion on the circuit forum ballot sometime prior to **December 31, 2024**. As noted above, all other nominations have been addressed in a separate letter from Rev. Eric Majeski, the Nominations Committee Chairman.

Below are the relevant Synod and District Bylaw guidelines for the offices of district president, regional vice president, and circuit visitor:

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. Again, that deadline for this convention cycle is **February 22, 2025**.

The nominating form to be used when submitting a nomination for the office of district president is enclosed.

For the office of REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, Michigan District Bylaws 5.10a-c state:

- The Michigan District shall elect one vice president for each region from the clergy roster of the District with membership in a congregation 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. Again, the deadline for this convention cycle is **February 22, 2025**.

The nominating form to be used when submitting a nomination for the office of regional vice president is also enclosed. Please note that nominees for this office may only be pastors of the region in which your congregation is located. Regional pre-convention meetings for all convention delegates will be scheduled in the spring of 2025 within each region for the purpose of establishing by election the two-person regional slate for regional vice president. This slate will then be brought forward to the district convention for final election. Please see also the attached roster of eligible pastors in your congregation's region.

For the office of CIRCUIT VISITOR, Synod Bylaw 5.2.2a outlines the following procedure:

The circuit visitor shall hold his position by virtue of his selection by the circuit forum and ratification by the district convention. Again, circuit forums, which will be scheduled by the circuit visitor, should be held sometime prior to January 31, 2025. The deadline for submitting a nomination for the office of circuit visitor for inclusion on the circuit forum ballot is **December 31, 2024**. Further information regarding the circuit forum and the appropriate nomination forms will be made available through your current circuit visitor.

Please note that all nomination forms may also be downloaded from the Michigan District website at [michigandistrict.org/convention](http://michigandistrict.org/convention). Upon completion, please note that the nomination form will require three signatures: from the pastor, the congregational president, and the congregational secretary. For your convenience, mailing information is included at the bottom of the nomination forms. With the exception of the circuit visitor forms, nomination forms for president and vice president should be sent to me as the District Secretary by February 22, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact me at [pastorjdriddle@tlsjackson.com](mailto:pastorjdriddle@tlsjackson.com) or by phone at 309.840.0989. May our gracious Lord bless and be with you and guide us all through this process to His glory, honor, and praise!

In His service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Riddle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Rev. Derek Riddle  
Secretary, Michigan District, LCMS