

1 **Minnesota South District Convention**
2 **June 12-14, 2003**
3 **Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota**

4
5 **Thursday, June 12, 2003**
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7 7:00 p.m. Dr. Robert Holst, President of Concordia University, St. Paul, welcomed
8 the convention delegates, offered the services of the university, and wished God's
9 blessings on the gathering.

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11 Opening Service and Commemorations

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13 **Host Congregation**

14 **St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Worthington**
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16 Celebrant Rev. Robert Schulze
17 Preacher Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick
18 Lectors Rev. Dwayne Schroeder,
19 Rev. Andrew Ritchie
20 Rev. Keith Bicknase
21 Communion Assistants Pastors of the Worthington Circuit
22 Organist Ruth Mackie
23 Sign Language Interpreter Rev. Daryl D. Gehlbach
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25 **Choirs**

26 Members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Worthington
27 and Worthington Circuit Congregations
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29 **Sudanese Choir**

30 **St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Columbia Heights**
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32 **Commemorations**

33 Pastors

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35 Rev. A. Donald Becker June 29, 2000
36 Rev. James L. Brassfield July 31, 2000
37 Rev. Harold C. H. Braun May 1, 2001
38 Rev. William C. Buchhop August 9, 2000
39 Rev. Erick E. Erickson August 26, 2002
40 Rev. Frederick E. Geske January 6, 2003
41 Rev. Stanton R. W. Hecksel December 6, 2002

1	Rev. Roland O. Koch	October 24, 2000
2	Rev. Reinhard W. G. Koepp	May 2, 2001
3	Rev. Raymond J. Krueger	December 19, 2000
4	Rev. Walter A. Lieder	March 31, 2002
5	Rev. Rudolph H. Marquardt	June 22, 2002
6	Rev. Reuben F. Meissner	December 6, 2002
7	Rev. August T. Mennicke	May 31, 2002
8	Rev. Gerhard C. Michael	May 7, 2001
9	Rev. Siegfried H. Schroeder	March 30, 2000
10	Rev. Charles J. Seevers	November 6, 2002
11	Rev. Herman E. Sieving	November 8, 2001
12	Rev. Edgar H. Streufert	September 21, 2000
13	Rev. Marcus T. Strohschein	May 20, 2002
14	Rev. Henry F. Werling	November 29, 2001
15	Rev. Joseph G. Werner	November 29, 2002
16	Rev. Donald E. West	February 7, 2002

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Educators

Arthur Beck	November 3, 2001
Sylvia Mae Bode	November 11, 2000
Howard Bunge	September 27, 2000
Eugene Dierks	December 10, 2001
Raymond Eckhardt	August 9, 2002
Fred Kauffeld	August 4, 2000
George Pingel	May 24, 2001
Alvin Roth	March 9, 2001
Dorothy Scroggins	March 15, 2002

30 Friday, June 13, 2003

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First Session

34 **Call to Order**

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The Reverend Dr. Lane Seitz, President of the Minnesota South District, called the convention to order in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

40 **Opening Devotion**

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President Seitz introduced the Reverend Victor Meyr, conference co-chaplain. President Seitz explained that the other co-chaplain, the Reverend Fred Miller, has

1 been in ill-health the past few months but that he would join the convention for the
2 Friday afternoon devotion.

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4 Chaplain Meyr began by reading Genesis 1:20-21. He referred to a *National*
5 *Geographic* article in which harbor seals were caught in nets and people were
6 rescuing them. He mentioned that we sinners are like the harbor seals caught in the
7 net and needing someone to come and rescue us. Chaplain Meyr introduced Dr.
8 Jeffery Burkart, who led the delegates in singing the song "Our Mission is Fishin'"
9 which he was commissioned to compose for the convention.

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11 Chaplain Meyr concluded his devotion with a prayer. Among the petitions, he
12 prayed that just as the people in the *National Geographic* article had great zeal to save
13 the harbor seals so, too, we would have zeal in our ministry of fishing for the Lord.

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16 **Registration and Credentials Committee**

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18 The Reverend Robert Krueger, chairman of the Registration and Credentials
19 Committee, was called forward. He reported that as of 8:00 a.m. the number of
20 voting delegates present was as follows.

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22 Pastors 163 out of a possible 188
23 Lay 194 out of a possible 222
24 Total 357 out of a possible 410

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26 He announced a quorum was present, and on behalf of the committee he moved
27 adoption of the report. The motion was carried.

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30 **Reading of the Convention Rules**

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32 President Seitz directed the delegates to pages A-11 through A-12 in the
33 workbook. He introduced Mrs. Darleen Harens, the convention parliamentarian,
34 who read the proposed convention rules.

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36 It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the convention rules as read.

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39 **Adoption of the Agenda**

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41 President Seitz placed before the assembly the revised agenda for the convention
42 (pages A-18a through A-22a).

1 It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the revised agenda.

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3 President Seitz introduced the convention manager, Ms. Lu Clemmensen, and her
4 assistant, Ms. Julie Bigler.

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7 **Devotional Bible Study Part I**

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9 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Kenneth Klaus, Speaker of the Lutheran
10 Hour Radio Ministries of the International Lutheran Laymen's League. Rev. Klaus
11 based his presentation on John 21, which forms the basis of the convention theme,
12 "It's Time to Fish."

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15 **Constitution and Membership Committee**

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17 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Klemet Preus, chairman of the Constitution
18 and Membership Committee.

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20 He explained the work of the committee. He reported that during the past
21 triennium the committee approved the constitutions and/or bylaws of fifty-one
22 congregations and two schools. Rev. Preus named and thanked the members of the
23 committee.

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26 **Recognition of New Members**

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28 President Seitz invited new ordained pastors and commissioned ministers to come
29 before the convention for recognition. (The new individual members are listed in
30 the Convention Workbook on pages E-1 through E-5 and E-14 through E-19.)

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32 President Seitz announced that during the past triennium one new Minnesota South
33 District congregation was welcomed into the Synod - La Iglesia Luterana Cristo El
34 Redentor, St. Paul, MN. He introduced the lay delegate and invited him to come
35 forward as well.

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37 President Seitz then introduced the Reverend Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, President of
38 the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, who addressed the new members and
39 offered them a word of welcome.

1 **President's Address**

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3 President Seitz addressed the convention. He reviewed the past triennium and
4 shared his vision for mission outreach to the many new and existing ethnic
5 ministries found in the Minnesota South District. He stressed the urgency of our
6 work because life can change in an instant and the opportunity to hear the Gospel
7 and be saved can be quickly lost.

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9 *(Note: The complete text of the President's address is appended to these minutes.)*

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11 Ms. Lu Clemmensen introduced Mrs. Donna Seitz, wife of President Seitz, and
12 presented her with a bouquet of flowers to express appreciation for her support.

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15 **Committee on Nominations**

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17 President Seitz called forward the Reverend Dr. Larry J. Griffin, chairman of the
18 Committee on Nominations. Dr. Griffin introduced the members of the committee.
19 He presented the slate of candidates for the office of District President.

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21 Rev. Dr. Lane Seitz
22 Rev. Steven C. Briel
23 Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

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25 No additional nomination being made, President Seitz declared the nominations
26 closed.

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29 **Elections Committee**

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31 President Seitz introduced the Reverend James Markworth, chairman of the
32 Elections Committee. Rev. Markworth introduced the members of the committee.
33 He explained how to use the Swank electronic response system and guided the
34 delegates in some test votes.

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36 Chaplain Meyr was invited forward to offer a prayer before the voting for President
37 began. Rev. Markworth directed the delegates to cast their votes.

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39 The Reverend Dr. Lane Seitz was declared elected on the second ballot.

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41 *(Note: A complete tally of the election results for each election is included at the end of these*
42 *minutes.)*

1 Election of Regional Vice Presidents

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Rev. Griffin placed before the convention the slate for Region I Vice President.

- Rev. Randolph Sherren
- Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy
- Rev. Klemet Preus

No additional nomination being made, President Seitz declared the nominations closed. The Reverend Dr. Dean Nadasdy was declared elected on the second ballot.

Rev. Griffin placed before the convention the slate of candidates for Region II Vice President.

- Rev. Peter Meier
- Rev. Gerald L. Boldt
- Rev. Kurt P. Lehmkuhl
- Rev. Harold Storm

No additional nomination being made, President Seitz declared the nominations closed. The Reverend Peter Meier was declared elected on the first ballot.

Rev. Griffin placed before the convention the slate of candidates for Region III Vice President.

- Rev. Dr. Eugene Chase
- Rev. Dr. Larry J. Griffin
- Rev. William J. Natzke

No additional nomination being made, President Seitz declared the nominations closed. The Reverend Dr. Larry J. Griffin was declared elected on the second ballot.

Rev. Griffin placed before the convention the slate of candidates for Region IV Vice President.

- Rev. Evan G. Schiller
- Rev. Shawn Patrick Ethridge
- Rev. Robert A. Schulze

No additional nomination being made, President Seitz declared the nominations closed. The Reverend Evan G. Schiller was declared elected on the second ballot.

1 **Synodical President's Report**

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3 President Seitz again introduced Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, president of the Lutheran
4 Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), who presented his official report to the
5 convention.

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7 Dr. Kieschnick expressed his desire for the Missouri Synod to be ablaze with the
8 passion to seek the lost. He stressed that we in the Missouri Synod with our
9 commitment to the Word of God and our Confessions have great potential in
10 reaching the lost. He expressed confidence that in the United States and throughout
11 the world we are uniquely equipped to bring the Gospel to others.

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13 He showed a video entitled "One Mission, One Message, One People," which
14 highlighted his vision for the LCMS.

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16 Dr. Kieschnick concluded his presentation by responding to delegate questions
17 which had been submitted in writing. The questions were read by Ms. Lu
18 Clemmensen.

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21 **Fishing Tip #1**

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23 President Seitz introduced the first of a series of videos in which District
24 "fishermen" shared their experience and tips for how they reach out to unbelievers.
25 The first video emphasized the 24/7 aspect of sharing the Gospel.

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28 **Closing Prayer**

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30 Chaplain Meyr was invited forward. He offered a number of petitions on behalf of
31 individuals. Following a prayer of thanks for the meal, he led the convention in
32 rising and singing the doxology.

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34 President Seitz declared the convention in recess until 1:00 p.m.

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37 **Second Session**

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39 **Opening Devotion**

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41 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Fred Miller, co-chaplain for the convention.
42 Rev. Miller led the opening devotion. He stated that the one item essential for
43 fishing is the lure - the angle worm, minnow, spooner, the fly - each designed for

1 different kinds of fish and different fishing conditions. He noted that there are
2 literally hundreds of lures on the market. However, there are only two lures when
3 you fish for the souls of men—the Law and the Gospel.

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6 **Resolutions A—B—C—D**

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8 President Seitz directed the delegates to Resolution A (*Convention Workbook*, F—27).
9 Resolution A was adopted as printed (Y:301/N:45).

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11 Resolution B (*CW*, F—28) was placed before the convention. A motion to remove
12 Memorial A—12 was defeated (Y:137/N:218). A motion to remove Memorial A—16
13 was defeated (Y:148/ N:205). Resolution B was adopted (Y:259/N:99) as printed.

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15 Resolution C (*CW*, F—29 to F—30) was placed before the convention with Memorial
16 A—19 removed by action of the Doctrine and Administration Floor Committee. A
17 motion to remove Memorial A—4 was defeated (Y:121/N:213). Resolution C was
18 adopted (Y:289/N:74) as presented.

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20 President Seitz explained that there were no items included in Resolution D, so no
21 action was needed by the convention.

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24 **Doctrine and Administration Committee**

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26 The Reverend Evan G. Schiller, chair of the Doctrine and Administration
27 Committee, was asked to come forward. He introduced the members of the
28 committee. Rev. Schiller presented Resolution 1—14, “To Realign Minnesota South
29 District Circuits in the 2003-2006 Triennium,” which had been distributed to the
30 delegates. (Note: As printed the title had “2005” rather than “2006”. The correction
31 was accepted by common consent.)

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33 Rev. Bob Krueger was called forward. He reported a total of 383 voting delegates
34 (178 pastors, 205 lay) in attendance. It was moved, seconded and carried
35 (Y:321/N:20) to approve the updated credentials report.

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37 Resolution 1—14 was adopted (Y:339/N:26) as presented.

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39 Rev. Schiller read Resolution 1—02, “To Support the Continuation of Theological
40 Conferences” (*CW*, F—6). It was moved, seconded and carried (Y:273/N:92) to
41 amend the resolution to add two additional resolves:

1 *RESOLVED*, that such forums be designed to identify the theological issues
2 and practices over which there is disagreement, and be it finally

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4 *RESOLVED*, that the differences be resolved in accordance with Scriptures
5 and the Lutheran Confessions so that we may “with one heart and mouth
6 glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 15:6)

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8 Resolution 1 – 02 was adopted (Y:337/N:29) as amended.

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10 Rev. Schiller presented Resolution 1 – 03, “To Encourage Uniformity in Church
11 Practice and Appreciation of Responsible Practices and Customs” (CW, F – 7 to F –
12 8). In the reading of the first resolve Rev. Schiller noted a correction on line 35,
13 changing “is” to “are.” As it was read the committee also removed the words “in all
14 areas of his work and communication in District” in the final resolved clause.

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16 A motion was moved, seconded and defeated (Y:133/N:223) to remove lines 5
17 through 7 on page F – 8.

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19 President Seitz called for the orders of the day. The committee was dismissed before
20 a final vote on Resolution 1 – 03 could be taken.

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23 **Fishing Tip #2**

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25 President Seitz introduced the kindergarten class from St. John Lutheran Church
26 and School in Chaska, MN. They sang a song “Goin’ Fishin’,” which reflected the
27 convention’s theme.

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29 President Seitz introduced the second fishing tip video. This segment focused on
30 the issue of witnessing as a congregation.

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33 **Elections and Nominations Committees**

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35 Rev. James Markworth was invited forward. He announced that balloting would
36 now be held for the ranking of the vice presidents. The result of the voting is as
37 follows.

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39 Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy was declared 1st Vice President on the 3rd ballot.

40 Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin was declared 2nd Vice President on the 4th ballot.

41 Rev. Peter Meier was declared 3rd Vice President on the 5th ballot.

42 Rev. Evan Schiller was declared 4th Vice President on the 5th ballot.

1 Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin placed before the convention the slate for District Secretary.

2 Rev. Daryl Gehlbach

3 Rev. Dr. Eugene Chase

4 Rev. John Perling

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6 No additional nomination being made, President Seitz declared the nominations
7 closed. The Reverend Daryl Gehlbach was declared elected on the first ballot.

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9 Dr. Griffin presented the slates for each of the other elected positions. As each slate
10 was presented, the delegates were given an opportunity to nominate additional
11 candidates.

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13 Board of Directors, Pastor, Region I

14 Rev. Kenneth K. Harste

15 Rev. Klemet Preus

Board of Directors, Pastor, Region II

Rev. Gerhard Bode

Rev. Thomas J. Queck

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17 Board of Directors, Pastor, Region III

18 Rev. Michael (Mick) Mathews

19 Rev. Michael Scott Wallace

20 Rev. Dr. Larry J. Griffin (withdrew)

21 Rev. Dr. Eugene Chase (floor)

22 Rev. James Heining (floor)

Board of Directors, Pastor, Region IV

Rev. Robert A. Schulze

Rev. Shawn Patrick Ethridge

Rev. Mark W. Mumme

Rev. Robert C. Trueblood

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24 Board of Directors, Lay, Capitol

25 Mr. Robert K. Van Gundy

26 Mr. Alan G. Johnson

27 Mr. George J. Selvestra

28 Ms. Carol Olson (floor)

29 Mr. Wilford W. Barkley (floor)

Board of Directors, Lay, Minneapolis

Mr. Randal E. Maycroft

Mr. Glen A. Meints

Mr. Duane Helm (floor)

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31 Board of Directors, Lay, Minnetonka

32 Ms. Katherine Klemp

33 Mr. Stephen D. Krause

Board of Directors, Lay, Crow River

Ms. Nancy Bynum

Mr. Duane Klaustermeier

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35 Board of Directors, Lay, Whitewater

36 Mr. Ray Mussell, Jr.

37 Mr. John E. Henke

38 Mr. Ted Tews

Board of Directors, Lay, Owatonna

Mr. Leonard Marquardt

Mr. Norman Hauschildt

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40 Board of Directors, Lay, South Central

41 Mr. Scott Halverson

42 Mr. Perry Eimers

Board of Directors, Lay, Southwest

Mr. Delbert C. Schwieger

Mr. John Galstad

Mr. Karl Baumann (floor)

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Board of Directors, Teacher

- Mr. Gerald Bergt
- Mr. Ray Lee Diepenbrock (left District, ineligible)
- Mr. Gordon Edmison
- Ms. Lynn Henry
- Mr. David Kleimola
- Ms. Ruth Knaack
- Dr. Steve Arnold (floor)

District Nominations Committee, Pastor

- Rev. Roger Abernathy
- Rev. Jack R. Baumgarn
- Rev. Armand J. Boehme
- Rev. Dr. Eugene Chase, Jr.
- Rev. Mark D. Johnson
- Rev. John M. Moe
- Rev. Michael Scott Wallace
- Rev. Bruce Frederickson (floor)
- Rev. Thomas Stoebig (floor)
- Rev. Steve Kosberg (floor)
- Rev. James Pragman (floor)
- Rev. Palmer Ruschke (floor)

District Nominations Committee, Lay

- Mr. Dennis Bauer
- Mr. Paul E. Bremer
- Ms. Doris Heidorn
- Mr. Dale R. Johnson
- Mr. Glen A. Meints
- Mr. Christian A. Preus
- Mr. Armin Tesch
- Mr. Oliver Young
- Ms. Delpha Preus Harris (floor)

District Nominations Committee, Teacher

- Lloyd Luehmann
- Cletus Pfeiffer

Synodical Nominations Committee

- Rev. Jack R. Baumgarn
- Rev. Klemet Preus
- Rev. Donald L. Taylor

The time having expired, the Nominations and Elections Committee were dismissed until its next scheduled time.

Greetings from President Emeritus

President Seitz introduced the Reverend Dr. O. H. Cloeter, president emeritus of the Minnesota South District, and his wife, Elsie. Dr. Cloeter extended his congratulations to President Seitz on his re-election. He expressed his thanks at being a member of church body that takes the Gospel seriously. He reminded the delegates that our Lord Christ is our Light and Life, who alone has promised us the Holy Spirit and the power of the Holy Spirit. He urged the delegates to pray for the power of God's Spirit in our Synod.

1 President Seitz presented some flowers and the District's thanks to Elsie for her
2 faithful service in supporting her husband.

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5 **Fishing Tip #3**

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7 President Seitz introduced the next video fishing tip. This segment stressed the
8 importance of knowing the lake we fish, that is, knowing the community where we
9 live and serve.

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12 **Mission Committee**

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14 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Robert Gardner, chairman of the Missions
15 Floor Committee. Rev. Gardner introduced the members of the committee. He read
16 Resolution 2-01, "To Be a Church in Mission" (CW, F-19). The resolution was
17 adopted (Y:278/N:15) as presented.

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19 In response to the passage of this resolution, Chaplain Meyr offered a prayer.

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21 Rev. Gardner presented Resolution 2-02, "To Celebrate the Mission Work of the
22 District" (CW, F-20). The resolution was adopted (Y:295/N:10) as presented.

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24 Rev. Gardner presented Resolution 2-03, "To Support Missions in Minnesota
25 South" (CW, F-20A). The resolution was adopted (Y:274/N:45) as presented.

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27 Rev. Gardner reported that the work of the committee was completed. President
28 Seitz dismissed the committee with the convention's thanks.

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31 **Fishing Tip #4**

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33 President Seitz introduced the next video fishing tip. The theme of this segment was
34 "Find the Best Bait," which focused on meeting the needs of the community.

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37 **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**

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39 President Seitz introduced Mrs. Gloria Kenow, the new president of the Minnesota
40 South District of the LWML, who addressed the convention via video tape.

1 Commemoration Update

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3 President Seitz announced that in the commemorations during the opening worship
4 the name of the Reverend Dr. Gerhard Michael was inadvertently omitted. He
5 explained that a certificate had been prepared, and it will be sent to the Michael
6 family along with an apology for the oversight.

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9 Devotional Bible Study

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11 President Seitz again welcomed Rev. Ken Klaus to present the second part of his
12 devotional Bible study. He returned to John 21. He noted that Peter is a man of
13 action. As soon as he hears John shout "It is the Lord," Peter doesn't hesitate but
14 jumps into the water and swims to shore.

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16 Rev. Klaus reminded the delegates that the duty of a faithful missionary, which is all
17 of us, is to concentrate on the Lord Jesus Christ. God gives ordinary people an
18 extraordinary message and tells us to let down the nets. The fishing should not be
19 left to professional ministers but all of us should be involved in the work.

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22 Elections and Nominations Committees

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24 Rev. James Markworth, chairman of the elections committee was invited forward.
25 The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors.

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27	Pastor	Region I	Rev. Klemet Preus (1 st ballot)
28		Region II	Rev. Gerhard Bode (1 st ballot)
29		Region III	Rev. Eugene Chase (3 rd ballot)
30		Region IV	Rev. Robert Schulze (1 st ballot)
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32	Lay	Capitol Conference	Mr. Robert Van Gundy (2 nd ballot)
33		Minneapolis Conference	Mr. Glen Meints (2 nd ballot)
34		Minnetonka Conference	Mr. Stephen D. Krause (1 st ballot)
35		Crow River Conference	Ms. Nancy Bynum (1 st ballot)
36		Whitewater Conference	Mr. Ted Tews (2 nd ballot)
37		Owatonna Conference	Mr. Leonard Marquardt (1 st ballot)
38		South Central Conference	Mr. Scott Halverson (1 st ballot)
39		Southwest Conference	Mr. Karl Baumann (2 nd ballot)
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41	Teacher		Ms. Lynn Henry (1 st ballot)
42			Ms. Ruth Knaack (2 nd ballot)
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1 **Special Presentation - "It's time to Fish."**

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3 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Stephen Wipperman, Assistant to the
4 President for Missions. Rev. Wipperman led the missionaries of the District in a
5 dramatic cantata written by Dr. Jeffrey Burkart.

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7 President Seitz stated that we need to be concerned to share the Gospel of hope with
8 those who are hurting and in need. He explained that mission work is expensive
9 and that funds from the recent "Fear Not, Go Forward" fund drive will soon be
10 depleted. He stated that we need to rely on the generosity of our people and raise
11 money for missions.

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13 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Peter Meier, chairman of the District
14 Missions Committee. Rev. Meier explained that the goal of the "It's Time to Fish"
15 campaign is to have 1,000 partners contribute \$1,000 per year for three years. The
16 goal is to raise a million dollars for each of three years for missions. He asked the
17 delegates to join this mission emphasis.

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19 Rev. Wipperman asked people to fill out the cards and bring them forward and
20 place the pledges in the box by the stage. He led those present in singing selected
21 verses from "Our Mission is Fishin'!" He concluded the special presentation with a
22 prayer.

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24 President Seitz led the assembly in singing Happy Birthday to Pastor Richard Miller,
25 Pastor Klemet Preus, and Jonathan Vollrath.

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28 **Greetings from the Minnesota North District President**

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30 Dr. Seitz introduced Rev. Donald Fondow, newly elected president of the Minnesota
31 North District.

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33 Rev. Fondow noted how the themes for the two conventions worked well together
34 "Till the Trumpets Sound It's Time to Fish." He greeted the assembly and offered a
35 word of hope. At one time the LCMS considered retrenchment, but chose not to do
36 that. We cannot advance the church by retrenchment. The Easter message propels
37 us forward, in spite of limited resources.

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40 **Finance Committee**

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42 President Seitz called the Finance Committee forward. The chairman, Dr. James
43 Heining, introduced the rest of the committee members. He acknowledged and

1 commended the fine work of Lu Clemmensen and Julie Bigler. He pointed out the
2 high praise that the auditors gave to their work.

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4 Dr. Heining introduced Resolution 5-02, "To Accept the Report of the Finance
5 Committee" (CW, F-26). Resolution 5-01 was adopted as presented (Y:300/N:9).

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7 Dr. Heining then introduced Resolution 5-01, "To Memorialize Synod to Increase
8 Financial Support for Our Synodical Seminaries" (CW, F-25). Resolution 5-01 was
9 adopted as presented (Y:297/N:22)

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11 Dr. Heining reported that the committee's work was completed. President Seitz led
12 the assembly in dismissing the committee with its thanks.

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15 **Closing Prayer**

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17 Chaplain Meyr was invited forward to offer a prayer to conclude this session and to
18 bless the meal. He led the assembly in singing two verses of "Hark, the Voice of
19 Jesus Calling."

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21 The convention stood in recess until 6:45 p.m.

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24 **Third Session**

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26 **Opening Prayer**

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28 President Seitz called the convention to order. Chaplain Victor Meyr led the
29 opening devotion for the evening session. Following his prayer a choir, composed
30 of convention attendees, sang the Navy Hymn.

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33 **Fishing Tip #5**

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35 President Seitz introduced the next segment in the video series on fishing tips,
36 which provided examples of intentional efforts to make visitors welcome.

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39 **Elections and Nominations Committees**

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41 Dr. Griffin, chair of the Nominations Committee, was invited forward. He
42 explained that according to a ruling by Synod's Commission on Constitutional
43 Matters emeritus pastors are not considered parish pastors, thus Rev. Palmer

1 Ruschke as an emeritus pastor is not eligible to serve on the District Nominations
2 Committee.

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4 Dr. Griffin stated that the bylaws are unclear with regard to the eligibility of Dr.
5 James Pragman. He explained that two options are available to the convention.
6 First, the convention could remove Dr. Pragman's name from the ballot or, second,
7 the convention could allow his name to stand and if he is elected a CCM opinion
8 would be requested to clarify the term parish pastor and rule on Dr. Pragman's
9 eligibility.

10
11 Rev. James Markworth, chair of the elections committee, was invited forward. He
12 presented the amended slate for the parish pastor positions on the District
13 Nominations Committee. He explained that because the convention is to elect four
14 people, the screen will appear four times and each delegate is to cast a different vote
15 on each screen.

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17 The vote was taken and the results shown. A point of order was raised. It was
18 noted that the numbering of two candidates on the results screen was not the same
19 as the numbering presented on the voting screen. The Swank technician reported
20 that there was a glitch in the system. President Seitz ordered that the vote be
21 retaken in order to maintain the credibility of the vote.

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23 In order to allow time for Swank to correct the problem, President Seitz ordered that
24 the convention proceed with the agenda and return to the elections at the earliest
25 opportunity.

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28 **Fishing Tip #6**

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30 President Seitz introduced the next video fishing tip, which focused on intentional
31 invitation as a means to cast the net.

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34 **Presentation of the "Volunteer Teacher of the Year" Award**

35
36 President Seitz invited Signe Carlson of Lutheran Education Volunteer Network
37 (LEVN) to come forward and present the "Minnesota South District 2003 Volunteer
38 Teacher of the Year Award." It was presented to Curtis Boger of Holy Cross
39 Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN.

1 **District Archivist**

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3 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Dr. Glen Offermann, Minnesota South
4 District Archivist and author of Missouri in Minnesota. In a videotaped address Dr.
5 Glenn Offermann explained the work of the archivist in preserving the history of the
6 District and the LCMS.

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9 **Congregational Services Committee**

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11 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Robert Gehrke, who in turn introduced the
12 members of the Congregational Services Committee.

13
14 Rev. Gehrke presented Resolution 3-01, "To Make Recruitment for and Retention
15 of Church Vocations a Concern of the Entire Church" (CW, F-21 to F-22), which
16 was adopted as printed (Y:279/N:15).

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18 Resolution 3-02, "To Recognize Missouri Synod Church Musicians" (CW, F-23),
19 was presented. By common consent the resolution was corrected by deleting the
20 words "recommend to the District Convention to" from the final resolve. Resolution
21 3-02 was adopted as corrected Y:260/N:35)

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23 Resolution 3-03 "To Accept the Reports of the Congregational Services
24 Subcommittee, Schools/Commissioned Ministers Committee and the Ministerial
25 Health Committee" (CW, F-24), was laid before the convention. It was adopted as
26 printed (Y:284/N:11).

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28 Rev. Gehrke reported that the work of the committee was completed, and President
29 Seitz led the assembly in dismissing the committee with its thanks.

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31 President Seitz shared his thoughts and concerns regarding the issue of recruitment
32 and retention addressed in Resolution 3-01. He stated that we are facing a critical
33 shortage of pastors, that by the year 2017, even taking into consideration those who
34 graduate from our seminaries, the number of pastors in the LCMS will be 2,200. He
35 stressed the tremendous need to prepare people for service in the Church.

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38 **Fishing Tip #7**

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40 President Seitz directed the delegates attention to the next fishing tip video, which
41 focused on ways to invite people intentionally by casting the net on "the other side."

1 Greetings from former MNS President - Rev. Dr. Martin Lieske

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3 President Seitz introduced Rev. Dr. Martin Lieske, past president of the Minnesota
4 South District. He greeted the delegates and reminded them that as Christians they
5 are the aroma of Christ to the sinful world. He urged the delegates to be about
6 God's work, sharing Christ by witness and by our life. He observed that our church
7 body is rapidly graying, and in many churches older members outnumber the
8 younger. He commended the older adult ministry group SAGES (Saints Alive
9 Growing Ever Serving) as a helpful organization for keeping older adults active in
10 service to the Lord.

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13 Elections and Nominations Committees

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15 Rev. James Markworth, chair of the Elections Committee, was invited forward. A
16 point of order was raised regarding the eligibility of Dr. James Pragman to serve on
17 the District Nominations Committee. President Seitz put to the convention the
18 question whether or not Dr. Pragman qualifies as a parish pastor and can remain on
19 the ballot. He explained that a yes vote would allow Dr. Pragman's name to remain
20 on the ballot; a no vote would remove his name.

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22 The vote was 148 yes, 150 no. The name of Dr. James Pragman was removed from
23 the ballot.

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25 The ballot was amended, and Rev. Markworth directed the delegates to vote.
26 During one of the voting segments someone called out, and Rev. Markworth called
27 for a halt in the timer. This resulted in President Seitz declaring the vote invalid and
28 calling for the voting to be redone. He urged the delegates to refrain from anything
29 that would disrupt the voting while the timer is running.

30
31 The ballot was reset and shown on the screen. Over the course of three ballots the
32 following were elected.

33
34 Rev. Roger Abernathy (1st ballot)
35 Rev. Jack Baumgarn (1st ballot)
36 Rev. Dr. Eugene Chase (1st ballot)
37 Rev. Thomas Braun (3rd ballot)

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39 A point of order was raised if being elected to the District Nomination Committee
40 violated the provision against holding more than one elected office. President Seitz
41 referred to District Bylaw 2.40h: the Committee on Convention Nominations is an
42 *ad hoc* committee to which the restriction of holding more than one office does not
43 apply.

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2 Rev. Markworth asked that the ballot for the lay members of Nominations
3 Committee be displayed on the screen. Over the course of three ballots the
4 following lay people were elected.

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6 Mr. Glen Meints (1st ballot)
7 Mr. Christian Preus (1st ballot)
8 Mr. Armin Tesch (1st ballot)
9 Ms. Doris Heidorn (3rd ballot)

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11 Rev. Markworth asked that the ballot for the teacher member of Nominations
12 Committee be displayed on the screen.

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14 Mr. Lloyd Luehmann was declared elected on the first ballot.

15
16 A point of order was raised whether or not the person elected to the Synodical
17 Nominations Committee was exempt from the provision of holding multiple offices.
18 President Seitz referred to Synodical Bylaw 3.980g; the Nominations Committee is
19 an *ad hoc* convention committee to which the restriction of holding more than one
20 office does not apply.

21
22 Rev. Markworth called up the ballot for the 2004 Synodical Nominations Committee.

23
24 The Reverend Donald Taylor was declared elected on the second ballot.

25
26 Rev. Markworth then placed the names of Rev. Jack Baumgarn and Rev. Klemet
27 Preus before the convention as the slate for alternate to 2004 Synodical Nominations
28 Committee.

29
30 The Reverend Jack Baumgarn was declared elected.

31
32 Rev. Markworth reported that the work of the committee was completed. President
33 Seitz led the assembly in dismissing the committee with its thanks. He also asked
34 for a round of applause for the people running the Swank system for their work in
35 making the convention run smoother.

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38 **Fishing Tip #8**

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40 President Seitz introduced the next fishing tip video segment, which focused on
41 music as a means to reach people.

1 Closing Devotion

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3 Convention Chaplain, Rev. Victor Meyr, was invited forward. He offered a closing
4 prayer, in which he offered up petitions on behalf of various people. He concluded
5 by leading the delegates in singing "Go, My Children, with My Blessing."
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7 The convention stood in recess until 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.
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10 **Saturday, June 14, 2003**

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12 Fourth Session

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14 Opening Devotion

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16 President Seitz called the convention to order at 8:00 a.m.
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18 Chaplain Victor Meyr was called forward to lead the opening devotion. In honor of
19 Flag Day, he led the assembly in reciting the pledge of allegiance. Rev. Meyr
20 expressed his pleasure with Resolution 2-01, especially in light of the words which
21 urge us to confess our sins and to receive absolution "in order to set us free to
22 worship." It feels good when people say, "I forgive you, and I won't hold it against
23 you." He encouraged the delegates not to wait for others to come to them, but
24 quickly go to others. We should seek the forgiveness because it sets us free. He
25 invited the assembly to rise and sing "Our Mission is Fishin'." Rev. Meyr then
26 concluded with a prayer.
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29 International Lutheran's Layman's League

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31 President Seitz introduced Mr. Charles Groth, president of the Minnesota South
32 District of the LLL, who addressed the convention via video tape. He presented a
33 brief summary of the work of the LLL.
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36 Devotional Bible Study - Part III

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38 Rev. Kenneth Klaus, Speaker for Lutheran Hour Ministries, continued his Bible
39 study on John 21. He told the delegates that they cannot decide whether or not they
40 will witness. He said, "You will witness. You will either witness verbally with your
41 mouth and visibly with your actions that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, or you will
42 witness, through inactivity, that Christ is "no big deal in your life." The issue,
43 according to Rev. Klaus, is one of priority. He reminded the delegates that they

1 have been called to be fishers of men, and that they are trusting the Lord when they
2 let down the nets.

3
4 President Seitz led the assembly in thanking Rev. Klaus for his devotional Bible
5 study.

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8 Doctrine and Administration Committee

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10 Rev. Evan Schiller, chairman of the Doctrine and Administration Committee, was
11 invited forward. He explained that due to the orders of the day debate on
12 Resolution 1-03 (CW, F-7 to F-8) was suspended until this time. He placed the
13 resolution again before the convention.

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15 *(Secretary's note: A motion to amend the resolution had been defeated, and at this time the*
16 *convention considered the original resolution.)*

17
18 It was moved and seconded to amend the second to last resolved clause (CW, F-8,
19 lines 5-7) to read as follows:

20
21 **RESOLVED**, That our congregations remember that while many worship
22 resources **may be** available which **may be** doctrinally pure but may not yet
23 have official synodical approval, **they may not be appropriate for regular**
24 **congregational use**; and be it finally

25
26 The amendment was defeated (Y:130/N:169).

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28 It was moved and seconded to amend the third whereas clause (CW, F-7, line 29) to
29 change the citation from "Article XXVI, 40-42" to "Article XXVI, 40-45." Additional
30 paragraphs of the citation were read to the delegates. The amendment was adopted
31 (Y:182/N:115).

32
33 A motion made and seconded to end debate was adopted (Y:216/N:80).

34
35 Resolution 1-03 as amended was adopted (Y:167/N:133)

36
37 Rev. Schiller placed before the convention Resolution 1-06, "To Clarify
38 Relationships with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America" (CW, F-11). The
39 first whereas clause was amended by common consent to replace the words "no
40 longer is" with "is not."

41
42 President Seitz called for the orders of the day, and debate on Resolution 1-06 was
43 suspended until the next time the committee was scheduled.

1 **Special Presentations**

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3 President Seitz invited the outgoing members of the District Board to come forward.
4 They are Rev. James Heining, Mrs. Carol Olson, Mr. Raymond Mussell Jr., Mr.
5 Delbert Schwieger, Mr. Curt Stoltenow, Rev. Randolph Sherren, Mrs. Connie
6 Marquart, and Rev. Dr. Benjamin Buck.

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8 He offered his personal thanks to them for their service to the District. He presented
9 plaques to Mr. Prigge and Mr. Stoltenow and shepherd staffs to Rev. Sherren and
10 Rev. Buck.

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13 **Fishing Tip #9**

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15 President Seitz introduced the next video fishing tip, which focused on the
16 importance of reaching out to and involving youth in the church.

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19 **Doctrine and Administration Committee**

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21 Rev. Evan Schiller was again called forward. Debate on Resolution 1-06 (as
22 amended) was resumed. A motion to substitute Memorial A-11 was defeated
23 (Y:133/N:157). Resolution 1-06 as amended was adopted (Y:248/N:48).

24
25 Resolution 1-04, "To Provide for a More Accurate Representation of Lay People to
26 District and Synodical Conventions" (CW, F-9), was placed before the convention.
27 Resolution 1-04 was defeated (Y:59/N:245).

28
29 Resolution 1-10, "To Request the Synod to Elect Members of the Commission on
30 Constitutional Matters" (CW, F-15), was read. The resolution was adopted as
31 printed (Y:217/N:88).

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33 Resolution 1-08, "To Refer the Issue of Worship Resources Used on the Campus of
34 Concordia University, St. Paul" (CW, F-13), was presented. A motion to substitute
35 Memorial A-21 was defeated (Y:135/N:166). Resolution 1-08 was adopted as
36 printed (Y:220/N:83)

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38 Resolution 1-01A, "To Resolve Technical Issues Relating to the Nominations and
39 Elections Process and Other Handbook Issues" (CW, F-1 to F-5), was presented.
40 [Note: This resolution is identical to Floor Committee Res. 1-01, except that the
41 second "Resolved" clause in that version was deleted by the Floor Committee when
42 it presented the resolution to the convention.]

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1 It was moved, seconded and carried to dispense with the reading of Resolution 1--
2 01A. The resolution was adopted (Y:272/N:21).

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5 Fishing Tip #10

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7 President Seitz invited the assembly to consider another video fishing tip, which
8 dealt with reaching out to and involving the family.

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11 Doctrine and Administration Committee

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13 The Doctrine and Administration Committee was invited forward. Rev. Evan
14 Schiller presented Resolution 1-15, "To Review Opinion 02-2309 of the
15 Commission on Constitutional Matters," was read. A printed copy was distributed
16 to the delegates.

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18 A lively debate ensued. It was moved, seconded and carried to end debate
19 (Y:271/N:23). Resolution 1-15 was adopted as printed (Y:154/N:142).

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21 Resolution 1-05, "To Review the Action of Concordia University, St. Paul, in
22 Relation to the Elimination of Tenure and Tenure Track Faculty Positions" (CW, F-
23 10), was presented. Rev. Schiller read a letter from Rev. William Meyer, Executive
24 Director of Synod's Board for Higher Education, to Concordia, St. Paul, in which he
25 explained that the Board was satisfied that the University Regents has handled the
26 matter correctly.

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28 Resolution 1-05 was defeated (Y:109/N:184).

29
30 Resolution 1-07, "To Clarify the Opportunity for Women to Serve as Executive
31 Director or President and Assistant Director or Vice President" (CW, F-12), was
32 presented.

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34 It was moved and seconded to amend the resolved to read as follows.

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36 *RESOLVED*, The Minnesota South District in Convention request the CTCR
37 to make a recommendation to the Synod as **early as possible** on this issue.

38
39 The amendment was adopted (Y:223/N:73). Then Resolution 1-07 was adopted
40 (Y:233/N:60) as amended.

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42 Resolution 1-11, "To Voice Support for Our Synodical Leaders" (CW, F-16), was
43 read. The resolution as printed was adopted (Y:225/N:67).

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2 Resolution 1–12, “To Refer Nicene Creed Wording Changes to Synod’s
3 Commission on Worship” (CW, F–17), was presented. The resolution as printed
4 was adopted (Y:204/N:91).

5
6 Rev. Evan Schiller presented Resolution 1–09, “To Address the Actions of
7 International Lutheran Layman’s League as LCMS Auxiliary” (CW, F–14). After
8 some debate, it was moved, seconded and carried to end debate (Y:270/N:23).
9 Resolution 1–09 was adopted (Y:206/N:23).

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11 Resolution 1–13, “To Accept Reports of the Board of Directors, Communications
12 Committee and 2003 Theological Conference” (CW, F–18), was read. The
13 resolution was adopted (Y:280/N:5)

14
15 Rev. Evan Schiller reported that the committee had concluded its business.
16 President Seitz led the assembly in dismissing the committee with thanks.

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19 **Fishing Tip #11**

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21 President Seitz introduced the final fishing tip video, which reminded the delegates
22 to be faithful witnesses.

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25 **Unfinished Business**

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27 President Seitz read the list of pastors nominated to serve as Circuit Counselors.

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1 It was moved, seconded and adopted to ratify the slate of Circuit Counselors
2 (Y:240/N:4)

3
4 President Seitz presented the names of advisory pastoral delegates to the 2004
5 Synodical Convention:

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7 Rev. Roger Klemz
8 Rev. Herman Hannemann

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10 It was moved, seconded and carried to ratify the advisory pastoral delegates.
11 (Y:238/N:6)

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13 President Seitz then presented the names of the advisory commissioned minister
14 delegates to the 2004 Synodical Convention.

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16 Mr. Richard Eyerly Mr. Robert Rehmer Mr. Gary Volberding
17 Mr. Craig Kohls Mr. James Spitzack

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19 It was moved, seconded and carried to ratify the advisory commissioned minister
20 delegates. (Y:235/N:7)

21
22 President Seitz presented the name of Mr. Tyler Evans to be a youth delegate to the
23 2004 Synodical Convention. It was moved and seconded to ratify Tyler's selection
24 as youth delegate.

25
26 President Seitz invited Dr. James Pragman forward. He introduced the youth
27 delegates who have been attending the convention: Mr. Tyler Evans, Mr. Michael
28 Evans, and Ms. Amy Sandhurst.

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30 The convention ratified the selection of Tyler Evans as Youth Delegate by a vote of
31 242 to one.

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34 **Acknowledgements**

35
36 President Seitz directed the delegates to pages A-49 and A-50 in the Convention
37 Workbook, which acknowledged those who had made the convention
38 arrangements. He led the convention in expressing thanks for their work.

1 Update on "It's Time to Fish"

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3 President Seitz reported that so far there are 100 donors who have contributed
4 and/or pledged \$151,351 for "It's Time to Fish" in the Minnesota South District.

5
6 The assembly offered a standing ovation to President Seitz for his chairing of the
7 convention.

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10 Registration and Credentials Committee

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12 Rev. Robert Krueger, chairman of the Registration and Credentials Committee, was
13 invited forward. He reported the final count of voting delegates present.

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15	Pastors	178 out of a possible 188
16	Lay	205 out of a possible 222
17	Total	383 out of a possible 410

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19 Additionally he reported that there were present during the convention 163
20 advisory delegates and guests. The total number of voting and advisory delegates
21 was 546.

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23 President Seitz thanked Rev. Krueger and the committee.

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26 Closing Prayer

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28 President Seitz invited Chaplain Victor Meyr to come forward. President Seitz
29 expressed his thanks for the service Rev. Meyr has given to the convention.

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31 Chaplain Meyr offered a closing prayer and then led the convention in singing "Sent
32 Forth by God's Blessing."

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34 President Seitz declared the Seventy-Third Convention of the Minnesota South
35 District adjourned *sine die*.

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38 Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. Daryl Gehlbach, Secretary

1	<u>Board of Directors, Pastor, Region I</u>			
2	Rev. Kenneth K. Harste	131		
3	* Rev. Klemet Preus	183		
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5	<u>Board of Directors, Pastor, Region II</u>			
6	* Rev. Gerhard Bode	192		
7	Rev. Thomas J. Queck	133		
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9	<u>Board of Directors, Pastor, Region III</u>			
10	Rev. Michael Mathews	77	56	
11	Rev. Michael S. Wallace	41		
12	Rev. James Heining	114	145	167
13	* Rev. Dr. Eugene Chase Jr.	104	132	169
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15	<u>Board of Directors, Pastor, Region IV</u>			
16	* Rev. Robert A. Schulze	188		
17	Rev. Shawn P. Ethridge	44		
18	Rev. Mark W. Mumme	22		
19	Robert C. Trueblood	87		
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21	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Capitol Conference</u>			
22	* Robert K. Van Gundy	147	188	
23	Alan G. Johnson	32		
24	George J. Selvestra	14		
25	Carol Olson	93	153	
26	Wilford W. Bartley	47		
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28	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Minneapolis Conference</u>			
29	Randal E. Maycroft	108	138	
30	* Glen A. Meints	137	195	
31	Duane C. Helm	88		
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33	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Minnetonka Conference</u>			
34	* Stephen D. Krause	168		
35	Katherine Klemp	158		
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37	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Crow River Conference</u>			
38	* Nancy Bynum	227		
39	Duane Klaustermeier	116		
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2	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Whitewater Conference</u>			
3	Raymond Mussell Jr.	121	133	
4	John E. Henke	87		
5	* Ted Tews	131	196	
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7	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Owatonna Conference</u>			
8	* Leonard Marquardt	235		
9	Norman Hauschildt	105		
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11	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, South Central Conference</u>			
12	* Scott Halvorson	226		
13	Perry Eimers	99		
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15	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Southwest Conference</u>			
16	Delbert Schwieger	120	127	
17	John Galstad	51		
18	* Karl W. Baumann	156	202	
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20	<u>Board of Directors, Teacher (two elected)</u>			
21	Dr. Steven Arnold	132	115	
22	Gerald Bergt	129	54	
23	Gordon Edmison	31		
24	* Lynn Henry	164		
25	David Kleimola	42		
26	* Ruth Knaack	157	172	
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28	<u>2006 District Convention Nominations Committee, Pastor (four elected)</u>			
29	* Rev. Roger Abernathy	181		
30	* Rev. Jack R. Baumgarn	175		
31	Rev. Armand J. Boehme	65	15	
32	* Rev. Thomas Braun	142	123	222
33	* Rev. Dr. Eugene Chase Jr.	162		
34	Rev. Bruce G. Frederickson	81	18	
35	Rev. Steven Kosberg	97	26	
36	Rev. Mark D. Johnson	46		
37	Rev. John M. Moe	104	103	176
38	Rev. Thomas K. Stoebig	73	3	
39	Rev. Michael S. Wallace	50	9	
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41	<u>2006 District Convention Nominations Committee, Lay (four elected)</u>			
42	Dennis Bauer	119	17	
43	Paul E. Bremer	73		

1	Delpha Preus Harris	98	19	
2	* Doris Heidorn	136	120	158
3	Dale R. Johnson	118	25	
4	* Glen A. Meints	148		
5	* Christian A. Preus	151		
6	* Armin Tesch	164		
7	Oliver Young	136	112	137
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9	<u>2006 District Convention Nominations Committee, Teacher</u>			
10	* Lloyd Luehmann	184		
11	Cletus Pfeiffer	111		
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13	<u>2004 Synod Convention Nomination Committee</u>			
14	Rev. Jack R. Baumgarn	103	134	
15	Rev. Klemet Preus	61		
16	* Rev. Donald Taylor	134	164	
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18	<u>2004 Synod Convention Nomination Committee, Alternate</u>			
19	* Rev. Jack R. Baumgarn	197		
20	Rev. Klemet Preus	80		
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Rev. Jack Baumgarn (Alternate)

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<u>Present Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
[Strikethrough = Deleted]	[Italics = Added]
<p>2.16. Committee on Constitutions and Membership</p>	<p>2.16. Committee on Constitutions and Membership</p>
<p>a) The Board of Directors shall appoint a Committee on Constitutions and Membership composed of three members: one pastor, one teacher, and one lay person (preferably residing in the same geographic area).</p>	<p>a) The Board of Directors shall appoint a Committee on Constitutions and Membership composed of three members: one <i>ordained minister</i>, one <i>commissioned minister</i>, and one lay person (preferably residing in the same geographic area).</p>
<p>2.36. Board of Directors</p>	<p>2.36. Board of Directors</p>
<p>a) The Secretary of the District shall, in an election year, send nominating ballots to all voting congregations of the District requesting them to nominate up to two pastors from their region, up to two lay persons from their conference, and up to two teachers from their region as candidates for the Board of Directors. The names shall be sent to the Secretary of the District at least four months prior to the Convention for tabulation. Such tabulation and the nominating ballots shall be delivered by the Secretary to the Committee on Nominations which may place the name(s) of one or more other candidates on the ballot. In the case of teacher nominees, the nominee receiving the highest number of nominations in his region shall be placed on the ballot. Except for teachers (who shall be listed alphabetically), the candidate for each position receiving the highest number of nominations shall be listed first on the ballot and the remaining candidates shall be listed alphabetically. Nominations from the floor shall be listed on the ballot thereafter in the order nominated.</p>	<p>a) The Secretary of the District shall, in an election year, send nominating ballots to all voting congregations of the District requesting them to nominate up to two <i>ordained ministers</i> from their region, up to two lay persons from their conference, and up to two <i>commissioned ministers</i> from their region as candidates for the Board of Directors. The names shall be sent to the Secretary of the District at least four months prior to the Convention for tabulation. Such tabulation and the nominating ballots shall be delivered by the Secretary to the Committee on Nominations which may place the name(s) of one or more other candidates on the ballot. In the case of <i>commissioned minister</i> nominees, the nominee receiving the highest number of nominations in his region shall be placed on the ballot. Except for <i>commissioned ministers</i> (who shall be listed alphabetically), the candidate for each position receiving the highest number of nominations shall be listed first on the ballot and the remaining candidates shall be listed alphabetically. Nominations from the floor shall be listed on the ballot thereafter in the order nominated.</p>
<p>2.40 Committee on Nominations</p>	<p>2.40 Committee on Nominations</p>
<p>a) Nine persons - four parish pastors,</p>	<p>a) Nine persons - four <i>ordained</i></p>

four lay persons and one commissioned minister, ~~who is a teacher~~, shall be elected at each convention of the District to serve as members of the Committee for Convention Nominations for the next convention; they are to be chosen from a list of candidates submitted by the current Committee for Convention Nominations and augmented by additional candidates, if any, nominated from the floor of the convention.

3.02. President

a) The District President, in accordance with the Constitution of Synod, shall supervise the doctrine, the life, and the official administration on the part of the ~~pastors and teachers~~ of the District, and shall inquire into the prevailing religious conditions of the congregations of the District. Therefore, as often as possible, he shall attend the conferences of ~~pastors and teachers~~ held in the District, advise the congregations of the District as to the calling of ~~pastors and teachers~~, give counsel when requested, and reply to inquiries. He may call upon the Vice-presidents and Circuit Counselors to assist him.

4.02. Personnel

The Board of Directors shall consist of the District Officers (President, Vice-presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer), one ~~pastor~~ from each of the four Regions, one lay person from each of the eight Conferences, and two ~~teachers~~ elected at large.

4.22. Salaries

a) The Mission Administration Committee shall from time to time, fix the scale of salaries, equipment,

ministers serving as parish pastors, four lay persons and one commissioned minister, shall be elected at each convention of the District to serve as members of the Committee for Convention Nominations for the next convention; they are to be chosen from a list of candidates submitted by the current Committee for Convention Nominations and augmented by additional candidates, if any, nominated from the floor of the convention.

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a) The Mission Committee shall from time to time, fix the scale of salaries, equipment, allowances and mileage

allowances and mileage payments of ~~pastors and teachers~~ in subsidized parishes. The Board of Directors shall set the policy for the establishment of such salaries and allowances.

7.06. Consideration of Calls

Missionaries and ~~teachers~~ of subsidized congregations shall request the counsel of the District President when considering the disposition of calls which have been received. Subsidized congregations shall consult the President when a vacancy has occurred and shall apply to him for a list of candidates. In all matters pertaining to the calling of missionaries, the President shall consult with the Mission Committee of the Board of Directors.

7.16. Defining the Term "Subsidized Congregation"

Every congregation or parish receiving financial aid from the District for all, or for any part, of its parish program, be that for salary of ~~pastor or teacher~~, Church Extension Fund Repayments, utilities, or whatever, shall be considered a subsidized congregation or parish.

7.18. Requests for Subsidy

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c) Subsidized congregations or parishes shall comply with the salary scale and other benefits for ~~pastors and teachers~~ as these have been, or may yet be, established by the District.

7.20. Reports

~~Pastors and teachers~~ of subsidized congregations shall make regular activity reports to the Board of Directors through the Mission Committee. Such reports shall be made

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at intervals and in such manner as shall be determined from time to time by the Mission Committee.

9.00. SCHOOLS/COMMISSIONED MINISTERS COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors through the Schools/Commissioned Ministers Committee shall help in any possible manner in formulating and carrying out a comprehensive program of Lutheran education for early childhood, elementary, and secondary students within the Minnesota South District. The Schools/Commissioned Ministers Committee shall:

1. Assist and counsel principals, pastors, teachers, ~~Directors of Christian Education~~, and congregations regarding the whole area of Christian education.
2. Assist in the promotion, maintenance, and expansion of Lutheran early childhood, elementary, and high schools in the District.
3. Provide assistance to the conferences of principals, teachers, and ~~Directors of Christian Education~~.

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RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the District be instructed to make the necessary and appropriate changes in the District *Handbook* to correct or eliminate all term and nomenclature inconsistencies in the District *Handbook*.

(Note: This resolution is identical to Floor Committee Resolution 1-01, except that the second resolved in that version was removed by action of the Floor Committee.)

Convention action:

*It was moved, seconded and carried to dispense with the reading of Resolution 1 – 01A.
The resolution was adopted by a vote of 272 yes – 21 no.*

1 RESOLUTION 1-02 [Memorials A-2, A-3, and A-5; CW, pp. C-7, C-8, and
2 C-10]

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4 RE: TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF THEOLOGICAL
5 CONFERENCES
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8 WHEREAS, The Model Theological Conference in Phoenix was the beginning
9 of a process for the laypeople and professional church workers in the LCMS to
10 discuss serious theological issues; and

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12 WHEREAS, Each District was encouraged to hold a Model Theological
13 Conference, and our District held its first on February 10-12 of this year; and

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15 WHEREAS, There is the continued need for such forums which promote
16 greater harmony and unity through the serious discussion of doctrine and practice;
17 and

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19 WHEREAS, We are called upon by God's Word (Eph. 4:3-6; 1 Cor. 1:10) to
20 walk together; therefore be it

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22 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District continue to promote dialogue
23 and growth at all levels on the basis of God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions so
24 that we may reach a sense of peace, trust, and theological harmony; and be it further

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26 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District of the LCMS continue such
27 forums involving laypersons and professional church workers as frequently as is
28 feasible; and be it further

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30 RESOLVED, That such forums be designed to identify the theological issues
31 and practices over which there is disagreement, and be it finally

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33 RESOLVED, That the differences be resolved in accordance with Scriptures
34 and the Lutheran Confessions so that we may "with one heart and mouth glorify the
35 God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:6)

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37 *Convention action:*

38 *By common consent "to" following "LCMS" in the second resolved was deleted.*

39 *A motion was made, seconded and carried to add the last two resolved clauses. The
40 amendment was adopted by a vote of 273 yes - 92 no.*

41 *By common consent "finally" in line 24 was replaced with "further," and the phrase
42 "and be it further" was added to the end of the second resolved.*

43 *The resolution as amended was adopted by a vote of 337 yes - 29 no.*

1 RESOLUTION 1-03 [Memorial A-10; CW, pp. C-16 to C-19]
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3 RE: TO ENCOURAGE UNIFORMITY IN CHURCH PRACTICE AND
4 APPRECIATION OF RESPONSIBLE PRACTICES AND CUSTOMS
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7 WHEREAS, Article III of the Constitution of The Lutheran Church—Missouri
8 Synod (LCMS), point 7 states one of the objectives of our Synod is to, “Encourage
9 congregations to strive for uniformity in church practice, but also to develop an
10 appreciation of a variety of responsible practices and customs which are in harmony
11 with our common profession of faith;” and point 1 states another objective of our
12 Synod is to, “Conserve and promote the unity of the true faith and provide a united
13 defense against schism, sectarianism (Rom 16:17), and heresy,” and Synodical Bylaw
14 4.71d2, directs the District President or his representative saying, “In his official
15 visits he shall seek to bring about to the greatest possible degree the achievement of
16 the Synod’s objectives as expressed in Article III of its Constitution;” and
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18 WHEREAS, Article VI of the Constitution of the LCMS, lists as one of the
19 conditions for acquiring and holding membership in the Synod, “Exclusive use of
20 doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbooks, and catechisms in church and school;” and
21 Synodical Bylaw 3.929a states, “All service books and hymnals that are to be
22 accepted as official service books and hymnals of the Synod shall be given such
23 status only by a convention of the Synod after a process of exposure and testing
24 decided upon by the Synod in Convention; and
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26 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Confessions give many positive statements
27 concerning their use of the historic pattern of worship, especially in Augsburg
28 Confession, XXIV, 1-4, 9; Apology, XXIV, 1; Apology, XV, 20-21. 38-39; Augsburg
29 Confession, Article XXVI, 40-45; and Augsburg Confession, Conclusion, 5; therefore
30 be it
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32 RESOLVED, That Minnesota South District (MNS) of The Lutheran Church—
33 Missouri Synod (LCMS) in convention encourages its pastors and congregations
34 when making decisions concerning church practices to remain faithful to the
35 Lutheran Confessions, which are a correct and true exposition of the Word of God;
36 and be it further
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38 RESOLVED, That MNS in convention encourage its pastors, congregations
39 and schools when making decisions concerning church practices to follow the
40 Constitution and Bylaws of our Synod; and be it further
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42 RESOLVED, That MNS in convention encourage its pastors and
43 congregations to “strive for uniformity in church practice, but also to develop an

1 appreciation for a variety of responsible practices and customs which are in
2 harmony with our common profession of faith" (LCMS Constitution, Article III, 7);
3 and be it further

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5 *RESOLVED*, That our congregations remember that many worship resources
6 are available which are doctrinally pure but may not yet have official synodical
7 approval; and be it finally

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9 *RESOLVED*, That the MNS District President continue to encourage the
10 exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbooks, and catechisms in the
11 congregations and schools of the District.

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14 *Convention action:*

15 *By common consent, at the request of the floor committee, the resolution was amended in*
16 *the first resolved to change "which is a correct" to "which are a correct" and in the*
17 *final resolved to delete the phrase "in all areas of his work and communication in*
18 *District" following the word "encourage."*

19 *A motion to remove the fourth resolved clause was defeated by a vote 133 yes – 223 no.*

20 *It was moved and seconded to amend the fourth resolved clause to read as follows:*

21 *RESOLVED*, That our congregations remember that while many worship resources
22 may be available which may be doctrinally pure but may not yet have official
23 synodical approval, they may not be appropriate for regular congregational use;

24 *The amendment was defeated by a vote of 130 yes – 169 no.*

25 *It was moved, seconded and carried to amend the third whereas to change the citation in*
26 *line 29 from "Article XXVI, 40-42" to "Article XXVI, 40-45."*

27 *The vote to adopt the amendment was 182 yes – 115 no.*

28 *A motion was made, seconded and carried to end debate on the resolution. The vote to end*
29 *debate was 216 yes – 80 no.*

30 *The resolution as amended was adopted by a vote of 167 yes – 133 no.*

1 RESOLUTION 1– 04 [Memorial A–15; CW, p. C–26]

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3 RE: TO PROVIDE FOR A MORE ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF LAY
4 PEOPLE TO DISTRICT AND SYNODICAL CONVENTIONS
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7 WHEREAS, The Synodical Constitution, Article V, A states that each
8 congregation is entitled to have two votes, one lay and one pastoral, at a District
9 Convention; and

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11 WHEREAS, Congregations can be vastly different in size; and

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13 WHEREAS, The current practice of one pastoral and one lay delegate,
14 respectively, to District Conventions leads to unequal representation at said
15 conventions; and

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17 WHEREAS, The needs in the new millennium continue to be different than
18 they have been in the past; therefore be it

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20 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District in convention memorialize the
21 2004 Synod in Convention to refer to the Synod's Commission on Structure the issue
22 of the disparity of lay representatives sent to District conventions and return with a
23 proposal to address this disparity for the 2007 Synod in Convention.
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26 *Convention action:*

27 *The resolution was defeated by a vote of 59 yes – 245 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1-05 [Memorial A-22; CW, p. C-35]

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RE: TO REVIEW THE ACTION OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL,
IN RELATION TO THE ELIMINATION OF TENURE AND TENURE
TRACK FACULTY POSITIONS.

WHEREAS, Concordia University, St. Paul, eliminated tenure and tenured
track faculty positions prior to the fall semester of the 2002-2003 school year;
therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District in Convention requests the
President of the Concordia University System to conduct a review of the above-
stated action of Concordia University, St. Paul.

Convention action:
The resolution was defeated by a vote of 109 yes - 184 no.

1 RESOLUTION 1-06 [Memorial A-11; CW, pp. C-19 to C-20]
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3 RE: TO CLARIFY RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
4 CHURCH IN AMERICA
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7 WHEREAS, The 2001 convention of the Synod declared that the Evangelical
8 Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is not considered an orthodox Lutheran
9 Church body (Res. 3-21A), and
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11 WHEREAS, The impact of that Resolution on joint ministries with the ELCA
12 has not yet been fully defined; therefore be it
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14 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District in convention memorialize the
15 2004 convention of the Synod to provide guidance for the congregations and entities
16 of the Synod in their relationships with the ELCA and its congregations and entities.
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19 *Convention action:*

20 *By common consent the first whereas was amended in line 8 to replace "no longer is to*
21 *be" with "is not."*

22 *A motion to substitute Memorial A - 11 was defeated by a vote of 133 yes - 157 no.*

23 *The resolution as amended was adopted by a vote of 248 yes - 48 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1-07 [Memorial A-23; CW, p. C-36]
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3 RE: TO CLARIFY THE OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN TO SERVE AS
4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR PRESIDENT AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
5 OR VICE PRESIDENT
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8 WHEREAS, The Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) has
9 been studying for many years the issue as to the appropriateness of women serving
10 as Executive Director or President or Assistant Director or Vice President of
11 congregations; therefore be it
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13 RESOLVED, The Minnesota South District in Convention request the CTCR
14 to make a recommendation to the Synod as early as possible on this issue.
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17 *Convention action:*

18 *It was moved and seconded to amend the resolved by replacing the phrase "Convention of*
19 *2004" with "as early as possible."*

20 *The amendment was adopted by a vote of 223 yes - 73 no.*

21 *The resolution as amended was adopted by a vote of 233 yes - 60 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1—08 [Memorial A—21; CW, p. C—34]
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3 RE: TO REFER THE ISSUE OF WORSHIP RESOURCES USED ON THE
4 CAMPUS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL
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7 WHEREAS, One of the chief functions of a synodical college or university is
8 to help educate and prepare tomorrow's leaders for service in the Church; and
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10 WHEREAS, Several of those future leaders will serve as professional church
11 workers; and
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13 WHEREAS, A condition of membership in The Lutheran Church—Missouri
14 Synod is the use of doctrinally pure worship resources; and
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16 WHEREAS, Questions have been raised about resources used on the campus
17 of Concordia University, St. Paul; therefore be it
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19 RESOLVED, That this issue be referred to the Concordia University, St. Paul,
20 Board of Regents.
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23 *Convention action:*

24 *A motion to substitute Memorial A—21 was defeated by a vote of 135 yes - 166 no.*
25 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of 220 yes - 83 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1-09 [Memorial A-13; CW, pp. C-23 to C-24]
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3 RE: TO ADDRESS THE ACTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN
4 LAYMAN'S LEAGUE AS LCMS AUXILIARY
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7 WHEREAS, The decision of the International Lutheran Layman's League
8 (ILLL) to suspend the Rev. Dr. Wallace Schultz as Lutheran Hour Radio Speaker has
9 been seen by many as a political statement either advertent or inadvertent in the
10 controversy surrounding Atlantic District President David Benke; therefore be it
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12 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District in convention ask the ILLL to
13 review its policies regarding personnel serving on the Synodical Praesidium as to
14 whether or not said personnel should act in such a capacity.
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17 *Convention action:*

18 *A motion to end debate was adopted by a vote of 270 yes - 23 no.*

19 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of 206 yes - 23 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1-10 [Memorial A-20; CW, p. C-33]

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3 RE: TO REQUEST THE SYNOD TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE
4 COMMISSION ON CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
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7 WHEREAS, The President of the Synod is frequently a party to or involved in
8 questions in dispute that must be decided by the Commission on Constitutional
9 Matters; and
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11 WHEREAS, The district presidents of the Synod also are frequently parties to
12 questions in dispute that must be decided by the Commission on Constitutional
13 Matters; and
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15 WHEREAS, The Commission on Constitutional Matters is currently
16 appointed by the President of the Synod from a list presented by the Council of
17 Presidents; and
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19 WHEREAS, The Commission on Constitutional Matters is called upon to
20 interpret the Synod's Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions, and to make decisions
21 on the authority and responsibilities of the President of the Synod and the district
22 presidents; and
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24 WHEREAS, It is important and beneficial to have a Commission on
25 Constitutional Matters that is completely independent of the President of the Synod
26 and district presidents in order to maintain objectivity, independence, fairness, and
27 distinction of authority and responsibilities; therefore be it
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29 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District requests the Commission on
30 Structure to consider this matter.
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33 *Convention action:*

34 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of 217 yes - 88 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1–11 [Memorial A–24; CW, p. C–37]

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3 RE: TO VOICE SUPPORT FOR OUR SYNODICAL LEADERS
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6 WHEREAS, The responses of President Gerald Kieschnick and President
7 David Benke to the events of September 11, 2001, and the consequent filing of
8 charges against them have resulted in great controversy in our Synod; and
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10 WHEREAS, At the present time the synodical procedures for dealing with
11 those charges have determined that President Kieschnick and President Benke
12 remain our brothers in the LCMS and in the Office of the Ministry; therefore be it
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14 RESOLVED, That we pray to the Lord on behalf of our synodical Praesidium
15 and District Presidents, that the Lord would help them all to grow in faithfulness to
16 our Confessions, in boldness in witnessing to the world, and in God-pleasing
17 harmony with one another.
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20 *Convention action:*

21 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of 225 yes – 67 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1–12 [Memorial A–9; CW, pp. C–14 to C–15]
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3 RE: TO REFER NICENE CREED WORDING CHANGES TO SYNOD'S
4 COMMISSION ON WORSHIP
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7 WHEREAS, Changes in the wording of the Nicene Creed, i.e., replacing "who
8 for us men and for our salvation" with "who for us humans and for our salvation,"
9 have been suggested and field tested by the Synod's Commission on Worship; and
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11 WHEREAS, Such a change may contribute to further tensions within the
12 Synod and may undermine the credibility of the Synod's new Lutheran hymnal
13 project; therefore, be it
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15 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church–
16 Missouri Synod refer the issue of wording changes in the Nicene Creed to the
17 Synod's Commission on Worship for further reflection and study.
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20 *Convention action:*

21 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of 204 yes – 91 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1-13 [Board of Directors Report, CW, pp. B-1 to B-3;
2 Communications Committee Report, CW, p. B-18; and
3 2003 Theological Conference Report, CW, p. B-19]
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5 RE: TO ACCEPT REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
6 COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE AND 2003 THEOLOGICAL
7 CONFERENCE
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10 WHEREAS, The reports of the Board of Directors, the Communications
11 Committee, and the 2003 Theological Conference have been received and reviewed;
12 therefore, be it
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14 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District receive, accept, and approve
15 these reports with thanks.
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18 *Convention action:*
19 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of 280 yes - 5 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1-14 [LATE MEMORIAL A-27]

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3 RE: TO REALIGN MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT CIRCUITS IN THE 2003-
4 2006 TRIENNIUM

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7 WHEREAS, The Circuits of the Minnesota South District have not been
8 realigned since 1985, and

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10 WHEREAS, Several Circuits in the Minnesota South District have grown in
11 number of congregations and communicant members while others have decreased
12 in number of congregations and communicants, and

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14 WHEREAS, Bylaws 3.03 and 5.01 stipulate that Electoral Circuits shall consist
15 of 7 to 20 congregations with a communicant membership of 1,500 to 10,000, and

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17 WHEREAS, several Circuits no longer meet the minimum criteria to function
18 as an Electoral Circuit; therefore be it

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20 RESOLVED, The District President appoint a "Circuit Realignment
21 Committee" to study the composition of each Circuit and to make recommendations
22 for realignment to the District President in consultation with the Board of Directors
23 within the coming triennium; and be it further

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25 RESOLVED, That the Circuit Realignment Committee report its findings and
26 submit its recommendations, after review by the District President in consultation
27 with the Board of Directors, to the 2006 District Convention; and be it finally

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29 RESOLVED, That the 2006 District Convention take action on the findings
30 and recommendations of the Circuit Realignment Committee.

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33 *Convention action:*

34 *By common consent the heading was amended to change "2005" to "2006."*
35 *The resolution as amended was adopted by a vote of 339 yes - 26 no.*

1 RESOLUTION 1-15 [Memorial A-19; CW, p.C-32)

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3 RE: TO REVIEW OPINION 02-2309 OF THE COMMISSION ON
4 CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
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7 WHEREAS, Decisions of the Commission on Constitutional Matters under
8 Bylaw 3.905d are "binding on the question decided unless and until it is overruled
9 by a Synodical Convention;" and

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11 WHEREAS, Opinion 02-2309 of the Commission on Constitutional Matters
12 has caused concern and been the subject of much discussion within the Synod;
13 therefore be it

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15 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District request the Synod at its 2004
16 Convention to review the CCM opinion and the role of the CCM in the life and work
17 of the Synod.
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20 *Convention action:*

21 *A motion to end debate was adopted by a vote of 271 yes - 23 no.*

22 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of 154 yes - 142 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 2-01 [Memorial B-1; CW, p. C-42]

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3 RE: TO BE A CHURCH OF MISSION

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6 WHEREAS, Our District Mission Statement says, "The purpose of the
7 Minnesota South District is to glorify God by: 1) assisting congregations in building
8 up the body of Christ and 2) providing mission vision, leadership, and opportunities
9 to the people and congregations of the District, so that all people might be reached
10 with the saving Gospel and become disciples of Jesus Christ;" and

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12 WHEREAS, A church must be united to give a witness to the saving Gospel
13 of Jesus Christ that is clear and worthy of note; and

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15 WHEREAS, Scripture states "*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent*
16 *his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. [10] This is love: not*
17 *that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*
18 *[11] Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."* (1 John 4:9-11
19 NIV); and

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21 WHEREAS, Scripture further declares "*Be completely humble and gentle; be*
22 *patient, bearing with one another in love. [3] Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit*
23 *through the bond of peace. [4] There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to*
24 *one hope when you were called - [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism; [6] one God and Father*
25 *of all, who is over all and through all and in all."* (Ephesians 4:2-6 NIV); therefore be it

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27 RESOLVED, That to be united in our mission we are to be united in our love
28 in Christ and to one another while being faithful to Holy Scriptures and the
29 Lutheran Confessions; and be it further

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31 RESOLVED, That individually and corporately we confess our sins, our
32 offense to and judging of one another and our failure to witness to the world and
33 receive God's absolution to set us free for witness; and be it finally

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35 RESOLVED, That individually and corporately we proclaim, live, and share
36 the gospel with all those around us near and far with all that we have and are until
37 Christ comes again in glory.

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40 Convention action:

41 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of 278 yes - 15 no.*

1 RESOLUTION 2-02 [Memorial B-2; CW, p. C-43; Mission Committee Report;
2 CW, pp. B-5 to B-9]
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4 RE: TO CELEBRATE THE MISSION WORK OF THE DISTRICT
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7 WHEREAS, The District Mission Committee is providing leadership on over
8 thirteen different areas of ministry; and
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10 WHEREAS, Numerous congregations of the District are actively involved in
11 outreach with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ; therefore be it
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13 RESOLVED, That we encourage the Mission Committee to continue to be
14 wise stewards of the resources given by God; and be it finally
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16 RESOLVED, That we thank God for His Gospel ministry among us and pray
17 for its continued growth.
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20 *Convention action:*

21 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of 295 yes - 10 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 2—03 [Late Memorial B—3]
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3 RE: TO SUPPORT MISSIONS IN MINNESOTA SOUTH
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5 WHEREAS, our Lord Jesus commanded His followers to “make disciples,” to
6 “be His witnesses,” and “to take care of His sheep” (Mt. 28:19; Acts 1:8 ; Jn. 21:16);
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9 WHEREAS, our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has as one of its
10 objectives “to strengthen congregations and their members in giving bold witness by word
11 and deed to the love and work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and extend that
12 Gospel witness into all the world;” and
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14 WHEREAS, God has given us the promise that His Word is efficacious, “So is
15 my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish
16 what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” (Is. 55:11); and
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18 WHEREAS, God has blessed us with unprecedented opportunity to be
19 faithful and communicate His life-giving Gospel to hundreds of thousands of new
20 residents in our District; and
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22 WHEREAS, God has led us to implement a financial appeal titled “It’s Time
23 to Fish” for the purpose of funding the mission of His Church; therefore be it
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25 RESOLVED, that we praise God for the congregations and individuals who
26 have been and continue to be in outreach ministry to people of all cultures,
27 especially cultures different from their own; and be it further
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29 RESOLVED, that every congregation and professional church worker of the
30 Minnesota South District be strongly encouraged to do everything in their power as
31 God blesses them to faithfully and vigorously share the Gospel with everyone in
32 their communities, focusing especially on those who are unchurched; and be it
33 further
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35 RESOLVED, that we thank God for the “It’s Time to Fish” campaign and
36 encourage every lay person, professional church worker and congregation of the
37 District to support this campaign enthusiastically; and be it finally
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39 RESOLVED, that we affirm our commitment to “extending that Gospel
40 witness into all the world” by standing and singing, “Our Mission is Fishin.”
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42 Convention action:

43 The resolution was adopted by a vote of 274 yes – 45 no.

1 RESOLUTION 3-01 [Memorial C-1; CW, pp. C-44 to C-45]

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3 RE: TO MAKE RECRUITMENT FOR AND RETENTION OF CHURCH
4 VOCATIONS A CONCERN OF THE ENTIRE CHURCH
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7 WHEREAS, Our Lord has commissioned His church to make disciples of all
8 nations (Matthew 28:18-20); and
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10 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the LCMS states "the Synod, under Scripture
11 and the Lutheran Confessions shall ... (3) Recruit and train pastors, teachers, and
12 other professional church workers and provide opportunity for their continuing
13 growth"...(5) Aid congregations to develop processes of Christian education and
14 nurture and to establish agencies of Christian education such as elementary and
15 secondary schools and to support synodical colleges, universities, and seminaries"
16 (Article III); and
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18 WHEREAS, The Synod has adopted many supporting resolutions in past
19 conventions to encourage recruitment of workers of the church; and
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21 WHEREAS, The Synod has adopted many supporting resolutions in past
22 conventions to encourage vocational growth and personal well-being among
23 workers of the church, and to enlist congregational support for the workers of the
24 church; and
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26 WHEREAS, A majority of workers of the church have great joy in serving the
27 Lord; and
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29 WHEREAS, *What a Way*, an intentional recruitment and retention of church
30 workers initiative, has been planned and is now being implemented; therefore be it
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32 RESOLVED, That recruitment and retention of workers of the church be
33 made the immediate concern of our MN South District, specifically to encourage
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35 1) Parents, congregations, and workers of the church to remember
36 their significant role in encouraging men and women to enter
37 church vocations;
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39 2) Parents foster in their homes a spirit of encouragement and
40 affirmation for their children to consider prayerfully a life of service
41 as a worker of the church;
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- 1 3) Congregations annually submit names and addresses of potential
2 future church workers to the Synod President's office, and the
3 names be coordinated through the Board for Higher Education
4 office for contact by the appropriate Lutheran school,
5 college/university, or seminary;
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7 4) The district to establish a recruitment and retention team to initiate,
8 implement, and monitor the Synod's *What a Way* initiative in its
9 jurisdiction;
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11 5) All workers of the church to counsel potential future workers of the
12 church to enroll in one of our Lutheran Schools as early as possible
13 in their preparations;
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15 6) Congregations to establish policies and processes that effectively
16 support the vocational development and personal well-being of the
17 workers of the church; and be it finally
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19 *RESOLVED*, That parents, congregations, and our district consider
20 establishment of scholarship and grant-in-aid funds to assist men and women in
21 pursuing church vocations, and establishment of continuing education and personal
22 development funds to assist men and women in their vocational development.
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25 *Convention action:*

26 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of 279 yes - 15 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 3-02 [Memorial C-2; CW, pp. C-46]

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3 RE: TO RECOGNIZE MISSOURI SYNOD CHURCH MUSICIANS
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6 WHEREAS, The musicians of the Minnesota South District wish to be
7 organized and recognized by the Synod; and
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9 WHEREAS, Missouri Synod Church Musicians has been organized to meet
10 such a need; and
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12 WHEREAS, Missouri Synod Church Musicians is currently working on its
13 501c3 designation; therefore be it
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15 RESOLVED, That our District recognize the Missouri Synod Church
16 Musicians as an affiliated organization within the Minnesota South District of The
17 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
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20 *Convention action:*

21 *By common consent the final resolved clause was amended to delete the phrase*
22 *"recommend to the District Convention to" following the words "District" in line*
23 *15.*

24 *The resolution was adopted as amended by a vote of 260 yes - 35 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 3-03 [Congregational Services Subcommittee Report, CW, p.
2 B-4; Schools/Commissioned Ministers Committee Report,
3 CW, pp. B-10 to B-12; and Ministerial Health Committee
4 Report, CW, pp. B-13 to B-14]
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6 RE: TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES
7 SUBCOMMITTEE, SCHOOLS/COMMISSIONED MINISTERS
8 COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTERIAL HEALTH COMMITTEE
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11 WHEREAS, The reports of the Congregational Services Subcommittee, the
12 Schools/Commissioned Ministers Committee, and the Ministerial Health
13 Committee have been received and reviewed; therefore, be it
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15 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District receive, accept, and approve
16 these reports with thanks.
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19 *Convention action:*

20 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of 284 yes - 11 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 5-01 [Memorial E-2, CW, pp. C-53 to C-54]

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RE: TO MEMORIALIZE SYNOD TO INCREASE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR SYNODICAL SEMINARIES

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), founded on the unity of its confession, sought to provide for the training of its pastors and teachers through the establishment of its own seminaries and colleges (Articles of Incorporation II a, b, d and Article III 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 of the Constitution of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod); and

WHEREAS, The LCMS commonly understands a method of supporting the operation of these institutions to be through the dissemination of its Sunday offerings; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod memorialize the 2004 synodical convention to increase its financial support of the Synod’s two seminaries.

Convention action:

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 297 yes - 22 no.

1 RESOLUTION 5--02 [Finance Committee Report, CW, pp. B-15 to B-17]

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3 RE: TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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6 WHEREAS, The report of the Finance Committee has been received and
7 reviewed; therefore, be it

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9 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District receive, accept, and approve
10 this report with thanks.

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13 *Convention action:*

14 *The resolution was adopted by a vote of 300 yes - 9 no.*

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RESOLUTION A

WHEREAS, The District has numerous offices, boards, and committees;
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WHEREAS, Proposals related to the responsibilities of such administrative
units should ordinarily be directed to them; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the following memorials be referred to the listed
administrative unit:

<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Board or Committee</u>
Memorial A—26	To Dissolve All Full-Time Ordained District Positions and Increase Funding of Synod from the Minnesota South District of the LCMS	District Board of Directors
Memorial C—3	To Encourage Active and Intentional Parish Education	Congregational Services Subcommittee
Memorial C—4	To Encourage Active and Intentional Youth Ministry	Congregational Services Subcommittee

Convention action:

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 301 yes - 45 no.

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RESOLUTION B

WHEREAS, The District/Synod in convention has already spoken to certain proposals addressed to this convention; and

WHEREAS, There is no compelling reason to amplify or to revise previous convention action(s) relating to these proposals; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in the following instances the petitioners be referred to previous convention action(s) as indicated:

<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference (Conv. & Res. No.)</u>
Memorial A-12	To Correct the Practice Of Authorizing and Using Laymen to Publicly Preach And/or Preside at the Divine Service in our Congregations	Synodical convention resolutions 3-05B (1989); 3-08 (1992); 3-07A (1995).
Memorial A-16	To Implement Changes to Deal with Charges of Heresy And Termination of Membership	2001 Synodical Convention Resolution 7-19
Memorial E-1	To Designate Mission Offerings	2000 District Convention Resolution 3-01

Convention action:

A motion to remove Memorial A - 12 was defeated 137 yes - 218 no.

A motion to remove Memorial A - 16 was defeated 148 yes - 205 no.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 259 yes - 99 no.

1 Memorial A-18 To Disavow Certain Rulings Synodical
2 of the Commission on Constitutional Bylaw 3.905d
3 Matters of The Lutheran Church--
4 Missouri Synod

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6 Memorial A-25 To Provide a Means for the Inaccuracies
7 Discipline of a Synodical
8 President

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11 *Convention action:*

12 *By common consent, at the recommendation of the Doctrine and Administration Floor*
13 *Committee, Memorial A-19 was removed from this resolution.*
14 *A motion to remove Memorial A-4 was defeated 121 yes - 213 no.*
15 *The resolution as amended was adopted by a vote of 289 yes - 74 no.*
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