

1 **CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS**

2
3 The Seventy-Fourth Regular Convention
4 of
5 The Minnesota South District
6 of
7 The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

8
9 June 8-10, 2006

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11 Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota

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14 **“It’s Time to Fish:
15 Catch, Equip, Release!”**

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18 Convention Chairman

Rev. Dr. Lane Seitz
President, Minnesota South District

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21 Convention Secretary

Rev. Daryl Gehlbach
Secretary, Minnesota South District

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24 Synodical Representatives

Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, President
Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, 3rd Vice President
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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28 Convention Chaplain

Rev. Robert Schulze
St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Worthington, MN

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31 Convention Service
32 Host Congregation

Trinity Lutheran Church
Rochester, MN

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34 Convention Parliamentarian

Mrs. Darleen Harens

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

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3	Arrangements Committee:	Ms. Lu Clemmensen
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5	Youth Delegation Supervisor:	Mr. David Roth
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7	Registration and Credentials Committee:	Rev. Thomas Evans (Chair)
8		Rev. John Grohs
9		Mr. Harold Kenow
10		Mr. James Spitzack
11		Mrs. Hazel Schumann
12		Mr. Marvin Schumann
13		Ms. Pauline Wiemann
14		Ms. Lu Clemmensen (Advisory)
15		Ms. Julie Bigler (Advisory)
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17	Nominations Committee:	Mr. Glen Meints (Chair)
18		Mr. Christian Preus (Secretary)
19		Rev. Jack Baumgarn
20		Rev. Thomas Braun
21		Rev. Dr. Eugene Chase Jr.
22		Mrs. Doris Heidorn
23		Mr. Armin Tesch
24		Mr. Lloyd Luehmann
25		Rev. Daryl Gehlbach, District Secretary (Advisory)
26		Ms. Lu Clemmensen, Convention Manager (Advisory)
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28	Elections Committee:	Rev. Keith Bicknase (Chair)
29		Rev. Scott Schilbe
30		Rev. Dwayne Schroeder
31		Mrs. Heidi Breitbarth
32		Mr. Charles Lieder
33		Mr. Cletus Pfeiffer
34		Mr. John Mack
35		Ms. Julie Meinke
36		Mr. Eric Preus
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38	Doctrine and Administration Floor Committee (1):	Rev. William Otte (Chair)
39		Rev. James Gimbel
40		Rev. Brent Klein
41		Rev. Kevin Robson
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43		Mr. Randy Ash

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Ms. Alice Brase
Mr. Mike Zimmer
Mr. Tim Block
Ms. Theodora Koeppen
Mr. Ray Mussell
Mrs. Carol Olson

Circuit Realignment Floor Committee (2):

Rev. Jeff Lee (Chair)
Rev. Thomas Braun
Mr. Sean Martens
Mr. David Schlicker
Mr. Chad Finley
Mr. Jerry Gunderson
Rev. Dr. James Pragman (Advisory)
Mr. Kurt Fuhr (Advisory)

Missions Floor Committee (3):

Rev. Terry Brandenburg (Chair)
Rev. Gary Kirschke
Rev. Dean Mahlum
Rev. Wilfred Pieper
Mr. Jerry Rosamond
Ms. Faith Rattei
Mr. Al Zum Hofe
Mr. Will Bartley
Mr. William Gallup
Ms. Linda Krantz
Mr. Paul Lenz
Mr. Dale Ortloff

Congregational Services Floor Committee (4):

Rev. Matthew Lehman (Chair)
Rev. Mike Iannelli
Rev. Peter Sestak
Ms. Jeanne Dicke
Ms. Mavis Smith
Mr. Dale Himmer
Mr. Del Schwieger
Mr. Roger Wachter

Finance Floor Committee (5):

Rev. Lyle Fritsch (Chair)
Rev. Jack Dahl
Rev. David Fretham
Rev. Kevin Oster
Ms. Ann Neilitz

Mr. Gordon Koring
Ms. Sarah Meyers
Mr. Dale Vogt

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1 **Minnesota South District Convention**
2 **June 8-10, 2006**
3 **Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota**

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5 **Thursday, June 8, 2006**

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7 Dr. Robert Holst, President of Concordia University, St. Paul, welcomed the convention
8 delegates, offered them the services of the university and wished God's blessings on the
9 gathering.

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11 Opening Service and Commemorations

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13 **Host Congregation**

14 Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester, MN

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16 Celebrant Rev. William Otte
17 Preacher Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick
18 Lector Rev. Armand Boehme
19 Communion Assistants Pastors from the Rochester Circuit
20 and Rev. Dr. Lane Seitz
21 Organist Mr. Paul Soulek

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23 **Choir**

24 Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary Choir
25 Brian Poch, Choirmaster

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27 Commemorations

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29 Pastors

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31 Rev. Henry F. Beltz January 28, 2005
32 Rev. Dr. Benjamin Buck July 19, 2005
33 Rev. Armin U. Deye January 26, 2006
34 Rev. Dr. Martin W. Lieske July 26, 2005
35 Rev. Dr. Lyle Rusert June 24, 2004
36 Rev. Gilbert Schaller April 2, 2003
37 Rev. Walter E. G. Schultz March 10, 2004
38 Rev. Walter G. Sohn August 9, 2005
39 Rev. Erwin Vaudt April 20, 2004
40 Rev. Jerome V. Wohlfeil February 27, 2004

1 Teachers

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3 Susan Clark November 6, 2003
4 Duane Harmening August 14, 2003
5 Mildred Lohse August 29, 2004
6 Franklin Martens January 28, 2004
7 Daniel Schlobohm August 21, 2003
8 Leonard G. Schulenberg October 15, 2005
9 Edgar Spletzer November 25, 2005

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11 Vicar

12 Paul Pal November 14, 2005

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15 Concordia University, St. Paul, hosted a reception following the service.

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18 Friday, June 9, 2006

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20 Session 1

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22 Call to Order

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24 The Reverend Dr. Lane Seitz, District President, called the 74th convention of the
25 Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to order in the
26 name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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29 Opening Devotion

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31 President Seitz introduced the convention chaplain, the Reverend Robert Schulze,
32 pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Worthington, Minnesota.

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34 Chaplain Schulze led the delegates in reading Psalm 98:1-6 responsively and in singing
35 "Crown Him with Many Crowns." He began his devotion by recounting a number of
36 examples of difficult things to catch. He used this to illustrate the reality that it is hard
37 to catch the attention of some people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is what
38 makes evangelism so challenging to us - some people just don't want to be caught. This
39 underscores the theological reality that the old sinful nature wants nothing to do with
40 God. But we who believe in Jesus Christ are grateful that God caught us. In our
41 spiritual game of hide and seek, God is it; He is the one seeking us. His is the gentle

1 hand that finds us in our brokenness, and He comes to embrace us with His love in
2 Christ. God catches us, then sets us free. He sets us free to go and learn and tell and
3 pray and send and give and celebrate. As St. Peter writes: [we have been] "chosen to
4 declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light."
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6 Chaplain Schulze concluded his devotion with a prayer and in leading the delegates in
7 singing, "Jesus Shall Reign."
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9 President Seitz led the assembly in expressing its appreciation to Rev. William Otte,
10 along with the members and choir of Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester, for hosting
11 the opening worship service. He also introduced Mr. Paul Soulek, son of Pastor Marvin
12 and Lynn Soulek and a student at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, who served
13 as the organist for the convention.
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15 16 Registration and Credentials Committee

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18 The Reverend Thomas Evans, chair of the Registration and Credentials Committee, was
19 invited forward. He reported that as of 8:00 a.m. the number of voting delegates was as
20 follows:
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22	Pastors	163 out of a possible 198
23	Lay	191 out of a possible 221
24	Total	354 out of a possible 419

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26 He announced that a quorum was present, and on behalf of the committee he moved
27 the adoption of the report. The motion was carried.
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29 30 Reading of the Convention Rules

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32 President Seitz introduced Mrs. Darleen Harens, convention parliamentarian, who read
33 the proposed convention rules (*Convention Workbook*, A-11 to A-12.)
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35 It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the convention rules as read.
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38 Adoption of the Agenda

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40 President Seitz placed before the assembly the revised agenda for the convention (CW,
41 A-19a through A-22a).
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43 It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the revised convention agenda.

1 President Seitz introduced the convention manager, Ms. Lu Clemmensen, and her
2 assistant, Ms. Julie Bigner.

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5 **Devotional Bible Study - Part I**

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7 President Seitz introduced the Rev. Dr. Robert Holst, President of Concordia University,
8 St. Paul, who served as the convention Bible study leader. His three-part study was
9 based on the convention theme "It's Time to Fish - Catch, Equip and Release." His first
10 session, "A Time to Catch," was based on Luke 5:1-11.

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13 **Constitution and Membership Committee**

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15 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Evan Schiller, 2nd Vice President of the District
16 and Chair of the Constitution and Membership Committee.

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18 Rev. Schiller explained the work of the committee and recognized the following
19 committee members: Mr. Daniel Utter, Mr. Harold Kenow, Mrs. Harriet Rudd, and Dr.
20 Philip Tesch. He reported that during the past triennium the committee reviewed forty-
21 eight documents, of which the committee recommended forty for approval by the
22 District Board of Directors. The committee also returned twenty-eight documents to
23 congregations with recommended changes, of which twenty were resubmitted and
24 approved. Among the reasons most often cited for non-approval were (1) improper
25 disposal of property at the time of dissolution, (2) inadequate meeting announcement
26 provisions, (3) failure to specify the calling of synodically approved workers, and (d)
27 inconsistency between the constitution and bylaws.

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30 **Recognition of New Members and Congregations**

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32 President Seitz invited the new ordained pastors and commissioned ministers to come
33 before the convention for recognition. (The new individual members are listed in the
34 *Convention Workbook*, F-1 through F-4, and F-12 through F-17. They are identified as
35 candidates.)

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37 President Seitz also announced that two new congregations were also received as
38 members in the past triennium: Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Rochester, and
39 Grace International Lutheran Church, Robbinsdale. He invited the pastors and lay
40 delegates from these congregations to come forward.

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1 President Seitz then introduced The Reverend Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, President of The
2 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, who addressed the new members and offered a
3 word of welcome.

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6 **Video Presentation**

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8 President Seitz introduced a short video presentation from the LCMS Commission on
9 Ministerial Growth and Support, which will present two awards later in the convention.

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12 **President's Address**

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14 President Seitz proceeded with his formal address to the convention. He announced
15 that the theme of this convention is based on Luke 5:1-11. Even though the disciples
16 had fished all night and caught nothing, they did as the Lord commanded; and their
17 nets were filled to the point of breaking. Jesus tells the disciples not to be afraid. They
18 would no longer catch fish, and instead catch men.

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20 President Seitz reminded the delegates that our task is a missionary task - to catch,
21 equip and release men, women and children for service to Christ and others. He stated
22 that Minnesota is a land of opportunity, and he lay before the convention the many
23 fishing opportunities God is providing. He noted that along with opportunity comes a
24 challenge. Our mission goals will require an additional \$200,000. We must resist the
25 impulse to pull back and cut funding.

26
27 President Seitz lay before the assembly the opportunities and challenges facing our
28 work as fishers of men. Every congregation and school is a mission outpost. The
29 District's work is to provide leadership and support. There are a number of new starts
30 underway in addition to other potential sites for new starts. He urged the
31 congregations and workers of the District to stay the course, stay focused on the agenda
32 Christ set for us, and pray that more people catch the vision to seek and to save the lost.

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34 (Note: The complete text of the President's address is appended to the protocol copy of
35 these minutes.)

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

1 **Election of the District President**

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3 President Seitz invited forward Mr. Glen Meints, chair of the Committee on Convention
4 Nominations, who explained the various processes used to procure nominations. He
5 then introduced the slate of candidates for District President.

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7 Rev. Dr. Lane Seitz
8 Rev. Steven Briel
9 Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

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11 No additional nominations being made, Dr. Seitz declared the nominations closed.

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13 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Keith Bicknase, chairman of the Elections
14 Committee. Rev. Bicknase explained how to use the Swank electronic response system
15 and guided the delegates in some tests.

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17 Chaplain Schulze was invited forward for a word of prayer. Rev. Bicknase directed the
18 delegates to cast their votes.

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20 The Rev. Dr. Lane Seitz was declared elected on the first ballot.

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

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25 **Election of Regional Vice Presidents**

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27 Mr. Meints placed before the convention the slate for Region I Vice President.

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29 Rev. Klemet Preus
30 Rev. Robert Gehrke
31 Rev. Randolph Sherren

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33 After the first ballot a point of order was raised that the Chair had not called for
34 additional nominations from the floor. President Seitz opened the floor for additional
35 nominations but none were made. The parliamentarian ruled that since there were no
36 additional nominations, the convention could proceed to the second ballot.

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38 The second ballot was completed, and Rev. Klemet Preus was declared elected.

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40 Mr. Meints placed before the convention the slate for Region II Vice President.

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42 Rev. Gerhard Bode
43 Rev. Anthony Bertram

1 Rev. Tom Braun

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3 No additional nominations being made, President Seitz declared the nominations
4 closed.

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6 After the first ballot a point of order was raised that the voting system was not working
7 properly. The technician stated there was a typographical error, and the problem was
8 corrected.

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10 A point of information was raised concerning the order of names on the ballot. The
11 chair of the Nominations Committee explained that according to the District bylaws for
12 positions involving the District Board of Directors the individual with the most
13 nominations from the congregations will be listed first, and the others listed
14 alphabetically. Any nominees from the floor shall be listed in the order of nomination.

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16 The results of the first ballot were thrown out and the election was redone. Rev.
17 Gerhard Bode was declared elected on the second ballot.

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19 Mr. Meints placed before the convention the slate for Region III Vice President.

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21 Rev. Dr. Eugene Chase

22 Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

23 Rev. Dr. James Heining

24 Rev. William Natzke

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26 No additional nominations being made, President Seitz declared the nominations
27 closed. The Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin was declared elected on the third ballot.

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29 Mr. Meints placed before the convention the slate for Region IV Vice President.

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31 Rev. Evan Schiller

32 Rev. Robert Schulze

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34 Rev. Robert Trueblood was nominated from the floor. No additional nominations being
35 made, President Seitz declared the nominations closed. The Rev. Evan Schiller was
36 declared elected on the second ballot.

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39 **Report of the President of Synod - Part I**

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41 President Seitz again introduced Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, President of The Lutheran
42 Church—Missouri Synod, who introduced his official report to the convention. This

1 part was devoted to answering written questions submitted by the delegates and read
2 by Ms. Lu Clemmensen.

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5 **Resolutions A-B-C-D**

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7 President Seitz directed the delegates to Omnibus Resolutions A-B-C-D (*Convention*
8 *Workbook*, G-49 through G-53).

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10 **Resolution A** was placed before the convention. A motion to remove Memorial A-12
11 was adopted (Y:165 / N:163). The result of the amendment was that there were no
12 items left in the resolution, so the convention needed to take no further action on
13 Resolution A.

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15 **Resolution B** was placed before the convention. It was adopted as printed (Y:260 /
16 N:83).

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18 **Resolution C** was placed before the convention. A motion to remove Memorial A-4
19 was defeated (Y:173 / N:193). A motion to remove Memorial B-3 was defeated (Y:150 /
20 N:216). Resolution C was adopted as printed (Y:233 / N:128).

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

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26 **Circuit Realignment Committee Presentation**

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28 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Dr. James Pragman, chair of the Circuit
29 Realignment Committee, and Mr. Kurt Fuhr, District Vice President for the Lutheran
30 Church Extension Fund.

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32 Dr. Pragman explained the work of the committee in soliciting input from various
33 groups within the District. He recognized and thanked the members of the committee:
34 Rev. Dennis Ahl, Ms. Lu Clemmensen, Rev. Jack Dahl, Mr. Jack Keers, and Rev. Evan
35 Schiller.

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37 Mr. Fuhr walked the delegates through the committee proposal (*Convention Workbook*,
38 C-10 through C-88).

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41 **Circuit Realignment Committee (#2)**

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43 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Jeff Lee, Committee Chair.

1 Resolution 2-01A, "To Implement Minnesota South District Circuit Realignment for
2 2009 District Convention and for the 2010 Convention of the Synod" was placed
3 before the convention. This revised resolution consists of page G-40 in the *Convention*
4 *Workbook* and revised page G-41, which was distributed to the delegates.
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6 A motion was made to amend Resolution 2-01A as follows:
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- 8 1. strike from the first resolved (lines 17-19) the words "according to the
9 realignment proposal printed in the 2006 Convention Workbook on pages C-18
10 through C-81 and on pages C-84 through C-87."
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- 12 2. strike from the second resolved (lines 22-25) the words "according to the
13 realignment proposal printed in the 2006 Convention Workbook on pages C-18
14 through C-81 and on pages C-84 through C-87."
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- 16 3. add "WHEREAS, it would seem reasonable that conferences and regions also be
17 roughly equivalent in both the number of congregations and the number of
18 communicants within congregations;"
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- 20 4. add "WHEREAS, in the plan prepared by the District's Circuit Realignment
21 Committee, the relative size of the conferences and regions are as
22 disproportionate as at current, if not more so - one being virtually twice as large
23 as another in the number of congregations and also larger in the number of
24 communicants at the same time - which results in the members of Region IV
25 (which is geographically almost half the District) being significantly
26 disenfranchised in representation on the District Board of Directors;"
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- 28 5. add "RESOLVED, that circuits within the Minnesota South District LCMS be
29 reorganized according to the plan developed by the District's Circuit
30 Realignment Committee;"
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- 32 6. add "RESOLVED, that these circuits be grouped together into conferences and
33 regions according to the following plan instead of the plan proposed by the
34 District's Circuit Realignment Committee;"
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36 The mover explained that the plan indicated in final resolve is the following plan:
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONFERENCES & REGIONS OF CIRCUIT
REALIGNMENT PLAN**

(WB pg. C-21) **Region I: NE (5 circuits)** **55 congregations** **24600 communicants**
County boundaries: Anoka, Ramsey, Washington, Eastern Hennepin (East of 169, south of Medicine Lake Road, north of 494), Eastern Dakota (east of 52), Goodhue (east of 52), Wabasha, and two congregations in Hudson, WI.

(WB pg. C-84)	<u>Minneapolis North Conf.</u>	22 congregations	10736 communicants
Circuit 1 (1)	Northeast Suburban	9 congregation	6578 communicants
Circuit 2 (6)	Minneapolis Metro	13 congregations	4158 communicants
(WB pg. C-84)	<u>St. Paul East Conf.</u>	33 congregations	13864 communicants
Circuit 3 (2)	St. Paul Metro	14 congregations	4389 communicants
Circuit 4 (3)	St. Croix River	10 congregations	6571 communicants
Circuit 5 (11)	Lake Pepin	9 congregations	2904 communicants

(WB pg. C-32) **Region II: NW (6 circuits)** **50 congregations** **27500 communicants**
County boundaries: Western Hennepin (west of 169, north of Medicine Lake Road, south of 494) Carver, McLeod, Wright, Meeker

(WB pg. C-85)	<u>Suburban Northwest Conf.</u>	28 congregations	12906 communicants
Circuit 6 (17)	Litchfield	9 congregations	3923 communicants
Circuit 7 (5)	Northwest Suburban	11 congregations	5290 communicants
Circuit 8 (8)	Lake Minnetonka	8 congregations	3693 communicants
(WB pg. C-85)	<u>West Central Conf.</u>	22 congregations	14594 communicants
Circuit 9 (9)	North Carver County	7 congregations	3668 communicants
Circuit 10 (10)	South Carver County	7 congregations	4114 communicants
Circuit 11 (18)	McLeod	8 congregations	6812 communicants

(WB pg. C-47) **Region III: SE (6 circuits)** **56 parishes (58 cong.)** **24602 communicants**
County boundaries: Scott, Western Dakota (west of 52), Eastern Rice (east of 35), Steele, Dodge, Freeborn, Mower, Olmsted, Fillmore, Winona, Houston.

(WB pg. C-86)	<u>Suburban South Conf.</u>	29 parishes (30 cong.)	13733 communicants
Circuit 12 (7)	Southwest Suburban	9 congregations	5036 communicants
Circuit 13 (4)	Southeast Suburban	11 congregations	4793 communicants
Circuit 14 (16)	Faribault	9 parishes (10 cong.)	3904 communicants
(WB pg. C-86)	<u>Eastern Conf.</u>	27 parishes (28 cong.)	10869 communicants
Circuit 15 (12)	Winona	8 congregations	3113 communicants
Circuit 16 (13)	Rochester	9 congregations	4709 communicants
Circuit 17 (14)	Austin	10 parishes (11 cong.)	3047 communicants

(WB pg. C-62) **Region IV: SW (6 circuits)** **61 parishes (81 cong.)** **25674 communicants**
County boundaries: Sibley, LeSueur, Western Rice (west of 35), Pipestone, Rock, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Redwood, Cottonwood, Jackson, Brown, Watonwan, Martin, Nicollet, Blue Earth, Faribault, Waseca.

(WB pg. C-87)	<u>South Central Conf.</u>	25 parishes (32 cong.)	11849 communicants
Circuit 18 (15)	Waseca	8 parishes (12 cong.)	4067 communicants
Circuit 19 (19)	Arlington	9 parishes (10 cong.)	3083 communicants
Circuit 20 (20)	Mankato	8 parishes (10 cong.)	4699 communicants
(WB pg. C-87)	<u>Western Conf.</u>	36 parishes (49 cong.)	13825 communicants
Circuit 21 (21)	Blue Earth	9 parishes (15 cong.)	4700 communicants
Circuit 22 (22)	Sherburn	9 parishes (13 cong.)	2906 communicants
Circuit 23 (23)	Worthington	9 parishes (11 cong.)	3313 communicants
Circuit 24 (24)	Pipestone	9 parishes (10 cong.)	2906 communicants

(WB pg. C-19 and C-81 summaries change accordingly)

1 President Seitz ruled that due to its complexity the proposed amendment constituted a
2 substitute motion and invoked the Behnken Rule. He asked for and received a second.
3 He then invited the mover to speak to the substitute, limited to two minutes. He put
4 the question to the convention, which voted to consider the proposed amendment as a
5 substitute motion (Y:189 / N: 184).

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7 Time having expired President Seitz dismissed the committee until its next scheduled
8 time on the agenda.

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10 Chaplain Schulze was invited forward to offer a prayer to conclude the session.

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12 President Seitz announced that those circuits that need to caucus to select Circuit
13 Counselors would meet during the recess.

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15 President Seitz declared the convention to be in recess until 1:00 p.m.
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18 Session 2

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20 President Seitz called the convention to order.

21 Opening Devotion

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24 Chaplain Schulze provided the opening devotion. His message was based on God's
25 answer to Paul's heart-felt prayer for relief. "My grace is sufficient for you, for My
26 power is made perfect in weakness." He commented that too often we look at our
27 weaknesses as the means to determine what we can or cannot do. He encouraged the
28 delegates to look to God for the strength we need to carry out the mission and good
29 works that He has already planned for us to do. He concluded his devotion with
30 prayer.

31 32 33 Convention Video

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35 President Seitz introduced a video in which was highlighted the work we are doing
36 together in the Minnesota South District in the name of Christ.
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39 Registration and Credentials

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41 Rev. Tom Evans, chair of the Registration and Credentials Committee, was again
42 invited forward. He reported that as of 1:15 p.m. the number of voting delegates was as
43 follows:

1 Pastors 180 out of a possible 198
2 Lay 200 out of a possible 221
3 Total 380 out of a possible 419

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5 On behalf of the committee he moved the adoption of the report. The motion was
6 carried.

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9 **Elections**

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11 Rev. Keith Bicknase, chair of the Elections Committee, was again invited forward. He
12 announced that balloting would now be held for the ranking of the Vice Presidents.
13 The result of the voting is as follows.

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Rev. Gerhard Bode was declared 1st Vice President on the 3rd ballot.
Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin was declared 2nd Vice President on the 5th ballot.
Rev. Evan Schiller was declared 3rd Vice President on the 6th ballot.
Rev. Klemet Preus was declared 4th Vice President on the 6th ballot.

21 **Nominations Committees**

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23 Mr. Glen Meints, chair of the Nominations Committee, was invited to present the slates
24 for each of the additional elected positions. As each slate was presented the delegates
25 were given an opportunity to nominate additional candidates. The slates are as follows:

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District Secretary
Rev. Daryl Gehlbach
Rev. Preston Paul
Rev. William Otte (floor)

Board of Directors, Pastor, Region I
Rev. Mark Johnson
Rev. Robert Gehrke
Rev. Dennis Heiden
Rev. Richard Latterner
Rev. Klemet Preus (withdrew)

34 Board of Directors, Pastor, Region II
35 Rev. Kevin Oster
36 Rev. Anthony Bertram
37 Rev. Tom Braun
38 Rev. Dean Mahlum
39 Rev. William Mueller
40 Rev. Philip Wagner

Board of Directors, Pastor, Region III
Rev. Dr. Eugene Chase
Rev. David Mumme
Rev. James Heining
Rev. Mark Rosenau

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1	<u>Board of Directors, Pastor, Region IV</u>	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Capitol</u>
2	Rev. Robert Trueblood	Mr. Robert Van Gundy
3	Rev. Robert Schulze	Ms. Carol Olson
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5	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Minneapolis</u>	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Minnetonka</u>
6	Mr. Glen Meints	Mr. Stephen Krause
7	Mr. Steven Hartke	Mr. Michael Melchert
8	Ms. Darlene Johnson	
9	Mr. James Roegge	
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11	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Crow River</u>	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Whitewater</u>
12	Mr. Dale Ortloff	Mr. Ted Tews
13	Mr. William Rubis	Mr. Dale Himmer
14		Mr. James Weispenning
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16	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Owatonna</u>	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, South Central</u>
17	Mr. Steve Marquardt	Mr. Neil Breitbarth
18	Mr. John Moorhouse	Mr. Scott Halverson
19		Mr. Lane Nordquist (floor)
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21	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Southwest</u>	<u>Board of Directors, Commissioned</u>
22	Mr. Karl Baumann	Mr. Randall Ash
23	Mr. Dale Weinkauff	Mr. Richard Eyerly
24		Mr. Warren Schmidt
25		Mr. Gary Volberding
26		Mr. Michael Zimmer
27		Ms. Lynn Henry (floor)
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29	<u>2009 Nominations Committee, Pastor</u>	<u>2009 Nominations Committee, Lay</u>
30	Rev. Vance Becker	Mr. David Ackermann
31	Rev. David Kind	Mr. Neil Breitbarth
32	Rev. John Moe	Ms. Carla Claussen
33	Rev. David Mumme	Mr. Duane Helm
34	Rev. Robert Nowak	Ms. Kathy Klemp
35	Rev. Kevin Oster	Mr. Leonard Marquardt
36	Rev. Nathan Rusert	Mr. Gary McCreary
37	Rev. Loel Wessel	Ms. Marilyn Pierce
38	Rev. Phil Wagner (floor)	Mr. Robert Van Gundy
39	Rev. Bruce Frederickson (floor)	Ms. Barbara Hladky (floor)
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41	<u>2009 Nominations Committee, Commissioned</u>	
42	Mr. Leland Huebner	
43	Mr. Dick Timm	

1 Dr. Herman Wentzel

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3 Board of Regents, Concordia, Ordained Board of Regents, Concordia, Lay

4 Rev. Tom Evans

Ms. Charlotte Malotky

5 Rev. John Moe

Mr. Joel Weiss

6 Rev. Michael Nirva

Mr. Herbert Lohse (floor)

7 Rev. Roger Klemz (floor)

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9 Board of Regents, Concordia, Commissioned

10 Mr. Edwin Kuerschner

11 Ms. Kathy Wessel

12 Dr. Herman Wentzel (floor)

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14 President Seitz dismissed the Nominations Committee and on behalf of the convention
15 thanked the committee for its work.

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18 Introduction of District Missionaries

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20 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Peter Meier, Assistant to the President for
21 Missions. Rev Meier explained that as a part of our partnership the 244 congregations
22 of the District support mission work in a number of areas. He introduced and
23 recognized those who are laboring on behalf of District-supported missions.

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25 Pastor Henry Biar, Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Rochester

26 Vicar Greg Koepsell, Monticello Mission Start

27 Pastor Mark Tewes, Trinity Family Center, Hudson, WI

28 Deacon Isaac Williams, Grace International Lutheran Church, Robbinsdale

29 Pastor Francis Beko, Ethiopian (at Trinity-First, Minneapolis)

30 Dr. Funghatou Lo, Hmong (at Grace, Brooklyn Park)

31 Pastor Godfrey Malisa, Swahili (at King of Kings, Roseville)

32 +Vicar Paul Pal & Pastor Bill Hugo, Sudanese (at St. Matthew, Columbia
33 Heights)

34 Pastor Martin Teigen, Hispanic, Southwest Minnesota

35 Candidate Stephen Wiesenauer, Chinese (at Risen Christ, Stillwater)

36 Pastor Keith Brutlag, Missionary-at-Large Urban Renewal

37 Pastor Daryl Gehlbach, Prince of Peace Deaf, Arden Hills

38 Pastor David Kind, University Lutheran Chapel, Minneapolis

39 Pastor Monte Meyer, Campus Lutheran Chapel, Mankato

40 Dr. Armand Boehme, Theological Educator, Kazakhstan

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42 Rev. Meier also recognized those congregations who are doing outreach to immigrants
43 within their communities.

- 1 St. John Lutheran Church, Austin - Sudanese
- 2 Trinity, Grace and Holy Cross Lutheran Churches, Rochester - Sudanese
- 3 Zion Lutheran Church, Albert Lea - Sudanese
- 4 Hosanna and Our Savior Lutheran Churches, Mankato - Sudanese
- 5 Trinity Lutheran Church, Faribault - Sudanese
- 6 Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park - Liberian
- 7 Bethel Lutheran Church, St. Paul - Liberian
- 8 St. Stephanus Lutheran Church, St. Paul - Eritrean
- 9 St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Worthington - Ethiopian
- 10 Christ Lutheran Church, Eagan - Ethiopian
- 11 Trinity-First Lutheran Church, Minneapolis - Somali & Muslim
- 12 Hmong Lutheran Church, St. Paul - Hmong
- 13 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Paul - Hmong
- 14 Trinity Lutheran Church, Mountain Lake - Southeast Asian
- 15 Salem Lutheran Church, Madelia - Hispanic
- 16 Cristo El Redentor, St. Paul - Hispanic
- 17 Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Minneapolis - Portuguese & Brazilian

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19 Rev. Meier announced that the second "Taste of Ethnic Missions" will be held Sunday,
20 November 5, 2006, at Messiah Lutheran Church, Lakeville.

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23 **Missions Committee (#3)**

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25 President Seitz called to the podium the Reverend Wilfred (Bill) Pieper, Chair of the
26 Missions Floor Committee #3.

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28 **Resolution 3-01 "To Support the 'It's Time to Fish' Mission Initiative Campaign"** was
29 placed before the convention. The resolution was adopted (Y:322 / N:33) as printed.

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32 **"It's Time to Fish" Mission Initiative**

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34 President Seitz again called forward Rev. Peter Meier. He referred the delegates to a
35 brochure that was placed on the tables during the lunch recess. He stated that although
36 the primary support for missions comes from congregational offerings, it is insufficient
37 to meet the challenges of our District's great mission opportunities. He explained that
38 the "It's Time to Fish Mission Initiative," of which every dollar goes directly to
39 missions, is to help meet these challenges. He urged the delegates to support this
40 mission initiative both financially and in prayer.

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42 The floor committee was dismissed until the next time it was scheduled to appear
43 before the convention.

1 **Doctrine and Administration Committee (#1)**

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3 President Seitz welcomed to the podium the Doctrine and Administration Floor
4 Committee, chaired by the Reverend William Otte.

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6 **Resolution 1-01 "To Amend Articles of Incorporation to Conform to Resolution 4-11**
7 **of the 2004 Convention of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod"** (CW, G-1 and G-2)
8 was placed before the convention. The resolution was adopted (Y:313 / N:42) as
9 presented.

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11 **Resolution 1-02 "To Approve Amendments to the District Handbook"** (CW, G-3
12 through G-21) was placed before the convention. The resolution was adopted (Y:345 /
13 N:16) as presented.

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15 **Resolution 1-03 "To Rearrange the District Handbook"** (CW, G-22 through G-25) was
16 placed before the convention. The resolution was adopted Y:354 / N:7) as presented.

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18 **Resolution 1-04A "To Form One Electoral Circuit Consisting of the Current**
19 **Minneapolis and Hennepin South Circuits for the 2007 Convention of the Synod"**
20 (previously distributed) was placed before the convention. A motion to consider
21 Memorial A-23 as a substitute was ruled out of order, since the committee will be
22 bringing forward a resolution responding to the memorial. A question was raised
23 concerning a possible inconsistency between Resolution 1-04A and Resolution 1-16
24 (which addresses Memorial A-23). President Seitz referred the resolution back to the
25 committee.

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27 *(Note: Resolution 1-04A did not return to the convention floor. The issue was dealt with by*
28 *Resolution 1-16A.)*

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30 **Resolution 1-05 "To Address Circuit Exceptions"** (CW, G-27) was placed before the
31 convention. President Seitz referred this resolution back to the committee since in lines
32 15-17 it referred to an action the convention had not yet taken concerning the circuit
33 realignment proposal.

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35 **Resolution 1-06 "To Encourage Consideration of CCM-Related Overtures by**
36 **Convention of Synod"** (CW, G-28) was placed before the convention. A motion to
37 amend by striking the word "encourage" in line 19 and replacing it with the word
38 "require" was defeated (Y:174 / N:188). The resolution was defeated (Y:119 / N:242).

1 **Devotional Bible Study - Part II**

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President Seitz again welcomed to the podium the Rev. Dr. Robert Holst to continue his devotional Bible study. He based the theme of his study "A Time to Equip" on the Book of Jonah. He used Jonah's story to illustrate how God indeed equips us to reach out to people. He ended with a prayer that God would equip His people to go to the Ninevahs of our time to fish in a frightful, wicked world and to share with that world the divine message of God's compassion, mercy and resurrection to life everlasting.

11 **Elections**

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Rev. Keith Bicknase, chairman of the Elections Committee, was again invited forward. The following individuals were elected.

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District Secretary	Rev. Daryl Gehlbach	(1st ballot)
Pastor Region I	Rev. Mark Johnson	(2nd ballot)
Region II	Rev. Tom Braun	(2nd ballot)
Region III	Rev. James Heining	(3rd ballot)
Region IV	Rev. Robert Schulze	(1st ballot)

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24 **Greetings from the Minnesota North District**

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President Seitz introduced the Reverend Donald Fondow, President of the Minnesota North District. He brought greetings and the ongoing commitment to work in partnership in mission from the brothers and sisters in the Minnesota North District. He encouraged the delegates to work at building up one another in the body of Christ, loving one another as Christ loved us, and together fishing in the world.

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33 **Special Guest**

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President Seitz introduced Ms. Gloria Kenow, President of the Minnesota South District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), who greeted the delegates and explained the mission and work of the LWML. She praised God for the long and blessed partnership between the LWML and the Minnesota South District.

1 **Finance Committee (#5)**

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3 President Seitz invited forward the Finance Committee, chaired by the Reverend Lyle
4 Fritsch.

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6 **Resolution 5-01 "To Accept the Report of the Finance Committee"** (CW, G-48) was
7 placed before the convention. The resolution was adopted (Y:298 / N:13) as printed.

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9 Rev. Fritsch reported that the committee's work was concluded. President Seitz
10 dismissed the committee and led the convention in thanking the committee for its work.

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13 **Video Greeting**

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15 President Seitz introduced the video greeting from Mr. Chuck Groth, President of the
16 Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Laymen's League. In his presentation Mr.
17 Groth described the purpose of the LLL and work being done by it. He shared that the
18 League has developed a five-year plan of partnership and congregational outreach
19 plans.

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21 The video concluded with greetings from the Reverend Ken Klaus, Lutheran Hour
22 Speaker.

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25 **Congregational Services Committee (#4)**

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27 President Seitz invited forward the Congregational Services Floor Committee, chaired
28 by the Reverend Matthew Lehman.

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30 **Resolution 4-01 "To Present and Promote the Lutheran Service Book in the District"**
31 (CW, G-45) was placed before the convention. The resolution was adopted (Y:291 /
32 N:41) as printed.

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34 **Resolution 4-02A "To Encourage the LCMS to Seek Consistency in Worship"** was
35 placed before the convention.

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37 A motion was made and seconded to amend line 3 to strike the word "encourage" and
38 insert "urge" and strike the word "consistency" and insert "uniformity" and also to
39 amend line 33 to strike the word "encourage" and replace it with "require." A motion
40 was made and seconded to call the question on the motion to amend. The motion to
41 cease debate was adopted (Y:278 / N:66). The motion to amend was defeated (Y:115 /
42 N:230).

1 A motion was made and seconded to amend line 3 to strike the word "encourage" and
2 insert "urge" and strike the word "consistency" and insert "uniformity", also to amend
3 line 33 to strike the word "encourage" and replace it with "urge", and also to amend
4 line 34 to strike the word "to assure" and replace it with "and to require." The motion to
5 amend was defeated (Y:146 / N:197)

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7 Resolution 4-02A was adopted (Y:202 / N: 139) as printed.

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10 **Doctrine and Administration Committee (#1)**

11 The committee was again called forward.

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14 **Resolution 1-07 "To Address the Selection of Members of the CCM"** (CW, G-29) was
15 placed before the convention. The resolution was adopted (Y:251 / N:82) as printed.

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17 **Resolution 1-08A "To Memorialize Synod to Specify Synodical President's Duty to**
18 **'Call Up for Review'"** was placed before the convention.

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20 A motion to substitute Resolution 1-08 for Resolution 1-08A was adopted (Y:195 /
21 N:134). Resolution 1-08 is now before the assembly.

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23 A motion was made to amend the resolution by adding the final resolved from
24 Memorial A-10 (CW, D-37), "Resolved, that the Synod in convention overrules opinion
25 02-2282 of the Commission on Constitutional Matters."

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27 A motion was made to amend the amendment by changing the words to read as
28 follows: "Resolved, that the 2006 Minnesota South District convention memorialize the
29 Synod in convention to overrule opinion 02-2282 of the Commission on Constitutional
30 Matters."

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32 President Seitz called for the orders of the day, dismissing the committee until its next
33 scheduled time.

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36 **Closing Prayer**

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38 Chaplain Schulze was invited forward to offer a prayer to conclude the session.

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40 President Seitz announced that the Advisory Ministers of Religion—Ordained would
41 meet after the session to select delegates to the 2007 Convention of the Synod.

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43 President Seitz declared the convention to be in recess until 7:00 p.m.

1 Session 3

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3 President Seitz called the convention to order.

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5 Opening Devotion

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7 Chaplain Schulze provided the opening devotion. He asked the delegates to consider
8 Acts 8, in which it was reported that those who had been scattered by persecution
9 preached the Word wherever they went.

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12 Elections

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14 Rev. Keith Bicknase, chairman of the Elections Committee, was again invited forward.
15 The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors.

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17	Lay Capitol Conference	Mr. Robert Van Gundy	(1 st ballot)
18	Minneapolis Conference	Mr. Glen Meints	(2 nd ballot)
19	Minnetonka Conference	Mr. Steven Krause	(1 st ballot)
20	Crow River Conference	Mr. Dale Ortloff	(1 st ballot)
21	Whitewater Conference	Mr. Ted Tews	(1 st ballot)
22	Owatonna Conference	Mr. John Moorhouse	(1 st ballot)
23	South Central Conference	Mr. Scott Halverson	(2 nd ballot)
24	Southwest Conference	Mr. Karl Baumann	(1 st ballot)
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26	Commissioned Ministers	Mr. Richard Eyerly	(3 rd ballot)
27		Ms. Lynn Henry	(3 rd ballot)
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30 Volunteer Teacher of the Year Award

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32 President Seitz invited forward Ms. Signe Carlson, President of the Lutheran Education
33 Volunteer Network (LEVN), who presented the 2006 Volunteer Teacher of the Year
34 Award to Ms. Janet Isaacson, member of Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina.

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37 Special Mission Presentation

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39 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Armand Boehme, Theological Educator, LCMS
40 World Missions, Kazakhstan, who provided a report on the challenges and mission
41 opportunities in Kazakhstan. He encouraged the delegates to share the Gospel with the
42 lost souls, so that in turn they may be saved and join us, and that we who are saved
43 may be strengthened and further equipped for our service in the kingdom our Lord.

1 **Elections**

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3 Rev. Keith Bicknase, chairman of the Elections Committee, was again invited forward.
4 The following individuals were elected to the 2009 District Nomination Committee:

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6	Nominations, Pastor	Rev. David Kind	(1 st ballot)
7		Rev. David Mumme	(2 nd ballot)
8		Rev. Kevin Oster	(3 rd ballot)
9		Rev. Bruce Frederickson	(3 rd ballot)

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11	Nominations, Lay	Ms. Carla Claussen	(1 st ballot)
12		Mr. Leonard Marquardt	(1 st ballot)
13		Mr. Neil Breitbarth	(1 st ballot)
14		Mr. Robert Van Gundy	(1 st ballot)

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16	Nominations, Commissioned	Mr. Leland Huebner	(1 st ballot)
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18 The following individuals were elected to the Board of Regents of Concordia
19 University, St. Paul.

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21	Board of Regents, Ordained	Rev. Tom Evans	(2 nd ballot)
22	Board of Regents, Commissioned	Mr. Edward Kuerschner	(1 st ballot)
23	Board of Regents, Lay	Ms. Charlotte Malotky	(2 nd ballot)

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26 **Closing Devotion**

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28 President Seitz stated that owing to the lateness of the hour the second part of the
29 Synod President's report will be rescheduled for early in the next session.

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31 Chaplain Schulze led the closing prayer.

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33 President Seitz declared the convention to be in recess until 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

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1 Saturday, June 10, 2006

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3 Session 4

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5 Opening Devotion

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7 President Seitz called the convention to order.

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9 Chaplain Schulze provided the opening devotion, basing his message on John 20. He
10 challenged the delegates to see their congregations as disciple-making, mission-
11 planting, servant-sending ministries. He encouraged them not to give in to
12 discouragement when it doesn't seem to be happening, for hopelessness is out of date
13 since the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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16 Schedule Adjustment

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18 President Seitz gave a brief report on the work that needed to be done. He explained
19 that due to the time taken for elections the convention got behind schedule. He moved
20 the 2nd part of the Report of the President of Synod to this morning after the Bible
21 Study. He announced that if there was no objection he would adjust the schedule with
22 the intent of adjourning at noon rather than 11:30. He reminded the delegates that
23 whatever work is not done simply dies and is not referred anywhere else.

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25
26 Devotional Bible Study - Part III

27
28 President Seitz again welcomed to the podium the Rev. Dr. Robert Holst to continue his
29 devotional Bible study. He based the theme of his study "A Time to Release" on John
30 21. He used the story of Jesus and Peter as an illustration of our Lord releasing a
31 disciple for ministry and witness.

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33 President Seitz led the convention in thanking Dr. Holst for his Bible study.

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36 Report of the President of the Synod - Part 2

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38 President Seitz invited forward the Reverend Dr. Dean Nadasdy, senior pastor of
39 Woodbury Lutheran Church, Woodbury, and 3rd Vice President of the Synod. Dr.
40 Nadasdy introduced President Kieschnick's report on the state of the Synod.

1 Video Presentation

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3 President Seitz introduced the next video greeting, which was from Ms. Sherylea
4 Downes, the development director for the District, and Mr. Glenn Thiel, gift-planning
5 counselor for the District.

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8 Doctrine and Administration (#1)

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10 President Seitz called on Rev. William Otte to continue the presentation of his
11 committee's resolutions.

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13 Discussion resumed on **Resolution 1-08** (CW, G-30 & G-31). The Secretary summarized
14 the action taken so far on the resolution when time expired.

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16 After some discussion, the amendment to the amendment was adopted (Y:205 / N:123).

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18 A request was made to read the entire motion before voting on it. President Seitz said
19 this would be done after the amendment is voted upon.

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21 After some additional discussion, a motion to call the question on both the amendment
22 and the main motion was adopted (Y:279 / N:54).

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24 The amendment was adopted (Y:182 / N:148).

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26 Rev. Seitz now asked Rev. William Otte, the committee chair, to read Resolution 1-08 as
27 amended. The resolution was adopted (Y:174 / N:165).

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29 **Resolution 1-16A "To Deal with the Issue of Electoral Circuit Deficiencies"**
30 (distributed previously) was placed before the convention. A motion was made to
31 insert in line 36 after the words "acceptable remedy" the words "which is in agreement
32 with the current bylaws of Synod." The amendment was adopted (Y:238 / N:92).

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34 In response to a question regarding at what point do we determine a circuit's
35 communicant membership to decide the viability of a circuit, President Seitz explained
36 that the Secretary of Synod has asked his office to try and get the remaining numbers
37 from those congregations that have not submitted statistical reports. Rev. William Otte,
38 committee chair, noted that in the event the numbers don't support the information we
39 have at this time then this resolution empowers the Board of Directors to develop an
40 acceptable remedy.

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42 The amended resolution was adopted (Y:325 / N:8).

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1 **Special Greeting**

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3 President Seitz introduced the Reverend Dr. O. H. Cloeter, former Minnesota South
4 District President, and his wife Elsie. Dr. Cloeter addressed the convention and
5 encouraged the delegates to accept one another as God has accepted them, for we in the
6 LCMS are brothers and sisters in Christ.

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9 **Special Presentations**

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11 President Seitz introduced Mr. Leonard Marquardt and presented him with a plaque in
12 honor of his nine years of service on the District Board of Directors.

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14 Mr. David Muench was invited to the podium. He announced the recipients of the two
15 \$200 "Healthy You" awards: Rev. Tom Evans and Mr. Ernie Freudenberg.

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18 **Video Presentation**

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20 President Seitz introduced the next video presentation, which was from Mr. Kevin Hall,
21 Director of Camp Omega.

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24 **Missions Committee (#3)**

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26 President Seitz again welcomed forward Rev. Bill Pieper, committee chair.

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28 **Resolution 3-03 "To accept the Mission Committee Report"** (CW, G-44) was placed
29 before the convention. The resolution was adopted (Y:289 / N:4) as printed.

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31 **Resolution 3-02A "To Support Congregations Challenged by Changing**
32 **Demographics"** (distributed previously) was placed before the convention. The
33 resolution was adopted (Y:278 / N:34)

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35 President Seitz dismissed the committee and led the convention in thanking the
36 committee for its work.

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39 **Circuit Realignment Committee (#2)**

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41 President Seitz invited the committee forward. He explained that at the time debate
42 was suspended the convention was considering a substitute motion.

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1 A motion was made to withdraw the substitute resolution. President Seitz ruled that if
2 there was no objection the substitute resolution would be withdrawn. An objection was
3 made and President Seitz put the question to the convention. The convention upheld
4 the decision of the Chair (Y:223 / N:92).

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6 **Resolution 2-01A** was again brought before the convention. The resolution was
7 adopted (Y:264 / N:58) as printed.

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9 President Seitz dismissed the committee and led the convention in thanking the
10 committee for its work.

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13 **Video Greeting**

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15 President Seitz introduced the next video presentation, which was from the Reverend
16 Glenn Offermann, District Archivist.

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19 **Congregational Services (#4)**

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21 President Seitz again invited forward the Congregational Services Floor Committee,
22 chaired by Rev. Matthew Lehman.

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24 **Resolution 4-03 "To Accept the Congregational Services Subcommittee, the Schools
25 & Commissioned Ministers Committee, and the Ministerial Health Committee
26 Reports"** (CW, G-47) was placed before the convention. The resolution was adopted
27 (Y:298 / N:5) as printed.

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29 **Resolution 4-04 "To Encourage Support of the 2007 National LCMS Youth
30 Gathering"** (distributed previously) was placed before the convention. A motion to
31 delete lines 7 through 19 was defeated (Y:128 / N:188). The resolution was adopted
32 (Y:243 / N:76) as printed.

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34 President Seitz dismissed the committee and led the convention in thanking the
35 committee for its work.

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38 **Video Greeting**

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40 President Seitz introduced the next video, featuring the Reverend David Andrus, who
41 spoke on Lutheran Blind Ministry.

1 **Doctrine and Administration (#1)**

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3 President Seitz invited forward the Doctrine and Administration Floor Committee,
4 chaired by Rev. William Otte.

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6 **Resolution 1-05** (CW, G-27) was again placed before the convention. Chairman Otte
7 explained that it was sent back to the committee because it referred to the decision
8 relating to circuit realignment. The resolution was adopted (Y:291 / N:14) as printed.

9
10 **Resolution 1-09A "To Strengthen the Dispute Resolution Process"** (distributed
11 previously) was placed before the convention. A motion to substitute Memorial A-20
12 (CW, following page D-54) was defeated (Y:157 / N:159).

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14 A motion to substitute Memorial A-18 (CW, D-51 to D-53) was adopted (Y:169 / N:152).
15 A question was raised concerning the accuracy of the assertions of Memorial A-18. A
16 motion was made to call the question. A point of order was raised that the charge of
17 inaccuracy does need to be answered before a vote is taken. The Chair allowed the one
18 questioning the accuracy to explain his point. The Chair then allowed a delegate, who
19 is a trained reconciler, to respond. The Chair then put forward the motion to close
20 debate, which was adopted (Y:247 / N:77). Memorial A-18 was adopted (Y:178 /
21 N:146) as printed.

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23 **Resolution 1-10 "To Speak to the Issue of Women Having Positions of Authority**
24 **with a Congregation"** (CW, G-33) was placed before the convention. A motion was
25 made to substitute Memorial A-14 (CW, D43 and D-44). The Chair put the motion
26 before the convention. A point of order was raised that the mover of the substitute
27 motion has time to explain his reasons. The Chair explained that it was the mover's
28 choice. The mover elected to use his time. The motion to substitute Memorial A-14 was
29 adopted (Y:170 / N:156).

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31 Memorial A-14 was now under consideration. After some discussion a motion to call
32 the question was adopted (Y:287 / N:39). The vote on Memorial A-14 was a tie (Y:163
33 / N:163); thus the Memorial was defeated.

34
35 Resolution 1-10 is again before the convention. A motion to postpone to the 2009
36 District Convention consideration of Resolution 1-10 was adopted (Y:248 / N:74).

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38 **Resolution 1-11 "To Memorialize Synod to Overrule CCM Opinions 02-2296 and 02-**
39 **2309"** (CW, G-34 and G-35) was placed before the convention. The resolution was
40 adopted (Y:213 / N:111) as printed.

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42 The Chair dismissed the committee and led the convention in offering its thanks.
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1 Unfinished Business

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3 President Seitz invited the delegates to look at the slate of candidates for Circuit
4 Counselor (CW, E-72). He announced the additions to the slate from the circuit
5 caucuses. The slate is as follows

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1. NE Minneapolis	Rev. Bruce Frederickson
2. Concordia	Rev. J. David Wende
3. East St. Paul	Rev. Robert Gehrke
4. Lyndale East	Rev. Neldo Schmidt
5. Hennepin North	Rev. Roger Dramstad
6. Minneapolis	Rev. Rodney Ketcher
7. Hennepin South	Rev. Dennis Starr
8. Lyndale West	Rev. John Vaughn
9. Suburban Lakes	Rev. David Buuck
10. Carver County	Rev. Donald Andrix
11. Glencoe	Rev. Kurt Lehmkuhl
12. Hutchinson	Rev. Kevin Oster
13. Litchfield	Rev. Martin Schoenfeld
14. Hiawatha	Rev. John Fuchs
15. Winona	Rev. Michael Hart
16. Rochester	Rev. William Otte
17. Faribault	Rev. Kirk Griebel
18. Austin	Rev. Robert Bailey
19. Waseca	Rev. Michael Mathews
20. Blue Earth	Rev. Ronald Jobe
21. Mankato	Rev. Vance Becker
22. Truman	Rev. John Meyer
23. Fairmont	Rev. Russell Reimers
24. Pipestone	Rev. Mark Mumme
25. Worthington	Rev. Keith Bicknase
26. Windom	Rev. Bart Mueller

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34 It was moved, second and adopted (Y:275 / N:12) to ratify the slate of Circuit
35 Counselors.

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37 President Seitz announced the names of the advisory delegates to the 2007 Convention
38 of the Synod.

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40	Ordained:	Rev. Richard Krogen	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Trapp
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42	Commissioned:	Mr. Marvin Erdman	Mr. Lyle Heggemeier
43		Mr. David Schlicker	Mr. Erlen Schroeder

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Acknowledgements

President Seitz directed the delegates to page A-48 of the Convention Workbook, which acknowledged those who made the convention arrangements. He also acknowledged a number of individuals not mentioned in the workbook. He led the convention is expressing thanks for their work.

Registration and Credentials

Rev. Tom Evans, committee chair, gave the final registration and credentials report for the convention. He reported a total of 518 registrants.

Voting Delegates:	181	pastoral delegates (out of a possible 198)
	201	lay delegates (out of a possible 221)

Advisory Delegates:	14	Pastors, Assistants or Associates
	1	Pastors, Chaplain
	27	Pastors, Emeriti
	2	Pastors, Other
	4	Vicars
	12	DCE, DCO, Deaconesses
	4	Concordia University, St. Paul
	13	Teachers
	12	Teachers, Emeriti
	6	Board of Directors
	10	District Staff

Guests:	31
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Rev. Evans also took a few moments to introduce his committee, who also served as convention pages.

Closing Devotion

President Seitz again called forward the convention chaplain, Rev. Robert Schulze, who asked the question: Is there ever a bad time to fish? He rephrased the question: Is there ever a bad time to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ? He reminded the delegates of the

1 words St. Peter wrote (1 Peter 3:15) that we should always be ready to share the hope
2 that is in us. He concluded his devotion with a prayer and hymn.

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5 **Adjournment**

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7 President Seitz declared the 74th Regular Convention of the Minnesota South District of
8 the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod adjourned *sine die*.

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12 Respectfully Submitted,
13 Daryl Gehlbach, District Secretary

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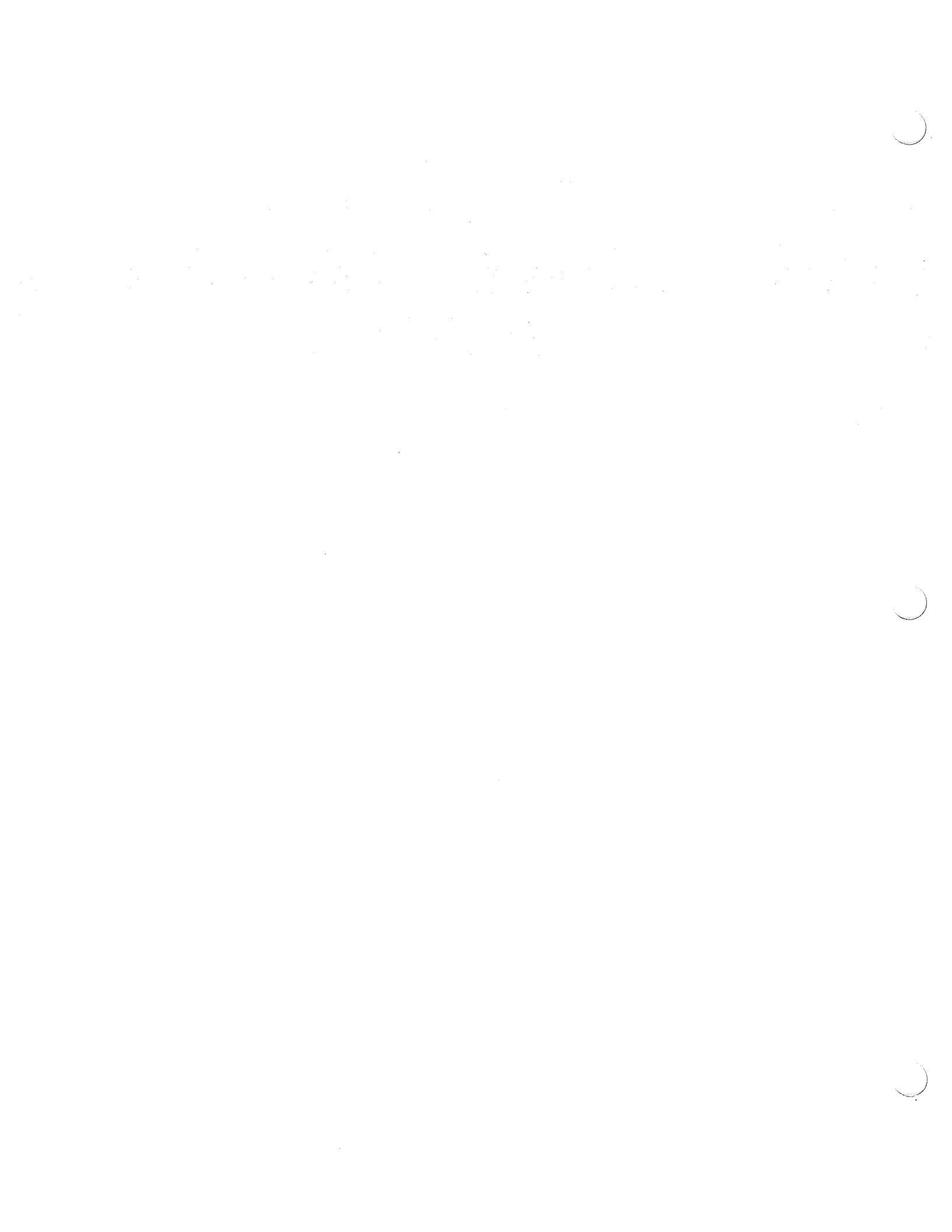
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ELECTION RESULTS

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3	* = elected			
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5	<u>District President</u>			
6	* Rev. Dr. Lane Seitz	233		
7	Rev. Steven Briel	107		
8	Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin	36		
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10	<u>Vice President, Region I</u>			
11	* Rev. Klemet Preus	186	191	
12	Rev. Robert Gehrke	102	187	
13	Rev. Randolph Sherren	89		
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15	<u>Vice President, Region II</u>			
16	* Rev. Gerhard Bode	156	212	
17	Anthony Bertram	125	166	
18	Tom Braun	98		
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20	<u>Vice President, Region III</u>			
21	Rev. Dr. Eugene Chase	127	133	160
22	* Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin	123	140	219
23	Rev. Dr. James Heining	96	106	
24	Rev. William Natzke	32		
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26	<u>Vice President, Region IV</u>			
27	* Rev. Evan Schiller	138	216	
28	Rev. Robert Schulze	117		
29	Rev. Robert Trueblood	121	161	
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31	<u>Ranking of the 1st Vice President</u>			
32	1 Rev. Gerhard Bode	122	179	220
33	Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin	74	71	
34	Rev. Klemet Preus	111	119	149
35	Rev. Evan Schiller	58		
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37	<u>Ranking of the 2nd Vice President</u>			
38	2 Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin	123	211	
39	Rev. Klemet Preus	149	161	
40	Rev. Evan Schiller	99		
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1	<u>Ranking of the 3rd & 4th Vice President</u>			
2	4 Rev. Klemet Preus	165		
3	3 Rev. Evan Schiller	207		
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5	<u>District Secretary</u>			
6	* Rev. Daryl Gehlbach	168		
7	Rev. Preston Paul	22		
8	Rev. William Otte	139		
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10	<u>Board of Directors, Pastor, Region I</u>			
11	* Rev. Mark Johnson	167	197	
12	Rev. Robert Gehrke	85	102	
13	Rev. Dennis Heiden	53	48	
14	Rev. Richard Latterner	32		
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16	<u>Board of Directors, Pastor, Region II</u>			
17	Rev. Kevin Oster	28		
18	Rev. Anthony Bertram	125	162	
19	* Rev. Tom Braun	111	190	
20	Rev. Dean Mahlum	10		
21	Rev. William Mueller	29		
22	Rev. Philip Wagner	42		
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24	<u>Board of Directors, Pastor, Region III</u>			
25	Rev. Eugene Chase	153	166	173
26	Rev. David Mumme	29		
27	* Rev. James Heining	110	144	179
28	Rev. Mark Rosenau	60	42	
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30	<u>Board of Directors, Pastor, Region IV</u>			
31	Rev. Robert Trueblood	160		
32	* Rev. Robert Schulze	196		
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34	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Capitol</u>			
35	* Mr. Robert Van Gundy	175		
36	Ms. Carol Olson	121		
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38	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Minneapolis</u>			
39	* Mr. Glen Meints	144	157	
40	Mr. Steven Hartke	17		
41	Ms. Darlene Johnson	78	95	
42	Mr. James Roegge	62	56	
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1	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Minnetonka</u>			
2	* Mr. Stephen Krause	181		
3	Mr. Michael Melchert	116		
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5	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Crow River</u>			
6	* Mr. Dale Ortloff	232		
7	Mr. William Rubis	68		
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9	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Whitewater</u>			
10	* Mr. Ted Tews	156		
11	Mr. Dale Himmer	87		
12	Mr. James Weispfenning	61		
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14	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Owatonna</u>			
15	Mr. Steve Marquardt	114		
16	* Mr. John Moorhouse	184		
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18	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, South Central</u>			
19	Mr. Neil Breitbarth	74		
20	* Mr. Scott Halverson	148	195	
21	Mr. Lane Nordquist	85	119	
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23	<u>Board of Directors, Lay, Southwest</u>			
24	* Mr. Karl Baumann	208		
25	Mr. Dale Weinkauff	100		
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27	<u>Board of Directors, Commissioned (elect 2)</u>			
28	<i>Needed to Elect</i>	<u>159</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>161</u>
29	Mr. Randall Ash	107	119	132
30	* Mr. Richard Eyerly	130	149	180
31	Mr. Warren Schmidt	126	142	148
32	Mr. Gary Volberding	37		
33	Mr. Michael Zimmer	97	74	
34	* Ms. Lynn Henry	137	158	182
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36	<u>2009 Nominations Committee, Pastor (elect 4)</u>			
37	<i>Needed to Elect</i>	<u>156</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>158</u>
38	Rev. Vance Becker	119	103	
39	* Rev. David Kind	159		
40	Rev. John Moe	77		
41	* Rev. David Mumme	155	168	
42	Rev. Robert Nowak	118	117	90
43	* Rev. Kevin Oster	150	156	185

1	Rev. Nathan Rusert	77		
2	Rev. Loel Wessel	129	138	119
3	Rev. Phil Wagner	114	112	71
4	* Rev. Bruce Frederickson	146	148	168

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6 **2009 Nominations Committee, Lay (elect 4)**

7	<i>Needed to Elect</i>	<u>155</u>		
8	Mr. David Ackermann	99		
9	* Mr. Neil Breitbarth	156		
10	* Ms. Carla Claussen	167		
11	Mr. Duane Helm	106		
12	Ms. Kathy Klemp	153		
13	* Mr. Leonard Marquardt	165		
14	Mr. Gary McCreary	42		
15	Ms. Marilyn Pierce	69		
16	* Mr. Robert Van Gundy	165		
17	Ms. Barbara Hladky	110		

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19 **2009 Nominations Committee, Commissioned**

20	* Mr. Leland Huebner	133	172	
21	Mr. Dick Timm	85		
22	Mr. Hermann Wentzel	89	137	

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24 **Board of Regents, Concordia University, St. Paul, Ordained**

25	* Rev. Tom Evans	139	181	
26	Rev. John Moe	112	132	
27	Rev. Michael Nirva	24		
28	Rev. Roger Klemz	41		

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30 **Board of Regents, Concordia University, St. Paul, Commissioned**

31	* Mr. Edwin Kuerschner	168		
32	Ms. Kathy Wessel	89		
33	Mr. Hermann Wentzel	56		

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35 **Board of Regents, Concordia University, St. Paul, Lay**

36	* Ms. Charlotte Malotky	131	158	
37	Mr. Joel Weiss	130	153	
38	Mr. Herbert Lohse	50		

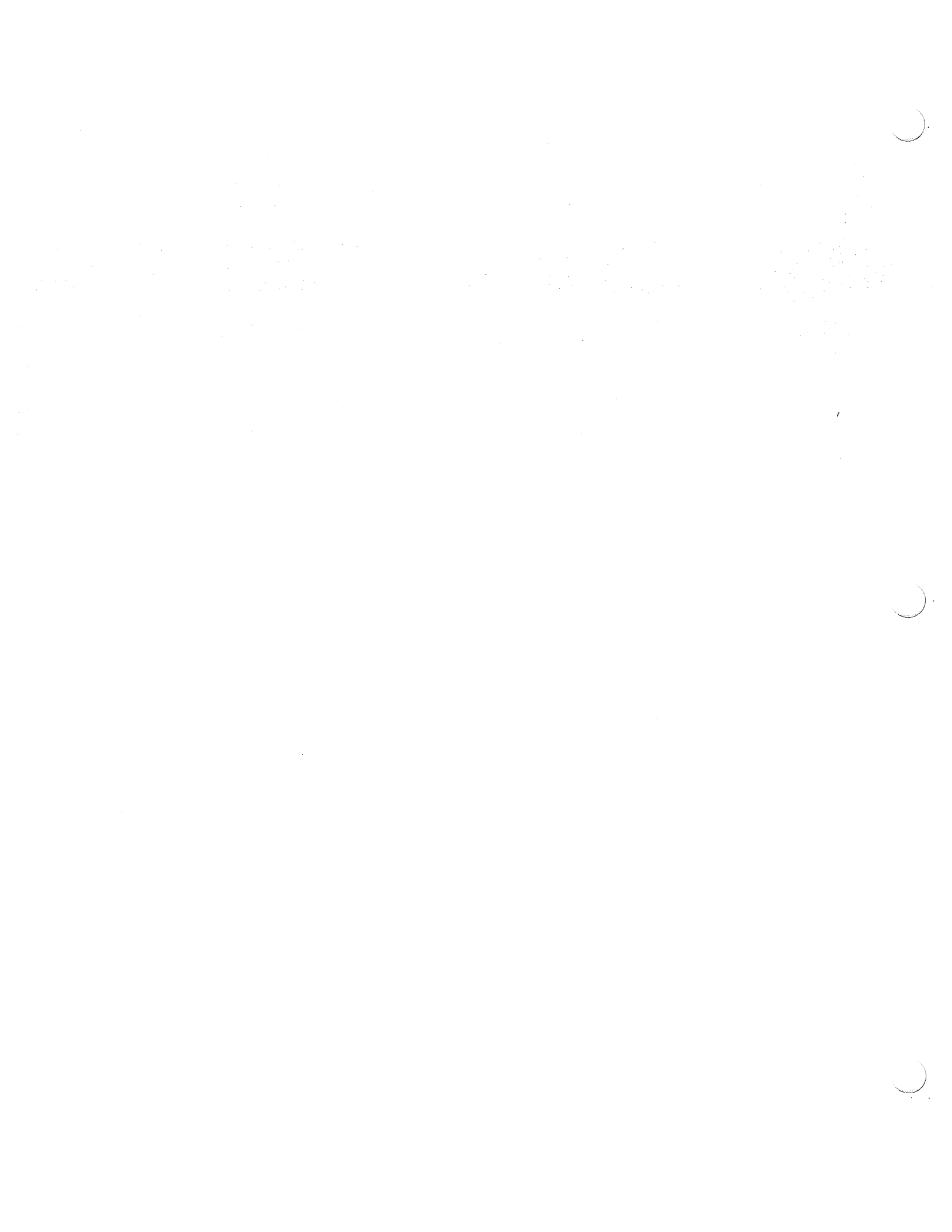
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1 RESOLUTION 1-01 [Memorial A-1, CW, pp. D-1 to D-2]
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3 RE: TO AMEND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO CONFORM TO
4 RESOLUTION 4-11 OF THE 2004 CONVENTION OF THE LUTHERAN
5 CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD
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8 WHEREAS, The 2004 Convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
9 adopted Resolution 4-11 to clarify that the "Property of the Synod," i.e., the assets of the
10 Synod owned and operated by corporate entities of the Synod (e.g., Districts,
11 Colleges/Universities and Seminaries, and other synodwide corporate entities), is
12 ultimately owned by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; and
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14 WHEREAS, The Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri
15 Synod is a synodwide corporate entity and functions as the Synod within the
16 boundaries established for the District in southern Minnesota; and
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18 WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Synod is the "custodian of all the
19 property of the Synod" (Constitution, Article XI, F, 2); and
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21 WHEREAS, The Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters has examined
22 and approved these proposed amendments; therefore be it
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24 *RESOLVED*, That the Minnesota South District adopt the provisions of
25 Resolution 4-11 of the 2004 Synodical Convention by amending its own Articles of
26 Incorporation of the Minnesota South District to include the following provisions:
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- 28 1. This corporation, as part of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (the
29 Synod) acknowledges its allegiance to the Synod and to the convention of
30 the Synod (the convention).
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- 32 2. It submits to the authority of the Synod and the convention.
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- 34 3. It accedes to, recognizes, and accepts the doctrine taught and practiced in
35 the Synod (Art. II) and also the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution,
36 and Bylaws of the Synod, as currently in effect and as may hereafter be
37 amended from time to time.
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- 39 4. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the organizational
40 documents of this corporation and the Articles of Incorporation,
41 Constitution, or Bylaws of the Synod, as may hereafter be amended from
42 time to time, the Articles, Constitution, or Bylaws of the Synod shall
43 control and govern.

- 1 5. In the event this corporation is dissolved or its existence otherwise
2 terminates or is terminated, all right, title, and interest in and to its
3 property, whether tangible or intangible and whether real or personal,
4 shall thereupon automatically vest in or be transferred to the Synod, and
5 this corporation covenants and agrees to execute and deliver to the Synod
6 such documents and instruments and to take such other and further
7 actions as the Synod may deem reasonably necessary or desirable, in
8 order to evidence and give full effect to the foregoing.
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- 10 6. The above provisions may not be altered or deleted without the approval
11 of the Synod, in convention, or the Board of Directors of the Synod.
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13 And, be it further

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15 *RESOLVED*, That this amendment be included as a new Section 2, entitled "The
16 Relationship between Synod and District," of Article II of the Minnesota South District
17 Articles of Incorporation, and that the remaining sections of Article II be renumbered
18 accordingly, i.e.,
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- 20 1. Current Section 2, "Territorial Limits," becomes Section 3; and
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22 2. Current Section 3, "Membership and Voting," becomes Section 4;
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24 and be it finally

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26 *RESOLVED*, That the District Handbook Committee make the necessary changes
27 to the District Handbook.
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30 *Convention Action:*

31 *Resolution 1-01 was introduced during Session 2, Friday afternoon.*
32 *It was adopted as printed by a vote of 313 yes - 42 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1-02 [Memorial A-2, CW, pp. D-3 to D-21]

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3 RE: TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT HANDBOOK

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6 WHEREAS, Proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation and bylaws have
7 been submitted in writing to the District; and

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9 WHEREAS, The Minnesota South District Handbook Committee has examined
10 and approved the following proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and
11 bylaws:

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Current Handbook	Proposed Amendments: <i>Deletions in column 1</i> <i>Additions in column 2</i>	Explanations When looking up references to the bylaws of the synod, please make sure you use the 2004 edition of the Handbook of the Synod.
Articles of Incorporation		
ARTICLE II		Changes in this article result from the acceptance of congregations in Wisconsin into district membership. Since the remaining references to territory depend on the new membership definition, the order of sections 2 and 3 were reversed. The proposal can be read in order in the resolution proposing a rearranged handbook.
Section 1. Denominational Name		
The name of the religious denomination to which this corporation belongs is THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD.		No change
Section 2. Territorial Limits	Section 3. Location and Jurisdiction	
a) The territorial limits of the jurisdiction of this corporation shall be mainly the southern section of the State of	b) <i>The location of every member congregation lies within the jurisdiction of this corporation. Generally, member</i>	The phrase "adjacent to" includes the Wisconsin congregations while retaining the traditional territorial description.

<p>Minnesota, which is south of and including the counties of Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Renville, Meeker, Wright, Anoka and Washington, or as such territorial limits may be altered by THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD.</p>	<p><i>congregations are located in or adjacent to</i> the section of the State of Minnesota south of and including the counties of Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Renville, Meeker, Wright, Anoka and Washington.</p>	<p>Since the definition of membership depends on bylaws of the Synod, the last phrase is not needed.</p>
<p>b) The registered office of this corporation shall be at 14301 Grand Avenue South, Burnsville, Minnesota 55306.</p>	<p>a) The registered office of this corporation shall be at 14301 Grand Avenue South, Burnsville, Minnesota 55306.</p>	
	<p><i>c) Ordained and commissioned ministers reside within the jurisdiction of this corporation if they are under the ecclesiastical supervision of the district president as defined in the bylaws of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD.</i></p>	<p>Bylaw 2.12.1.1 of the Synod separates an ordained or commissioned minister's district membership from that individual's membership in a congregation and its location.</p>
<p>Section 3. Membership and Voting</p>	<p>Section 2. Membership and Voting</p>	
<p>a) This corporation shall be composed of:</p>	<p>a) <i>The membership of this corporation consists of all those members of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (congregations, ordained and commissioned ministers) who have been received into the district at the time of joining the Synod, who have been transferred from another district, or who have been assigned to the district by the Synod.</i></p>	<p>The handbook committee drew this definition of membership from bylaw 4.1.2 of the Synod.</p>
<p>4) which are members of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD and which are located within the</p>		

territorial limits of this corporation.		
2) Ministers of the Gospel and teachers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church who confess and accept the confessional basis of Article II of the Constitution of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD.		
a) At the meetings of the District every member congregation shall have two votes, one of which is to be cast by the pastor and the other by the lay delegate from that congregation.	At the meetings of the district, every member congregation <i>or parish (two or more congregations served by one ordained minister on a permanent basis)</i> is entitled to two votes, one of which is to be cast by the <i>ordained minister</i> and the other by the lay delegate.	The proposed description of voting rights is already in effect in bylaws 1.08 and 2.14. This change harmonizes the Articles of Incorporation and the bylaws.
b) Cumulative voting for any purpose whatsoever shall not be permitted.		No change
c) All other matters regarding voting members and advisory members shall be as provided in the Constitution of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD.		No change
ARTICLE III		
Section 1. Number and Titles of Officers		
a) The number and official title of the officers of this corporation by and through whom this corporation shall act, shall be: A president, vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer, and they, together with the persons elected thereto by the		No change

<p>voting members, as provided in the bylaws of this corporation, shall constitute the Board of Directors. The officers and directors, except for the Treasurer who shall be elected by the Board of Directors, shall be elected by the voting members at any meeting of the corporation. They shall hold office as prescribed in the bylaws and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and have qualified.</p>		
<p>b) Vacancies in said Board of Directors are to be filled according to the bylaws of this corporation and if an officer or director shall move his residence out of the territorial limits of this corporation, such removal shall automatically create a vacancy in his office.</p>		<p>Given the mobile nature of our society, it is difficult to plan for and define every possible residence arrangement officers and directors might choose. Since the proposed Article II Section 3 defines where members reside in terms of ecclesiastic supervision, enforcement of this provision becomes problematic.</p>

BYLAWS		
	0.02 Precedence of the Bylaws of the Synod	
	<i>No bylaw provision of the Minnesota South District can be interpreted to conflict with the bylaws of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD. If a bylaw of the District conflicts with the current bylaws of the Synod, the bylaws of the Synod govern.</i>	This provision is not strictly necessary since the constitution and bylaws of the Synod are also the constitution and bylaws of the District according to Article XII paragraph 2 of the constitution. However, the handbook committee wrote this provision to reduce confusion should local provisions differ from the denomination's bylaws or any changes in them.
1.00. MEMBERSHIP		
1.02. District Membership		
The members of the Minnesota South District of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD shall be:	The members of the Minnesota South District of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD shall be <i>all those members of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (congregations, ordained and commissioned ministers) who have been received into the district at the time of joining the Synod, who have been transferred from another district, or who have been assigned to the district by the Synod.</i>	See bylaw 4.1.2 of the Synod.
a) Congregations which are members of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD, and which are located within the territorial limits of this corporation.		Dropping language about territorial limits brings this bylaw into agreement with the bylaw 4.1.2 of the Synod governing district membership.
b) Ministers of Religion,		Bylaw 4.1.2 of the Synod governs

<p>Ordained and Commissioned, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church who confess and accept the confessional basis of Article II of the Constitution of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD.</p>		<p>district membership. Since membership in the Synod requires acceptance of the confessional basis of Article II of the constitution, the provision is not needed here.</p>
<p>1.06. Signing the Constitution</p>		
<p>a) All Ministers of Religion (Ordained and Commissioned) applicants shall file a signed statement as follows: "I have read the Constitution of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, and I hereby affix my signature to it, dated _____, signed _____."</p>	<p>a) <i>Members (congregations, ordained ministers and commissioned ministers) shall sign the constitution according to procedures defined in the bylaws of the Synod. Members will be invited to acknowledge their signing at the first District convention after they sign.</i></p>	<p>Bylaw 2.10.2 d) of the Synod describes how ordained and commissioned ministers sign the constitution. The current MNS bylaw differs from the current practice of the Synod.</p> <p>To give the district an opportunity to become familiar with new members at the convention, an invitation to acknowledge their signing has been added to this bylaw. It is neither forbidden nor required by the bylaws of the Synod.</p>
<p>b) The duly elected lay delegates of new congregations shall sign the Constitution as representatives of their congregations in open session at the first District convention which they attend.</p>		<p>Bylaw 2.3.1 (b) of the Synod describes how congregations sign the constitution. The current MNS bylaw differs from the current practice of the Synod.</p>
<p>e) The District Secretary shall obtain the signatures to the Constitution and shall note the year in which the member is received or relinquishes membership or is transferred to another District of the Synod. The District President shall keep the Secretary of the District informed of transfer into and out of the District so that entries can be made in the</p>	<p>b) The District Secretary shall note the year in which the member is received or relinquishes membership or is transferred to another District of the Synod. The District President shall keep the Secretary of the District informed of transfer into and out of the District so that entries can be made in the records of the District.</p>	<p>Part of this provision was stricken because it does not agree with the procedures of the Synod for obtaining signatures of the constitution from ministerial members. The rest of it was retained because the Synod gives the primary responsibility for maintaining rosters to the District President (Synod Bylaw 4.4.7).</p>

records of the District.		
1.10. Advisory Members		
Advisory members are the following:	Advisory members are <i>defined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod.</i>	The list keeps getting longer. The current MNS bylaw does not recognize inactive members. See Article V B of the constitution and bylaw 2.11.2 of the Synod and its sub-points.
a) — Pastors whose congregations do not hold membership in the Synod;		
b) — Assistant pastors;		
e) — Pastors not in charge of a congregation;		
d) — Professors at the Synod's educational institutions;		
e) — Commissioned ministers;		
f) — Candidates for the office of the ministry (ordained or commissioned).		
1.12. Duties of Members		
Every member of the District shall, in accordance with his vocation, his ability, and the means at his command, diligently and earnestly promote the purposes of the District and Synodical organizations by word, deed, and adequate financial support.	Every member of the District shall, in accordance with his vocation, his ability, and the means at his command, diligently and earnestly promote the purposes of the District and organizations <i>of the Synod</i> by word, deed, and adequate financial support.	The Synod prefers that the prepositional phrase "of the Synod" replace the word "synodical" that does not appear in dictionaries.
1.16. Reviewing Continued Eligibility of Members		
a) If information with respect to an individual member of the District is made known to or becomes known by the	a) If information with respect to an individual member of the District is made known to or becomes known by the	The synod no longer has adjudication and appeals procedures. It has replaced them with a dispute resolution

<p>District President and if after reasonable investigation he believes that there may be a basis, given the nature of the circumstances, for suspending the eligibility status of the person, the President of the District may suspend that person's eligibility status until the matter is satisfactorily resolved or the applicable adjudication and appeals procedures, as set forth in the Handbook of the Synod, can be completed.</p>	<p>District President and if after reasonable investigation he believes that there may be a basis, given the nature of the circumstances, for suspending the eligibility status of the person, the President of the District may suspend that person's eligibility status until the matter is satisfactorily resolved or the applicable <i>dispute resolution process</i>, as set forth in the Handbook of the Synod, can be completed.</p>	<p>process.</p>
<p>b) During the period that the suspension is in effect, the member shall have "Suspended Status" as provided in the Handbook of the Synod and shall be ineligible for service in the District. All records of the District shall reflect this fact. In addition, the District President shall notify the President of the Synod and all other District Presidents in writing of the suspension of the affected person's eligibility status.</p>		<p>No change</p>
<p>2.00. DISTRICT CONVENTIONS</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 ordained minister, one commissioned minister, and one lay person</p>		<p>No change</p>

(preferably residing in the same geographic area).		
b) This committee shall examine the constitutions of all congregations applying for membership in Synod in accordance with the Handbook of the Synod. It shall recommend for membership those congregations whose constitutions are in agreement with the Word of God, the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, and synodical regulations. It shall receive for examination new, revised, or translated constitutions of congregations which are already members of Synod and if desirable, recommend changes.	b) This committee shall examine the constitutions of all congregations applying for membership in Synod in accordance with the Handbook of the Synod. It shall recommend for membership those congregations whose constitutions are in agreement with the Word of God, the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, and regulations <i>of the Synod</i> . It shall receive for examination new, revised, or translated constitutions of congregations which are already members of Synod and if desirable, recommend changes.	The Synod prefers that the prepositional phrase "of the Synod" replace the word "synodical" that does not appear in dictionaries.
c) The District Office shall make available to those congregations which so request, a model constitution for a Lutheran congregation, and also Articles of Incorporation embodying the legal requirements and forms.		No change
2.22 Officers and Committees to be Elected		
a) President b) Regional Vice-presidents c) Secretary d) Board of Directors e) Circuit Counselors f) Committee for District Convention Nominations g) Members of the Board of Regents, Concordia	a) President b) Regional Vice-presidents c) Secretary d) Board of Directors e) Circuit Counselors f) Committee for District Convention Nominations g) Members of the Board of Regents, Concordia	

<p>University, St. Paul, MN as specified in the Synodical Handbook</p> <p>h) A member (and an alternate) of the Synodical Committee for the Convention Nominations</p>	<p>University, St. Paul, MN as specified in the Handbook of the Synod.</p> <p>h) A member (and an alternate) of the Committee of the Synod for the Convention Nominations</p>	<p>The Synod prefers that the prepositional phrase "of the Synod" replace the word "synodical" that does not appear in dictionaries.</p>
<p>2.26 Appointments to be Made by the Board of Directors</p>		
<p>a) Archivist</p> <p>b) Communications Committee</p> <p>c) Committee on Constitutions and Membership</p> <p>d) Standing Committee on the District Handbook</p> <p>e) Other Committees as it may deem necessary</p>	<p>a) <i>Committees required by these bylaws</i></p> <p>b) Archivist</p> <p>c) Standing Committee on the District Handbook</p> <p>d) Other Committees as it may deem necessary</p>	<p>Point a) is a reference to the committees listed in bylaw 4.06 c. Since the current bylaws also specify the communications and constitution and membership committees in bylaw 4.06, they do not need to be specified here.</p>
<p>2.30 Nominations for President and Vice-presidents</p>		
<p>Nominations for the office of President and Vice-presidents of the District shall be made in the following manner:</p>		<p>No change</p>
<p>a) Each voting congregation shall be entitled to nominate one clergyman from the clergy roster of the District as a candidate for President and one clergyman from its region as a Vice-president</p>		<p>No change</p>
<p>b) The Secretary of the District shall mail to each voting congregation of the District ballots for nominating these</p>	<p>b) The Secretary of the District shall mail to each voting congregation of the District <i>forms</i> for nominating these</p>	<p>Members of the nominating committee suggested the change of terminology from ballot to form to avoid confusion with the</p>

candidates.	candidates.	convention elections ballot.
c) Each nominating ballot shall be signed by the president and the secretary of the voting congregation and shall be sent to the Secretary of the District not later than 4 months prior to the opening date of the convention.	c) Each nominating form shall be signed by the president and the secretary (or the equivalent positions) of the voting congregation and shall be sent to the Secretary of the District not later than 4 months prior to the opening date of the convention.	Members of the nominating committee suggested the change of terminology from ballot to form to avoid confusion with the convention elections ballot.
d) The Secretary of the District together with the chairman of the Nominations Committee shall tabulate the nominations and shall report to the convention by means of the convention manual the names of all clergymen who have received at least 5 nominating votes for the office of President or Vice-president.		No change
e) Candidates for the office of President and Vice-president shall be in each instance the three clergymen receiving the highest number of votes in the nominating ballots of the congregations.	e) Candidates for the office of President and Vice-president shall be in each instance the three clergymen receiving the highest number of votes in the nominating forms of the congregations.	Members of the nominating committee suggested the change of terminology from ballot to form to avoid confusion with the convention elections ballot.
f) The convention may nominate from the floor additional candidates for the offices of President and Vice-presidents.	f) The convention may nominate from the floor additional candidates for the offices of President and Vice-presidents.	
	g) <i>The three candidates receiving the highest number of nominating forms for each position shall be listed alphabetically. All names shall be listed without any distinctive mark, except where regional representation is a requirement of these bylaws. Nominations from the floor shall be listed on the ballot thereafter in the order</i>	The change in the order of names on the ballot conforms to the national practice that election ballots list candidates in alphabetic order (See bylaw 3.12.4.1 of the Synod). On the national level, this restriction does not apply to elections of the president and vice-presidents in line of succession. The amendment is offered to provide

	<i>nominated.</i>	a consistent approach to preparing election ballots.
2.36. Board of Directors		
<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 ordained ministers from their region, up to two lay persons from their conference, and up to two commissioned ministers 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 commissioned minister nominees, the nominee receiving the highest number of nominations in his region shall be placed on the ballot. Except for commissioned ministers (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 forms to all voting congregations of the District requesting them to nominate up to two ordained ministers from their region, up to two lay persons from their conference, and up to two commissioned ministers from their region as candidates for the Board of Directors. <i>The nominating forms shall be signed by the President and Secretary (or the equivalent positions) of the voting congregation and shall be sent to the Secretary of the District at least four months prior to the Convention for tabulation.</i> Such tabulation and the nominating forms 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 commissioned minister nominees, the nominee receiving the highest number of nominations in his region shall be placed on the ballot. The candidates for each position shall be listed alphabetically. <i>All names shall be listed without any distinctive mark, except where regional representation is a requirement of these bylaws.</i> Nominations from the floor shall be listed on the ballot thereafter in the</p>	<p>Members of the nominating committee suggested the change of terminology from ballot to form to avoid confusion with the convention elections ballot.</p> <p>The provision that that nominating forms be signed by officers of the congregation was added to match the procedures for nominating candidates for district president and vice-presidents (see 2003 MNS bylaw 2.30 c).</p> <p>The change in the order of names on the ballot conforms to the national practice that election ballots list candidates in alphabetic order (See bylaw 3.12.4.1 of the Synod).</p>

	order nominated.	
b) All nominees shall provide, at the request of the nominating committee:		No change
1. A statement of personal commitment to the Word of God as set forth in the Lutheran Confessions;		No change
2. A biography and resume of performance in the church, special interests, training and ongoing education;		No change
3. A statement of willingness to serve if elected and of the contribution the nominee expects to make to District and Synod if elected.		No change
2.44. Delegates to Synodical Convention	2.44. Delegates to the Convention of the Synod	The Synod prefers that the prepositional phrase "of the Synod" replace the word "synodical" that does not appear in dictionaries.
a) Voting Delegates		
Each Electoral Circuit shall be entitled to, and shall elect, one pastor and one lay delegate from member congregations to the General Convention of Synod. The election procedure outlined in the Synod Handbook shall be followed. The convention expenses of these delegates shall be paid by the Circuit.		No change
b) Advisory Delegates		
During an official conference or a caucus (convened by the District Secretary) at the convention, advisory delegates shall elect their	During an official conference or a caucus (convened by the District Secretary) at the convention, advisory delegates shall elect their	This change uses the updated language of bylaw 3.1.3.1 of the Synod. According to the Synod's CCM (Opinion 05-2453), the provision that the district

<p>delegates to the national convention of the Synod in accordance with the Handbook of the Synod, "One advisory delegate will be chosen for every 60 advisory ordained ministers and one advisory delegate for every 60 commissioned ministers on the roster of the Synod. Fractional groupings shall be disregarded except that each category shall be entitled to at least one advisory delegate." The District Convention must approve the delegates so elected. The District Secretary shall forward the approved list to the Secretary of Synod. The District Treasury shall pay the convention expenses of these advisory delegates.</p>	<p>delegates to the national convention of the Synod in accordance with the Handbook of the Synod, "<i>Each district shall select one advisory delegate for every 60 advisory ordained ministers and one advisory delegate for every 60 commissioned ministers on the roster of the Synod. Fractional groupings shall be disregarded except that each district shall be entitled to at least one advisory delegate in each category.</i>" The names of delegates so elected <i>shall be announced at the District Convention.</i> The District Secretary shall forward the list to the Secretary of Synod. The District Treasury shall pay the convention expenses of these advisory delegates.</p>	<p>convention "must approve the delegates" opposes the bylaws of the synod and must be changed.</p>
<p>3.00. DISTRICT OFFICERS</p>		
<p>3.04. Vice-presidents</p>		<p>Changes in this bylaw assume the convention has approved the resolution prepared by the Circuit Realignment Committee before this resolution is acted upon.</p>
<p>a) Vice-presidents shall be elected one from each of the Regions of the District:</p>		<p>No change</p>
<p>1. Region I –Capitol and Minneapolis Conferences.</p>	<p>1. Region I: <i>East Metro – North and South</i> Conferences.</p>	<p>This change will take effect in 2008.</p>
<p>2. Region II –Minnetonka and Crow River Conferences.</p>	<p>2. Region II: <i>West Metro – East and West</i> Conferences.</p>	<p>This change will take effect in 2008.</p>
<p>3. Region III –Whitewater and Owatonna Conferences.</p>	<p>3. Region III: <i>Southeast Minnesota – East and West</i> Conferences.</p>	<p>This change will take effect in 2008.</p>
<p>4. Region IV - South Central</p>	<p>4. Region IV: <i>Southwest</i></p>	<p>This change will take effect in</p>

and South-West Conferences.	<i>Minnesota – East and West Conferences.</i>	2008.
b) Each Vice-president shall, upon the request of the President, represent him in all his functions.		No change
c) A vacancy in the first or second or third vice-presidency shall be filled by advancing the lower ranking vice-president. A vacancy in the fourth vice-presidency shall be filled by the pastoral member of the Board of Directors from the same region. The resulting vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled as provided in Bylaw 4.04.		No change
3.08. Treasurer		
a) The Treasurer shall be a lay person elected by the Board of Directors.		No change
b) The Treasurer shall administer the office in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the District and as directed by the District Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the District's monies and keep an accurate account of the finances and property and business of the said Corporation.		No change
c) The Treasurer shall be authorized to borrow money in the name of the District, provided the Board of Directors, in accordance with the resolutions of the District has first determined the		No change

amounts and the conditions under which such monies shall be borrowed.		
d) The Treasurer shall keep on file an up-to-date list of all properties held in the name of the District.		No change
e) The Treasurer shall make to the Board of Directors and at the regular convention of the District, and more often, if required by the Board, a full and accurate statement of the finances and property and business of the District.		No change
f) The Treasurer shall at regular intervals publish in the Minnesota South Lutheran the accumulated amounts received from the congregations of the District during the current fiscal year.		No change
g) The Treasurer shall store the District's books and records, deeds, mortgages and titles, and other valuable papers in fireproof vaults or files provided by the District.		No change
h) The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually or more often as the Board of Directors may deem advisable.		No change
i) The Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount determined by the Board of Directors. The premium shall be paid by the District.		No change
j) The Treasurer shall perform such additional duties as may be assigned by		No change

the Board of Directors.		
	<i>k) The Treasurer shall be a nonvoting member of the Board of Directors.</i>	This proposed addition codifies current practice in conformity with national practice as specified in bylaw 3.3.5.1 point 3 of the Synod.
4.24 Removal from Office		
All officers of the District, full-time Assistants to the President, chaplains, missionaries, and others under the immediate direction of the Board of Directors may be suspended and removed from office by the Praesidium in conjunction with the Board of Directors upon any of the following grounds: Persistent adherence to false doctrine and practice, un-Christian life, willful neglect of duties, and incompetence in office. Appeals from the decision of the Board of Directors may be made in accordance with Synodical regulations as defined in the Handbook of the Synod.	All officers of the District, full-time Assistants to the President, chaplains, missionaries, and others under the immediate direction of the Board of Directors may be suspended and removed from office by the Praesidium in conjunction with the Board of Directors upon any of the following grounds: Persistent adherence to false doctrine and practice, un-Christian life, willful neglect of duties, and incompetence in office. Appeals from the decision of the Board of Directors may be made in accordance with regulations of the Synod as defined in the Handbook of the Synod.	The Synod prefers that the prepositional phrase "of the Synod" replace the word "synodical" that does not appear in dictionaries.
6.00. CIRCUITS		
6.06. Circuit Convocations		
Circuits shall arrange for a Circuit Convocation, which is a larger gathering of members from Circuit congregations held during a year in which there is no synodical or District convention. Its purpose is to provide a setting in which congregational members may know of and celebrate the ministry pursued by each congregation, may review and	Circuits <i>may</i> arrange for Circuit Convocations <i>as described in the bylaws of the Synod.</i>	Since the synod's bylaws have changed from requiring to allowing convocations and since the description periodically changes, the proposal drops language copied from older bylaws of the Synod. Keeping the bylaw allows the district to draw attention to this opportunity for congregations to interact.

<p>discuss the work of the Circuit Forum, and may receive information on various phases of the work pursued through Districts and the Synod. As such, its emphasis should be on inspiration, education and motivation.</p>		
<p>7.00. MISSION COMMITTEE</p>	<p>7.00. MISSIONS COMMITTEE</p>	<p>The proposed change makes all references to this committee plural.</p>
<p>7.22 Mission Education</p>		
<p>In order to fund the mission, the Missions Committee shall promote a year-round program of mission education and information, keeping constantly before our congregations and their members the Kingdom program they are carrying on through the District and Synod.</p>	<p>In order to fund the mission, the Missions Committee shall promote a year-round program of mission education and information, keeping constantly before our congregations and their members the <i>mission work</i> they are carrying on through the District and Synod.</p>	<p>The proposed change replaces older language with its more modern equivalent.</p>
<p>11.00. CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</p>		
<p>The Congregational Services Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Minnesota South District Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall assign to it the following tasks:</p>		<p>No change</p>
<p>1. Review all requests for programming and activity needs in the area of congregational ministries, including, but not limited to, stewardship, evangelism, youth, worship, human care, parish education and recruitment of professional church workers.</p>		<p>No change</p>

2. Where there is a demonstrated need, empower a task force to meet that need.		No change
3. Establish parameters for such an event/program/activity.		No change
	<i>4. The Congregational Services Committee will be responsible for carrying out the duties of the district committee for Stewardship required by bylaw of the Synod</i>	Bylaw 4.6 of the Synod requires that the district have a committee or board for stewardship.
15.00. AMENDING THE BYLAWS		
Changes in, and additions to, the Bylaws of the Minnesota South District may be made, provided they: (1) are not contrary to the Articles of Incorporation of the District; (2) are presented in writing to the District; (3) are separately considered by the Standing District Handbook Committee and acted upon; and (4) are passed by a majority vote of the Convention.	Changes in, and additions to, the Bylaws of the Minnesota South District may be made, provided they: (1) are not contrary to the Articles of Incorporation of the District; (2) are presented in writing to the District; (3) are separately considered by the Standing District Handbook Committee and acted upon; (4) <i>are approved by the Commission on Constitutional Matters of the Synod; and</i> (5) are passed by a majority vote of the Convention.	Bylaw 4.1.1.2 (b) of the Synod requires that the district submit amendments to the Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters. Bylaw 3.9.2.2.4 of the Synod requires the commission to review amendments <i>in advance</i> . This proposal helps the district remember its responsibility.

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WHEREAS, The Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters has examined and approved the proposed amendments; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this convention approves the proposed amendments; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the District Handbook Committee make the necessary changes to the District Handbook.

1 *Convention Action:*
2 *Resolution 1-02 was introduced during Session 2, Friday Afternoon.*
3 *It was adopted as printed by a vote of 345 yes - 16 no.*

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1 RESOLUTION 1–03 [Memorial A–3, CW, pp. D–22 to D–25]

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3 RE: TO REARRANGE THE DISTRICT HANDBOOK
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6 WHEREAS, The numbering of the Minnesota South District bylaws was
7 intended to follow the numbering of the bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri
8 Synod; and
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10 WHEREAS, The Synod in convention rearranged its bylaws in 2004; and
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12 WHEREAS, Rearranging the District bylaws to match the arrangement of the
13 synod’s handbook would make it easier to find related bylaws; and
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15 WHEREAS, This convention has already resolved to amend the bylaws as
16 included in the renumbered proposed bylaws sent to the Commission on Constitutional
17 Matters of the Synod; and
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19 WHEREAS, The District Handbook committee has proposed a renumbering and
20 has provided the following map to the proposed changes:
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22 Chapter 1: Relationships within and through the Synod

23 1.12 Precedence of the Synod (bylaw 0.02 as amended)
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25 Chapter 2: Membership

26 2.20.1 Minnesota South District Membership (bylaw 1.02 as amended)
27 2.20.2 Application and Reception (bylaw 1.04)
28 2.20.3 Signing the Constitution (bylaw 1.06 as amended)
29 2.20.4 Voting Members (bylaw 1.08)
30 2.20.5 Advisory Members (bylaw 1.10 as amended)
31 2.20.6 Duties of Members (bylaw 1.12 as amended)
32 2.20.7 Duties of Advisory Members (bylaw 1.14)
33 2.20.8 Reviewing Continued Eligibility of Members (bylaw 1.16 as
34 amended)
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36 Chapter 3: National Organization and Responsibilities

37 3.1 National Conventions
38 3.1.2.5 Voting Delegates to the Convention of the Synod (bylaw 2.44 a)
39 3.1.2.6 Nonvoting Advisory Delegates to the Convention of the Synod
40 (bylaw 2.44 b)
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42 Chapter 4: District Organization

43 4.2 District Conventions

1	4.2.11	Time of Convention (bylaw 2.08)
2	4.2.12	Convention Appointments to be Made by the President (bylaws
3		2.4 a) through c) with point d) from bylaw 2.04 b))
4	4.2.12.1	Committee on Registration, Credentials and Attendance (bylaw
5		2.18)
6	4.2.12.2	Convention Arrangements Committee (bylaw 2.20)
7	4.2.12.3	Committee on Elections (bylaw 2.42)
8	4.2.12.4	Floor Committees (bylaw 2.06)
9	4.2.13	Agenda (bylaw 2.12)
10	4.2.13.1	Memorials and Overtures (bylaw 2.02)
11	4.2.13.2	Reports (bylaw 2.04)
12	4.2.13.3	Membership and Representation (bylaw 2.14)
13	4.2.14	Quorum (bylaw 2.10)
14	4.2.15	Elections (bylaw 2.32)
15	4.2.15.1	Officers and Committees to be Elected (bylaw 2.22)
16	4.2.15.2	Nominations for President and Vice-presidents (amended bylaw
17		2.30)
18	4.2.15.3	Ranking of Vice-presidents (bylaw 2.24)
19	4.2.15.4	Board of Directors (bylaw 2.36 as amended)
20	4.2.15.5	Circuit Counselors (bylaw 2.38)
21	4.2.15.6	Committee on Nominations (bylaw 2.40 as amended)
22	4.2.16	Official Proceedings of District Convention (bylaw 2.48)
23	4.2.17	Execution of District Resolutions (bylaw 2.50)
24	4.3	District Officers
25	4.3.5	Term of Office and Successive Terms (bylaw 2.28)
26	4.4	District President
27	4.4.10	Minnesota South District President (bylaw 3.02)
28	4.4.11	Vice-presidents (bylaw 3.04 as amended)
29	4.4.12	Praesidium (bylaw 3.07 as amended)
30	4.5	The Board of Directors
31	4.5.5	Personnel (bylaw 4.02)
32	4.5.6	Vacancies (bylaw 4.04)
33	4.5.7	Organization (bylaw 4.06)
34	4.5.8	Power and Authority (bylaw 4.08)
35	4.5.9	Meetings (bylaw 4.10)
36	4.5.10	Quorum (bylaw 4.12)
37	4.5.11	Duties and Functions of the Board of Directors (bylaw 4.14)
38	4.5.12	Minutes (bylaw 4.16)
39	4.5.13	Expenses of Officers, Members, and Committees (bylaw 4.18)
40	4.5.14	Commitments (bylaw 4.20)
41	4.5.15	Salaries (bylaw 4.22)
42	4.5.16	Removal from Office (amended bylaw 4.24)
43	4.5.17	Hearings (bylaw 4.26)

- 1 4.5.18 Appointments to be Made by the Board of Directors (bylaw 2.26
- 2 as amended)
- 3 4.5.18.1 Committee on Constitutions and Membership (bylaw 2.16 as
- 4 amended)
- 5 4.5.18.2 Missions Committee (bylaw 7.00 as amended)
- 6 4.5.18.2.1 Purpose (bylaw 7.02)
- 7 4.5.18.2.2 Defining the Term "Subsidized Congregation" (bylaw 7.16)
- 8 4.5.18.2.3 Defining the Term "Missionary" (bylaw 7.14)
- 9 4.5.18.2.4 Requests for Subsidy (bylaw 7.18)
- 10 4.5.18.2.5 Part-Time Work of Missionaries and Full-Time Workers (bylaw
- 11 7.08)
- 12 4.5.18.2.6 Property Transfers (bylaw 7.10)
- 13 4.5.18.2.7 Consideration of Calls (bylaw 7.06)
- 14 4.5.18.2.8 Concordia Plans (bylaw 7.10)
- 15 4.5.18.2.9 Missionaries' Conferences (bylaw 7.12)
- 16 4.5.18.2.10 Reports (bylaw 7.20)
- 17 4.5.18.2.11 Mission Education (amended bylaw 7.22)
- 18 4.5.18.3 Finance Committee (bylaw 8.00)
- 19 4.5.18.3.1 Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) (bylaw 8.02)
- 20 4.5.18.3.2 Church Extension Promotion (bylaw 8.04)
- 21 4.5.18.3.3 Student Aid (bylaw 8.06)
- 22 4.5.18.4 Schools/Commissioned Ministers Committee (bylaw 9.00)
- 23 4.5.18.5 Ministerial Health/Professional Growth Committee (bylaw 10.00)
- 24 4.5.18.6 Congregational Services Committee (bylaw 11.00 as amended)
- 25 4.5.18.7 Communications Committee (bylaw 13.00)
- 26 4.5.18.8 Archives (bylaw 14.00)
- 27 4.5.18.8.1 Preservation of Historical Records (bylaw 14.02)
- 28 4.5.18.8.2 Archivist's Report (bylaw 14.04)
- 29 4.5.18.8.3 Funding (bylaw 14.06)
- 30 4.11 Other District Officers
- 31 4.11.1 Secretary (bylaw 3.06)
- 32 4.11.2 Treasurer (amended bylaw 3.08)
- 33 4.11.3 Full Time Officers of the District (bylaw 5.00)
- 34 4.11.3.1 Assistants to the President (bylaw 5.02)
- 35 4.11.3.2 Duties of the Assistants to the President (bylaw 5.04)

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37 Chapter 5: Circuit Organization

- 38 5.5 Minnesota South Circuits (bylaw 6.00)
- 39 5.5.1 Circuit Counselors (bylaw 6.02)
- 40 5.5.2 Circuit Forums (bylaw 6.04)
- 41 5.5.3 Circuit Convocations (bylaw 6.06 as amended)

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1 Chapter 6: Auxiliary and Recognized Service Organizations

2 6.3 Minnesota South Relationships with Auxiliaries (bylaw 12.00)

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4 Chapter 7: Amendments to Bylaws

5 7.2 Minnesota South District Bylaws (bylaw 15.00 as amended); and

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7 WHEREAS, The Commission on Constitutional Matters of the Synod has
8 examined and approved the proposed rearrangement; therefore be it

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10 *RESOLVED*, That this convention approves the proposed rearrangement; and be
11 it finally

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13 *RESOLVED*, That the District Handbook Committee make the necessary changes
14 to the District Handbook.

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17 *Convention Action:*

18 *Resolution 1-03 was introduced during Session 2, Friday afternoon.*

19 *It was adopted as printed by a vote of 354 yes – 7 no.*

1 RESOLUTION 1 – 04A [Late Memorial A – 22]

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3 RE: TO FORM ONE ELECTORAL CIRCUIT CONSISTING OF THE CURRENT
4 MINNEAPOLIS AND HENNEPIN SOUTH CIRCUITS FOR THE 2007
5 CONVENTION OF THE SYNOD
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8 WHEREAS, “An electoral circuit shall consist either of one or two adjacent
9 visitation circuits” (Bylaw 3.1.2, *2004 Handbook of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*);
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12 WHEREAS, An electoral circuit shall consist of 7 to 20 member congregations,
13 involving an aggregate communicant membership ranging from 1,500 to 10,000 (Bylaw
14 3.1.2, *2004 Handbook of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*); and
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16 WHEREAS, The Minneapolis Circuit fails to meet the criteria required for an
17 electoral circuit since it currently consists of six (6) congregations involving an
18 aggregate communicant membership of 1,175; and
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20 WHEREAS, The Minneapolis Circuit has petitioned the Board of Directors to
21 request that the President of the Synod grant an exception so that the Minneapolis
22 Circuit can be represented by a pastoral and lay delegate to the 2007 convention of the
23 Synod; and
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25 WHEREAS, The Board of Directors on May 2, 2006, declined the petition of the
26 Minneapolis Circuit to request that the President of the Synod grant an exception to the
27 Minneapolis Circuit because the circuit has both too few congregations and too few
28 communicant members; and
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30 WHEREAS, The pastors of the Minneapolis and Hennepin South Circuits
31 currently meet together on a regular basis; and
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33 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors memorialized the District meeting in
34 convention on June 8-10, 2006, to combine the Minneapolis and Hennepin South
35 Circuits to form one electoral circuit for the 2007 convention of Synod; therefore be it
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37 RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis and Hennepin South Circuits shall form one
38 electoral circuit for the 2007 convention of the Synod; and be it finally
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40 RESOLVED, that in all cases where exceptions are requested by the Board of
41 Directors, that if the exceptions are not granted, the Board of Directors is empowered to
42 develop an acceptable remedy for the 2007 convention of the Synod.
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1 *Convention Action:*
2 *Resolution 1-04A was introduced in Session 2, Friday afternoon.*
3 *The President referred the resolution back to the committee in order to deal with an apparent*
4 *inconsistency with Resolution 1-16.*
5 *The resolution was not brought back to the floor, having been addressed by Resolution 1-16A.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1–05 [Memorial A–19, CW, p. D–54]

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3 RE: TO ADDRESS CIRCUIT EXCEPTIONS
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6 WHEREAS, 1 Corinthians 14:40 states that everything should be done in a fitting
7 and orderly way; and

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9 WHEREAS, Questions have been raised within the Synod with regard to
10 electoral circuit exceptions to the national convention of the Synod; and

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12 WHEREAS, The Minnesota South District has undertaken a thorough study of its
13 circuits and anticipated future demographic changes within the District; and

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15 WHEREAS, Recommendations for circuit realignment have been developed and
16 acted upon by the Minnesota South District in its 2006 Convention to bring the District's
17 circuits into compliance with Synod Bylaws; therefore be it

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19 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District memorialize the Synod in its 2007
20 Convention to request all Districts of Synod, if they have not already done so, to
21 undertake a thorough study and bring circuits into compliance with Synod Bylaw 3.1.2
22 (a) no later than their 2009 District conventions; and be it finally

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24 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District memorialize the Synod in its 2007
25 Convention to direct the Commission on Structure to study the current practice of
26 granting electoral circuit exceptions and to recommend modifications to Synod Bylaw
27 3.1.2 (b) as it deems appropriate to the Synod in its 2010 Convention.

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30 *Convention Action:*

31 *Resolution 1-05 was introduced in Session 2, Friday afternoon.*

32 *It was referred back to the committee until after convention action on circuit realignment.*

33 *The resolution was brought back in Session 4, Saturday morning.*

34 *It was adopted as printed by a vote of 291 yes – 14 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1-06 [Memorial A-8, CW, p. D-33]

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3 RE: TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF CCM-RELATED OVERTURES BY
4 CONVENTIONS OF SYNOD
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7 WHEREAS, "The Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) exists to
8 interpret the Constitution, Bylaws and resolutions of the Synod and ensure that the
9 governing instruments of the Synod and its agencies are in accord with the Constitution
10 and Bylaws of the Synod" (2004 Handbook 3.9.2); and
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12 WHEREAS, "An opinion rendered by the commission shall be binding on the
13 question decided unless and until it is overruled by a convention of the Synod" (2004
14 Handbook 3.9.2.2); and
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16 WHEREAS, a CCM opinion remains binding, if a convention of Synod does not
17 address it; therefore be it
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19 RESOLVED, that the Minnesota South District memorializes Synod to encourage
20 that overtures submitted to a convention of the Synod regarding opinions rendered by
21 the Commission on Constitutional Matters be given time for consideration by the
22 convention of Synod, when such overtures are submitted by a circuit forum, an official
23 conference of ordained and/or commissioned ministers, the Board of Directors of
24 Synod, a District Board of Directors or a District convention.
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27 *Convention Action:*

28 *The resolution was introduced during Session 2, Friday afternoon.*

29 *A motion to amend by striking the word "encourage" in line 19 and replacing it with the*
30 *word "require" was defeated by a vote of 174 yes - 188 no.*

31 *The resolution was defeated by a vote of 199 yes - 242 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1-07 [Memorial A-6, CW, pp. D-30 to D-31 and Memorial A-7,
2 CW, p. D-32]
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4 RE: TO ADDRESS THE SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CCM
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6 WHEREAS, "The Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) exists to
7 interpret the Constitution, Bylaws and resolutions of the Synod and ensure that the
8 governing instruments of the Synod and its agencies are in accord with the Constitution
9 and Bylaws of the Synod" (2004 Handbook 3.9.2); and
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11 WHEREAS, "An opinion rendered by the commission shall be binding on the
12 question decided unless and until it is overruled by a convention of the Synod" (2004
13 Handbook 3.9.2.2); and
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15 WHEREAS, Synodical Bylaw 3.9.2.1.1 specifies the President of the Synod may
16 only appoint people who have been nominated by elected District Boards of Directors,
17 then screened by elected members of the Council of Presidents, and finally appointed in
18 consultation with the elected vice-presidents of the Synod; therefore be it
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20 RESOLVED, that the Minnesota South District in Convention affirm the broad-
21 based appointment process provided for in Bylaw 3.9.2.1.1; and be it finally
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23 RESOLVED, that the question of the number of members who serve on the CCM
24 be referred to the LCMS Commission on Structure.
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27 *Convention Action*

28 *The resolution was introduced during Session 2, Friday afternoon.*

29 *It was adopted as printed by a vote of 251 yes - 82 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 1-08A [Memorial A-10, CW, pp. D-36 to D-37 and Resolution
2 1-08A, CW, p. G-31A]
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4 RE: TO MEMORIALIZE SYNOD TO SPECIFY SYNODICAL PRESIDENT'S
5 DUTY TO "CALL UP FOR REVIEW"
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8 WHEREAS, On August 20, 2002 the Synod's Commission on Constitutional
9 Matters (CCM) issued its opinion 02-2282, "President's Duty to Call up for Review." It
10 opined, with respect to the synodical bylaw then numbered 2.27 and the Synod's
11 Dispute Resolution process (then contained in chapter VIII of the synodical Bylaws),
12 that "a President of the Synod has responsibility to act" in the event that he were to
13 "become aware, before announcement of a decision of the Dispute Resolution Panel -
14 that an investigating officer has misstated a doctrinal position of the church or acted in
15 violation of the Constitution, Bylaws, or resolutions of the Synod"; and
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17 WHEREAS, The Commission cited Article XI B 1-4 of the Synod's Constitution,
18 adding: "The President's right and/or responsibility to call up for review and action of
19 an investigation [sic] officer carrying out the responsibilities of Bylaw 2.27 c flows from
20 his constitutional responsibilities and powers." The Synod should consider this opinion
21 of the Commission on Constitutional Matters and the idea it expresses; and
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23 WHEREAS, The Commission's interpretation is a new idea. Supposedly, it is
24 grounded in the synodical constitution, Article XI B 1-4. Yet past Presidents of the
25 Synod serving under the same constitutional provisions have not cited them as
26 rationale, for example, to call up for review decisions of District Presidents resulting in
27 members of the Synod being suspended. Past Presidents of the Synod and others
28 realized that this sort of action would not be appropriate; and
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30 WHEREAS, Any knowledge of such a case that a President might gain at a
31 premature point could turn out to be incomplete and even misleading. Therefore the
32 Synod has specified the time for its President to carry out his duties with respect to
33 matters in dispute resolution: after decisions are finalized. If a question of doctrine or
34 practice is involved, Bylaw 1.10.8. (not unlike the former Bylaw 8.09 d) provides that the
35 synodical President may appeal the decision. The same Bylaw also authorizes the
36 President to request an opinion of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations
37 (if he fears that theology went awry as the case was handled) or an opinion of the
38 Commission on Constitutional Matters (if he thinks that the Constitution and Bylaws of
39 the Synod were misread); and
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41 WHEREAS, The language "call up for review" is not found in the synodical
42 Constitution, which the CCM cites. Rather it comes from Bylaw 3.3.1.2(c), which is
43 former Bylaw 3.101 B 5, adopted by the Synod in 1998 upon recommendation from the

1 "Blue Ribbon" Committee on Structure. For clarity's sake, that committee has restated
2 this entire Bylaw, dividing the President's powers and duties into three clusters: those
3 that are ecclesiastical in nature, those that are administrative in nature, and those that
4 are both ecclesiastical and administrative; and

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6 WHEREAS, Bylaw 3.3.1.2(c), which provides that the President shall "call up for
7 review any action by an individual officer, executive or agency which, in his view, may
8 be in violation of the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod," falls under
9 his "administrative" duties. Thus, in 1998 the Synod did not apply the President's "call
10 up for review" power to ecclesiastical matters such as decisions in pending dispute
11 resolution cases. For the Commission on Constitutional Matters to apply this language
12 to these very matters is to overlook distinctions the Synod itself has made. Confusion
13 results where the Synod had striven for clarity; and

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15 WHEREAS, Before the "Blue Ribbon" Committee's restated Bylaw on
16 presidential powers and duties was adopted by the Synod in 1998, the Commission on
17 Constitutional Matters approved its constitutionality. But only four years later, in its
18 August 20, 2002 opinion the Commission set forth a new reading of the synodical
19 Constitution under which this Bylaw could not have been approved for adoption. For
20 the Bylaw to fall into line with the Commission's changed reading of the Constitution,
21 its "calling up for review" point would at minimum have to be reclassified as both
22 ecclesiastical and administrative; and

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24 WHEREAS; The Constitution has not changed in this respect since 1998, nor has
25 the Bylaw in question (although the Bylaw was re-numbered in 2004), yet the
26 Commission has changed its opinion. This changed opinion stands in need of
27 correction by the Synod; therefore be it

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29 *RESOLVED*, That the 2006 Minnesota South District convention memorializes
30 the LCMS in convention; To reaffirm its intention, expressed in current Bylaw 3.3.1.2(c),
31 to situate the synodical President's authority to "call up for review" within the
32 administrative sphere of his powers and duties, not in the ecclesiastical sphere, and
33 therefore the President's constitutional powers do not include calling up for review the
34 decisions of investigating officers before the decisions of the appropriate Dispute
35 Resolution Panels have been announced; and be it finally

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37 *RESOLVED*, That the 2006 Minnesota South District Convention memorialize the
38 Synod in Convention to overrule opinion 02-2282 of the Commission on Constitutional
39 Matters.

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41 *Convention Action:*

42 *The committee introduced Resolution 1-08A in Session 2.*
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1 A motion was made and adopted (195 yes - 134 no) to consider Resolution 1-08 as a
2 substitute motion.
3 A motion to amend was made to add a final resolve, "that the Synod in convention overrules
4 opinion 02-2282 of the Commission on Constitutional Matters."
5 A motion was made to amend the amendment by striking the words "the Synod in
6 convention overrules" and replacing them with "the 2006 Minnesota South District
7 Convention memorializes the Synod in convention to overrule."
8 The orders of the day were called and discussion was suspended. It resumed during Session 4,
9 Saturday morning.
10 The amendment to the amendment was adopted by a vote of 205 yes - 123 no.
11 A motion to call the question on both the amendment and the main resolution was adopted by
12 a vote of 279 yes - 54 no.
13 The amendment (as amended) was adopted by a vote of 182 yes - 148 no.
14 The resolution was adopted as amended by a vote of 174 yes - 165 no.
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1 RESOLUTION 1-09A [Memorial A-18, CW, pp. D-51 to D-53]

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3 RE: TO MEMORIALIZE SYNOD TO CHANGE ITS MIND ABOUT 2004 RES. 8-
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7 WHEREAS, In 2004 Res. 8-01A the Synod adopted new procedures for
8 ecclesiastical supervision and dispute resolution. It was acting on recommendations of
9 a presidential task force that had been made widely available only a few weeks before
10 the synodical convention via the 2004 Convention Workbook (pages 25-43); and

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12 WHEREAS, Adopting such a large and complex set of bylaw changes on short
13 notice rarely, if ever, yields good results. The bylaws approved under 2004 Res. 8-01A
14 have shown themselves to have a number of very serious flaws; and

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16 WHEREAS, These bylaws require that a face-to-face meeting must precede any
17 and all public rebuke of a public sin such as teaching false doctrine (which would be a
18 cause for expelling a member from the Synod); and

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20 WHEREAS, Citing Matthew 18:15, the new Bylaw 2.14.3(c) asserts that the face-
21 to-face meeting is a biblical requirement which must be carried out also in "public"
22 cases - despite biblical counterexamples such as Gal. 2:11 ff. and the affirmation of the
23 Lutheran Confessions that "where the sin is so public that the judge and the whole
24 world are aware of it, you can without sin . . . testify publicly" concerning the offender
25 (Large Catechism I 284); and

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27 WHEREAS, Under 2004 Res. 8-01A our Synod adopted bylaws which fly in the
28 face of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions; and

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30 WHEREAS, The new bylaws adopted under 2004 Res. 8-01A are unwise as well
31 as theologically unsound; and

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33 WHEREAS, They establish panels to hear cases in which members of the Synod
34 might be expelled from synodical membership. These panels are composed entirely of
35 district presidents. Thus a basic element of wise jurisprudence - trial by a group of
36 one's peers - has been all but removed from our Synod's process for handling expulsion
37 cases. Only if a district president were in jeopardy of removal would the case be heard
38 by a group of his peers; and

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40 WHEREAS, There is at least one other theological problem with the bylaws
41 adopted under 2004 Res. 8-01A. Hearing panels are composed entirely of district
42 presidents. They have no other members, clergy or lay. These panels hear all cases in

1 which members of the Synod might be expelled, including those involving false
2 doctrine; and

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4 WHEREAS, With the adoption of 2004 Res. 8-01A, and for the first time in the
5 history of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, there can be no lay participation in
6 deciding cases of false doctrine at the synodical level; and

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8 WHEREAS, At its previous convention in 2001 the Synod reaffirmed its first
9 doctrinal statement, C.F.W. Walther's Church and Ministry, which says: "To the
10 ministry of the Word, according to divine right, belongs also the duty to judge doctrine,
11 but laymen also possess this right. Therefore, in the ecclesiastical courts and councils
12 they are accorded both a seat and vote together with the clergy" (thesis 10 on the
13 Ministry). Thus, 2004 Res. 8-01A contradicts the Synod's oldest and most recently
14 reaffirmed doctrinal statement; therefore be it

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16 RESOLVED, That the 2006 Minnesota South District convention memorializes
17 the LCMS in convention to memorialize the synod

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19 a) To change its mind about Resolution 8-01A, rescinding all the bylaws adopted
20 under that resolution and reinstating all the previous bylaws superseded by
21 Res. 8-01A in 2004 and
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23 b) To assign the Commission on Structure to review the entire matter of
24 ecclesiastical supervision and dispute resolution and report to the Synod any
25 recommendations for needed change at least one calendar year before they are
26 to be considered at a synodical convention.

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29 *Convention Action:*

30 *The resolution was introduced in Session 4, Saturday morning.*

31 *A motion to substitute Memorial A-20 was defeated by a vote of 157 yes - 159 no.*

32 *A motion to substitute Memorial A-18 was adopted by a vote of 168 yes - 152 no.*

33 *A motion to call the question was adopted by a vote of 247 yes - 77 no.*

34 *The substitute motion was adopted by a vote of 178 yes - 146 no.*

1 RESOLUTION 1-10 [Memorial A-13, CW, pp. D-41 to D-42 and Memorial A-
2 14, CW, pp. D-43 to D-44]
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4 RE: TO SPEAK TO THE ISSUE OF WOMEN HAVING POSITIONS OF
5 AUTHORITY WITHIN A CONGREGATION
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8 WHEREAS, The 1994 report of the CTCR addressed "The Service of Women in
9 Congregational Offices;" and
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11 WHEREAS, ten years were available for study and reaction to this document;
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14 WHEREAS, The 2004 Convention of the LCMS adopted Resolution 3-08A
15 concluding that the offices of president, vice-president, and elder are of human origin
16 and not by divine mandate, and thus congregations may permit women to serve in
17 these offices as long as the responsibilities do not include responsibilities reserved for
18 the Office of the Holy Ministry; and
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20 WHEREAS, Resolution 3-08A does not mandate change in procedures for any
21 individual congregation; therefore be it
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23 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District in convention affirm 2004
24 Resolution 3-08A; and be it further
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26 RESOLVED, That congregations be encouraged to conduct a comprehensive
27 Bible study related to these issues before changing their own constitution and bylaws;
28 and be it further
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30 RESOLVED, That congregations consider the orders of creation in their study;
31 and it further
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33 RESOLVED, That congregations be careful in rewriting their constitutions and
34 bylaws to make sure that the duties of congregational president, vice-president, or elder
35 do not include responsibilities that are reserved for the office of the Holy Ministry; and
36 be it finally
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38 RESOLVED, That congregations be encouraged to respect the decision made by
39 other congregations in this matter.
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42 *Convention Action:*

43 *The resolution was introduced in Session 4.*

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A motion to substitute Memorial A-14 was adopted by a vote of 170 yes – 156 no.

A motion to call the question was adopted by a vote of 287 yes – 39 no.

The substitute resolution was defeated by a tie vote of 163 yes – 163 no.

The original resolution (1-10) was again before the convention.

*A motion to postpone consideration to the 2009 District Convention was adopted by a vote of
248 yes – 74 no.*

1 RESOLUTION 1–11 [Memorial A–9, CW, pp. D–38 to D–39 and Late Memorial
2 A–21]
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4 RE: TO MEMORIALIZE SYNOD TO OVERRULE CCM OPINIONS 02-2296 AND
5 02-2309
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8 In Christian love for the congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the
9 Board of Directors of the Minnesota South District of the LCMS expresses concern
10 regarding opinions 02-2296 and 02-2309 of the Synod’s Commission on Constitutional
11 Matters (CCM).
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13 WHEREAS, The CCM has opined that the “Constitution and Bylaws of the
14 Synod do not allow or contemplate the expulsion of a member of the Synod on the basis
15 of an action taken with the full knowledge and approval of the appropriate
16 ecclesiastical supervisor” (02-2296; see also opinion 02-2309); and
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18 WHEREAS, Scripture repeatedly warns against partiality in judgment (Deut.
19 1:17; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25; James 2:1, 9) and against “making the word of God of none
20 effect through [human] tradition” (Mk. 7:13), “teaching for doctrines the
21 commandments of men” (Mk. 7:7), and Scripture teaches, “we must obey God rather
22 than men” (Acts 5:29); and
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24 WHEREAS, The CCM’s stance is also incompatible with the Lutheran
25 Confessions, which teach that “it is not lawful for a human being to repeal an obligation
26 that is plainly a matter of divine right” (Augsburg Confession XXVII, 24, Kolb-Wengert,
27 p. 85) while denying that biblical texts such as Luke 10:16 and Heb. 13:17 grant
28 ecclesiastical supervisors any authority beyond the Gospel itself (Apology XXVIII, 17-
29 21, pp. 291-292); and
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31 WHEREAS, The CCM in effect changes the synodical constitution by granting
32 immunity from expulsion to those who do not comply with the conditions of
33 membership so long as they have secured the permission of their ecclesiastical
34 supervisors; and
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36 WHEREAS, a confessionally-based Synod cannot endure for long if its members
37 are no longer held responsible for the words and actions by which they confess the
38 faith; and
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40 WHEREAS, District and Synod presidents can and may grant their approval to
41 those under their supervision by way of confidential communications, making it
42 difficult if not impossible for those who elect them to know about the immunities they
43 have granted; and

1 WHEREAS, extenuating circumstances can be taken into account wherein a
2 member of the Synod has sought the advice of the appropriate ecclesiastical supervisor
3 in a difficult case; therefore be it

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5 RESOLVED, That the MNS. District in convention memorializes the 2007
6 Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to overrule CCM opinions 02-
7 2296 and 02-2309.

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10 *Convention Action:*

11 *The resolution was introduced Session 4, Saturday morning.*

12 *The resolution was adopted as printed by a vote of 213 yes - 111 no.*

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1 RESOLUTION 1-16A [Late Memorial A—22, Late Memorial A—23 and Resolution
2 1-04A, CW, p. G—26a]
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4 RE: TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF ELECTORAL CIRCUIT DEFICIENCIES
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6 WHEREAS, the work of proclaiming the Gospel to the many and varied ethnic
7 groups of the city has been at the heart of the mission of the Minnesota South District
8 since its inception; and
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10 WHEREAS, due to the closing of a congregation, the Minneapolis Circuit made
11 up of Faith, Holy Cross, Mt. Zion, St. James, Trinity First, and University Chapel no
12 longer has the required number of congregations (7) to be considered an electoral
13 circuit; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Synod's Bylaws require that "the establishment of electoral
16 circuits depends upon existing visitation circuits" and furthermore "visitation circuits
17 are the building blocks by which electoral circuits are constituted" paragraph (a) of
18 Bylaw 3.1.2) [sic]; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Circuit Realignment Committee's resolution to the Convention
21 recommends moving St. Peter's, Edina from the Hennepin South Circuit to the
22 Minneapolis Circuit; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Voters' Assembly of St. Peter's, Edina has requested that St.
25 Peter's be transferred from the Hennepin South Circuit to the Minneapolis Circuit; and
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27 WHEREAS, the resulting Minneapolis circuit would meet the minimum
28 requirements for an electoral circuit both in the number of congregations (7) and in the
29 number of communicant members (1511); therefore be it
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31 RESOLVED, that the transfer of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Edina from the
32 Hennepin South Circuit to the Minneapolis Circuit be effective immediately; and be it
33 finally
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35 RESOLVED, that in all cases where exceptions are requested by the Board of
36 Directors, that if the exceptions are not granted, the Board of Directors is empowered to
37 develop an acceptable remedy which is in agreement with the current bylaws of the
38 Synod for the 2007 convention of the Synod.
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41 *Convention Action:*

42 *The resolution was introduced during Session 4, Saturday morning.*

1 *The resolution was amended on line 37 to insert the words, "which is in agreement with the*
2 *current bylaws of Synod."*
3 *The amendment was adopted by a vote of 238 yes – 92 no.*
4 *The resolution was adopted as amended by a vote of 325 yes – 8 no.*

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1 RESOLUTION 2-01 [Memorial B-1, CW, pp. C-2 to C-3]

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3 RE: TO IMPLEMENT MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT CIRCUIT
4 REALIGNMENT FOR 2009 DISTRICT CONVENTION AND FOR 2010
5 CONVENTION OF THE SYNOD
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8 Preamble
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10 The Minnesota South District at its 2003 Convention adopted Resolution 1-14,
11 "To Realign Minnesota South District Circuits in the 2003-2006 Triennium," a copy of
12 which is attached. During the past triennium a duly appointed Circuit Realignment
13 Committee has carried out the directives of Resolution 1-14.
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15 The Synod has set the standards for visitation circuits and electoral circuits. A
16 **visitation circuit** "shall consist of 7 to 20 member congregations involving an aggregate
17 communicant membership from 1,500 to 10,000."¹ Visitation circuits also function as
18 electoral circuits in the year when a convention of the Synod takes place. The Synod's
19 Commission on Constitutional Matters in its Opinion 05-2447 (dated October 16-18,
20 2005) has stated that "the establishment of electoral circuits depends upon existing
21 visitation circuits" and furthermore that "visitation circuits are the building blocks by
22 which electoral circuits are constituted (paragraph (a) of Bylaw 3.1.2)" [sic]. An
23 **electoral circuit** "shall represent from 7 to 20 congregations, involving an aggregate
24 communicant membership ranging from 1,500 to 10,000."² The standards to be met
25 both by visitation and electoral circuits are identical; the realignment of visitation
26 circuits is also the realignment of electoral circuits.
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28 After studying the demographic data and in light of the standards set by the
29 Synod itself for visitation and electoral circuits, the Circuit Realignment Committee
30 proposes the realignment of circuits in the Minnesota South District and
31 implementation of the realignment, as set forth in this resolution.
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35 WHEREAS, The realignment of both visitation and electoral circuits in the
36 Minnesota South District is being proposed to the District's 2006 Convention; and
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38 WHEREAS, Implementing the realignment as soon as feasible after approval at
39 the District Convention is expeditious; and
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¹ Bylaw 5.1.1. *Handbook of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*, 2004 edition, p. 196.

² Bylaw 3.1.2. *Ibid.*, p. 91.

1 WHEREAS, The Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters has ruled in its
2 Opinion 05-2447 (dated October 16-18, 2005) that it is not workable to realign electoral
3 circuits for the 2007 Convention of the Synod and to realign visitation circuits for the
4 2009 District Convention because the Synod's Bylaws require "that the establishment of
5 electoral circuits depends upon existing visitation circuits" and furthermore "visitation
6 circuits are the building blocks by which electoral circuits are constituted (paragraph (a)
7 of Bylaw 3.1.2)" [sic]; and

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9 WHEREAS, The earliest workable opportunity for implementation, because of
10 the schedule of conventions, is the District Convention of 2009 for visitation circuits and
11 the Synod Convention of 2010 for electoral circuits; and

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13 WHEREAS, The Minnesota South District President, as the District's chief
14 executive officer, is authorized to manage and administer District programs and
15 activities; therefore be it

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17 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District visitation circuits be realigned for
18 the 2009 District Convention according to the realignment proposal approved at the
19 District's 2006 Convention; and be it further

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21 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District electoral circuits be realigned for
22 the 2010 Convention of the Synod according to the realignment proposal approved at
23 the District's 2006 Convention; and be it further

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25 RESOLVED, That the selection of delegates to Conventions of the Synod, the
26 election of Circuit Counselors, the election of members of the District Board of
27 Directors, and the appointment of any others mandated by the District's Articles of
28 Incorporation, Constitution, and Bylaws take place in accordance with the
29 implementation schedule set forth in the two previous "Resolved" clauses; and be it
30 finally

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32 RESOLVED, That the District President, aided by those whom he appoints to
33 assist him, manage and administer the implementation of the circuit realignment
34 approved by the District at its 2006 Convention.

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37 *Convention Action:*

38 *The resolution was introduced during Session 1.*

39 *A motion to amend was made. The Chair ruled that the amendment constituted a substitute
40 resolution.*

41 *The convention agreed to consider it as a substitute resolution by a vote of 189 yes - 184 no.*

42 *The orders of the day were called and discussion was suspended. It resumed during Session 4,
43 Saturday morning.*

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A motion was made to withdraw the substitute motion. The Chair ruled that unless there was an objection the Substitute motion was withdrawn.
There was an objection, and the convention upheld the decision of the Chair by a vote of 223 yes - 92 no.
The resolution (2-01) was again before the convention.
It was adopted as printed by a vote of 264 yes - 58 no.

1 RESOLUTION 3—01 [Late Memorial C—3]

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3 RE: TO SUPPORT THE "IT'S TIME TO FISH" MISSION INITIATIVE
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7 WHEREAS, God's Mission is to reclaim the lost for His Kingdom (1 Timothy 2:4,
8 John 19:10), and He has given His Church the command to carry out His mission
9 activity (Matthew 28:18-20; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Minnesota South District seeks to assist congregations in
12 building up the body of Christ and to provide mission vision, leadership, and
13 opportunities to the people and congregations of the District; and
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15 WHEREAS, God has brought hundreds of thousands of new immigrants to the
16 Minnesota South District; and
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18 WHEREAS, The Minnesota South District has been blessed with many
19 opportunities to reach new people with the saving Gospel (See Mission Committee
20 Report, CW, pages B—6 to B—10); and
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22 WHEREAS, The "It's Time to Fish" campaign proposes to provide funding to
23 reach those in Minnesota who are unchurched and do not know Jesus Christ as their
24 personal Savior (1 in 3 people in Minnesota are unchurched), to encourage a renewed
25 missionary spirit within our District, to assist congregations in identifying new mission
26 initiatives at the local level and beyond, and to provide training to those who seek
27 theological education leading to ordination; and
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29 WHEREAS, The MNS District Board of Directors supports the "It's Time to Fish"
30 mission initiative campaign as a means to provide additional needed funding for the
31 mission work of the District; therefore be it
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33 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District in convention encourage all 244
34 congregations and their members to support the ongoing District-wide mission
35 initiative called, "It's Time To Fish," through prayer, funding and service, to reach the
36 unchurched and to equip God's people for His mission.
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39 *Convention action:*

40 *The resolution was introduced in Session 2, Friday afternoon.*

41 *It was adopted by a vote of 322 yes – 33 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 3-02A

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3 RE: TO SUPPORT CONGREGATIONS CHALLENGED BY CHANGING
4 DEMOGRAPHICS

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WHEREAS, The challenge of changing culture and demographics has forced
8 congregations of all sizes and locations into a questionable future; and

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WHEREAS, Congregations find themselves unprepared for these challenges and
11 are threatened by extinction; and

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WHEREAS, Often the same challenges that threaten congregations can be
14 viewed as opportunities for Kingdom growth; therefore be it

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RESOLVED, That congregations and their called workers be encouraged to seek
17 and utilize the aid and counsel of the District staff; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That these congregations and their leaders seek the resources and
20 guidance available to them through the Synod, for example Oswald Hoffmann School
21 of Christian Outreach, Outreach Leadership Institute, Center for U.S. Missions;; and be
22 it finally

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RESOLVED, That these congregations and their leadership realize that the
25 mission of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to "seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10) has been
26 handed over to the people of God by Christ Himself (1 Peter 2:9, 2 Cor. 5:18-6:2), so that
27 this Gospel be proclaimed (Luke 24:45-59, Rom. 10:9-17) both in their backyard and to
28 the whole world (Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:18-20) and that the Gospel proclamation be the
29 primary concern of the church.

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32 *Convention Action:*

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The resolution was introduced during Session 4, Saturday morning.

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It was adopted by a vote of 278 yes - 34 no.

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1 RESOLUTION 3-03 [Mission Committee Report, CW, pp. B-6 to B-10]

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3 RE: TO ACCEPT THE MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

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6 WHEREAS, The report of the Mission 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 this
10 report with thanks.

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13 *Convention Action:*

14 *The resolution was introduced in Session 4, Saturday morning.*

15 *It was adopted by a vote of 289 yes - 4 no.*

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1 RESOLUTION 4-01 [Memorial D-1, CW, p. D-89]

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3 RE: TO PRESENT AND PROMOTE LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK IN THE
4 DISTRICT

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8 Over the past seven years the Synod, through its Commission on Worship, has been
9 preparing a new hymnal and service book for the congregations. At the 2004
10 Convention of the Synod the delegates passed the resolution "To Accept *Lutheran*
11 *Service Book* as an Official Service Book and Hymnal of Synod" by a substantial
12 margin. The final "Resolved" of 2004 Resolution 2-03A stated "Resolved, that
13 congregations and other entities of Synod be encouraged to participate in the
14 introductory process for the new hymnal.

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17 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention has reviewed,
18 received, and accepted the *Lutheran Service Book* and *Agenda* as an official service book
19 and hymnal of the Synod; and

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21 WHEREAS, A complete introductory process for these worship materials has
22 been planned for usage in all of the districts of the Synod in the coming months;
23 therefore be it

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25 RESOLVED, That the Minnesota South District in convention receive these
26 worship materials with thanksgiving and affirm the participation of the District in the
27 introductory process coordinated by the national Commission on Worship; and be it
28 finally

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30 RESOLVED, That each congregation of the Minnesota South District give
31 thoughtful consideration to utilizing the *Lutheran Service Book* and its supporting
32 materials in its worship life in the coming months and years.

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35 *Convention Action:*

36 *The resolution was introduced in Session 2, Friday afternoon.*

37 *It was adopted by a vote of 291 yes - 41 no.*

1 RESOLUTION 4-02A [Memorial D-2, CW, pp. D-90 to D-91]
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3 RE: TO ENCOURAGE THE LCMS TO SEEK CONSISTENCY IN WORSHIP
4 PRACTICE
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7 WHEREAS, Saint Paul prayed for the Christians in Rome "*may the God who gives*
8 *you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and*
9 *mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Romans 15:5-6); and
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11 WHEREAS, The churches of the Reformation could affirm that "*among us nothing*
12 *in doctrine or ceremonies has been accepted that would contradict either Holy Scripture or the*
13 *universal Christian church*" and that "*no novelty has been introduced that did not exist in the*
14 *church in days of old, [for] no noticeable change has occurred in the public liturgy of the Mass*"
15 (Augsburg Confession 24); and
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17 WHEREAS, One of the chief reasons for forming the synodical union now called
18 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod was "*Striving for the greatest possible uniformity*
19 *in ceremonies*" (1854 Constitution, Chapter IV); and
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21 WHEREAS, Today there is diversity in worship practices in congregations of the
22 LCMS; therefore be it
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24 RESOLVED, That we remind one another of the promise we have made to use
25 "*doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbooks, and catechisms in church and school*" (Article 6.4,
26 LCMS 2004 Handbook) both to preserve the truth and for the sake of good order; and
27 be it further
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29 RESOLVED, That out of love for each other, congregations of the LCMS be
30 strongly urged to use worship practices that are uniform with the doctrine we believe,
31 teach and confess; and be it further
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33 RESOLVED, That 2004 Resolution 2-04 is to be understood to encourage pastors,
34 musicians, and worship leaders in the use of synodical resources to assure that
35 congregational worship practices are theologically and doctrinally consistent with the
36 Synod's theology of worship; and be it finally
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38 RESOLVED, That the President of the Synod, the Council of Presidents, the
39 seminaries, universities, and colleges, and the Commission on Worship continue to
40 explore ways to foster discussion among groups with diverse viewpoints for the
41 purpose of building greater understanding of our theology of worship.
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1 Convention Action:
2 The resolution was introduced in Session 2, Friday afternoon.
3 A motion was made to amend by striking in line three the word "encourage" and replace it
4 with "urge," by striking in line three the word "consistency" and replace it with the word
5 "uniformity," and by striking in line 33 the word "encourage" and replace it with
6 "require."
7 A motion to call the question on the amendment was adopted by a vote of 278 yes - 66 no.
8 The amendment was defeated by a vote of 115 yes - 230 no.
9 A motion was made to amend by striking in line three the word "encourage" and replace it
10 with "urge," by striking in line three the word "consistency" and replace it with the word
11 "uniformity," by striking in line 33 the word "encourage" and replace it with "urge,"
12 and by striking in line 34 the words "to assure" and replace them with "and to require."
13 The amendment was defeated by a vote of 146 yes - 197 no.
14 The resolution was adopted as printed by a vote of 202 yes - 139 no.
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1 RESOLUTION 4-03 [Congregational Services Subcommittee Report, CW, p. B-5;
2 Schools/Commissioned Ministers Committee Report, CW, pp.
3 B-11 to B-12; Ministerial Health Committee Report, CW, pp.
4 B-13 to B-14]
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6 RE: TO ACCEPT THE CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE
7 REPORT, SCHOOLS/COMMISSIONED MINISTERS COMMITTEE
8 REPORT, AND THE MINISTERIAL HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT
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11 WHEREAS, The reports of the Congregational Services Subcommittee, the
12 Schools/Commissioned Ministers Committee, and the Ministerial Health Committee
13 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 introduced in Session 4, Saturday morning.*
21 *It was adopted by a vote of 298 yes - 5 no.*
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1 RESOLUTION 4-04 [LATE MEMORIAL D-3]

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3 RE: TO ENCOURAGE SUPPORT OF THE 2007 NATIONAL LCMS YOUTH
4 GATHERING

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7 WHEREAS, The 2007 National LCMS Youth Gathering is the only national
8 gathering event that is recognized and endorsed by The Lutheran Church-Missouri
9 Synod; and

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11 WHEREAS, It is the only national youth gathering event that submits all printed,
12 programmatic and worship materials to LCMS doctrinal review and does so at its own
13 initiation; and

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15 WHEREAS, It is the only national youth gathering event that submits all worship
16 materials for review by the LCMS Commission on Worship; and

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18 WHEREAS, It is the only national youth gathering event that submits speaker
19 lists for review and approval by the LCMS President's office; and

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21 WHEREAS, The national LCMS youth gathering is a function of the LCMS Board
22 for District and Congregational Services - Youth Ministry Office; and

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24 WHEREAS, Youth and adults of the Minnesota South District have been
25 spiritually edified when they have attended previous national youth gatherings;
26 therefore be it

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28 RESOLVED, that the Minnesota South District express our appreciation to the
29 LCMS Board for District and Congregational Services - Youth Ministry Office and staff
30 for their faithfulness in providing opportunities for our youth to gather together every
31 triennium since 1980; and be it finally

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33 RESOLVED, That we encourage the congregations of the Minnesota South
34 District to support the youth and adults who would like to participate in the 2007
35 National LCMS Youth Gathering.

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38 *Convention Action:*

39 *The resolution was introduced in Session 4, Saturday morning.*

40 *A motion to amend by striking lines 7-19 was defeated by a vote of 128 yes - 188 no.*

41 *The resolution was adopted as printed by a vote 243 yes - 76 no.*

1 RESOLUTION 5—01 [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 this
10 report with thanks.

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13 *Convention Action:*

14 *The resolution was introduced in Session 2, Friday afternoon*

15 *The resolution was adopted as printed by a vote of 298 yes - 13 no.*

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OMNIBUS RESOLUTION A

WHEREAS, The District has numerous offices, boards, and committees; and

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-12	To Call for a General Church Council to Address Errors that have Entered the LCMS	Planning Committee for the Minnesota South District Theological Convocations

Convention Action:

Resolution A was introduced during Session 1, Friday morning.

A motion to remove Memorial A-12 was adopted (Y:165 / N:163).

As a result of the amendment no further action on the resolution was necessary.

1 OMNIBUS RESOLUTION B

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4 WHEREAS, The District/Synod in convention has already spoken to certain
5 proposals addressed to this convention; and
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7 WHEREAS, There is no compelling reason to amplify or to revise previous
8 convention action(s) relating to these proposals; therefore be it
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10 RESOLVED, That in the following instances the petitioners be referred to
11 previous convention action(s) as indicated:
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<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>
13 Memorial A – 15	14 To Require Supervision and 15 Discipline in the Practice of 16 "Close Communion"	Bylaws 4.5.5 and 3.3.1.1
17 Memorial A – 17	18 To End All Joint Campus 19 Ministry with the ELCA	2004 Resolution 3-07

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23 *Convention Action:*

24 *Resolution B was introduced during Session 1, Friday morning.*
25 *It was adopted as printed by a vote of 260 yes – 83 no.*
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OMNIBUS RESOLUTION C

WHEREAS, the floor committee has considered all memorials assigned to it and has concluded, for various reasons, that certain memorials should be declined; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following memorials be respectfully declined for the reasons given:

<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reason(s)</u>
Memorial A-4	To Call the LCMS to Repent	Each of the issues is being addressed by other resolutions in this convention.
Memorial B-2	To Propose Alternate Circuit Realignment Plan	1. Does not take into account all the criteria established by the Synod for the creation of both Visitation and Electoral Circuits. 2. The demographic data used for future population projections are insufficient for the consideration of circuit realignment. 3. The memorial does not address issues of membership changes in the District and its circuits. 4. The memorial does not take into account all current dual parish relationships. 5. The memorial does not take into account geography, traffic patterns, and population centers of influence.
Memorial B-3	To Adopt "A Better Proposal" Circuit Realignment	1. Does not take into account all the criteria established by the Synod for the creation of both Visitation and Electoral Circuits. 2. The demographic data used for future population projections are insufficient for the consideration of circuit realignment. 3. The memorial does not address issues

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4. The memorial does not take into account all current dual parish relationships.

5. The memorial does not take into account geography, traffic patterns, and population centers of influence.

Memorial C-1 To Correct the Theology of Ablaze!

Based on an inaccurate interpretation of 2004 Convention Resolutions 1-02 and 1-05A.

Memorial C-2 To Provide Aid for Aging Congregations

Being handled through proper channels (i.e., District President and his Staff)

Convention Action:

Resolution C was introduced in Session 1, Friday morning.

A motion to remove Memorial A-4 was defeated by a vote of 173 yes - 193 no.

A motion to remove Memorial B-3 was defeated by a vote of 150 yes - 216 no.

The resolution was adopted as printed by a vote of 233 yes - 128 no.

1 OMNIBUS RESOLUTION D

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4 WHEREAS, Some of the following memorials suggest to the convention
5 acceptable approaches in dealing with the matters mentioned; and
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7 WHEREAS, Others among the following memorials thank and commend
8 laudable individuals and efforts; therefore be it
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10 RESOLVED, that the following memorials be received as expressions of
11 encouragement or gratitude:
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<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action Encouraged</u>
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16 *Convention Action:*

17 *No action on this resolution was necessary.*
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